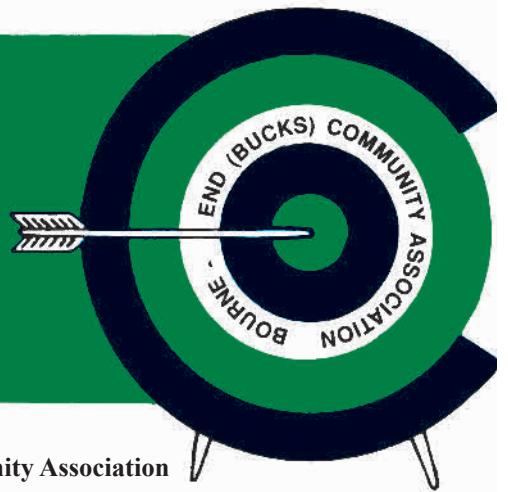


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Hands off Slate Meadow!

Message to Wycombe District Council is loud and clear

Local residents have been making it clear what their feelings are on the potential development of Slate Meadow as part of the new High Wycombe Local Plan

Once again, as Reserved Land on the new High Wycombe Local Plan, Slate Meadow has been put forward as a possible site for 175 houses. This time an illustrated plan shows the Village Green at the back of the meadow and riverside amenity space at the front because it was part of the flood plain.

WDC have staged meetings all around the district to show how they plan to deal with the government's need for more housing. At many of the meetings the attendance, in their words, was very sparse. But when it came to Slate Meadow, local people come out in force to defend the fact that it is the natural green

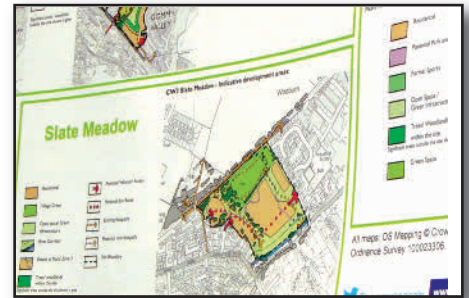
separation between Bourne End and Wooburn Green. The objections to development range from issues about traffic, local school capacity, flood plain building, to accident potential along with the distance from village facilities in both Bourne End and Wooburn Green.

At the end of the March meeting *Target* attended there was no doubt that the mention of Slate Meadow in connection with housing development provoked very strong feelings.

A second meeting had to be scheduled at Wye Valley school to accommodate the hundreds of people who wanted to voice their opinions but couldn't fit into the first meeting.

And, following on from these meetings, started the flow of written objections.

The closing date for the consultation is April 4 and you can go to



www.wycombe.gov.uk and follow the links for the New Local Plan to learn more.

At the same time a group under the banner of Save Slate Meadow have an on-line petition which can be found at <https://submissions.epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/60864> - your signature will only be added to the petition once you have clicked on a link in an email they send you.

The group's Facebook page is facebook.com/groups/SaveSlateMeadow

And for anyone who prefers to put pen to paper the address to write to is New Local Plan, WDC, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe HP11 1BB and ask for an acknowledgement of your letter.

All those who gave their time to put their views need your support.

They would ask everyone with strong views on Slate Meadow to make them known to Wycombe District Council.

As with previous local plans the issue of development on Slate Meadow will probably continue through further consultations and perhaps a public enquiry, but the message has to be a constant one – keep a rural separation between villages, don't build on Slate Meadow, and consider returning it to the Green Belt.



Celebrating 50 years
of
Target Magazine.

See page 34 for a local
walk from the archives

It's the end of a long era for Roy Harris of Bourne End Scouts who is hanging up his woggle after 33 years dedicated service to local scouting.

Roy says: "Yes 33 years seems a long time, but the enjoyment it has given me has made the time flash past. Also it is wonderful that my son and my daughter have followed me into Scouting.

"James, my son, is Down's, and has been a Cub, Scout, Venture Scout, and is now an Assistant Beaver Helper. My daughter Emma came to Cubs as my Assistant when I was Group Scout Leader. She left later to raise a family but returned as soon as possible as a Beaver Leader, and is now the Group Scout Leader."

This photo shows Roy (centre) at last year's St George's Day parade after he received the prestigious Scout Award from the County Commissioner. He is pictured with daughter Emma, son James and two of his grandchildren. Read Roy's last Target column on page 38.



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BULL'S EYE

By Debra Aspinall, Editor

Target makes the papers!

Target made the news in February when the Maidenhead Advertiser ran a story on our 50th anniversary. Managing Editor Barrie Penfold gathered together a handful of people who play, or have played, a key part in the magazine. There are many more of you who deserved to be included but the photographer already seemed a little overwhelmed by the size of our group. But this magazine really is a group effort so congratulations to all.



The photo in the Maidenhead Advertiser features: Back row l-r Peter Osborne – Marina Life, Stuart Hyde – Rotary Club and delivering bundles, Diana Hyde – Inner Wheel and delivering bundles. Middle row: l-r Gail Laybourne – Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council, Ann Pendergast – Cores End United Reformed Church, Inka D'Agostino – Bourne End Library, Liz Hutton – Bourne End Junior Sports Club with Target editor Debra Aspinall. Barrie Penfold is in the middle at the front.

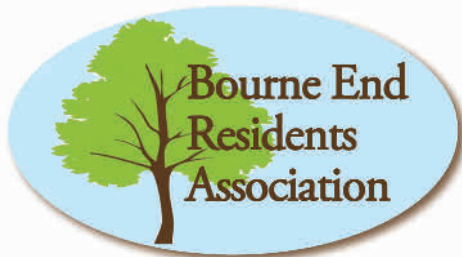
And Barrie takes centre stage...



Barrie Penfold, Target's managing editor, took centre stage at the March meeting of Bourne End's Townswomen's Guild meeting and gave a riveting talk on "Interesting people I have met." She's putting the finishing touches to her follow up talk "Boring people I have avoided". Our picture shows the group's members revising in case Barrie picked on anyone to answer a question!

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.



It has been impossible to find some variety for this article because it is weighted down with planning issues. The first item has to be the proposed McCarthy & Stone later living development on the corner of Marlow Road and Oakfield Road.

The new design submitted to WDC is for a more traditional building. The walls are a mixture of red brick with some areas of white-rendered finish. The frontage onto the Marlow Road is set back and is staggered. All these elements tend to break up the mass of what is a large building. The downside of the new design, over the initial contemporary flat-roofed plan, is that a pitched roof does make the development higher. However the planning officer and the councillors on the planning committee are aware of the advantages, and the disadvantages, and will soon be coming forward with a decision.

What is certain is that the later living accommodation will be welcomed by many local residents who see this as an opportunity to sell their large family house and buy an apartment in the heart of their home village. A comforting thought for many, although it clearly comes with concerns for Thames Close and Oakfield Road residents. The decision, either way, is imminent.

The situation with regard to the new Tesco convenience store is a little more complex. At the moment there are planning issues which need to be resolved before the store is able to open. Here is the story summed up briefly. When Tesco first put in a planning application they applied for the access off the Marlow Road to be more or less in the middle of the frontage. This was deemed to be unsatisfactory and it was felt, quietly correctly in our opinion, that a delivery lorry to the store arriving from either direction would not have the ability to pull in and then park facing towards the north side of The Parade, without shunting backwards and forwards. Any such manoeuvring on the site was deemed to be too dangerous with shoppers and vehicles all using the same area.

At the insistence of WDC and BCC highways department, Tesco's architects made the entrance wider and located it at the Marlow end of the frontage. This gave the lorry more space and was a simple solution. However at that end of the frontage are numerous BT fibre optic cables which cannot be disturbed. So Tesco requested to revert to the original access in the middle of the frontage. However, to their credit, WDC and Bucks Highways said "no - sorry".

So, for the moment, it's stalemate. Any solution has to be a safe solution. Any conditions imposed by the planning department must be enforceable. The planning process must be fully implemented even if that means that this store, which is ready to open, simply cannot.

There's an easy solution and that would be to convert the shop into four apartments. After all the old police station site was designated as residential until Tesco, and their planners, got hold of it. This probably won't happen but it is a thought that brings a smile to my face.

Once again the prospect of Slate Meadow being developed raises its ugly head. Target's front page highlights the story. There are just a couple of thoughts regarding this matter. Firstly Slate Meadow was included in the Green Belt in 1972. Clearly certain reasons were put forward which encouraged this action. We can assume that the reasons were good, or it would not have happened. It would be good to know these reasons and whether they still apply. Secondly what persuaded WDC to take it out of the Green Belt in 1986?

A cynical view could be that as WDC owned about a third of the meadow they saw the opportunity to develop the site and make lots of money. The WDC-owned land is now the village green at the rear next to the old railway line. To be fair WDC should capitalise their spare parcels of land for the good of the rate payers, but not at the expense of joining the two communities of Bourne End and Wooburn Green – coalescence of communities, as it is called, is against the principle of good planning.

Let me say to emphasise the front page story – please put your views to WDC. Fill in the form, email your concerns or just send a simple letter marked for the attention of Penelope Tollitt (Head of Planning and Sustainability at WDC). All views will be taken into account but do it before April 4.

As always thank you for reading this article and if you have any queries. I am always happy to hear from you.

Jim Penfold (01628 525415)

BERA AGM is being held in the small hall at the community centre on Friday May 2 at 8pm. Please come along.

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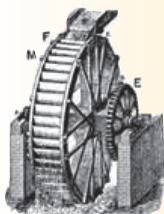
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WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

report by Margaret Amos, Secretary, and Maggi Fraser, Treasurer

The Future of the Wooburns - Community Led Plan (CLP)

We are currently analysing the results of the Community Led Plan questionnaire issued towards the end of last year. One positive result was the considerable support shown for more community events, particularly in Wooburn Park or on the Green. In response to this, Wooburn Residents' Association is holding a Fête on Saturday June 21 from midday to 4 pm on Wooburn Green, which will be an opportunity for the whole community to get together (more information on the right). The results from other areas of the CLP show general concern about the level of future development and a desire to maintain the existing green spaces around the area, with 85% strongly in favour of keeping Slate Meadow as an open space between Bourne End and Wooburn. Other concerns of the residents include traffic congestion, parking, speeding and the state of the roads. We will be issuing full details of the results of the Community Led Plan and some actions to address the main issues later this year.

Wooburn Residents' Association's Website and Facebook Page

The Association is pleased to announce that a new Wooburn Residents' Association's website is up and running. Please visit it at www.wooburnresidents.org to keep abreast of what is happening. We aim to keep it up-to-date with local issues affecting the Wooburns, so please visit. You can also visit our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/wooburnresidents](https://www.facebook.com/wooburnresidents), or click there from our website.

**Wooburn Fête,
Saturday 21 June, 12 - 4 pm
Wooburn Green**

We have invited Wooburn's community organisations, schools and churches, to take a stall at no charge to raise money for and/or awareness of their organisation.

Those present will be able to enjoy barbecued local farm food, a cream tea, ice-cream, or candy-floss while listening to Maidenhead Concert Band playing a selection of toe-tapping music. The music to be enjoyed will include a selection of popular music from shows to James Bond, The Beatles, Carpenters, through to Glenn Miller and Frank Sinatra. 1st Wooburn Scout Group is playing a large part in the Fête by arranging a selection of traditional fun games.

There will be the usual children's rides and attractions, races, plus a tug-of-war competition, which is part of Wooburn's history dating back to inter-mill competitions on The Green.

