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Tickets go on sale on June 2 for *Target's Rather Splendid Afternoon Tea Party*. It will be held from 3pm on Saturday September 6 at the community centre. As well as a delicious afternoon tea, served with live background music by local musicians, we will be staging the inaugural *Target Awards*.

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The list of categories includes Longest Serving Distributor, Best Advertisement Design, Best Regular Report and Best Photograph.

To find out who wins, come along on the day and join in the celebrations! Tickets are just £5 from the community centre office.

See page 36 for our crockery plea!



Bestselling author coming to Bourne End library

International bestselling author Gerald Seymour will be at Bourne End library on July 22 to promote his latest novel, *Vagabond*. See the library news on page 32 to find out how you can be in the audience for what promises to be a very special event.

Friends of Slate Meadow fight on...

Find out what the Friends are planning next on page 23. Here's a clue... it involves wet wellies! The photo of Slate Meadow on the right is by Nathan Stone.



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Memories of a local
headmaster on page 34

Plus is this the end of Wye Valley School as we know it?... See page 4



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BULL'S EYE

Fêtes Spell Summer...

For some people the sign that summer has finally arrived in the UK is packing to go on holiday abroad. For others it's digging their old shorts and sandals out from the back of the wardrobe, realising their garden needs watering every day, or getting irritated by the constant hum of the weekend mowers.

I always feel we've entered into the summer season when I start writing about village fêtes. There are two summer fêtes to draw your attention to in this issue (although I hope many of you will support a lot more, including any local school fêtes and fairs).

The big Wooburn Fête is on June 21. Check out the poster below or the Wooburn Residents Association report on the next page for details.

One week later, on June 28, it's the Hedsor Fair, held at Waters Reach, Riversdale. This annual event, is not to be missed, with its boat rides, cream teas, and lots of traditional stalls for adults and children. The fun starts at midday. Hope to see you all there!

By Debra Aspinall, Editor

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Saturday 21st of June 2014

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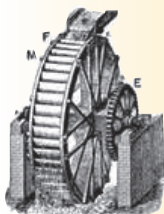
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Target magazine was launched in 1964 to provide information about the new Bourne End Community Association, with the name referring to the money required to build a new community centre. Over the years the magazine has grown, and its distribution area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

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

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



WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Chris Baker, President

www.wooburnresidents.org

It is hoped that you have enjoyed the beautiful Spring of 2014, following a very wet winter. The fields around Wooburn are looking lush and green now, unlike last year when they were recovering from being under snow for so long.

I am able to report that the association has been busy. Our recent meetings have included discussions on various planning applications that affect local residents, such as the possible extension of the car park in Wooburn Park and, of course, the suggested Slate Meadow development.

Possible Building on Slate Meadow

Our members turned out in force to the exhibition in the library at Bourne End and to the presentations on Wycombe District Council's Local Plan held in the library and at Wye Valley School.

At our last WRA meeting in March we were joined by three members of the Save Slate Meadow Group. We were told that their aim is to get the meadow off the reserved site list and put back into the Green Belt. The meeting agreed to write to Wycombe District Council objecting to Slate Meadow being included in Wycombe District Council's plan for development and to inform them that the association circulated a Community Led Plan Questionnaire to 2000 homes in The Wooburns at the end of September/beginning of October 2013 and the results concerning possible building on Slate Meadow were as follows:

- * 85% of respondents regarded it as very important or important to retain Slate Meadow as an open space between Wooburn Town and Bourne End.

- * 90% of respondents also considered it very important or important to retain village facilities such as open spaces.

Also included in the letter were concerns voiced by those present that part of Slate Meadow is on a flood plain and part is also a designated Village Green.

The Future of the Wooburns - Community Led Plan

We are in the process of finalising the wording and actions for the detailed and summary Community Led Plan documents. It is intended to distribute them by

June. A copy of the summary document will be delivered to homes in the Wooburn area and also made available on the Wooburn Residents' Association website. The detailed Community Led Plan document will be given to the parish, district and county councils and other agencies. It will also be available on the Wooburn Residents' Association website.

The success of the Plan will ultimately depend on support from the local community. We will be looking to form a sub-committee to implement the action plan, so if you are interested in local transport, planning, environment or community issues and would like to get involved, please contact us via our website or Facebook page (www.facebook.com/wooburnresidents) or email Maggi Fraser maggifrasers5@gmail.com.

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

The fête should be in your diary! Come along for a few fun-filled hours and learn a little more about your local community. Several of our community organisations will be displaying their work and activities (see poster page 2).

You can enjoy barbecued local farm food, a cream tea, ice-cream, or candy-floss while listening to the Maidenhead Concert Band playing a selection of toe-tapping music. Enjoy some traditional Cotswold dancing by The Ellington Morris Dancers. 1st Wooburn Scout Group is playing a large part in the fête by arranging traditional games.

There will be the usual children's rides, attractions and races and a hands-on experience with small, harmless domestic reptiles. And there'll be a tug-of-war competition for the adults, which is part of Wooburn's history dating back to inter-mill competitions on The Green. The Wooburn Club will be defending its title (gained at the Jubilee celebration) against Citygate VW Van Centre, several local pub teams and other local businesses. We are very grateful to Citygate VW Van Centre, Wooburn Green for being the fête's main sponsor, and to all the other local companies for their magnificent financial support. 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 Margaret Amos at margaretamos@tiscali.co.uk

Next WRA Meeting

Our next meeting is Monday July 14, at 8 pm, in the parish council offices, Town Lane, Wooburn, Bucks, HP10 0PS.

We are a friendly group of people; please join us! Remember to visit the association's website at www.wooburnresidents.org or visit our Facebook page Facebook.com/wooburnresidents (link on our website).

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Dedicated guide leader retires

Beryl Britt has retired after an incredible 40 years as a girl guide and brownie leader.

Current and previous girl guides and brownies took part in a surprise celebration at Cores End United Reformed Church where 65-year-old Beryl was honoured for her dedication to the movement.



She started as a guide leader in 1974, making her the longest-serving leader in the Thames Division. Over the years she has been in charge of numerous guide and brownie troupes.

Beryl, who lives on Stratford Drive, Wooburn Green, became a brownie at the age of seven (she is pictured bottom right (on the right) meeting Chief Guide Lady Baden Powell aged just 8.

She went on to become a girl guide, a cadet, then assistant leader of the 1st Wooburn Brownies. As well as her roles leading various groups she has been a district commissioner.

The mum-of-three says it has been a way of life she wouldn't have missed for the world.

"I have had a wonderful time; I have met so many people and made so many memories."

Her surprise party was also used to raise £180 for two charities of Beryl's choice.

It's not exactly feet up with a cuppa now for Beryl. She is retaining a role as a district guider. She is also knitting a fabulous Noah's Ark and makes cards to sell on her regular stall at Bourne End Community Market.



All change at Wye Valley?

Wye Valley School in Bourne End is expected to change its name to the Bourne End Academy.

The name change is expected to be announced this month and officially come into force when the school completes the switch to academy status.

In a letter home to parents, newly-appointed headteacher, Andrea Jacobson, said: "There is a clear interest in all parties (parents, students and staff) for both a uniform and name change when we convert to an academy." She said the preferred name is Bourne End Academy and the preferred uniform colours are burgundy and silver.

The Wye Valley School was placed under special measures in January 2013.

In her letter Mrs Jacobson added: "Since taking up post as the interim headteacher in September 2013, I have been wholly focused on leading the school to become the school of first choice for the local community, parents and students."

"Of course there is a lot of work to be done to ensure this is achieved and make the significant improvements needed to move the school out of special measures."

The uniform and name changes will represent a fresh start for the school which has seen 22 members of staff leave since their Ofsted inspection in 2013.

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Marina Life with Peter Osborne



Well, where do I start? Oh yes, good news, we have a great newly redecorated and refitted office, the marina is full of boats and we have a healthy order book of maintenance work to undertake. The floods seem a long time ago.

Post floods, the marina building has had a facelift and quite a lot of landscaping has taken place including trimming of trees. One tree had to be cut down as it was rotten in the trunk. Matty was nearly sawn down by a chainsaw until we yelled at the tree surgeon; he had been standing still for too long in the wrong place without moving. It was amazing how much debris had collected in the moorings during the floods; this was stockpiled and it took four truckloads to clear. The cost of removing rubbish collected from the river is a lot more than people realise. The waste industry seems quite profitable to me!

The tug undertook a major mission one evening, when we towed an 84-ton barge from the Taplow Paper Mill site to Spade Oak

Reach where she had a new mooring. She was unable to proceed under her own power due to an engine failure. Mostly we tow with the tug lashed alongside the vessel we are towing or even lashed onto the stern to push the vessel.

In this instance we were unable to do this so we towed her on a rope from behind the tug. That is fine but when you have 84 tons behind you on a flexible tow she will not stop particularly quickly and the risk is that she will hit you up the backside, especially when negotiating a lock, which is a dead end on entering. If we got it wrong and did not stop the barge, the fear was that she would push the tug into the lock gate and maybe squash it into half its length, possibly with the tug's bow protruding through the other side of the lock gate!

However, we managed by taking it slowly and having a crew on the barge with 'side ropes' who took a turn around the lock bollards as we entered and used these ropes to further reduce the speed of the barge to a standstill. Besides negotiating Boulton and Cookham locks, the other major hurdle was Cookham bridge, bearing in mind that the river arches are not that wide. The powers of the tug should never be underestimated! Maybe a transatlantic tow next time?

On another occasion the tug was called out to assist a 45ft wooden boat weighing many tons and possibly built in the same era as the ark, that had run out of fuel and was being towed to us by a 20ft fibreglass boat with an outboard engine! The Golden Quay did a worthy job getting her down to us but the

'grunt' of the tug was required to turn her around without hitting the railway bridge and berth her on the fuel pontoon.

Once alongside she took copious amounts of fuel. This was quite precarious as one had to walk on the decks which were rotten and had holes in them. Once fuelled up she would not start and it would soon be dark, I didn't want her stuck here, but after an hour she started up. The next problem was that she had no reverse gear! However, we managed to turn her around at the pontoon on her ropes so she could proceed downstream. It was a relief to see her pass the railway bridge without hitting it but I have no idea where she went, intended destination or not! I was late home but the problem had gone – result!

Finally a mention of the World Cup which commences this June. All the Marina Boys will be watching the England games and how far we progress in the tournament determines how many games we play. At least one game kicks off at 11pm which will mean a late night. Although we are open at 8am we don't mind if you call down to the marina nearer late morning following a game! We will be here on time but may need a bit of consideration as a result of our patriotic endeavours. Thank you for your understanding.

Until the next time.

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SECRET OPEN SPACES: Sappers Field



Parks, playgrounds and public open spaces provide local people with room to wander, walk dogs, picnic and take children to enjoy play equipment. Some, like Wooburn Park, Blind Lane's recreation ground and Watery Lane's play area, are easy to find. But there are other local open spaces tucked away that need to be found and enjoyed.

Sappers Field is at the top of Harvest Hill with Kiln Lane on one of its boundaries. It covers six acres and had been used as a council tip when the parish council secured a licence and took it over in 1974. They were challenged by the rough, uneven ground that would be impossible for sport and potentially dangerous for children to run and play.

Rescue came courtesy of the then parish council planning committee chairman, Major John Luckett, and his service friends – 9 Independent Para Squadron Royal Engineers. Their challenge was to level the land and make it safe for sport and families.

Their reward was in the naming of the land as Sappers Field (a sapper is the term used for a combat engineer).

Today Sappers Field is a haven, high up on the hill, with views between the trees of



Wooburn, Bourne End and beyond.

Footballers use it through their season, dog walkers love it, kite flyers find the wind easily, but have to watch out for the trees, and children can have fun in the playground.

Two oak trees were planted by local residents to celebrate H M the Queen's Golden Jubilee and children planted wild flower seeds in the meadowland. Cowslips and oxeye daisies now bloom, seed and spread out year by year.

Sappers Field is used whenever there's a national celebration involving the lighting of hilltop beacons across the country.

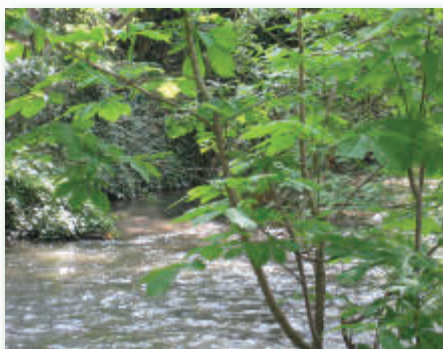
Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council take pride in being part of this ancient tradition and an open space on the top of a hill makes it possible.

There's a small amount of parking space at Sappers Field, but what about a family challenge for the summer. Walk up Wash Hill from Wooburn Park and then take the footpath on the right signposted to Kiln Lane. Through woods and then out into a meadow until reaching Kiln



Lane with The Chequers pub opposite. Turn left, look out for traffic, then first right into Harvest Hill. Pass cottages and houses until you find Sappers Field on your right. A lovely walk to a secret open space.

In the next issue another secret open space will be revealed. The picture left is a clue – where is it?



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New Councillor

We would like to welcome a new parish councillor. Aston Church was co-opted at the full council committee meeting in April and will represent the Wooburn Green Ward. Cllr Church feels that he will be able to represent the views of the younger population in the Parish. He lives in Wooburn Moor which means he is now the eyes and ears of an area which is on the edge of our parish boundary. Having a mix of councillors from all areas of the parish means we get a good understanding of the area's needs. We still have one or two vacancies for the Wooburn Green Ward and would welcome anyone from the further reaches of the parish. If you are interested please call 01628 522827 for further details. Alternately you can contact the chairman, Sue Wagner, on 01628 523948.

New Play Equipment

New play equipment has all now been installed in four areas and has been well and truly christened. The rope climber in Wooburn Park (nicknamed the spider web) has been a big hit with the children. In fact, rumour has it that a couple of our councillors have tried it out too. Luckily they are quite agile and didn't need rescuing after they'd reached the top. One of them even had a go on the new roundabout but wished he hadn't when he couldn't walk in a straight line afterwards. Our thanks go to Tony White and his team at Playground Facilities for all their hard work during some appalling weather conditions to get all the equipment in place and up and running in time for the Easter holidays. Thanks also go to the play equipment working party: Kate Airley, Margaret Marshall and Michael Reeves for all their hard work.

Allotment and Best Shop Front Winners

Each year Councillors look at allotments and shops in Wooburn and Bourne End to choose the best allotment and best window display.

Councillors Margaret Marshall and Michael Reeves scored points at allotments for variety of produce, quality and tidiness. The points were duly totted up and Reg Procter who manages plot 62 was declared the winner. His name was added to the allotment cup which he was presented with at the recent annual parish meeting.

The shops in Wooburn Green were judged by councillors Fiona McGarel-Groves and Mark Ellis in December. The winner, for the second year running, was Sapphire dress shop.

Councillors Mike Balbini and Andy Cobden chose Mankind as their winner - also for the second year running. Both shop winners were presented with a framed certificate. Our congratulations go to all our worthy winners.

Allotments

Brookfield Road allotments are all up and running and there are spaces available. Please contact the office on 01628 522827 if you are interested. Almost all of the Peggs allotments have been renewed by their current tenants.

Open Day

Councillors agreed to an Open Day at Peggs allotments on Sunday July 13 in aid of Scannappeal. The event runs from 10.30am to 1pm with allotment holders on hand to answer any questions. The allotments entry can be found just past number 18 on New Road. Parking will be on New Road (with consideration for residents) or in the car park of Bourne End Junior Sports Club a little further up New Road. Disabled drop off only possible along the allotment driveway. Entry will be £4 per adult. Produce from the allotments will be on sale with all proceeds from the Open Day going to Scannappeal. Cold refreshments will be available. Allotment holders will not be charged entry and will be able to park in the allotment car park (subject to space). For further information please contact Elaine Baudouin on 07836 236584.

Poppies in the Parish

As part of the Centenary Poppy Campaign in commemoration of the beginning of WW1 on August 4, the parish council has planted poppy seeds and mats in many of our open spaces. These seeds will flower during late July and early August. The Centenary Poppy Campaign originated as an idea in the Greenhithe and

Swanscombe Branch of the Royal British Legion. It captured the imagination of the public, including the Prime Minister, and has been rolled out nationally.

The aim of the campaign is to cover the UK with poppies during the centenary period to commemorate all those who gave their lives in the First World War. The poppies that we have planted are Papaver Rhoeas also known as the Flanders Poppy.

Wooburn Park Car Park Extension

Approval has been given to fund a project to extend both parts of the car park at Wooburn Park to alleviate the parking problems that occur at the weekends and during events either in the park or the church. A new barrier will be installed along with new picket fencing at the car park perimeter. Plans of the changes are on the parish notice board in the car park and in the parish office. Work to create 110 spaces in the car park begins this month.

Meeting Dates:

Full Council: June 24, July 22

Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials: June 3, July 1
Planning, Highways & Lighting: June 11, & July 2 and 23

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Bucks Open Studios

Bucks Open Studios fortnight begins on June 7 and throughout the county, and in Cookham and Maidenhead too, artists are preparing for their annual exhibitions.

Unlike traditional gallery exhibitions BOS is a kind of 'show and tell' with the artists usually available to share their enthusiasm, demonstrate their work and explain their particular artistic skills.

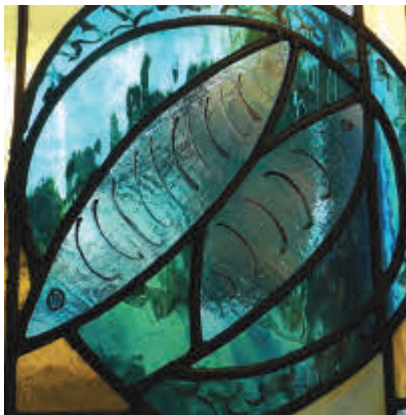
Jane Vincent, who has lived in Bourne End since 1992, has been exhibiting her stained glass and sculptural glass for ten years – at first from her home studio in Well End and, since 2011, with her three friends Suzanne Raffellini, Marilia Carvalho and Tracey Holmes at The Chapel in Little Marlow Cemetery.

This year their exhibition is open from 11am to 4pm daily from Saturday June 14 to Sunday June 22 and they look forward to sharing their work and talking about it over a cup of tea and cake.

The Chapel is a fitting setting for stained glass and their work – and the Chapel – have been much admired by visitors.

There are numerous other artists exhibiting locally including Coral Slade in Wooburn Town, Wendy Brown in Flackwell Heath and Joan Thewsey in Marlow.

Check out the website www.bucksopenstudios.org.uk or pick up a free catalogue from the library to find out more. Opening times and dates vary so do check.



By Jane Vincent



By Tracey Holmes

Matchsticks make money

Bourne End Auction Rooms were celebrating last month after their biggest ever single item sale.

An original painting by renowned Lancashire artist L S Lowry sold for an incredible £340,000 to a secret buyer.

Lowry is world famous for his urban landscapes peopled with human figures often referred to as "matchstick men" in a style usually characterised as "naïve".

The auction rooms in Station Approach were packed for the sale which was always expected to be their biggest ever in their 20 year history. The opening bid on the painting was £250,000 and the previous highest sale there was 900 bottles of vintage wine which sold for £167,000 in 2005.

Auctioneer Simon Brown was approached to sell the signed piece by the son of its only other known owner, who bought it from Sotheby's in 1967. An item of this painting's value and prestige is rarely sold outside of London.