To complete the village green feel, Ellington Morris Dancers will be there centre stage. We are very grateful to Citygate VW Van Centre Wooburn Green for being the fête's main sponsor.

We are keen to have as much help with the fête as possible, such as assisting with tent pitching the night before, selling raffle tickets on the day, etc. If you would like to help in any way, please email your contact details to Margaret Amos at margaretamos@tiscali.co.uk

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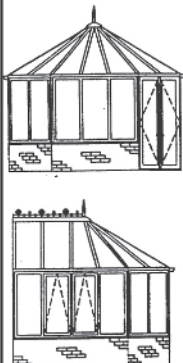
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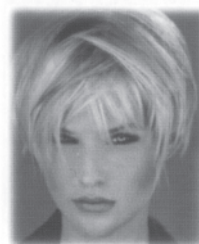
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Who could believe it? As I am scribing this missive the sun is shining through the window, it's about 70 degrees, I am in my summer attire, the water levels are normal and one or two boats have been seen moving!

This is so different from a few weeks before when we had eight inches of water in the office and had to check the moorings with the assistance of a snorkel to walk along the path. Mind you I am in the south of France I have no idea what it's like in Bourne End!

Just for the record, my shorts have been worn throughout the winter. Those of you who doubted me as they could not see my legs - well that was because I was wearing long waders, I could not obtain any short ones!

The river water levels this winter were about the same as 2003 give or take an inch either way. This was not helped by record levels of ground water which combined to result in a fair amount of residential property flooding

and also road closures. Our hearts go out to people who had their houses flooded and we hope you can get the damage rectified in the shortest possible time.

It's one thing having an office flooded but many times worse if it's your home.

The river was higher than any time since the marina was redeveloped and we are pleased that all our systems worked as they should, unlike other marinas we were able to supply electricity to the boats without a break in supply. The main trouble we encountered was the fact that the water was higher than our waders, that was jolly inconvenient.

The only damage we suffered was a small boat in the pool sinking, as many of you noticed, well, she is now afloat and Steve Dean was able to salvage the engine which is now working.

The boat in question was under a refit and once floated we power-washed the interior and the superstructure. The owner is happy and believes she is cleaner than when she sunk! We know how to keep our customers happy!

At the height of the floods we received an emergency call from a boater in Marlow, the landing stage that he was moored on was demolished by a felled tree and he was agitated enough to call us as he feared his boat may be washed away.

The tug, crewed by yours faithfully and Chaos took to the raging torrents to undertake a rescue. Once there we tied up alongside the target, and we simply cut the mooring lines as the demolished structure it was tied to was too unsafe for me to even consider sending Chaos onto it.

Due to the speed and height of the river we decided to tow the boat alongside the tug and reverse downstream until we were clear of Gibraltar Islands, near Wootten's Boatyard.

It may have looked odd but if we had towed her facing downstream we would have possibly had a combined water/power on speed of 15 and not enough control to move past the narrows of the islands and all the debris.

By reversing with the bow upstream we never lost any control and maintained total manoeuvrability while negotiating the narrows.

Needless to say the boat was safely delivered to the Marina.

Once the water receded away from the work area Matty and Chaos did not know what hit them. Suddenly we had a huge backlog of work to contend with. They are finding it difficult to work the 24 hours a day that they have been scheduled, although I have conceded a little by increasing their lunch break from half an hour to a whole hour.

At the time of writing we still have a huge backlog. April 1 is the commencement of the new mooring contract year and therefore we have to rearrange the boats accordingly taking in new boats to replace leavers.

This is usually fraught with frustrations, especially when someone indicates that they are leaving and then don't, but we have already taken on a replacement.

It's this very reason why we go to China each year to undertake a course to study their Puzzles!

This year we would like to welcome a new Saturday Boy, Alex Carmichael, the vacancy was advertised on the Bourne End & Wooburn Facebook page and the response was very good. I had a short list of three and it was the hardest decision of my life! Sorry to those who were unsuccessful but a huge welcome to Alex.

All is good as we change in to Summer season mode, ordering stock, maintaining equipment and working on boats. Yes kids, we even have nice tasty ice creams for you! Let's all hope we have a great summer and forget the awful winter we have endured.

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Ben's epic journey

On August 13, 2013, Ben Smith set off from his home in Goddington Road, Bourne End to cycle more than 8,000 kilometres to Iran on a cycling challenge to raise £5,000 for the Multiple Sclerosis Trust (picture A).

His marathon 124-day ride was gruelling and, at times, the 27-year-old felt like quitting. He says: "I lost count of how many times I asked myself what the hell I was doing."

"I had that thought for the first time on day one, when I was only 50 miles from home."

"The first week was really hard because it was a realisation of how big a task it was, and that I was basically on my own."

"It's tough to carry on cycling when you're tired, cold and hungry, when you remind yourself that you could be at home, in the warm, with family and friends."

But he did complete it and has compiled a photographic log and blog of his journey which took him across northern France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Turkey and, finally, Iran.

Here he gives us a taste of his incredible journey...

I was excited but trepidatious about the long journey ahead through 12 countries. Just me, my bike, and a good deal of Bucks spirit.

Having made it to Dover, across the Channel and skirting round the North coast of France, I reached Belgium. The riding was incredibly flat and was good to acclimatise. Being alone was taking its toll however and this, combined with the rain, compounded my mood somewhat. However the country was completely charming, in particular the idyllic city of Ghent. This picture (B) shows one of the less attractive camping spots, right by the main Eurostar train line which did a good job of keeping me awake all night.

Within a few weeks I had made good progress and despite the need for new parts in Munich, I had found the Danube and met two new friends. Together we navigated through the vineyards of Austria, always with the Danube by our side. We camped where we could, and ate together. This was a welcome change from eating alone in a tent.

Our team grew with the addition of two Catalan girls. Five of us crossed the border into Slovakia for the first time and soon found ourselves heading into Bratislava. Sadly the girls would leave us here, but not before a memorable few days recharging the batteries and enjoying the cheap refreshments.

Slovakia successfully negotiated, I was now in my element. It's amazing how many people you meet along the trail. Hungary was next and then on to Croatia. The legs were stronger than ever and the bike rolled supreme.

The adventure continued and I had to leave my friends in Serbia and cross Bulgaria solo again. I was never really alone as the wild dogs were keen to chase me across their country. By the beginning of October I had almost made it across Europe. 4,000km on the clock. I knew however that the real



A



B



C



D

challenge was about to begin...

I spent a week in Istanbul and another in Ankara. The result of countless Iranian visa problems. But finally luck was on my side and I set off again across Turkey (D).

I had now grown accustomed to the hospitality of strangers. I sought shelter anywhere to escape the cold, usually finding myself in the back room of a petrol station. I arrived in Kayseri to TV news crews who uncovered my story. I made the prime-time bulletin, complete with dodgy "foreign" accent. This led to interesting run-ins with newly found fans.

Turkey was tough. The route tested my endurance, recovery and most of all motivation. Up and down mountains for 1,500km meant that by the time I reached Van Lake in the east of the country I was desperate to cross into Iran with the hope of a flatter, smoother route ahead. On November 17 I arrived with my visa at the Iranian frontier. I had 30 days to cross the country with little idea of what to expect.

The first two weeks were bone-shudderingly cold. Once I reached Tehran, I was heading south again. The ice thawed, and the land became arid desert (C). This granted me some of my most spectacular wild-camps.

When alone I could do nothing but shelter in the desert. Food was basic but kept me going and I was thoroughly engrained into my routine. Wake, eat, cycle, eat, cycle, eat, sleep.

On December 17 I had reached Bandar Lengeh and the Persian Gulf. My time in Iran was over. 8,000km covered since August in 124 days. I was mentally and physically drained and relieved

to have finished. What an incredible journey which pushed me further than I'd expected to go, but offered me greater riches and experiences than I could have hoped for.

But it wasn't over yet. To add more flavour to this bizarre voyage into the unknown, a boat ride later and I found myself in Dubai, gracing the national newspapers and enjoying a surreal experience on a prime time chat show.

On December 21, I said a sad farewell to my trusted bike and boarded a flight to Mumbai in time for Christmas. There I would meet my brother and celebrate among strange surroundings, and at last finally put my feet up...

To find out more you can read his travel blog at www.bigladonabike.blogspot.co.uk

You can also still donate to Ben's cause at www.justgiving.com/Ben-Smith28



Annual Parish Meeting

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will be held at St Mary's Church Hall, Wooburn Green on Tuesday May 13 and will begin at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be available beforehand.

This meeting gives the chairman and committee chairs the chance to tell you what the parish council has achieved during the past year and for you, the general public, to ask any questions you may have.

Prizes will also be awarded to the winners of the best shop fronts in Bourne End and Wooburn and best kept allotment at Peggs allotment site in New Road.

New Play Equipment

At the time of writing this article, and despite the horrendous weather conditions, Tony White and his team from Playground Facilities have been on site and making excellent progress installing the new play equipment.

Our thanks go to Tony and his team for all their hard work and we hope they haven't shrunk too much from all their soakings!

Free Microchipping by The Dogs Trust

The Dogs Trust are offering free microchipping this year ahead of the Government announcement that after April 6, 2016 all dogs will have to be microchipped.

The Dogs Trust are offering to come to events but will also run their own which will be advertised in the local papers. If you know of an event where they would be able to set up a stall please contact them either by phone on 02078370006 or their website at www.dogstrust.org.uk

Revised Temporary Events Sign Policy

Councillors recently revised the policy for temporary event signs.

January 2014: Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council Temporary Events Sign Policy (covering all notices, commercial and non commercial)

A letter requesting permission must be sent to the Clerk prior to installation.

All requests to be taken to the Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials Committee for approval.

Notices can only be displayed for a maximum of two weeks preceding the day of the event.

Notices must not be affixed in a way which causes damage to property or trees.

Notices must be no more than a metre square.

Must be removed immediately after the event.

A4 signs or smaller can be posted on the Parish Council's notice boards and website.

Any non compliance will result in the notice being removed and destroyed.

Did you know Wooburn Green and Bourne End now each has a defibrillator, paid for and maintained by your parish council?
See the story on page 9

Meeting Dates 2014:

Full Council: April 22, May 27
Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials
April 1, May 6.

Planning, Highways & Lighting: April 9 and 30, May 21.

F&GP: April 8, June 10

Annual Parish Meeting: May 13. All meetings start at 7.30pm. Normal Parish Council Office opening hours are from 9am to 5pm each day. Please call 01628 522827 if you have any queries or email the office at clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk. Visit our website www.wooburnparish.gov.uk for information on

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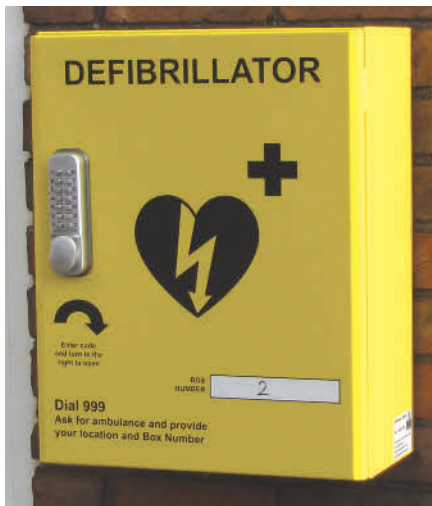
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Two lifesavers for our villages

You can't miss them and you should know what they are. Bright yellow metal boxes, one on the wall of the community centre in Bourne End and the other on the wall of the chemist in Wooburn Green. One day their use could save a life.

Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council have funded these two defibrillators, and their on-going costs, to assist anyone who suffers a heart attack in the immediate vicinity. Statistics from the British Heart Foundation say that around 60,000 cardiac arrests (heart attacks) happen every year. Acting quickly when someone is in cardiac arrest and fighting for their life is crucially important.

Defibrillation gives the heart an electric shock and increases the chance of survival. According to the British Heart Foundation for every minute that passes without defibrillation and CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation - an emergency procedure for manually preserving brain function) reduces the chances of survival by 10%.

These Intelligent Public Access Defibrillators are the ones nominated by the British Heart Foundation and designed so that they can be used by minimally trained people. Once the box is opened, following a call to the Police to receive the access code, a series of voice prompts and illuminated illustrations guide the rescuer through step by step actions until medical help arrives.

Sue Wagner, chairman of Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council, says she is pleased that the parish council had the opportunity to provide funding for these two lifesavers.



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"Absolutely fabulous trip" was Helen's comment. In the Antarctic picture you can see Helen is well wrapped up in several layers of thermals as it was "absolutely freezing", but she managed to take lots of Target pictures along the way...



Don't forget to Take Your Target on holiday!



Alec Shaw DFC July 1916 – March 2014

Alec was born in Leeds and joined the Yorkshire Post as a proofreader and photographic motorbike courier. With the threat of war he learnt to fly with the Civil Air Guard during the late 1930s and was called up at the outbreak of war. He had hoped to become a Spitfire pilot, but was drafted to Bomber Command on countless operations over Germany before becoming a flying instructor.

In 1943 he was sent out to South East Asia near the Indian/Burma border when Japanese forces were invading Eastern India. In December 1944 ground staff reported that two engines were smoking when Flight Lieutenant Shaw made his final approach to land. He had flown 250 miles with a large hole in the fuselage and no hydraulic cables. Preparing to land he sent all the crew to the back of the aircraft to keep the nose up for as long as possible. For this display of airmanship Alec was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC).

In peacetime Alec joined BOAC flying a variety of aircraft long haul until retiring in 1972 when the family moved to Bourne End. Even then Alec had a variety of jobs and was involved in local life. For many years he was the proofreader for Target happily arguing over a spelling or word meaning with great humour.

Alec is survived by his son and granddaughter. His funeral took place at St Mark's Church. RIP



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Alexander trained with the best...

After training with some of the world's leading upholsterers and furniture conservationists, talented 25-year-old Bourne Ender, Alexander Jolliffe has returned home to set up his own upholstery business.

Here he tells *Target* how his journey has progressed...

I went to Wye Valley School then took a degree in furniture conservation and decorative arts at Bucks New Uni. I graduated with a 2:1 in 2010.

I have studied many areas of furniture and restoration and conservation, learning a wide range of different skills, from French polishing to repairing joints. However my passion is traditional upholstery.

I was really lucky to be offered a three year contract at the V&A – specialising in upholstery conservation. I had a great time at the V&A, working with top class people at the pinnacle of their profession and was given the opportunity to work on objects from a world class collection.

My key role was restoring objects for the

museum's new furniture gallery.

Some objects required additional skills such as leather conservation, so I spent a few weeks at the Northampton leather conservation centre, researching leather techniques for a sedan chair I was working on.

The V&A also sent me on a three month secondment to the MET in New York. There I worked with and learnt from a world class upholstery conservator. I worked on a number of objects including a chair from Mrs Rockefeller's house.

New York was great, I think you either love it or hate it. For me it was fantastic, the work environment was great, my walk to work across Central Park, and the roof top parties were out of this world. If I could get a green card would I go back? Yep no hesitation.

I have always liked the idea of running my own business, so when my contract

finished with the V&A I thought I would head in that direction. Starting up on your own is always scary but I feel it's something that I want to have a go at. I started up Alexander Jolliffe Upholstery in January, and to date things are going pretty well; its early days but I feel I have made the right decision.

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In the previous edition of *Target*, we anticipated that the flooding would be over by the time you read our article. Sadly this wasn't the case and some residents suffered further flooding. Sandbags were sourced and Wycombe District Council and Chiltern District Council did sterling work getting these to affected areas. Now, after the event, we have some leaflets in the office on how to clean up your home safely. You may like to keep one of these by you in case of future incidents.

Slip Cutting

The main roads in the parish were mostly kept free of flooding due to the hard work of our contractors, Sheepridge Farms, who keep all the slips in the adjoining roads clear of silt and debris so that the water can soak away quickly and efficiently. Their work has really made a difference to the areas of the A4155 that once regularly had standing water. We are still awaiting Transport for Bucks (TfB) to continue work on the flood that regularly appears outside Emmetts Farm Shop.

Sign Cleaning

All the signs in the parish are regularly cleaned by another contractor of ours who also repairs any minor defects. He reports any major defects for us to pass to TfB.

Fern Lane Cemetery

We held our Annual Working Party on Saturday February 22, and a big 'thank you' goes to all the volunteers who turned up to help (pictured right). Their hard work made a huge difference. It was surprising how many empty wine bottles were picked up along with other litter.

Fallen twigs and branches brought down by the high winds were cleared up as well, and brambles cleared.

Wycombe District Local Plan Consultation

Your comments are needed no later than April 4, so hopefully, you will have sufficient time from reading this to get your views known to WDC. There are important changes planned for both Little Marlow and Bourne End.

Annual Parish Meeting

Make a note in your diary that the Annual Parish Meeting for Little Marlow will be held at Abbotsbrook Hall at 8pm on Friday May 9. You are very welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be provided.

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Nick Pink and his brother, Tim, are celebrating the 20th anniversary of their Bourne End Motor Company this year. We went along to meet Nick who is clearly proud of his business, his family and his village...

When did you come to live in Bourne End?

I have lived in the area all my life (I'm 52 now). When my parents moved out of Wembley, in the late 50s, they set up home in Fennels Way, Flackwell Heath. I remember as a child in the late 60s walking through Fennels Woods to show my relatives this great big road that was scything through the countryside. It was of course the M40, which opened through to Stokenchurch in 1967.

My father was a property developer so we moved quite a few times, but he has always loved the area and taught me to appreciate where I lived. My grandfather, who passed away in 1999, ran the greengrocers in Swains Market at Flackwell Heath before my father set him up in Bourne End running GP Supplies, a DIY/Hardware Shop where Bourne End Jewellers is now.

So you went to local schools?

I went to Little Marlow Primary School and then to St Pauls in Wooburn Town (now cottages opposite the Old Bell). I then went to Sir William Borlase's Grammar School in Marlow and was actually in the last year to have to wear caps. My how things have changed there now!

I was one of the early members of Bourne End Junior Sports Club – My membership number was 28. I have fond memories of canoeing at Spade Oak, playing table tennis in the community centre, swimming at the new Handy Cross Sports Centre in 1977 and playing tennis at Vedanta House in Blind Lane.

My real love though was football and I went through all the age groups being coached by local people such as John Oxlade, Charlie Boughtflower, Jeffrey Morris, Derek Dobbs, John Clinton and the late, great Jim Purcell and Ernie Foster. We used to play on the old Jackson Sports Field which is now the Millboard Road and Bridgestone Drive development. Before the hall was constructed I can remember playing 5-a-side in Old Claytons School before it was demolished. I was very proud to receive the BEJSC Sports Boy Award from Sir Henry Cooper in 1979. I went on to be a coach for the younger groups.

You obviously had a happy childhood in the village?

Definitely. Everything in those days was very simple; nobody worried about health and safety issues or CRB checks. BEJSC was the fantastic vision of a few parents and its success in the community has to be admired. My father was also later involved in the planning and building of the current sports hall which I think was opened in 1982.

What was your first job?

By the age of 17 I had joined Thames Valley Police, initially stationed at Marlow, and I spent quite a bit of time patrolling the local parishes with some good old "coppers". Some readers may remember the names PC John Grace in Wooburn Green, PC Norman Miles in Flackwell Heath, PCs Dick Frame and still local Alex Harvey here in Bourne End.

I am not just saying it but the youngsters around the village have got it easier today. There was certainly not the level of litter, graffiti and vandalism around the village that there is today.

Were you upset to see the old police station becoming a Tesco?

I was probably more upset to see it lying empty and abandoned for so long and falling into disrepair. I am glad it is now being used. But I do think it is a great shame we don't have village police stations which I think should be key for any community. We should be able to see the police around the villages and get to know them like in the old days. I think local policing works really well when the PCs live and work among the people they are policing.

What prompted the career change to car sales?

Having served nearly 10 years in the police I decided the police force was changing to such an extent I couldn't see myself doing 30 years. I'd always loved cars and took a job as a salesman at a Ford dealership in Luton.

My experience in the police force, meeting and talking to people, stood me in good stead. I did reasonably well and progressed quickly ending up being a director of another dealership, but the intention had always been to go into business for myself.

Bourne End was my home and my family were all here and, as they were all involved in the local property trade, it was the obvious place to set up.

My brother Tim and I acquired these premises in 1993 and started trading in the January of 1994.

Many independent car traders have fallen by the wayside in recent years.

What's the secret of your success?

Basically it is the fantastic support of the local people. I am proud to say we are now seeing local families returning for their fourth or fifth cars. Unlike some faceless, big organisations we offer a very personal, bespoke service... customers are buying cars from Nick or Tim, not just a salesman. Hopefully the cars will not go wrong. We only sell cars we are sure of and concentrate on quality, not quantity, but cars are mechanical so if there is a problem the owners know they can pick up the phone and speak with me or my brother.

You are clearly fond of this village. Why is it so special to you?

Bourne End still has its village feel and community spirit. This is one reason why I spent 13 years co-ordinating the Christmas Late Night Fun Night with David Davis and also co-ordinating the Christmas Lights in the village.

As both a business owner and resident I feel it is my duty to put something back into the community for all the good times it has given me. I do wish more people would make some effort and give something back too. We must all look after what we have to ensure that we protect the environment and community we live in. Perhaps we can build on the wonderful community spirit which came to the fore during the flooding?

But I do worry that there are certain things, like the community centre, which we could lose if they are not supported. Use it or lose it.

Do you have spare time for hobbies?

I love sailing, yachting, boating... anything on the water. I support local restaurants when I can... it's a shame OTT went, but Darlings is doing well. I love spending time with my family [wife Fiona, son Tom and daughter Holly] but it's true that my work does take up at least six days a week. I guess one day I will cut down or retire, but just can't see that happening for a while. My dad is in his 70s and hasn't fully retired yet.

A few people have said: "Here's to the next 20 years..." I'm not sure that will happen, but you never know.



Head for the Rainbow

Outside the community centre on a Wednesday morning an invitation is posted to come into the Rainbow Coffee Morning. A warm welcome is promised and they mean it.

The coffee and biscuits are all Fairtrade, reasonably priced and delicious. When you have had a chance to look around one of the first things you notice is a hand-stitched banner for Churches Together in the Wye Valley. "That organisation was the initial inspiration for our coffee morning," Rachel tells you, "and that's what we are". In fact they are now celebrating their tenth anniversary

It's friendly and there's a relaxed atmosphere from 10am on a Wednesday as regulars catch up on all the news.