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A PEACE GARDEN to Remember

Last June poppies bloomed in the fields above Wooburn Green, perhaps in anticipation of this year's centenary of the start of the First World War. The poppies were a memorable riot of red and now, all over the UK and Europe, these flowers will symbolise the start of a four year period (2014-2018) when a range of events will leave permanent memorials of this conflict.

Locally various organisations have been talking about a variety of projects which would be part of this great initiative. Prompt action by Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council has secured sufficient poppy seeds to plant out in green areas where they can bloom regularly, year after year. The promise is that they will bloom this July for the first time. A living memorial that will go on and on.

Certainly there seems to be strong feelings about



creating something that will develop and mature as the years go by. Throughout the country organisations, from schools to gardening clubs, charities to memorial organisations, have been looking into the possibility of creating their own local peace garden, intended to be a place to remember those who gave their lives in that conflict.

Wooburn Green has its own peace garden incorporated around their War Memorial. Names listed on that memorial probably include young men from Bourne End, just a hamlet at the start of hostilities. Their annual service of remembrance keeps this memorial alive.

In 1914 many of Bourne End's young men worked on the land or in service. Some were being taken on as Jacksons took over paper mills in the valley. Together with young men from Wooburn Green and Little Marlow they marched off to serve their country in a war they believed "would be over by Christmas".

Would somewhere in Bourne End provide a central space to create a local peace garden in their memory? One suggestion has been on Penny's Corner (pictured). Towards the station there are two large conifer trees and a newly planted tree. Could part of this area be landscaped as a garden to remember those who gave their lives?

The creation of something to become part of the local landscape needs the views of those who make up the community. Would you want to be part of this project and work to make it happen? A small group within the Future of Our Village organisation is already committed to a peace garden.

So, please, give some thought to the creation of a lasting memorial. Ideas should be submitted, in an envelope, and marked "WW1 MEMORIAL" to the community centre office in Wakeman Road. For anyone wanting to email please use the 'editor' address on page 2. The editor will print these out and put them with the others.

At some stage a decision will be taken over the way to proceed and this will be published in a future issue of *Target*. Remember that the project needs the views of local people and their support.

EDITOR: Anyone lucky enough to visit the Chelsea Flower Show may have seen a special peace garden designed for the commemoration of WW1

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Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Friday May 9 and attended by over 30 members of the public. Our speaker was Amanda Foister from the Adventure Learning Foundation who spoke about her role at Longridge Activity Centre in Marlow and her vision for better community use of the area around Westhorpe Lakes and the Athletics Track.

The Geoffrey Moss Memorial Rose Bowl was presented to Roger Wicks (see the report by Barrie Penfold below right).

Reports were also read from the local police and Dominic Grieve MP. A planning report and financial report were also given and a report from the Chairman, Dallas Banfield, on what the Parish Council has been doing over the last year. Minutes and full Annual Report are available on our website.

Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition

Little Marlow village is entering the competition again this year. In 2013 the village was judged Runner-Up in the Tindall Cup. Please help keep the village tidy for this year's competition and help us to win.

Rubbish and Fly-tipping

A great deal of rubbish in our area is that which is thrown from cars which not only makes our roads a mess but is illegal. Fly-tipping is also a big issue in this area with certain quiet roads targeted by fly-tippers. There is now an easy and direct way to report fly-tipping. Just use your pc, laptop, tablet, or smart phone to reach <http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/fly>. Accurate reporting can lead to prosecution and put a stop to this anti-social behaviour.

Spade Oak Car Park

After several years of correspondence and draft leases exchanged with Buckinghamshire County Council, Little Marlow Parish Council is finally able to sign the lease to take on this piece of land. You will have noticed that the picnic tables have been removed. Most were rotten, but by removing them, it allows more parking space. The area where the fly-tipping of barrels of unknown materials took place should by now be safe from contamination. Please help us and the residents of Coldmoorholm Lane keep the car park rubbish free.

Westhorpe Athletics Track

The Athletics Track is well on the way to completion, however, because of the lease agreements, the permissive footpaths do not have to be completed until April 1, 2015 (or 31st October 2015 at the very latest).

Little Marlow Fete

An early reminder to put the date of the Annual Fete in your diaries – it is Bank Holiday Monday August 25.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meetings will be held at The Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Little Marlow at 8pm on Tuesday July 1 and Tuesday August 12. You are welcome to attend any meeting and to speak if you wish to do so.

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Rose Bowl award for Roger

Roger Wicks was the unanimous winner of the Geoffrey Moss Rose Bowl for his outstanding service and dedication to Little Marlow Cemetery. In addition Roger is known as everyone's 'good neighbour' at Westhorpe Park Home. And with Roger everything is done with a beaming smile.

"The award was unexpected" Roger said "I'm sure there are other people who do more, but I'm delighted and it is an honour to receive it."

Roger's work at the cemetery has made a huge difference to the organisation and management of the waste with very positive results. His "bin" system is now producing compost for gardeners.

Roger is pictured right receiving the newly silvered Rose Bowl from Little Marlow Parish Council chairman, Dallas Banfield.



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How did you come to be in Bourne End?

I was born into the fruit and veg business. It was my family's trade and I helped out I guess from the age of about seven. We had shops and a market stall in Wycombe, and by the time I was about 20 I had my own stall and shop. I've always been very happy with my work and I can honestly say if I come back again, I'd do the same thing! An old friend had this Bourne End shop, but sadly he took his own life. His family suggested I bought the business. I was in my 50s and thinking of slowing down a little... so sold the Wycombe businesses and concentrated on this shop. Of course I didn't take things any easier. It's more than a full time job.

You are now 69 - are you taking it any easier yet?

No. I would say most of my life I have worked for more than 100 hours a week. I'm used to it. I enjoy it. I get up at 3.30am six days a week to go to the fresh fruit and veg and flower markets and I finish most days about 7pm. I take a little cat nap if I feel tired, but I never wake up in the morning and want to roll over for more sleep. I'm doing a job I love and I am always ready for work!

What does your wife (Sue) think about your long hours of work?

Well we've been married for 45 years so it seems to be working for us! When we married she stayed at home and looked after our three children. Now she just has me to look after - which she does very well. One of our sons lives in Brazil with his Brazilian wife and three children. He runs an English school. Another lives in New York state where he has his own building company. He has an American wife and two children, and a third son is in the UK and has a company supplying landscaping products.

Do you get to Brazil and America to visit them?

I've been to America, but not Brazil yet. They come over here as often as possible. In fact this year we are hoping to all get together because this year is my 70th, my wife's 65th and one son's 40th birthday. In between visits we Skype.

Did they help out when they were little?

Oh goodness yes. My family has always had a good work ethic which has stood them all in good stead, as they are now all successful business owners. They would help out as soon as they were big enough to hold a broom! I've had lots of lovely young people working here over the years. Many do part time work here while they are still at school then go on to other things... but many keep in touch. John Tufil, my right hand man, has been "working" for me since he was about seven years old. He would make himself useful and run errands, or sort displays, do a bit of sweeping. He's only 40 now and has been with me 33 years!

What's the secret of The Fruit Market's success?

Well I think there are a few reasons we are still going strong. We sell quality fruit and veg which we buy in fresh every day. I can pick and choose what to buy for my customers and I only pick and choose the best. Our regulars like the flexibility I offer as well. If you only want to buy one carrot, one onion and one potato you can do that! A lot



of our older customers prefer popping in regularly to get what they need for the next day or so. They don't particularly want to stock up on fruit and veg for the week. We can also source exotic fruits and veg for customers and currently supply quite a few restaurants and gastro pubs.

But greengrocery is only one part of what we do. We sell fantastic plants, mainly bought from local growers, and this way we can pass on some great savings to our customers. Our florists are some of the most talented in the region and again we buy in fresh stock daily.

So what would be your slogan if you had one?

Something that illustrates our quality, price and good old fashioned service. These are the backbone of any good business. But for us I'd add in convenience too!

Are you worried about the proliferation of supermarkets in Bourne End?

No, not at all. I am confident about the produce we sell and they can't offer the same. The only concerns I have are with the lack of parking in the village. We need lots of spaces where people can park then nip into the local shops to buy what they need, whether it's from me, the card shop, or to have a coffee. But don't get me started on the local politics that have led to some very perplexing decisions being made here.

On the whole I am very confident about the future of this business.

What are your interests outside the business?

I've always been very sporty. I boxed, was a county champion in athletics and a keen cyclist (racing) and I love motor sports. I support Wycombe and Arsenal and enjoy watching football. I go to the Le Mans 24 Hour Race every year and camp there. There's a crowd of us who have been going for years. It's a fabulous atmosphere.

And finally why do some customers call you curly?

Well it may be hard to believe by looking at me these days, but when I was younger I had masses of curly hair.



Awards and thanks for lifeboat stalwarts

A report from the AGM of the RNLI Bourne End and District Branch

A very eventful AGM was held in April with over 80 supporters present. The chairman, Diana Spokes, welcomed everyone and gave a special welcome to James Vaughan, Fundraising & Communications Director from HQ Poole, and Terry James, Community Fundraising Manager. Other guests attended from Cookham Bridge Rotary, Little Marlow & Well End WI, and *Target* magazine.

Diana reviewed the events of 2013 and thanked the committee for their hard work and support, with special mention of her husband, John. She gave sincere and grateful appreciation to all fundraisers who had worked so hard.

Diana introduced three new committee members, Keith Hunt, David Oswald and Mike Prager and then explained that she would be standing down as chairman after 15 years. Mike Prager would take over as the next chairman, voted unanimously by the committee.

The treasurer, Kevin Hourigan MBE, then gave his financial report confirming the wonderful total of £22,203 in 2013.

Diana and John were then quite overwhelmed by a surprise presentation of flowers, champagne, chocolates and other gifts, given to them by very generous committee members and supporters.

Official RNLI Awards were presented by James Vaughan to long-time supporter, John Tournier, and committee members Val Clarke, Margaret Hepworth, Diana and John Spokes, while Terry James read the citations. James spoke about the work of the RNLI and how important its volunteers were to Lifeboats.

The evening continued with Speaker, Philip Littlejohn, giving a most interesting and informative talk about his grandfather who was a First Class steward on the Titanic, and also on her sister ship, Olympic. He was one of the few survivors.

By the time *Target* is published the Branch will

have had its House-to-House & Flag Day, and a three-day collection at Tesco.

Forthcoming collections will be held at Waitrose Beaconsfield in June and Sainsbury's Beaconsfield in July. Help is always needed as the Lifeboats need £140 million a year to operate and they receive no state funding at all. All of their income comes from voluntary donations.

The Great British public as ever are superb in supporting the RNLI but we always need help from volunteers to collect for us throughout the year.

Will you give us one day a year

to support our brave Lifeboat crews? Yes? Then please ring Diana Spokes on 01628 523736.



Above l-r, Margaret Hepworth (silver badge), John and Diana Spokes (bars for their gold badges) and Val Clarke (silver badge). Below right John Turner receives his award from the RNLI's James Vaughan and below left Mark Lloyd of The Royal Standard receiving an RNLI Plaque from Keith Hunt (left) and John Spokes in recognition of the pub's fundraising.



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She will be accompanied by world renowned classical guitarist Robin Hill and guests.

Local mum Izzy is performing in aid of St Mary's Pre-School, Marlow Bottom.

The pre-school is a long established and respected provider of early years education and a local charity close to Izzy's heart. She will be presenting 'Canción' in the lovely natural acoustics and surroundings of All Saints Church in Marlow and the concert is sponsored by The Compleat Angler, Sainsburys, Waitrose and Vodafone.

Izzy has had three number one albums in the classical charts worldwide and has recorded with the London Symphony Orchestra at Abbey Road Studios with producer Craig Leon who has worked with Pavarotti, Sting and The Ramones. She has performed at The Royal Albert Hall, The Rugby League Cup Final at Twickenham, Bryan Ferry's Stately Homes Tour, The Late Late Shows, The Crystal Cathedral in Los Angeles for a network TV transmission to 20 million, and has sung with well-known artists such as Sir Cliff Richard, Lionel Richie, Charlotte Church and Russell Watson.

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Beautiful blooms at Cliveden

If you like roses head to Cliveden this June to their newly restored Rose Garden which was originally designed by Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe, one of the 20th century's greatest garden designers.

The new Rose Garden is set to become a major attraction in these National Trust gardens which have been enjoying a colourful renaissance in recent years under the leadership of head gardener Andrew Mudge. The roses are expected to bloom from mid-June through to September.

Andrew has created a spectacular display of 800 repeat flowering roses with phased colours from yellow and oranges through to velvety reds and deep crimsons. The colour scheme is unique and Andrew believes it will reflect Jellicoe's vision for the garden, perhaps for the very first time. "We've worked closely with David Austin Roses to source 45 different rose varieties, that planted together will create swathes of colour," he says.

The 800 roses were planted in autumn 2013 following over a year of research and design. The Rose Garden is set within a landscape originally laid out in the 1720s.

Andrew explains: "Our formal gardens have evolved over the course of 300 years and we aim to highlight the most significant features to create a garden for the 21st century visitor to enjoy."

Visitors will be able to meet Andrew in the Rose Garden every Tuesday afternoon in June (2-4pm) to hear about the restoration and pick up tips for

growing and caring for roses at home. David Austin roses will be on sale in the shop and the café will be serving rose-scented cakes throughout the rose season. There will also be a rose-themed trail to help families explore and enjoy the garden.

Call 01628 605 069 or see the website for more information www.nationaltrust.org.uk/cliveden

Sip and slide

Celebrating Father's Day at Cliveden just got a whole lot more interesting for Dad. Free beer tasting will be on offer (while stocks last). Pop along on June 15 between midday and 3pm.

There's also the added fun of sliding down Cliveden's Giant Slide – back by popular demand.

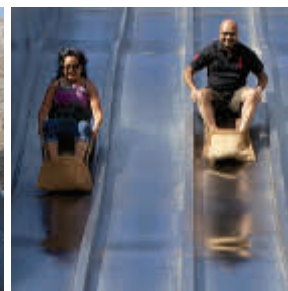
The 6.5 metre-high stainless steel slide is being used to raise awareness of one of the most ambitious conservation projects in the National Trust.

It has been fitted to scaffolding as part of an ongoing multi-million pound project to save Cliveden's magnificent South Terrace. Visitors can go up to a viewing platform on top of the scaffolding to see conservation work as it progresses. Children and brave-hearted adults can then descend to ground-level via the 22.5m slide.

National Trust General Manager John Waxman says: "Everyone using the slide is being encouraged to donate money towards the project and we hope that tens of thousands of visitors this year will enjoy sliding to save the South Terrace".

The Terrace is one of the oldest parts of the entire estate and, at over 350 years old, it's beginning to show its age. In 2013, a specialist team carefully dismantled the double flight of stairs from the Terrace to the Parterre and they are now in the process of putting it back together again.

The slide is open at weekends and holidays 1pm - 4.30pm, subject to weather conditions.



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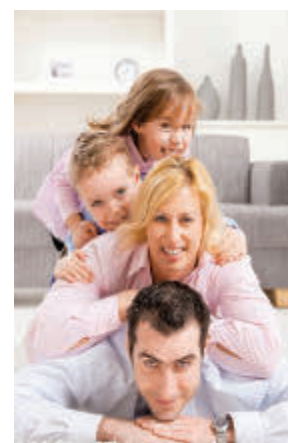
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Wooburn to Kenya... with love

A party of 12 from St Paul's Church, Wooburn Green, headed out to Kenya in February to visit the charity the church has been supporting with fund raising events. Report by Rosie O'Hagan... The Walk Centre, was set up by former St Paul's School pupil, Amy Griffiths, and is a UK registered charity www.thewalkcentre.org helping the children and families living in the Hilton slum area located on the boundaries of a huge rubbish tip outside Nakuru, Kenya's fourth largest town.

The Church's most recent visit to The Walk took place in February this year when a team, made up of four men, four women and four young people aged 9 to 60+, arrived with £2,500 raised at a hugely enjoyable Burn's Night in January and from a year-long sale of homemade cakes and fudge. In addition, thanks to BA's generous luggage allowance, the team took along 12 bulging suitcases filled with 250 pairs of donated shoes, socks, footballs, skipping ropes... plus 246 dresses and 150 pairs of shorts, all handmade "with love" by St Paul's Church family and friends.

The community suffers poor health and financial hardship in addition to high levels of unemployment making it practically impossible for the locals to send their children to nursery school (as Kenyan government schools require regular fees to be paid).

The trying on and sharing out of clothes was an amazing, but humbling, experience as the team helped the children take off their

old ragged socks and broken footwear to then choose "new" shoes and a dress or pair of shorts. Size did not matter - the girls selected a dress with the prettiest ribbons while the boys made for the brightest, most colourful shorts. The old socks and shoes were not discarded. They were taken away and worn again by the children to protect their feet on the rubbish tip as they scavenged for anything that could be sold on to buy food.

Seeing the plight of the locals, two teachers, Alex and Patricia Maina, established The Walk Children's Church in 2005, resigning from their teaching jobs in order to focus on assisting the residents achieving a better way of life.

The Walk Centre helps both the children and their parents or carers. Among other things it offers the children the basic human right to education and regular meals. Parents or guardians are helped to develop a skill that will allow them to support their family. Amy's links with St Paul's Church led members of the church family committing time and funds to The Walk on a long-term basis. Every Saturday, the children, who may otherwise have almost nothing to eat from Friday until Monday, enjoy a church-funded meal with meat rather than the usual school lunch of Ugali - a thick maize porridge - and cabbage.

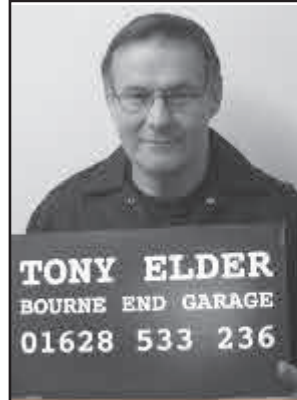
After much haggling Kenyan-style, barrowfuls of DIY and teaching materials, school uniforms, food and first aid supplies were purchased from local traders. Along with the daily tasks of preparing the thin porridge breakfast drink and the staple Ugali and cabbage lunch, the Wooburn team repainted the outside of the whole school a bright blue embellished with the letters of the alphabet in bold black; pop-riveted protruding and jagged areas of the corrugated metal walls and repaired some dodgy electrical wiring.

They also enjoyed assisting the teachers in the four classrooms. At the end of 10 days, they headed home with empty suitcases, full hearts and plans to return in July 2016.

Sewing and knitting workshops run by Samantha Wilson have already restarted with the aim of making even more dresses, shorts and knitted hats to take out on the next trip. Future workshop dates are Saturday June 28, Saturday September 6 and Saturday November 1. Sessions run from 1pm till 4pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Wooburn Green. Everyone is welcome.

We are also after any donations of pillowcases, adult T-shirts, duvets, fabric, fleece, knitting needles or wool. If you have anything that we could use please email dressesmadewithlove@aol.co.uk or call Sam on 07818 887657 or 01628 819490 and we can arrange pick up. You can also contact us or donate money via our website <http://dressesmadewithlove.webnode.com>.





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Swimming Section - Swimathon and Chiltern League

Congratulations to our fantastic swimmers who swam in the 2014 Swimathon and raised over £600 for Sport Relief.

The three teams, covered distances of 1.5 and 5K on March 22 at Handy Cross. A fun-filled afternoon with the 1.5K team clocking a "too fast" time and a friendly, if slightly competitive, swim by the two 5K teams.