Bill Hudson is one of these and he admits that he likes the coffee morning and the company: "It makes me come out, put the world to rights, I get good advice including cookery tips, and it cheers me up for the day."

No problem if you're one of the busy ones who just want to drop in, have a quick chat, a cuppa and then speed off. Jean likes to see new people, busy people and the regulars: "We know that people are different so we let them decide and we're just the coffee makers with the tempting biscuits." Together Jean and Rachel have been organising things while Cynthia sells her handmade cards and helps out when necessary.

Any profit they make goes to charity. It also pays for the coach as Rainbow takes to the road occasionally during the year. Fairtrade supplies of their delicious coffee, tea and biscuits are for sale and it's a great place to buy an unusual handmade card.

So what's the secret of their success and the reason why they can celebrate this tenth anniversary? "Once started we never doubted it" they say, and you have to believe them.

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One of the great traditions associated with the Chinese New Year is the giving of gifts. And in Bourne End Kongs Chinese Restaurant follows that tradition by providing a lunch for local senior citizens. "It's our way of giving a gift to the community," proprietor Barry Kwok explains "and we enjoy doing this every year."

The gift is appreciated by a wide range of people from those who live on their own, others who live in sheltered accommodation and volunteers who make a huge contribution to local life.

For those diners from Wye Valley Volunteers the lunch was particularly special because the collection would be going to their minibus appeal. A total of £386 was raised which was the best to date in the seven

years that this traditional lunch has been going. In those years the retiring collection has raised £2,200. A generous gesture by Kongs combined with the generosity of those attending to support a local cause.

Other guests included a lady who will be 100 during the summer and another who had just celebrated her 93rd birthday. The restaurant was packed and grateful thanks from everyone went to Barry, his wife Annie and the waitresses, not forgetting the staff in the kitchen who created the feast.

It is now the Chinese Year of the Horse (one of a 12-year-cycle of animals that make up the Chinese zodiac). These interact with the five elements: wood, metal, fire, water and earth. 2014 is the year of the wood horse, taking over from the year of the water snake.

Top left: Diners from Orchard House. Top right: Residents of Alfred Court.. Below: Kongs Angels I-r Ping, Vicky and Lily



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New local owners took over The Walnut Tree pub in Hedsor Road at the end of last year and hit the ground running. Chef-Proprietor Chris Grego was straight into Christmas and New Year menu planning as soon as he arrived, but his twenty plus years of experience in the hotel and restaurant business stood him in good stead.

As well as running it as a pub, Chris and his team will offer a selection of coffees, organic Clipper teas, lunch, dinner and bar snacks. The recently added 'House Ale' and introduction of 'Noble' to his list of ales and lagers has been extremely popular. The Walnut Tree offers traditional Sunday roasts and a choice of freshly prepared 'a la carte' dishes as well as daily 'specials' based on seasonal and, where possible, locally sourced ingredients.

Chris is providing a new selection of house nibbles including sticky chicken wings, black pudding scotch eggs and home-made pork crackling plus sharing platters and a cocktail menu. Look out for afternoon tea with home-made scones this Spring.

Chris and his family have lived in Wooburn Green and Bourne End for 18 years and, having commuted into London for the last 10 to work as an executive chef, Chris is thrilled to be behind the bar and in the kitchen of his own local pub. The family is keen to play a role in the local community and the pub currently

host BEJSC football and swimming clubs, 1st Wooburn Scouts, the Chilterns Basketball and Cookham Rotaract committee meetings.

"I am passionate about good food and even more about keeping this local pub at the heart of the community whether people just want to pop in for coffee and use the free wifi, have a quiet drink or for a leisurely meal," says Chris.

The Walnut Tree dates back to the 1800s and is full of character, with comfy sofas, a warming open fire, and a large garden. Dogs, children and muddy boots are all welcome.

Chris with wife Grace and daughter Mary-Anne



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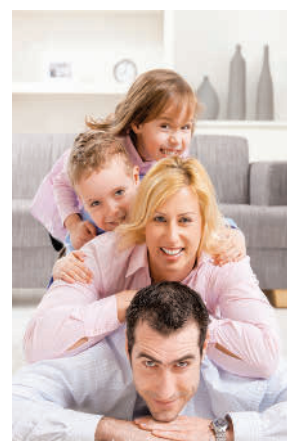
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Cricket Club writes Richard Tedham

It's a Saturday in early March and spring is in the air on a genuinely warm and pleasant day. My friend's neighbour is cutting his lawn, sending the sweet smell of new mown grass wafting through the hedge. One can actually believe the cricket season is only five weeks away. How welcome after months of seemingly incessant rain!

Miserable though it's been, Little Marlow has been a lot better off than many. Just along the road, Marlow Park was badly hit by the appalling floods, as have the pitches of fellow Chilterns League members Wraybury and Hurley. We wish them, and all clubs similarly affected, the best of luck with their mopping up operations.

All being well, our season will start in mid-April. Three weekends of friendly fixtures will precede the league campaign, during which our 1st X1 should have high hopes of a positive response to their unfortunate relegation last summer. With several former colts making a name for themselves, there is good cause for optimism. The 2nds, for whom Ged Holmes begins his ninth consecutive year of captaincy, also hope to enjoy some success.

Much will depend upon the fortunes of our younger players, one of whom will skipper the Sunday team when he returns from university. The colts section is the very lifeblood of our club - it's vital that this conveyor belt of talent is maintained. They have been training

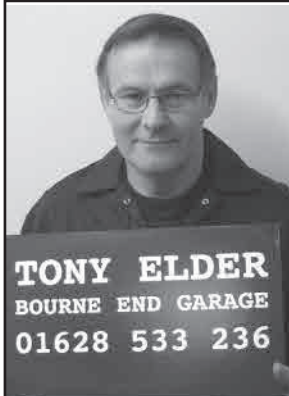
throughout the winter, so I'm sure one or two of the more experienced lads will be keen to take their first steps into adult cricket.

I well remember my own introduction to LMCC. As a pupil at the village school, I approached the headmaster, Mr Tate, to express my interest in doing the cricket scoring. John Tate, a Yorkshireman and principal founding member of the modern club, was understandably delighted that one of his charges should be so keen. He told me to come and see him at lunchtime, when he'd show me the book. This I found completely baffling, as scoring to me meant hanging the numbers on the board. I'd never heard of a scorebook. Needless to say, I got completely lost during my first attempt. However, it began a long involvement with a wonderful club.

Now it's time to introduce some more people to the fold. Last year we ran a very successful recruitment campaign, one that *Target Magazine* had much to do with and one we're eager to repeat.

New players, senior and junior, are guaranteed a warm welcome. The former may obtain more information by contacting me at richard@tedham.me.uk, while Steve Shore (07723 445125 or shorestephen@hotmail.com) will be happy to advise the youngsters.

By Richard Tedham (Hon. Secretary)



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Are you a past member?

Bourne End Junior Sports Club started in 1970 and we know hundreds of local children and young people have participated in various sports and activities here over the years. The club is still going strong but, like many organisations, could do with some more volunteers. If you think you could offer an hour a week - more would be a bonus, but less will be welcome too - then please get in touch by email to office@bejsc.co.uk. We would love to hear from you.

You may want to help with one of our eight existing sports or even start up a new one. If sport is not your thing anymore, then we always need other kinds of support – marketing, publicity, administration and event planning.

While on the last point – the Football Section is staging another Sportsfest in June on Wooburn Park; they are seeking sponsorship for their programme, plus other areas of support. Football and Swimming Sections both need committee members to help with running their large sections – could this be you?

Junior Committee

The 15 young people in the photo below organised a quiz for other younger members of the club on a recent Sunday afternoon. They planned and wrote the questions with a focus on Easter. The aim was to encourage members of the different sections to feel part of the whole club.

Seven of our Junior Committee members are taking part in the Young Leaders Course organised by Action4Youth. They thoroughly enjoyed their first weekend residential and are working on completing a project within the club ready for their final weekend in April.

The benefits to them as individuals are huge but equally our club and/or other organisations also gain in the future. It is fantastic to learn that three former BEJSC members are again helping to deliver the course to some 30 young people – Mark Rimmer who travelled down from Newcastle

specially, and Claire and Ellie Couves, both of whom came back from university to help. Is this the true meaning of a legacy?.

Football Section

Plans are well under way for Sportsfest on Saturday June 7 on Wooburn Park. Two coaches have completed their FA Level 1 Coaching Course and there is interest for two/three people to attend courses in April/August. Within the section the U6s “Junior Kickers”, U7s and U10s are looking for new players. The U14s are going on tour (in May) to Selsey and will play in an 11-a-side tournament. All league teams are struggling to complete matches following the very wet and flooded season.

Swimming Section

February and March have been busy months with several galas. Some swimmers have gained places in the Oxfordshire & North Bucks ASA Counties Competition; the first half was held in March.

Of the six swimmers competing there were 17 PBs, 11 Club Records, 4 Gold, 1 Silver, one Bronze and 12 finalists.

There are two more swimmers in the next half to be held soon. Well done to all and good luck. Eight helpers are participating in Safeguarding Training and several more have just completed a First Aid Course. The section members and helpers are looking forward to using the new pool planned in the Handy Cross Sports Centre development.

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The two hour sessions allow them time to exchange ideas, help one another and try new challenges as well as learning to look at their subjects and see them from alternative angles. Together they enjoy being creative in a relaxing and sociable atmosphere.

Now their paintings will be part of the library's aim to get local artists to exhibit their work in a gallery style area for all to see and enjoy.

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Visit their exhibition during April and consider whether you might have an artistic skill that should be developed. Or call in on the group on a Thursday afternoon to find out more.



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Lady Betty Chacksfield

Editor's Note: This story was already set and ready to publish when we heard the very sad news that Lady Betty passed away on March 19. We took the decision to run the story as she had such a lovely celebratory birthday party that we think she would have wanted us share it with you.

Ten years ago Lady Betty Chacksfield celebrated her 90th birthday at the community centre with a guest list of well over 100. Music was provided by the Operatic Society and fabulous food and champagne made it memorable and a truly perfect party. This year Betty celebrated her 100th birthday up at Chiltern Manor nursing home off Blind Lane and she sparkled as family and friends got together on Friday 7 February. Everyone said how lovely Betty looked on her very special day.

Lady Betty has been the grande dame of the local community. She was a child when the family moved to this area from South Wales. For many years she was involved in the running of the local flower and plant nursery off Furlong Road. After the death of her husband she continued her involvement with St Mark's Church, the Flower Club and lots of village events. Her sons Bernard and Brian went to Old Claytons School off Station Road and, over the years that followed, Betty Ody would be remembered for her smile and enthusiasm. And, as the years rolled by, she never changed, always looking good and delighted to be part of village life.

Her marriage to Sir Bernard Chacksfield, some years after the death of his wife, saw Lady Betty continuing to be part of the village she loved but also meant she was at his side when Sir Bernard attended events on behalf of the Burma Star Association and many other military and charitable organisations. Together they travelled all over the world. "But we were always happy to come back home to Bourne End" she would remark when she recalled those days.

Holding the card from Her Majesty and a telegram from Iain Duncan Smith, Bourne End's great lady smiles with delight at her achievement. Congratulations Lady Betty.