A variety of strokes were on display including one not often seen in a competitive club - doggy paddle! Connor McKillop's team pipped the other team to the post in 1 hour

16min with the final length providing a stunning demonstration of synchronised swimming by the six-strong team!

Finally a big thank you to, Julie Beech, George Hannaford, Sarah Haveron-Jones and Rachel Wroe for supporting the swimmers poolside and to all the parents and grandparents who stayed to cheer them on!

More congratulations to the swimmers who represented the club in the recent Chiltern League scoring an amazing set of points – 13 swimmers in 1st places with maximum of six points each, and 12 swimmers gaining Personal Bests.

This meant BEJSC Swimmers have won the Chiltern League Cup and have been promoted to Division 1. Really well done to all, but also many thanks to the ever present helpers and trainers who supported them over the three weekend events.

Junior Committee

All seven members who enrolled on the Young Leaders Course spent their final weekend in Hindleap Warren completing various challenges and outdoor activities. All really enjoyed the course and all have successfully passed. Their certificates will be presented at the Action4Youth AGM in July. Well done to each of you!

The new Tesco in Bourne End is making a donation of £500 which will go towards the cost of the course for the seven young people.

Football Section

At last all the league games have been completed following the winter of heavy rain, flooded pitches and postponed games. U6s "Junior Kickers", U7s and U10s are looking for new players so contact the club for more information if you are interested please.



Inline Hockey Section

Over the Easter weekend the Section hosted a club from Southampton with under 10s and under 14s game played

The U10s lost first game 7-5 but won their second game 9-4. The U14's lost 8-3. Thanks to the parents who provided refreshments after the games. Our visitors were very impressed with our facilities. A few more friendly games are being arranged for the coming weeks. Teams entered a tournament in Southampton in May.



BEJSC Annual Prizegiving

Our annual Prizegiving evening will take place at Bourne End Community Centre on Friday July 11 at 7pm. The event gives us the chance to recognise and reward club members of all ages who have made significant progress and success within their chosen sports. It is not all about winning; we recognise endeavour too, and we always recognise those who willingly give their time and energy to the development of others in their section. This includes the many young people who help younger members to achieve, as well as the many adult helpers who volunteer on a regular basis.

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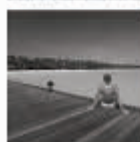
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Keeping Slate Meadow alive ...



After all the publicity, public meetings and workshops (along with the appeals to support the petition and to write individual letters to the district council) there is a lull in the proceedings as planners review the situation and take the New Local Plan to its next stage.

"We appreciate that these major planning projects are very slow moving," Nicola Nicholson told *Target*, "but we feel that the tremendous local support shown for the Save Slate Meadow campaign needs to be kept alive. That's why we want to see local people and their guests enjoying the delights of the Village Green part of the meadow."

One of the group's first actions was to change their name to Friends of Slate Meadow to get more people using the space and to build awareness in a positive way.

And that's the message Nicola and the group will continue taking to the planners,

councillors and anyone who might have an influence on the Slate Meadow part of this New Local Plan.

"We believe that Slate Meadow should stay as it is, a lovely natural area separating Bourne End and Wooburn Green," says Nicola.

So why not join the Slate Meadow picnic on Sunday July 20 from 11.30am? Just turn up with your picnic, blankets and seats as the ground is uneven. Bring a kite, if the wind is blowing, or a frisbee or a football. Lots of fun activities will take place with races and games including a wet welly race.

It's early days, but the organisers hope to crown a King and Queen of the Meadow at the end of the afternoon so fancy dress for the children please. "We also hope to display some of Nathan Stone's fabulous pictures of Slate Meadow which he took to illustrate the open aspect and its importance during

the campaign (see our page one photo and the image on the left). Perhaps someone will come up with a idea on how to create a more permanent exhibition of these."

Some people might wonder how to get to Slate Meadow as there's no road access. The most direct route is to walk along the railway line footpath from Cores End Crossing in Bourne End or from Spade Oak Construction in Wooburn Green. Local residents can access the footpath from Stratford Drive.

If you would like to become a Friend of Slate Meadow, support the picnic or have ideas on the best way to ensure that Slate Meadow's importance as an area of separation is constantly highlighted then email Slatemeadow@gmail.com

There are plans to record the original Save Slate Meadow song with a get-together for local voices – see their Facebook page for more information.



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Wooburn 10k

Sunday September 14 sees the twelfth Wooburn 10k run, in and around the picturesque setting of Wooburn Park. The main race will start at 10.30am, with a 3k run and children's short races to follow, and as ever, there will be refreshments, including a barbecue, available for runners and spectators.

The Wooburn 10k, now generously sponsored by local company Olive Communications, has become a regular feature of the parish calendar. It was originally instituted to raise funds for a new pavilion in the park - a goal which was achieved in 2012, thanks in large measure to the help and support of Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council. Today, the proceeds of the run are used to help improve the facilities for Wooburn Narkovians Cricket Club, which has a thriving junior section of around 100.

Although a number of local running clubs use the Wooburn 10k as part of their regular club season, it also attracts a number of local fun runners who participate simply to keep fit. If you'd like to join them, you can enter via the Runners World website, or by downloading an entry form from www.wooburnpark10k.com or call 01628 471280. For runners who aren't affiliated to a club, entry is £14 in advance, or £17 on the day.



Take Your Target

David Axworthy sent in this terrific Take Your Target photo taken in May on a visit to Sark in the Channel Islands to see some old friends - and we're sure you'll recognise some of the faces!

The couple in the centre are Eve and Roy Cook who lived in Bourne End for 35 years before retiring to Sark in 1988. Eve was particularly active in Bourne End and Wooburn having for many years been a teacher at St Paul's Primary School, and she still keeps in touch with lots of old pupils, who mostly still live in the villages. The couple on the left are Graham and Jenny Stacey who own the Old Cottage Bed and Breakfast business in Hedsor Road. David and his wife Jane are on the right. They are long-term residents of Bourne End. David helps distribute Target in the village and Jane, like pal Eve, was a Primary School Teacher at St Paul's.



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Taking Target to an old friend...

"It took four trains, two buses and a 13 hour day but it was worth it." Colleen Thomas-Green's obvious delight showed when she talked about meeting up with old friend Emmi Jakeman having lost contact for a number of years.

When Emmi Jakeman moved to Yeovil in Somerset from her bungalow in Isis Way it ended her regular hairdressing sessions with Colleen.

"We talked about everything as I did her hair and usually managed to put the world to rights. Emmi knew it was sensible to move and be closer to her son and I agreed, but I really missed her."

They stayed in contact, but Emmi's health problems meant a move into sheltered housing, then hospital and eventually into a nursing home.

"This year I was determined to go and see her and hope that she remembered me," Colleen told *Target*. The long journey was daunting but the smile on Emmi's face when she saw Colleen made it all worthwhile.

"She looked just the same," Colleen said with great delight. "Her hair looked lovely and her skin was perfect – hard to believe she will be 95 this June." The afternoon sped by until it was time for a taxi to replace the two buses and then back to Bourne End.



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OPEN DAY SUCCESS for Upper Thames Sailing Club

Members of Upper Thames Sailing Club in Bourne End were pleased to welcome nearly 150 visitors to their annual Open Day at the end of April. Instructors were kept busy all day giving budding sailors a taste of sailing on the River Thames in the three club Wayfarer dinghies and two classic Thames A Raters.

The weather forecast wasn't promising, but the rain mostly held off and the wind blew just the right amount to keep the trips upstream exciting, but safe, for the visitors of all ages and experience.

For those who were less adventurous, or very small, there were trips in the club's workboat, although all were impressed by one of our youngest visitors, Annabel, age 3, who calmly took the helm of 'Spindrift', a vintage Thames A Rater.

A record number of new members, including many families, joined on the day, some taking advantage of the new offer of a month's temporary membership. Most of the new members live locally in Bourne End and Marlow, with a really wide range of sailing experience between them, ranging from none to ocean racing. The club can't quite offer the ocean experience, but sailing on the river with varying wind and river conditions offers different challenges for the keenest sailors.

Commodore Alan Markham said "It was great to see so many visitors and members having a good time messing about on the river, and we look

forward to seeing this year's new members progress to join the regular club racing. I want to thank all the club members who put so much time and effort into the day. I'm also pleased to announce that we agreed sponsorship from Volvo dealer Squire Furneaux in Maidenhead, for Bourne End Week, our annual regatta."

The clubhouse was very busy all day and many visitors stayed for Tea by the Thames, with cakes galore, which raised a marvellous £356.97 for Sail4Cancer.

All places on the next Start Sailing course were filled and more dates are planned for beginners and more advanced RYA (Royal Yachting Association) training during the next few weeks and in the summer school holidays. The first session of the course in May was on a lovely sunny day, alongside the Saturday fun sailing.

This is the busiest time of year for the club. By the time this *Target* is published, we will have had the Bourne End to Marlow race, and the club's regatta, Bourne End Week, which includes the Raters' National Championships. The next events are an Open Meeting for Merlin Rocket dinghies at the end of June, and in

July we have the Club Championships and a match versus Cookham Reach Sailing Club, as well as the regular Wednesday and Sunday racing.

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The club runs weekly on a Monday evening, however volunteers do not have to come every week - the frequency is up to you (although regular attendance would be appreciated).

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If you'd like to help for two hours every week or every now and then, please get in touch with the Youth Leader, Emily Fowke, on either efowke@yahoo.com or 07887 924254.

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We received this comment from Claytons school...
Target published a short piece from Claytons Junior School regarding an appeal for local people to join the governing body as Community Governors. That appeal has been very successful and we had several enquiries with some leading to governor appointments. The most recent was yesterday and that person will be formally adopted onto the governing body in June. On behalf of Claytons school, thank you. What a great magazine Target is - and how widely it is read and appreciated.

Play Bridge in Bourne End

Did you know that there are TWO excellent bridge clubs in Bourne End?

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Bourne End Bridge Club meets every Thursday evening, and play commences promptly at 7.30 pm. The club is affiliated to the English Bridge Union, and members of the EBU can win Master Points recognised throughout the country. Charge for entry is £2.50 for members and £3.50 for non members. For more information, go to their website at www.bridgewebs.com/bourneend.

Abbotsbrook Bridge Club meets every Thursday afternoon commencing at 1.45pm. This club is not affiliated to any organisation and the emphasis is on more relaxed competition. Entry charge is £1.50 for members and £2 for non members.

Both clubs provide tea, coffee and biscuits, the cost included in the admission charge, and both clubs welcome visitors. Many of these visitors go on to become regular club members

If you are a bridge player, why not come along to one of these clubs? You will be made very welcome and you are guaranteed to have a challenging and enjoyable time.

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Inner Wheel Club By Diana Hyde

Following our talk about precious stones, some of our members visited the London Museum to view the amazing Cheapside Hoard. The delicate craftsmanship was superb especially as the work was perfected mainly in candlelight and had been hidden for 300 years, undiscovered until 1913.

The April meeting saw us at The Pines Hotel for a tasty supper, and for the May meeting I prepared photographs of this year's club activities.

In June Inner Wheel clubs all over the world select a new President and committee, and at our Bourne End changeover meeting we plan to enjoy Pimms and strawberries. Inner Wheel is the largest worldwide ladies association with clubs in over 100 countries. It was started in 1924 primarily for wives of Rotarians, but recently the guidelines for membership have been reviewed. The principal aims are to promote friendship, to encourage the ideals of personal service and to foster international understanding.

Wooburn WI By Sue Pressney

In May we had our Resolutions Meeting and a ploughman's lunch and quiz. In June Drew Ellis will talk on Flower Arranging for the Terrified, and in July Mr. Mitchell will be talking about The Other End of a Tape Measure (intriguing!). We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.15 pm at St Mary's Church Hall. If you care to join us you will be made most welcome. Sue Pressney: 01628 527396.

Probus By Howard Fitzer

Lunch at the Grovefield House Hotel on March 19 was followed by a talk by Brian Clews on Birds of Berkshire and Buckinghamshire. There are as many as 300 species resident in the two counties, among the top ten being the Robin, Greenfinch, Starling, Collared Dove and Skylark. Interestingly, a single Cockatiel was found at Cippenham on February 26 this year.

In November of this year the Berkshire Bird Atlas Group will be publishing a fully updated bird atlas, last produced 25 years ago, during which time birds on local farmland have decreased by 60-70%. At least part of the decline can be attributed to the invasion of Britain by an estimated 50,000 ring-necked Parakeets, who apparently terrorise our native species which deters them from feeding.

The speaker on April 16 was Malcolm Nelson whose presentation, 40 Years of Catching Smugglers, included some amusing experiences as a Customs Officer at Heathrow Airport where, bearing in mind its high profile, drug smuggling is surprisingly prevalent.

Canines of course feature prominently; dogs are adept at detecting drugs but bitches have proved to be particularly skilled at finding large caches of money which often indicates the prelude to or the proceeds of drug smuggling.

One method of smuggling drugs is to hide them under wigs, which, to frustrate detection, are actually sewn to the head and have to be cut off to retrieve the contraband. There was apparently something of an 'incident' when on one occasion the cutting process revealed that the suspect was not in fact wearing a wig. Equally amusing was the occasion when one gentleman was asked why he was importing a kitchen sink. He replied that it was a birthday present for his wife.

Anyone who wishes to join our club is invited to contact Brian Print on 01628 523739.

Glory Mill Bowls Club By John Palfreyman

Alan Mead, author of *Glory Mill, Days of Glory*, led a Glory Mill Walk and Talk for Flackwell Heath & Loudwater Local History Group (FHLHG) and Glory Mill Bowls Club (GMBC) on April 26, attended by some 45 people. The walk was full of clues of what a huge acreage the site covered. An old narrow gauge railway line that delivered materials around the site has been found, as well as fishing ponds where workers could relax after a hard day's work. Glory Mill also had a football and cricket pitch, examples of how the employers valued their workforce.

The final remnant of the sporting side of Glory Mill Paper Works turned out to be the Glory Mill Bowls Club where refreshments had been arranged by the club and where tales of epic games in sports past and present were exchanged with Glory Mill members who had turned out in force to welcome them. Finally the walkers retired to The Falcon Inn.

Bourne End & Cookham Rotary By Richard Monger

Our charity golf day on April 11 raised £4,362 bringing the total for the last 14 years to just under £60,000. Charities this year are Children with Cancer UK, Rennie Grove Hospice Care and other Rotary Supported Charities.

On the day before St George's Day we dressed in red and white and enjoyed a meal of roast beef supplied by the King's Head. We were entertained by a lady morris dancer who managed to get our James in on the act.

We took our gazebo to the open day at Upper Thames Sailing Club where we sponsor their Junior Bourne End Week.

In May our member Arian spoke on his experiences leaving his native Kosovo to flee the war with his mother to come and live in England where he now lives with his wife Jerry and young son Rian.

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Bourne End WI By Jean Roche

In April Christine Nesbitt gave us an insight into the work of the Iain Rennie charity. On April 2 the Annual Council Meeting of the Bucks Federation of the WI in Aylesbury was a fantastic day with lots of inspirational speakers. In the flower competition members of the Bourne End WI Craft and Chat Group produced "Lest we forget", which was the winning entry - and the second year Bourne End has won the competition (see photo below).

May 1 was our resolution meeting and this year the resolution is to encourage more organ donors to come forward. This was also the occasion of our annual fish and chip supper. We were given a talk



on Dreamflight, a UK charity that takes children with serious illness or disability to Orlando Florida. They travel without their parents but with medical staff for the holiday of a lifetime. Kath Acres with help from members of the Bourne End WI revived the Pop-up Café on Easter Sunday and May 4 to raise funds for this charity.

Our speaker at the June meeting, Jean Young, will demonstrate Ikebana, Japanese flower arranging. We have lots of trips arranged for this year, and in July hold our annual Garden Party.

We meet on the first Thursday of every month in St Dunstan's Church Hall at 7.30pm. Our WI Craft and Chat Group meet on the third Tuesday at 1.30pm in the library.

Bourne End (Afternoon) WI By Julie Wardell

What a great start! We had an excellent turnout for the first meeting in April under the auspices of the new committee, with much appreciated support and advice from members of other local WIs. New ideas abound for speakers and outings and we look forward to putting them in place.

We enjoyed a talk on beekeeping by Paul Hurley. In June Edwin Rye, a winner of the BBC Gardener of the Year award, will be discussing Seasonal Colour in the Garden.

Do come along and join one of our meetings on the second Monday of each month (excluding August) at St Dunstan's Church Hall at 2pm. Contact Sue Berrido on 07776 713701 or Julie Wardell at www.bewiafternoon@gmail.com.

Little Marlow & Well End WI By Judy Wilson

Frances Alexander, former mayor of High Wycombe, spoke at our April meeting about the history of the town ranging from the days when woolly mammoths roamed the Rye up to the turn of the 19/20th centuries when Wycombe elected its first lady mayor. Several members attended the Bucks Women's Institutes' annual council meeting at Aylesbury where the chief guest speaker, Chris Beardshaw gave an entertaining talk on "some plants that nearly changed the world".

May saw us debating a resolution on organ transplants, to be finally voted on at our National AGM in June. The wording of the resolution caused considerable discussion, before a vote was taken. We were also delighted to witness the RNLI medals awarded to Diana Spokes, Val Clarke and Margaret Hepworth.

We have raised funds for the appeal for the international women's organisation ACWW, and have held a plant sale to boost our own finances.

Looking ahead we are starting to make plans for next year to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the WI in Wales and England. Events will be both national and local. Before that we have a trip to Luton Hoo planned for a horticultural talk and garden visit, and a fundraising cream tea. Some members will be going on visits to the Guards' Museum in London, and the Viking Exhibition at the British Museum.

Our next two speakers will talk on such varied subjects as the police force and couture dressmaking. We continue to enjoy our monthly book group, rambles and craft afternoons each month.

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Art in the Library

Georgina Fellows admits that she has difficulty choosing paintings for an exhibition. "Sometimes I feel so close to a picture that I don't want to let it go," she explains. But she is looking forward to showing her work in the library during June because she's a great supporter of our local library and all it does for the community.

Georgina's life revolved around her home, family and the usual involvement in fancy dress costumes and making clothes as required. Her realisation that she wanted to paint came very late: "I was a very late starter," she says, "but suddenly I knew what I wanted to do and I found myself a teacher. That was certainly the right thing for me because what I was taught is ingrained in me and my paintings."

Every one of Georgina's abstract paintings is inspired by something she has seen. Her work isn't widely shown so this is a rare opportunity.

Don't miss her exhibition during June at Bourne End Library.



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Bourne End Library

By Inka D'Agostino, library manager

Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language. ~Henry James

We are all very excited to be able to welcome Gerald Seymour at our evening event on July 22 at 7pm for 7.30pm. Full details are below. Please do come and join us for what will be a very enjoyable and interesting event.

This year the library will have a stall at the Wooburn Fete on Saturday June 21 (see more details page 2).

Lifestyle Club: Friday June 27 from 10.30 to midday. This month's talk "An Introduction to Pranvic Healing" will be a wonderful opportunity to gain an insight into this fast growing complementary therapy.

For children the Summer Reading Challenge will begin on July 12 and this year's theme is Mythical Mazes. A full programme of events will be released at the beginning of July.

Bounce and Rhyme sessions are held every Thursday: 10 - 10.30am for walkers to five year olds, and 11 - 11.30 for birth to pre-walkers.

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 call 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.