Left: Lady Betty was delighted to see her Great Granddaughter, Charlotte (Lottie) Absalom Ody, at her party.
Far left: Lifelong friends, Lady Betty and Bet Luckett (now in her 90s). They were both members of the Womens Fellowship at St Mark's Church and had countless memories to share



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The youth club reopened in early January and, despite the awful weather, we've had some great nights so far. In particular, the quiz night in February.

We are truly grateful for everyone's support; it really was a community event. Particular thanks go to the community centre for hosting us, The Coriander restaurant for catering and Tony Crossman, quiz-master extraordinaire! Thanks also go to Cliveden, Haringtons, the Co-Op, the Fruit & Veg shop, Bourne End Cards and Gifts, Marks & Spencer, Simon Fowke, Linda Jolliffe and Marion Heyward from Forever Living for the amazing raffle prize donations. We also had helpers from the youth club on the night, so big thanks go to Ethan, Aggie, Beth and Ben who served the dinner and sold raffle tickets.

The £700 raised on the night will help with the running costs of the club for the coming year and enable us to buy some new equipment for the kids to use.

Thanks again for your generous donations. We'll be running another event in the summer, so look forward to seeing you all there!

We always welcome new members, so if you know a young person between 11-15 years old who would like to come and check the club out, please tell them to come in and see us on a Monday evening. We are also looking to expand the volunteer group, so please do get in touch if you'd like more information.

BEYC is open to children between 11-15 years old and runs every Monday evening 6.30-8.30pm at St. Marks Church Hall. For more information, contact secretarybeyc@yahoo.co.uk or come down and speak to the club leader Emily. You can also follow us on twitter @BourneEndYC



Enjoying the BEYC Quiz night

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Wye Valley Interact Club supports the Philippines

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To raise this money a range of fundraising activities took place including the Interactors supporting Bourne End and Cookham Rotary Club with their round the houses collection with Father Christmas.

After a lot of effort over the past two months the required £590 was raised and in the picture below you can see Interact president India handing over a cheque to Rotary Club president Maureen Campbell in the presence of some Interact Club members and acting head teacher Andrea Jacobson.



Village Facebook group passes 3,000 members mark

Huge congratulations to Kaye Townsend and her Bourne End and Wooburn Green Past and Present Facebook group which hit the 3,000 members mark in March.

This group was started as a forum for anyone with an interest in the area, both past and present, to share memories, reconnect with friends and family, mention meetings, events or groups in the area... basically for anyone with a common interest in Bourne End and Wooburn Green!

But it has become so much more, with everything from missing pets to planning application updates, traffic problems and even "where am I" picture puzzles.

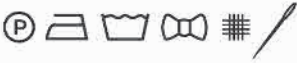
During the flooding in February it was many people's primary source of information on closed or inaccessible routes in the villages.

Kaye says: "I just thought that there would be 30 odd people join it but it just grew and grew and grew."



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Inner Wheel Club By Diana Hyde

President Elaine Morris presented Gary Warrington of Thames Valley Adventure Playground with a cheque for £140 for the purchase of a trailer for their tricycle for disabled children (see photo page 40).

We are busy preparing for our 2nd Annual Bridge Drive and Tea to be held shortly. The principal beneficiary will be '500 Miles', but other local Bourne End charities will also receive donations.

In March, our guest speaker entertained us with information about precious gem stones and, in particular pearls, in keeping with our 'Pearl' Anniversary last month.

Wooburn WI By Sue Pressney

At our 76th birthday in March, Bob Sacco gave an excellent talk on the life and times of Mr Punch. Quite some history there! In April Edwin Rye will be telling us about gardening for the BBC, and in May we will have our Resolutions Meeting, and a quiz.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 2.15pm. Do join us. Sue Pressney 01628 527396.

Probus By Howard Fitzer

The February lunch meeting was followed by the AGM and, by tradition, there was no speaker.

Apart from the chairman, who also by tradition holds tenure for one year only, the outgoing committee members were again prevailed upon to remain in post on pain of undergoing a procedure which allegedly involves boiling oil.

The outgoing chairman (Jim Wright), having presided over a very successful year, congratulated his successor (Brian Joiner) on his appointment and duly passed over the Chain of Office.

Forthcoming after-lunch presentations include 40 years of Catching Smugglers by Malcolm Nelson, Codes and Ciphers from Caesar to Enigma by David Gilbert, and RAF Bomber Command at War by Rupert Matthews.

For details on the club ring Brian Print 01628 523739.

Glory Mill Bowls Club By John Palfreyman

With the arrival of the sun comes the off-the-green working party comprising club members Tony Rockell, Tony Gammond, Mike and Shirley Churn, Jim Holland and John Palfreyman. A survey of the grounds and liaison with the green keeper Ron Yates had indicated that the main works for the team included hedge cutting, path weeding and flower bed maintenance.

GMBC this season have entered a team in the Chiltern & Thames League and also two teams in the Bucks League as well as arranging 28 friendly games. They are always happy to see new members and offer free coaching, the loan of bowls, and one of the lowest membership fees in Buckinghamshire. Contact Shirley Churn on 01494 673859 or e mail shirley.churn@btinternet.com.

Bourne End & Cookham Rotary By Richard Monger

Mark Laniardo, Consultant Urology Surgeon at Wexham Hospital, gave a very informative talk on both kidney and prostate cancers, showing some fascinating keyhole surgery tools and life-size plastic models. He answered lots of questions.

Some of us had a good time at the Inner Wheel Bridge Drive; sad to say, none of us Rotarians got anywhere near the top of the leader board. We will have to try harder next year.

On March 7, 18 of us went into London for a trip around the Fuller Smith & Turner Brewery and then on to the Palace of Westminster (see picture page 40). Both trips were quite fascinating, finding out that beer has been brewed on the Chiswick site for some 350 years and that Westminster Hall, where we met for our tour around the Houses of Parliament, is over 1,000 years old. We also did something the Queen cannot do – we went into the House of Commons!

Our late March Charity Curry Night at the Last Viceroy was to raise funds for the Wye Valley Volunteers' new mini bus. Our thanks go to Halim and Abdul for their generosity in letting us take over their restaurant. Our Charity Golf Day at the Berkshire is now sold out. There are some fabulous auction items including a four-ball at Wentworth Golf Club open to offers.

Upper Thames Sailing Club By Debbie Kite

The sailing season has started – at long last. Experienced sailors ventured onto the river for the first time this year on a beautiful sunny Sunday in early March. The river was still running very fast and the water level was over the frontage, but there was enough wind to overcome the stream and five single-handed OK dinghies competed in the first two races of the Spring series. After the floods we still have much clearing up to do, but club members have made a good start with working parties. Anyone who walks past will have seen that the repair work on the caretaker's flat and the changing rooms has started.

The club facilities upstairs have been unaffected, and social events and planning for the coming season has carried on. Our caretaker and caterer Bartek has stalwartly remained on site as much as possible despite the flooding.

The annual Open Day and Tea by the Thames takes place on Sunday April 27 from 10.30am to 4pm. New members are always welcome at the club, whether sailing members of all levels of experience, or social members, who benefit from the club's facilities and support the on-the-water activities. There will be the opportunity to experience sailing with an instructor in a Wayfarer, the larger two-man dinghies, or even a Thames A Rater. Alternatively there will be trips on the river in our rescue boats.

Anyone keen to get ahead should contact us now, as there may be places on RYA Powerboat and sailing courses starting in the Easter holidays for both adults and children. To find out more and see us in action contact memberships@utsc.org.uk, 07732 405304 or call in when we're open.

Bourne End WI By Jean Roche

Our February meeting was a very interesting talk about the ill-fated ship 'The Titanic' by the author D J Kelly.

The March meeting was an evening of belly dancing, Tina Louise put on a spectacular show and also talked to the group about the history of belly dancing. It started as a form of antenatal exercise and is used during pregnancy and labour by women from all over the world. Tina Louise showed the group some examples of her costumes, most of which are handmade. Some of the group participated in the dancing and learnt some great moves.

On going to press we were looking forward to our latest event, the 'Inspector Norse' show at the Community Centre. The comedy event was a sell-out.

In April we will have a talk by Christine Nesbitt about the Ian Rennie charity and also about the plight of the homeless. In May we will be discussing the 2014 Resolutions of the WI and enjoying a meal together.

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 in the month at 1.30pm in the library.

Little Marlow & Well End WI By Judy Wilson

February brought us sad and happy news. Three of our existing members left us for health reasons, but as we have to limit our membership we were pleased to be able to invite three ladies from our waiting list to join us.

We were delighted to learn that Diana Spokes and her husband John have been awarded gold bars to their gold badges, and that Val Clarke and Margaret Hepworth have been awarded silver badges - each for their services to the RNLI.

Our guest speaker, Jane Dunsterville, took us through the stages of first teaching herself, then others, to paint designs on glass and alternative surfaces, which culminated in her being commissioned to write and illustrate a book.

The speaker in March was one of our own members, Kate Bradford, who took us on a whirlwind and at times hilarious trip from the "Fighting Forties to the Swinging Sixties".

She brought back memories of NHS orange juice, malt and cod liver oil, the Festival of Britain, Poppet beads (made in Marlow) and the first supermarkets with frozen food cabinets.

These introduced us to a range of frozen food, including "Cod Pieces" which for some reason or other were quickly renamed and became the "Fish Fingers" we know today.

Many members contributed their own memories of some of these years and we ended with a quiz involving pop songs and commercial jingles from the 60s.

Our next meeting will be held at the Pavilion on April 1 (yes, really) at 2pm when Frances Alexander will talk to us about the history of High Wycombe. Visitors are always welcome - call 01628 481343.



The running reverend

Bourne End's newest vicar puts her running shoes on to compete in April's London Marathon...

This will be the sixth time that St Mark's and St Nicholas' new rector has run the London Marathon. The Reverend Janet Binns has qualified in the 'good for age' section and usually starts at the front of one of the groups as her best time is an impressive 3hrs 18seconds.

"Being either at the front or right at the back of a group is good," she explains, "and it's important to pace yourself from the outset."

Janet is an enthusiastic runner and is now in serious training. Look out for her on a Saturday morning as she clocks up the miles along our local roads and riverside. "It clears my head and gives me time to think," she admits. Janet's running club is the Datchet Dashers and she recently knocked four seconds off her previous time for the Reading Half Marathon.

Janet, who not surprisingly is running to raise funds to help others, says that being part of the London Marathon is wonderful with its huge crowds along the route encouraging all the runners.

Here she tells *Target* about her marathon training...

It was only a month or so after accepting the role as Rector to St Nicholas Hedsor and St Mark's Bourne End, that, feeling excited and energised, I applied for a place to run the 2014 London Marathon. What a step of faith that was, the thought of moving house, settling into a new area and job would certainly prove a challenge while putting a training plan into action to successfully complete the arduous 26.2 miles.

As a 'veteran' marathon runner I am acutely aware that there are no shortcuts, when it comes to training you must be

prepared to go out and put in the mileage come rain or shine. A regular question I am asked about running is, what do you think about while running? For me the answer is simply that running provides alone time with God in a way that clears the mind ready to deal with the stresses of life in the 21st century. It also provides time to think over the issues of the day and I get some of my best inspiration for sermons while out running. Talking to fellow runners too is a good way of putting the world to rights while keeping fit.

Each time I embark on a marathon my aim is firstly to cross the finish line, secondly to enjoy the race and thirdly achieve the best time I can.