Master Thriller Writer Gerald Seymour Comes to Bourne End Library



Bourne End Library is delighted to announce that international best-selling author, Gerald Seymour, will be here on Tuesday July 22.

Gerald Seymour exploded onto the literary scene in 1975 with the massive bestseller *Harry's Game*. The first major thriller to tackle the modern troubles in Northern Ireland, it was described by Frederick Forsyth as "like nothing else I have ever read" and it changed the landscape of the British thriller forever.

July 2014 sees the publication of Gerald Seymour's 30th novel, *Vagabond*, which shows him writing at the top of his powers and returning to Northern Ireland, the territory of some of his greatest bestsellers: *Harry's Game*, *Field of Blood* and *The Journeyman Tailor*.

Danny Curnow, callsign Vagabond, now retired from army life, works as a tour guide on the beaches of Normandy. But when a call comes in from an old colleague, Danny must travel back to Northern Ireland, where violence is again on the rise: only this time, the risks are far greater. If he wants to survive, Danny will have to prove, to himself, that he has not softened, that he is as hard and ruthless as before.

This is a fantastic opportunity to hear from a fascinating author. Gerald Seymour came to fiction after spending 15 years as an international television news reporter with ITN. He covered events in Vietnam, Borneo, Aden, the Munich Olympics, Israel and Northern Ireland. He has been a full-time writer since 1978.

Gerald will be in conversation with local author Quentin Falk. Doors open for a drinks reception at 7pm with the talk commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Bourne End Library now, priced £12 each; please contact lib-boe@buckscc.gov.uk or ask one of the librarians.



There will be an exhibition in the library end of July/early August to commemorate Bourne End in World War 1. Please contact Inka at the Library or Brian Pollock on 01628 528359, if you have any items, memorabilia or photos that may be of interest. Or send information to bounreendww1@gmail.com.



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Past times...by Barrie Penfold

George J Drewett



A head for history...

The power of the internet brings memories of a former Bourne End headmaster who was fascinated by local history and a regular contributor to Target.

Dear Sir

A neighbour has just shown me an article in your magazine (on-line) by Roy Child of Weymouth. He remembers his childhood in Bourne End and the local headmaster.

George J Drewett (the head) was my grandfather and as a child I spent many happy days with Nana and Grandpa who, by then, had moved from the school house to Grantham, a converted boathouse at the end of Camden Passage. The house had the railway bridge next to it and, as Nana knew the times of the trains, we walked along the track to the station and into the village!! Health and

Safety issues were not around then! Train drivers whistled and steamers would toot as they lowered their stacks to go under the bridge.

I remember the river coming into the garden in the 1950s and being scared of the swans that appeared by the back door.

Roy Child mentioned the Dees Den as Nana and Grandpa had christened all his children with names beginning with D. And that continued with me. Nana was Gwendoline Mary Lunnon before she married, relations of the Lunnons at the farm. She died in 1962. Grandpa retired from the school and became a registrar in Maidenhead for a few years before he moved to Gloucester with my aunt. He died in 1970.

Their children were – David G G Drewett, my father, who was born in 1919. He served in the Second World War with the Royal Artillery in North Africa, Italy and Palestine. After the war he became a teacher and eventually held headships at Bledlow Ridge and Prestwood. He died in 2000. Desmond died of meningitis in the 1920s. Delia was born in 1926 and also became a teacher and moved to a headship in the Forest of Dean in 1968. She died in 2001. Diana was born in 1930 and became a teacher in the army. She had numerous postings to army schools overseas and now lives in New Zealand. I too became a teacher and have a name beginning with D!

Yours sincerely
Deborah Burke, Orpington, Kent

PS When my aunt moved from the riverside property in 1968 it was sold for £12,000!!

FROM THE TARGET ARCHIVES...

The past issues of Target appearing on the website at www.bourneendbucks.com include this item by Mr Drewett (featured above) following his local history research.



There are many more of his articles in past issues but this one takes you back to very early times...

ROMAN REMAINS

The unearthing of two lead coffins of Romano-British origin during the building of the big Council Estate and giving the name Roman Way to one of its roads, suggests that there was some Roman occupation of the region.

One of the nearest discoveries of Roman remains was made at Hambleden sixty years ago. A Roman Villa was unclosed and many finds of tools, bones and jewellery were found there. These are to be seen in the museum at Hambleden.

The man responsible for these discoveries was a Mr Cocks FRZS who lived in Fingest.

ED: I have to presume that Mr Drewett meant Hambleden, upstream towards Henley. I am not sure that there is still a museum at Hambleden. I have also been told that, as a schoolboy, Mike Billingham remembers visiting the site and seeing a coffin way down a large hole.

Go to www.bourneendbucks.com to see more back copies of Target which will be posted throughout the year...



OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

Cores End United Reformed Church

Largely thanks to a bequest from Celia Johnson, a faithful member of our church, we have had an enormous amount of work done in the church in recent months. Our heating has been completely overhauled and our upper hall is being refurbished to better provide suitable space for our hall users. The two halls are very well used by our local community, with guides, brownies, rainbows, pilates, ballet, boxercise, table tennis, link up club, lace making and the Montessori school.



Hope Mission is a means of our church reaching out to our neighbours. Together with members of Trinity High Wycombe and the Community Church we will be hosting a series of social events to which everyone is invited. Please watch our noticeboard at the front of the church for details.

Cores End URC supports One Can Trust in High Wycombe and recently delivered 50 shopping bags full of food. We also collected £374.67 for Water Aid.

On Saturday July 5 we will hold a concert in the church with the proceeds to an orphanage in India. See our noticeboard or visit coresendurc.com.

Throughout August we will be serving cream teas every Sunday from 2.30pm to 4pm, hopefully in the church garden but inside if the weather is inclement. Please come along to enjoy tea and time to relax and chat to your neighbours.

St Nicholas' Church

The church is open on Sundays from 2.30pm to 4.30pm from June to September. Do come along to enjoy the views and our lovely 12th-century church.

The annual Hedsor Riverside Fair on June 28 is not to be missed, with its boat rides, cream teas and lots of stalls. It takes place at Waters Reach, Riversdale from midday until 4.30pm.

Each Sunday we meet for our service of Holy Communion at 9am, with the exception of the second Sunday when our Family Service – Young Church - takes place. All ages are welcome to this service. Pebbles (children's group) meet every fourth Sunday and we also have our choir for a Sung Communion. Children are welcome at all our services.



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

The church will continue with its Open Sundays from June 22 to September 7, from 3pm to 5pm. Do join us for refreshments and a walk around our beautiful church.

Our Children's Sunday Club welcomes young people to join in the fun from 9.30am each Sunday. We have



a Crèche as well as the Pre-School, Key stages 1 and 2 groups and our Youth Group from 11 years. All the normal groups at both St Paul's and St

Mary's continue until the school holidays, with Toddlers on Tuesdays at 9.30am and Tot's Praise on Fridays at 9.45am in the church hall, and at St Mary's on Fridays our short Communion at midday, followed by a shared lunch.

For details of services and events or bookings for the Church Hall and garden in Town Lane, Wooburn, ring 01628 525512 or visit www.stpaulswooburn.org.

The Community Church

The Thursday Lunch Club is going from strength to strength, with a warm welcome, tasty food, and a good natter all included for a bargain price of £2. No need to book – just turn up at the



Community Church at 12.30pm on a Thursday.

As an extra treat, the club is embarking on a Thames river trip on Friday June 6. Newcomers are welcome, the cost is £12, and transport to the river leaves Wooburn Green at 11am. If you'd like to come please contact Dave Bitcheno on 01628 525998 by June 4 at the latest.

On Sunday June 15 we will be holding a Father's Day service with a difference: an 'everyone together' service at The Meadows School, starting with refreshments at 10am and with activities for all ages.

On Saturday June 21 the Community Church will be joining other local organisations at the Wooburn Fair on Wooburn Green.

As the summer holidays approach, we will be planning a CAP Money Course for students. This will help new students manage their finances and also help existing students who found that managing their finances wasn't as easy as they thought! Because youngsters have all sorts of holiday dates and jobs we try to choose a time that everyone can make, so if you'd like to come then contact Peter Lisle on 07802 450069 and give him your best times and dates.

Our Sunday morning services at 10am continue with the theme 'What's So Good about the Good News?' It's a theme that we've been running for some time, but there is a lot of it (good news!).

St Dunstan's Church

Our Friday Lenten lunches were again very successful with donations received in aid of CAFOD (Catholic Fund for Overseas Development) exceeding £1,000.

The One Can Trust project that was initiated during Lent 2013 was repeated this year, with a large display of food appearing in our porch for the food bank in High Wycombe which provides emergency food parcels to those in need.



On May 22 our young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Peter Doyle at the special 7.30pm Mass at St Teresa's Church, Beaconsfield. The next special event will be on Sunday June 22 at 2pm when children aged school year 3 will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

For some time refurbishment of our facilities has been on the agenda, and the work that began in early May is now completed.

St Mark's Church

We have a service of Holy Communion each Sunday at 10.30am, with the exception of the second Sunday when there is a Family Service for

all ages. The fourth Sunday is a Sung Communion during which time our new children's group - Young Church – meets. This term we are studying Jesus' parables with many creative and fun-filled activities. Do join us for some or all of these. Children are welcome at all our services.

The Mother and Toddler group meets in the church hall on Wednesdays from 10am to 11.30am, and our puppet ministry for ages eight and over, run by Rev Janet, meets on Thursdays, 5.15pm to 6.30pm, to practise for forthcoming performances. Your children may wish to come along to these.

Our monthly sale provides the opportunity for a coffee and a chat while browsing our stalls of nearly-new clothes, gifts, books, toys etc. There are also delicious cakes to be enjoyed with coffee or tea. It takes place on June 21 and July 19 from 10am to midday in our church hall.



Please join us for our Thursday morning communion service and share a cup of coffee or tea at the end of the service.

Our church hall is also available for rental: ring 07743 037938.