This time I am running to raise much needed funds to restart the re-building plans for the new parish centre at St Mark's, a facility we know will serve the community well.

The present hall provides a home for many thriving groups and activities that bring the community together, but we recognise that it's somewhat past its sell by date. The first phase of the project will be the building of a much needed car park.

Thoughts of running yet another marathon brought the following verse to mind: 'I can do all things through him who gives me strength'. Philipians 4 v 13. It's doing things in God's strength and timing that provides the ability to accomplish his will and purpose for us."



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Bourne End Library

By Inka D'Agostino, library manager

**"The spring came suddenly,
bursting upon the world as a child
bursts into a room,
with a laugh and a shout and hands
full of flowers."**

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807 - 1882)

Like spring bursting upon us with nature's regrowth after our disastrous wet winter, Bourne End Library is undergoing its own transformation into a Community Library.

Volunteers have been recruited to help and work alongside library staff and we are now looking into having our own website and logo.

We have had two excellent Lifestyle Club talks: in January Lord McColl talked about the work of the Mercy Ships. An incredible £750 was raised for this brilliant organisation which brings hope and healing to those in need.

In February we were fascinated by the history of Colombia, the Gold of El Dorado, a talk given by

Michael Garrido to coincide with the British Museum exhibition.

Many thanks to all our customers who supported our dinner at the Coriander Restaurant when £255 was raised courtesy of the management who donated a percentage of the profits to Friends of Bourne Library. It was such a success that we are planning to have regular dinners.

Easter Children's Activities

Time to Rhyme: Friday April 11, 2.30-3.30 pm. In this creative poetry writing workshop for 7-9 year olds, Julian Bazley and Colin Pells, author and illustrator of "The Brilliant Fish and the Clumsy Octopus", will read their new book and provide hints and tips to show how writing in verse can be fun and inspire children to have a go themselves.

Multimoves Easter Dance Workshops

Thursday April 10, 10am - 3pm, and Tuesday April 15, 10 - 3pm £24 per child, for children aged 5 to 11. Please bring a packed lunch. Craft activities will be held during the lunch break. Booking essential.

Easter Crafts: Wednesday April 16
10.30-midday Tickets £1.

Lifestyle Club: Friday April 25, 10.30-midday.
Guest speaker Brian Clews will be talking about the Birds of Berkshire and Buckinghamshire.
Friday May 30, 10.30-midday: Guest speaker Barrie Penfold, Interesting People I Have Met.

Our community rooms are available for hire for conferences, parties, seminars and private functions. Our rates are very reasonable so when planning your next event please come in and see what we have to offer.

For further information about our range of classes Tai-Chi, Yoga, Meditation or to book one of our activities or rooms please contact the library on lib-boe@buckscc.gov.uk or phone 0845 230 3232.

For up to date information on what's on at the library please see our county website or Facebook Friends of Bourne End Library. The Friends are also on Pinterest.

FUTURE OF BOURNE END LIBRARY

By Derek Smith, Chairman

Bourne End Library Management Committee

A public meeting was held at the library on Tuesday February 11 to inform residents about the future plans for Bourne End Library. Firstly, despite local fears to the contrary, it was emphasised that there are no plans to close the library.

As part of the financial restraints being placed on local services, it will be necessary for libraries across the county to experience some level of restructuring. Some have already become fully community run by teams consisting solely of volunteers, supported by the county.

In the case of Bourne End, the situation is not nearly as drastic. The structure agreed with Bucks CC is for a County / Community Partnership with up to four county employed staff, between them working the equivalent of two full time employees. This will enable us to retain the nucleus of highly experienced staff who currently provide such an excellent level of service and knowledge. These employees would need to be supported by volunteers to perform various tasks under the Manager, Inka's, guidance, and anybody who is prepared to give time for these purposes should contact Inka at the library. This structure is for the duration of the current budgeting period up to April 2016, although Cllr Mike Appleyard also inferred, at the meeting, that the subsequent 2 years also ought to be safe. With the current financial situation and a General Election looming, it is not possible to make definite plans any further ahead.

Inevitably, costs have to be cut or external funding has to be found to support the continued operation. We are well on the way to achieving the initial target of £25,000, but this is an on-going requirement. We will, therefore, be seeking support in any form, for example donations, running and supporting events, commercial or private sponsorship, etc. An example of such an event was the very successful dinner held at The Coriander Restaurant in Bourne End, from which the restaurant made a donation to help support the library.

If you are already a member of the library, thank you and please keep up or increase your use of it. If you are not, please join and find out all that it has to offer.

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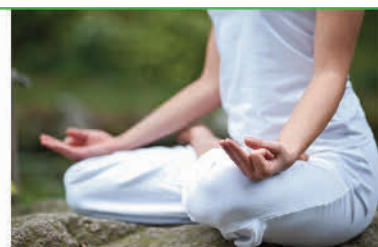


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Past times...by Barrie Penfold

Dave Henwood writes about the railways with a passion. Here he poses a question that goes back to 1970 when the line through to High Wycombe was closed.

THE TIMETABLE THAT NEVER WAS....

When British Rail published its timetable for the Western Region during April 1970, its commencement date was May 4. As timetable publications go, this one was of particular interest as it showed, on Table 18, the full service scheduled to operate between Maidenhead, Marlow and High Wycombe - nothing unusual until you re-read the dates.

Creating a timetable is complex and depends on a host of other bodies supplying information. In 1970, we had just witnessed the wrath of Dr Beeching's axe with many routes and hundreds of rail miles being closed; with the towns and villages along their length being left without a railway, and often many miles from an alternative route.

At some point during 1968-1969, the wheels would have been put in motion for the closure of the railway between Bourne End and High Wycombe. It had already seen a general run down of services for some years prior to the final nail in the coffin, which occurred on May 5 1970. Why then did BR publish a timetable commencing just a day earlier advertising to the prospective passengers that they would be able to travel by train to Wooburn Green, Loudwater and High Wycombe for the rest of that year?

You could conclude quite easily that having walked on to the platform at what would have been by then an unstaffed halt, the sparseness of service would have given you second thoughts. Walk outside the station and find a regular bus service every 30 minutes to and from High Wycombe. The leading question then is this; if the bus service was a viable alternative and it also ran through to Maidenhead, with

hourly extensions to Windsor, how then did the other part of the line survive?

Someone wanted it to, simple as that, and whether it was an MP or other significant figure, they carried enough clout to save the south end but had no influence, or perhaps no interest, in retaining the rest of it. Moving forward in time to the present day there is still a regular bus service between Wycombe and Bourne End and connecting services through to Maidenhead.

And for the rail traveller trains run half hourly during the weekday peaks and operate a regular service seven days a week, providing Bourne End with a service to Marlow and Maidenhead.

I think at this point I'm supposed to come up with some really detailed, well-thought-through explanation to support the facts but the reality is, I haven't got a clue.



The train line to nowhere after May 5 1970

FROM THE TARGET ARCHIVES...

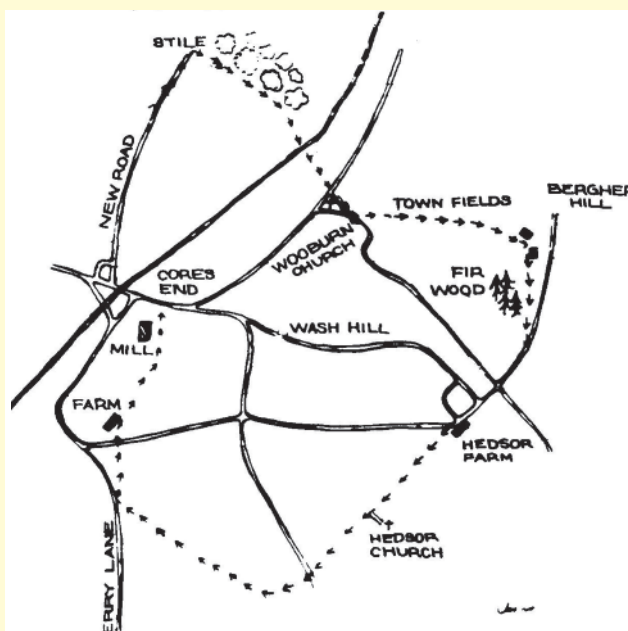
During the 1970s Christopher Wallis from Little Marlow regularly provided Target with local walks under the heading *CHILTERN WAYFARER*. They were illustrated with hand drawn maps and, like this one, often took you uphill to enjoy amazing views of the local countryside.

Start at the foot of New Road in Bourne End and walk up past the school and then into the stony road and uphill to the fields at the top. Continue until you come to a stile on your right with endless woodland in front of you. Turn right through the stile and follow the footpath alongside a hedge on your left. Go through the stile at the end of the field and continue along the left hand side of a large field. Through gaps in the hedge you'll see Holtspur Hill to your left. Over the next stile and then see Wooburn from on high as you go diagonally down a grassy hill across the old railway line and out on to Town Lane.

Turn right and walk towards St Paul's Church crossing the road before the church and walking alongside the church wall. Turn left at the junction and follow the road until you see a rough track to your left. Take this and go through a stile into steep fields. Turn and look back at the view before following the well marked path up to a stile. Then it's a climb again through trees before it levels out up to two houses. Take the pathway to the right and follow it through trees again and finally out on to a tarmac road.

Turn right along this, passing a large white house which used to be Hedsor Rectory; pass over the first crossroads and take the left fork at the next road junction passing Hedsor Farmhouse on your left. About 100 yards beyond this take a footpath on your left which passes through Woolmans Wood. Go steadily downhill on Church Path until you reach another tarmac road. Turn right and look out for the path on your left, which goes up to St Nicholas' Church, Hedsor. Go straight across at the road junction onto a private road to a gate on the left. Follow the path and go over a footbridge into meadows.

Follow the footpath to the right towards Ferry Lane and then swing to the right towards Hollands Farm. Cross Hedsor Road and follow the concrete farm road then footpath through two fields and out onto Millboard Road through a metal stile up to the junction with Cores End Road. Turn left, back onto New Road.



OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

St Mark's Church

On Palm Sunday
April 13 our
Procession led by a
donkey will leave
Bourne End Garden
Centre at 10.15am.



At St Mark's, pupils from Claytons School will join us for Songs of Praise at 10.30am.

On Monday April 14 at 6pm Prayers at the Stations of the Cross will take place and then the church will be open on Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 between 2pm-3pm for private prayer at the Stations of the Cross. On Maundy Thursday we will have a Passover meal at 7pm followed by Communion of the Last Supper ending with Vigil until 10pm.

The Good Friday Procession commences at 12.30pm from the bottom of Blind Lane followed by refreshments in the church hall before we meet in the church for a special service marking 'An Hour before the Cross' starting at 2pm.

On Saturday April 19, we shall be in the village handing out hot cross buns, and then we hope to see lots of children and their families come to the church from 3pm to 5pm for Messy Easter with Puppets. This is fun for everyone and all are welcome, tea is included and there is no charge.

We celebrate Easter Day with Holy Communion at 10.30am followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

Our regular events continue, including the Monday coffee morning from 10am to midday, Mums and Toddlers on Wednesday morning, 10am to midday and coffee mornings. We will not be holding our monthly sale in April, but it will return on May 17.

We wish our Rector, Rev Janet, good luck as she runs in the London Marathon. As part of her training, she ran the Reading half marathon in March with a very impressive time of 1 hour 39.09, she's not known as the 'Running Rev' for nothing (see page 30)

For more information on any of our services or events www.parishesofhedsorandbourneend.co.uk or Facebook – St Mark's Church Bourne End, please 'Like' our page.

Cores End United Reformed Church

We now have under-pew heaters and radiant overhead heaters, which makes a tremendous difference on chilly mornings. A variety of ministers and lay-preachers are leading our services each Sunday during our interregnum and our church leaders meet regularly with the leaders from Wycombe Trinity URC, working towards our shared ministry.



Two of our "old" junior church members have chosen to get married at Cores End, one couple in March and another couple in May. So two very happy events to celebrate.

We have another Fun Activities Day on April 5, 10am to 4pm, for children aged 5 to 11.

Link-up Club has a full programme including flower arranging, a visit to Toad Hall Garden Centre, advice on health for senior citizens and reflections on Easter Morning. They meet alternate Tuesday mornings and all (young and not so young) are welcome.

Our outing to see Fiddler on the Roof was very successful. It was a really wonderful production and enjoyed by everyone. As usual, Dorothy Aikens'

pancake morning, in aid of our churchyard, proved very popular.

On May Day, May 5, we are linking with the Community Church to hold a barbecue, treasure hunt and bouncy castle in Cores End church garden or lower hall. All are welcome.

On Saturday April 12 meet us on The Parade when we will be giving out hot cross buns. April 13 is our Palm Sunday service; Thursday April 17 at 7pm we have a Maundy supper; April 18 is our Good Friday service and April 20 is our Easter Day service, when our church is decorated with traditional eggs, bunnies and spring flowers.

St John The Baptist, Little Marlow

During Holy Week there will be a service of Evening Prayer at 8pm on Tuesday April 15. Other services will be held across the team. At All Saints' Marlow on Monday April 14 Evening Prayer at 8pm, Tuesday April 15 Holy Communion at 10.30am, and Friday April 18 Holy Communion at 9.30am. At All Saints' Bisham Wednesday 16, Evening Prayer at 8pm and on Friday 18, an hour of Meditation at 2pm led by the Rev Dave Bull. At St Mary the Virgin Marlow Bottom, Maundy Thursday 17 Holy Communion at 8pm. On Easter Day we are back at Little Marlow with Holy Communion at 8.30am and a Family Service with Holy Communion at 11am. This will be followed by refreshments and Easter Egg Hunt in the gardens of the Manor House. Our All Together Service for families is as usual on the fourth Sunday at 4pm followed by tea, cakes and sandwiches. Ascension Day service will be held at Little Marlow at 8pm on May 28.



St Dunstan's Church

We welcomed Bishop Peter Doyle from the diocese of Northampton last month for a special Mass in Celebration of Marriage and Family Life.

We mark Lent by observing the traditional disciplines of prayer, fasting and abstinence, and almsgiving. A series of events and activities has been organised to help us pray, reflect, grow as individuals and try to better serve the community. These include a visit to Stonor Park, a CAFOD Day of Reflection, lectures, film evenings, further spiritual reading and praying at the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7pm.

We are collecting non-perishable food items for the One Can Trust charity and once again serving simple Lenten lunches of soup and bread on Fridays, 12.30pm-2pm, after the midday Mass, with all donations going to CAFOD. Pop in if you have time.

At Easter, Holy Thursday: Mass of the Last Supper, 8pm at St Teresa's in Beaconsfield. Good Friday: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, 3pm at St Teresa's and 7.30pm at St Dunstan's. Easter Saturday: Easter Vigil, 8pm at St Teresa's. Easter Sunday: Mass, 10am at St Dunstan's.



St Nicholas' Church, Hedsor

We will join St Mark's in the village on Saturday April 3 from 10am to promote our Running Rector (see the article on page 30). This will be fun with the Running Puppets and our own Town Crier.

On Palm Sunday after our 9am service, the donkey leaves the Bourne End Garden Centre for St Mark's Church. The children love this.

After our Holy Week Services we have the

Service of Light at 7pm (see our advert). This is a beautiful service with our choir, when we begin in darkness and then bring in the light for Easter. We greet the Easter Morning light at 6am on Easter Sunday – a wonderful way to begin the day on the hill at Hedsor. Then there is our 9am Communion Service. Easter is so beautiful at Hedsor Church. Do come.



On the second Sunday of each month from May we have an All Age Family Service at 9am and on the fourth Sunday we have our choir, the Pebbles (young children).

On May 11 we will be holding Bluebell Tractor Rides and cream teas at Hicknham Farm from 2pm to 4.30pm. Ring Jane 01628 526980 or Ruby 01628 522721 to find out more.

The Community Church

"What do you guys do on a Sunday?" – a typical question posed to churches like us who don't have a traditional format for our Sunday morning services. The simple answer is we meet at either our chapel on Wooburn Green or at The Meadows School. We start with refreshments from 10am, and at 10.30am we start our worship time.

The theme during April and May will be 'What's so good about the Good News?' Do come along and find out!

Another CAP Money Course runs on three Wednesday evenings from April 30 at 7.30pm. It helps people manage money and deal with debts. This free course is confidential: you don't need to tell anyone about your actual finances. 98% of people on the course say they would recommend it to others, so how about giving it a try? Email peterlisle@outlook.com or ring 07802 450069.



Join us on Sunday April 27 for a leisurely stroll through bluebell woods and then enjoy a scrumptious cream tea. The walk leaves the car park at Wooburn Park at 3pm and tea is served in the hall behind the Chapel on Wooburn Green between 4pm and 5pm. No charge for tea but any donations go to Christian Aid.

For more details plus our Parenting Course, Thursday Lunch Club and Little Steps toddlers groups, see www.wooburngreen.org.

St Paul's and St Mary's Church, Wooburn

Our Sunday Club is enjoying preparations for Easter. All children are welcome to join in the fun from 9.30am each Sunday. We have a Crèche as well as the Pre-School, Key stages 1 & 2 groups and our Youth Group from 11 years.

Our bell ringers are looking for new recruits to help ring our eight bells. Contact them through our Parish office or website.

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.



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It would be lovely to celebrate with the whole village, but we will have to limit our number to 150 so if you like Target and cake then hopefully we will see you there.

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Guitar events at the community centre

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The Bourne End Guitar Club was formed three years ago to give the less experienced players from the local Shadows music clubs an opportunity to

play with a live band in a relaxed informal atmosphere. Although they continue to recruit new, inexperienced players, the standard has continued to improve and it is hoped they will play at the centre on a regular basis.

At the gig members will again take turns to play some of their favourite music. The club has grown out of a love of the music of Cliff Richard and the Shadows, but some of the members' repertoires now include a wide range of music so the evening promises some surprises as well as the well known Shadows tunes.

If any one has a particular request the club would be pleased to try to include your favourite in the evening's performance. Just let the bar committee know of your request.

On June 6 The Harmonettes (AJ Gibson, Clair Thomas and Chrissy Taylor) will perform a selection of swing songs from shows and rock and roll classics backed by The Boys (Brian Haycock, Graham Hyde, Eric Pole and Roger Childs from the Bourne End Guitar Club. Numbered seating will be planned so buy your tickets now from the centre office (£8) or call Graham on 07887 517764.

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The reason is simple and emphasises the camaraderie that exists between the various teams competing in the Wooburn League. The Green Dragon team were playing in the Minor Cup Final against the team from the Happy Union and our lads were keen to see who would win. Or were they taking the opportunity to have a relaxing evening without the distraction of actually having to throw some darts?

Whatever the reason it was an enthralling match with the Green Dragon finishing as worthy winners by 6 to 4.

By the time you read this all thoughts will be on the Summer League with the usual high hopes for success. You could be part of it so come along and join in. You will be most welcome.

Chess

The Bourne End Rapid Play Chess Congress takes place on Sunday April 13 at the community centre. It's a good opportunity to pit your wits against members of other clubs and is split into a number of divisions to make the games more even. Telephone 01628-520065 if interested. Meanwhile in the leagues, the first team are mid-table in the Berkshire League and anticipate a championship decider with Wycombe in the Bucks League while the second team should win the second division of the Bucks League, but are among a cluster of lower teams in the Berkshire League.

Forum Players

Calling any local thespians! Forum Players needs you. We need some new people with an interest in amateur drama who are keen to tread the boards and be part of our aim to present three shows a year.

After the panto there are always problems finding members willing to take on a Spring production. Having found a great script we have been unable to cast it, so we will now have to concentrate on our summer festival events in the library and then an Autumn show.

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Marlow and District Railway Society

We meet at 8pm on the third Thursday of each month at the community centre. Visitors are always welcome, but there is a nominal charge. The society has a varied programme of speakers and outings, some to locations not open to the public. On April 17 the society will have a talk by Colin Boocock on The Bulleid Pacifics (steam locomotives). Colin is a former BR manager and an acknowledged expert on the Bulleid Pacifics. On May 15 Richard Crane, the Chairman of the Bedford to Bletchley Rail Users' Association, talks about Beeching's Survivors. And on May 30 the society has an outing to a private railway near Windsor with three steam engines and refreshments. The outings co-ordinator is Julian Heard julian@jeh.org.uk

President's Challenge



Number 80

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 find what word can be defined in two ways (number of letters in brackets). For example: Face downwards/ Apt to (5) - Answer PRONE.

1. Card game/ Span (6)
2. Town in Kent/ Bargain (4)
3. Crate/ Fight in a ring (3)
4. Anaesthetic/ 12345 etc (6)
5. Fine linen/ Sward (4)
6. Sword fight/ Receiver of stolen goods (5)
7. Mallard/ Dip in water (4)
8. First person possessive/ A pit (4)
9. Baby cow/ Lower leg (4)
10. Bird/ Flying toy (4)
11. Flat fish/ Bottom of foot (4)
12. A reddish colour/ To strand (6)
13. Eg Liver/ Church instrument (5)
14. Stringed instrument (slang)/ Swindle (6)
15. Porcelain/ Large country (5)
16. Measurement/ What you stand on (4)
17. To light a match/ Industrial action (6)
18. Left side of a boat/ Fortified wine (4)
19. Engulf/ Bird (summer visitor) (6)
20. Fade away/ Fir tree (4)

The closing date is Friday, May 9

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ANSWERS TO QUIZ No 79

1. RD Blackmore. 2. Charles Dickens. 3. George Orwell. 4. HG Wells. 5. Graham Greene. 6. Emily Bronte. 7. Shakespeare. 8. RL Stevenson. 9. Rudyard Kipling. 10. Kenneth Grahame. 11. John Buchan. 12. Richard Adams. 13. JK Rowling. 14. Jane Austen. 15. Agatha Christie. 16. Evelyn Waugh. 17. Michael Murpurgo. 18. Geoffrey Chaucer. 19. Arthur Ransome. 20. John Le Carre. The winner was Jane Marbaix, Patterson Court, Wooburn Green.

OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

1st Bourne End Scout Group

It was reported in The Daily Telegraph in February that the highest number of young people had joined Scouting! We now have 145 young people in our Group (the highest in ten years) so can proudly say we have done our best to bring Scouting to the youth of Bourne End.

Thanks to Mike Appleyard for his donation allowing us to buy new kitchen units for our HQ. Thanks also to Simon Eddison for securing the wonderful units at a fantastic price through Howdens. A huge thanks to Howdens for their generosity, and helping us with this project. A big thank you too to our new Community Policing Officer PC Merlyn Evans, who has run an evening for Scouts and Beavers.

At the Marlow District Annual Swimming Gala in February our Cubs and Scouts took part, with our Scouts bringing home 2 Bronze, 7 Silver, and 9 Gold medals.

The Scouts and older Cubs went on their Winter Camp February Freeze where they tried Climbing, Abseiling, Shooting, Archery, Quad Bikes, Laser Tag, Caving and more at Paccar Scout Camp in Chalfont.

In March our Scouts were off to the Peak District for Climbing, Hiking, Hill Walking, Abseiling and Team Building, in a joint activity with Marlow Bottom Scouts. Also in March our Cubs took part in the Marlow District Shooting Competition at Court Gardens.

In May our Scouts are off to Longridge Activity Centre for a Water Activities weekend with Zorbing, Sailing, Climbing, Dragon Boating, Kayaking, High Ropes and Raft Racing.

Our Group Scout Leader Emma Lee would like to record a special 'Thanks' to the dedicated Leader Team that we now have in Bourne End who are offering young people the most fantastic opportunities.

I will be hanging up my group scarf after over 30 years with Bourne End Scout Group. I have seen the 'ups and downs' but this is the healthiest the group has been for many years. This will also be my last report for *Target*, but never fear, the task will be taken on by someone else who will keep our readers up to date. **Roy Harris.**

Contact jenny.benning@btinternet.com, 01628 525674 for more information.

RNLI Bourne End & District Branch

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday April 10, 7.30pm for 8pm in the small hall of the community centre. After a short business meeting, Philip Littlejohn will talk about the Titanic, followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome. Just let Diana Spokes know on 01628 523736 so the committee know how many to cater for.

Val Clarke and Margaret Hepworth will be presented with well-deserved RNLI Silver Badges for their long service on the

committee. John Tournier will receive a Framed Certificate of Thanks from the RNLI for his many years of support.

The House-to-House Collection will start on April 29, with the Flag Day on May 3. A three-day supermarket collection takes place from Friday May 23 to Sunday May 25 at Tesco Loudwater. Extra help at collection events is always welcome.

Finally, Diana and John Spokes are looking forward to the Annual Presentation of Awards at the Barbican London when they will both receive Gold Bars to their Gold Badges for their 37 years of service to the RNLI.

Bourne End Video Makers

For our first meeting in January members were invited to bring along nostalgic films for a non-competition evening. This was followed by our George Warner Documentary Competition which was won by Dennis Lowe.

In February our President presented his Annual Evening with an account of his experiences at the BBC. This included a review of technical developments and his work on well known TV productions. The second meeting in February was the annual Holiday/Day-out Competition won by Derek Miller.

Meetings are held in The Target Room at the community centre on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. We welcome new members of all standards and interests. Call 01494 712441.

Thames Valley Soroptimists

Have you ever met a TOF? SI Thames Valley learned all about them when John Pearce, a trustee and a father whose son has personal experience of the condition, gave a talk at their January meeting. TOFS is the abbreviation of Tracheo-Oesophageal Fistula (TOF) and Oesophageal Atresia (OA), rare congenital conditions of the oesophagus (food pipe) and/or trachea (airway) that affect new-born babies and require surgical intervention shortly after birth and long-term follow up. It affects one in 3,500 babies. As a midwife, President Rose Moriba had a special interest in learning about the subject. For information see www.tofs.org.uk.

Soroptimist International of Thames Valley meets every third Tuesday of the month in the Target Room of the community centre. For more information see www.sitv.org.uk or email info@sitv.org.uk.

Bourne End Twinning Association

At our March AGM 60 members welcomed two of the committee of the Twinning Association in Octeville sur mer. After a quick overview of the year we enjoyed a buffet supper followed by entertaining monologues entitled 'Thoroughly Modern Me' from Joan Dark.

Our next fundraising event will be a 60s disco (non-members welcome) with a hot supper, bar and DJ. Tickets £13 from David Langford on 01628 520065.

Then we are preparing for the biannual visit

from our twin village of Octeville sur mer at the end of May.

For information about our activities ring Liz Yeeles 01628 521748 www.bebta.ukgo.com

Wye Valley Volunteers

The great news is that we have reached our target of £35,000 for a replacement Community Minibus and an order was put in for this new vehicle (with adaptations for the disabled) during February. Delivery will take three months as it has to be built to our unique specification. We are grateful to the many charities, companies and individuals who have contributed.

As well as the services which depend on the use of the Community Minibus (shopping trips, Luncheon Club, coffee mornings, outings, transport to Day Centre) we offer a voluntary transport service (volunteer drivers use their own cars to take clients to - mainly medical - appointments) and a home visiting service (befriending, shopping, dog walking etc). Sadly we will soon lose Liz Yeeles, our very caring and capable home visits co-ordinator, due to other commitments. We are looking for someone who might take on this voluntary position, ideally with some professional experience in, for example, nursing or health visiting.

To find out more contact the Community Volunteer Office (open 10 to midday each weekday) or by phone (01628 521027). To enquire about help from one of our services please use the same contact details.

Bucks Family History Society

At our meeting on Tuesday April 8 Ian Waller's talk, 'Letters Home', will be about the Army Postal Services during World War I, official wartime photography, and the volunteer corps who provided field nursing services.

On Tuesday May 13 Alan Simpson's talk, 'The Camera Never Lies', will show how modern software can be used to manipulate images, not to deceive, but to improve and enlighten. This is a must for those with an interest in old photographs and what might be in the background but difficult to see.

We meet on the second Tuesday in the month in the small hall at the community centre. Doors open at 7.15pm with the speaker at 7.45pm. Non-member visitors are welcome.

Bourne End Townswomen's Guild

On Wednesday April 9 we will hear all about Hailstones and other happenings from Ken Pearce. Do we need to take umbrellas and wear waterproofs?

Then on Wednesday May 14 a flower arranging demonstration will give ideas on how to make the average bunch of blooms look like a work of art!

We meet in the small hall at the community centre on the second Wednesday in the month at 1.30pm, with a talk, demonstration or activity before finishing with refreshments. You are very welcome to come along to a meeting to see if you like it. For more information ring Cynthia Houchin on 01628 527931.

Wooburn Park Tennis Club

Winter leagues are drawing to a close and the summer programme will soon commence. Club play on Sunday mornings continues to be popular and both junior and senior coaching sessions attract good numbers. Contacts for coaching are, for Senior, anneharttennis@hotmail.com, and Junior, janet@brookfield.entadsl.com

Marlow and Maidenhead Passenger Association

The contract to build new trains for Crossrail has been awarded to Bombardier for the trains to be built in Derby. There have been exchanges of correspondence between MMPA and the Government regarding the lack of provision of any toilets on these trains despite the potential for journeys in excess of one hour. We were informed that toilets on stations on the route will be upgraded where necessary and kept open during running hours. This would presumably require stations to be staffed for extended hours which would seem to fly in the face of the McNulty Report.

If you are a regular user of local trains have you considered joining MMPA to support our activities to ensure a sustainable future for our railway and related transport links? We also seek committee members, and assistance from anyone with experience with social media, publicity, general administration, or strong connections to local authorities and community groups.

It looks as though travel disruption will continue for some time which will often involve replacement buses. We would like to receive your reports (good and bad) on this. Passengers at Maidenhead Station have been waiting up to two hours for a bus connection.

A developer has submitted proposals to build housing on the site of the old coal yard next to Marlow Station. MMPA has objected to the Planning Authority as we feel it would cause serious access problems for maintenance of the line. Network Rail has also submitted a holding objection. We will keep you updated on this.

Bourne End Horticultural Society

On April 17 John Negus will speak on '12 months of colour in the garden'.

On May 15 Mr Magowan will be offering a practical hanging basket demonstration.

Our June 19 meeting will be a 'Bring a Rose' social evening. Contact: Penny Hampson 01628 521482 or see our new Facebook page.

Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

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

On April 1 we have national demonstrator Suzanne Phillips with the theme 'April Showers'. On May 6 demonstrator Kathryn Goddard's floral theme is 'Seagulls & Flamingos.' Contact: Thelma Robinson 01628 52568 for more details.

CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

Events in the community centre unless otherwise stated

APRIL

- 1 Tues Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society 8pm. Visitors are welcome (£5 fee). At this meeting there will be a demonstration by national demonstrator Suzanne Phillips "April Showers".
- 1 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle.
- 3 Thur Community Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8.30pm, It's £1 per person, and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night.
- 4 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 6 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm.
- 11 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 11 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company.
- 12 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library.
- 17 Thur Bourne End Guitar Club will be playing in the community centre bar at 8pm - admission FREE. See page 36 for more details.
- 18 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 18 Fri Through to Monday 21. Cadbury's Easter Trail at Cliveden 11am to 4pm each day. Children can hunt for clues around Cliveden's gardens and enjoy a delicious prize at the end. £2.50 per child (plus nor-mal admission charges). No booking required.
- 25 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 27 Sun Table top sale at the centre 9.30am to 11.30am. Call Caroline on 01628 485642 to take part.

MAY

- 1 Thur Community Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8.30pm, It's £1 per person, and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night.
- 2 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 2 Fri Bourne End Residents Association AGM 8pm in the small hall.
- 4 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm
- 6 Tues Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society 8pm. Visitors are welcome (£5 fee). At this meeting there will be a demonstration by Kathryn Goddard "Seagulls & Flamingos".
- 6 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the Community Centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle.
- 9 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 10 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library
- 16 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 17 Sat St Mark's monthly market in the church hall from 10am to midday with coffee and cakes
- 18 Sun The National Trust's Nancy Astor Day at Cliveden 11am-4pm. Normal admission charges apply but no booking is required. Celebrity characters are played by The Cliveden Set amateur actors. Tel: 01628 605069 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/cliveden
- 21 Wed Scannappeal event at Magnolia House, Grange Drive 6.30 - 8pm with wine and canapés - and barrel organ music. Contact Alan or Elaine on 01628 525818 for more information.
- 23 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 23 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company.
- 30 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.

The next issue of Target will cover June and July 2014. Email editor@targetmagazine.org.uk by Monday May 5 to get your event included in the calendar. The magazine will be published on Friday May 30.

SAVE THE DATE!

Community Centre Fete – Saturday June 15

From 10am to 2pm

If you would like to book a table, run a game or help on the day, contact Myra: secretary@bebca.org.uk or leave a message at the centre office 01628 522604

Please call into the centre and pay for your copy of Target

AROUND & ABOUT



Bourne End and Cookham Rotary members at Westminster Hall at the start of their tour of the Houses of Parliament.



This is the trailer bought with funds donated by the Inner Wheel for Thames Valley Adventure Playground. The trailer is to attach to the tricycle so disabled kiddies can ride around. But the Inner Wheel's Elaine (above, seated) and Diana took it for a test drive first!



World Book Day on March 6 saw children throughout the area dressing as literary characters or authors. At Bourne End Library there was literary fun and games for the under fives and Miffy was the star character.



The Fitways Adventures Navigation course, featured in the last issue of *Target*, took place on Sunday March 16. The team learned some essential skills and successfully navigated through the picturesque Chilterns on a beautiful spring day. If you would like to join Nick Hollis on one of his future trips get in touch 07591076066 or fitwaysadventures.co.uk



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