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

St John The Baptist, Little Marlow

Our bi-annual Patronal Flower Festival June 20 to 22 has the theme 'Lest We Forget'. There will be a preview evening on Friday June 20 from 6.30pm to 9pm with music, canapés and champagne. Tickets £10 from 01628 526851 or 01628 482103. On the Saturday the church will be open from 2.30pm with cream teas from 3pm. On the Sunday at 11am we will hold our Patronal Service with the church open in the afternoon with cream teas as on Saturday.

On June 21 Wendy Bull our curate will be ordained as priest and will take her first communion at the team service on June 29.

On Saturday July 12 we will be holding 'Music in the Manor'. Bring a picnic and enjoy music by the Dixieland Swing Kings. Gate opens at 5.30pm with music starting at 7pm. Tickets, £12.50, from 01628 482026.



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If you don't have any to donate, perhaps you could lend them to us?

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An evening with the Harmonettes

Friday June 6

'The Harmonettes' - AJ Gibson, Clair Thomas and Chrissy Taylor will perform a selection of music from Swing to Rock and Roll classics. The Boys' - Brian Haycock (lead Guitar) Graham Hyde (Rhythm Guitar), Eric Pole (Bass Guitar) and Roger Childs (Drums) from the Bourne End Guitar Club will provide live backing for part of the show as well as performing a selection of instrumental music.

The evening is guaranteed to entertain whatever your musical taste in a relaxed informal atmosphere.

For further information and ticket sales please contact Graham Hyde on 07887 517764.

Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

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The benefits of being a Community Association member

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With local pubs closing, the community centre bar is very convenient and a pleasant place for the occasional drink on a sunny afternoon or evening. You can sit outside under the canopy and watch the world go by. A lovely lazy way to while away a few hours.

Anyone keen on sport can watch matches and games on a big screen in the bar. There's lots of great sport in the months ahead, including the World Cup, and the television in the bar is set up to receive BT Sport. Evening matches on the big screen are another plus.

Remember that your membership subscription would help to maintain the community centre's facilities where the various halls and meeting rooms are used by a wide range of local groups, clubs and care organisations. Myra Hurley, Hon Secretary of the community association says "We genuinely believe that the community centre offers local people a great place to meet at the heart of the village."

Darts

There has been an eerie silence these last few Wednesdays in the darts area of the bar. The spotlight has been dimmed, the thump-thump of darts on board silenced and there's not been a player to be seen, much to the regret of bar manager John. Why should this be so?

Has depression overcome the erstwhile aficionados? Has a less than encouraging mid-table sixth position in the now finished Winter League taken its toll? Or have they taken up tiddlywinks? Definitely not! They are alive and well and still full of enthusiasm.

Action is temporarily transferred to the Wooburn Working Mens Club, where the end of season knock-out competitions are taking place for threes, pairs and individuals. Players from all clubs in the league are taking part and there is a really good atmosphere.

But, you may ask, what about the Friday players who play in the Wycombe League? A fifth place in the second division and a third place in the Jimmy Jones Trophy left them feeling quite pleased. The Summer Leagues start soon and we look forward to welcoming anyone who would like to join us.

Chess

Paul Georgiou won this year's chess congress at the community centre. Bourne End club members who won prizes were Roger de Coverly and Darrell Watson in sections A and C respectively.

The first team finished mid-table in the Berkshire League, second in the Bucks League and the second team easily won Bucks League div. 2 but await the decision of the organisers after finishing bottom of Berks League 2. The Berks second team uses some third team players. The third team finished near the bottom of Bucks div. 2 but tried to include all club members in the squad.

The club meets in the small hall at the Community Centre on the first Wednesday evening of the month during the summer for informal games. Why not come along to see what the game has to offer?

Forum Players

Thanks to everyone who supported our Quiz Supper. Wendy did a great job on the quiz questions which were varied, interesting and challenging. You can't do better than that. Then, with her helpers, Wendy came up with the goodies for supper.

We will be holding a read through for our January 2015 pantomime on Wednesday July 9 at 8pm at the community centre. Everyone is welcome. So if you an old stage hand or actor or completely new to it and fancy giving it a try, we look forward to seeing you.

The read through gives you an idea of the show, how it will take shape and a chance to meet everyone. We'd love to see some new faces taking advantage of our excellent rehearsal and show facilities. Our sound and lighting would delight anyone with an interest in this area of staging a show, but we're always keen to learn more and hear new ideas.

If you want to talk to someone before the read through ring Leigh Robinson on 01628 523291 or email leigh@forumplayers.com

President's Challenge



Number 81

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 simply choose the odd one out. For example: Tablet, Syrup, Pill, Lozenge. Answer Syrup.

- 1.Arctic Tern, Black Headed Gull, Barn Owl, Herring Gull.
- 2.Scots Pine, Cedar, Walnut, Yew.
- 3.Inch, Millimetre, Ounce, Centimetre.
- 4.Guernsey, Friesian, Jersey, Landrace.
- 5.Perch, Haddock, Trout, Rudd.
- 6.Rum, Brandy, Cider, Gin.
- 7.Golden Eagle, Blue Tit, Robin, Green Finch.
- 8.Kitten, Goose, Puppy, Leveret.
- 9.Walnut, Raspberry, Almond, Hazel.
- 10.Crocus, Snowdrop, Daffodil, Primrose.
- 11.Carrot, Cauliflower, Turnip, Parsnip.
- 12.Cloche, Shoe, Clog, Boot.
- 13.Peach, Nectarine, Plum, Apple.
- 14.Tennis, Badminton, Hockey, Squash.
- 15.Crow, Woodpecker, Jay, Jackdaw.
- 16.Herdwick, Cheviot, Clydesdale, Swaledale.
- 17.Amber, Diamond, Ruby, Sapphire.
- 18.Ebony, Balsa, Teak, Mahogany.
- 19.Ghana, Zimbabwe, Bangladesh, Rwanda..
- 20.Holly, Sycamore, Ivy, Mistletoe.

The closing date is Friday, July 4

NAME:.....

ADDRESS:.....

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ANSWERS TO TARGET QUIZ No 80

1.Bridge 2. Deal 3. Box 4. Number 5. Lawn 6. Fence 7. Duck 8. Mine 9. Calf 10. Kite 11. Sole 12. Maroon 13. Organ 14. Fiddle 15. China 16. Foot 17. Strike 18. Port 19. Swallow 20. Pine
The winner was Shirley Rogers, Roman Way, Bourne End.

REGISTRATION FORM

Send or hand in at:

Wakeman Road, Bourne End, Bucks SL8 5SX

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OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

1st Bourne End Scout Group

Firstly we would like to say a huge thank you to Roy Harris for the reports that he has written on behalf of our group for *Target*. Since the last edition, 1st Bourne End Scout Group has said a sad farewell to Roy after his being a member of our Group for 33 years. We have also said goodbye to Caroline Bance. Caroline had been a cub leader, group secretary and chair of our exec committee and we thank her for everything she has done. We welcome Roxy Deacon onto our exec committee as chair to replace Caroline.

Our beavers have been busy with a District Junk Modelling Competition, enjoying a sleepover at the scout hut, and learning some basic scouting skills. They have lots of hikes and a party to end the term. We welcome two new assistant beaver leaders, Pam Jones and Helen Fisher.

The two cub packs have their summer camps organised, and have been busy completing their Backwoods Cooking Badge, and looking to achieve their Athletics Badge and Outdoor Challenge Badge.

Our scout troop have been away on a water activities weekend at Longridge, had a district camp and cook competition at Paccar and still have their summer camp to look forward to.

Our scout troop has grown so much that in September we are thrilled to be opening up a second one. It will also run on Friday evening, and will be following the same programme as our present troop. We look forward to welcoming all these new scouts and leaders.

We are proud of our wonderful headquarters in Furlong Road where our exec committee has been working hard getting some essential work done along with providing enough equipment for our ever growing group. A massive thank you to Kevin Parker at Space Pod and Russell Timberlake. Kevin has very kindly revarnished the flooring in both our halls, while Russell fitted our new kitchen.

We will be holding our family barbecue in July and welcome anyone from our local community to come along. For information on this or the group contact Emma Lee at besg.gsl@gmail.com and for membership enquiries contact Jenny Benning at besg.waitinglist@gmail.com.

Marlow and District Railway Society

We usually meet at 8pm on the third Thursday of each month at the community centre. Visitors are always welcome, and there is a nominal charge. The society has a varied programme of speakers and outings, some to locations not open to the public.

On June 19 we will have a talk on The Railways in Scotland by Les Nixon, a well known railway photographer. Please note this meeting starts at 7.30pm.

On July 17 we have a talk on Crossrail by Richard Storer who is the area community relations manager for the project. He will be talking about the progress being made. This is very topical as Bourne End/Marlow are part of this major re-organisation. There is no meeting in August.

On June 28 we visit a private exhibition of vintage buses and coaches, with a tour in several of the vehicles. In August we go to Wotton Light Railway, a private line in North Bucks. Visit our website www.mdrs.org.uk or contact Julian Heard: Julian@jeh.org.uk.

Marlow and Maidenhead Passenger Association

At the AGM in March the outgoing committee was re-elected. Representatives of First Great Western, Chiltern Railways and two South of England Community Rail Partnerships all gave presentations.

The chair, Susan Morrison, gave her report including notes of some positive developments during the year: repair and repainting of the Bourne End railway bridge; new Customer Information System (CIS) Screens installed at Marlow Branch stations; land adjacent to Bourne End station cleared of rubbish and used for materials' storage by FGW; absorbing the former Taplow Rail Users Group (TRUG).

Our aim is to recruit a local 'Friends' group at Taplow and at other stations along the branch.

MMPA would like to see Working Group initiatives advanced more formally through a Community Rail Partnership (CRP), possibly as part of an alliance of Thames Valley Branches, including Marlow, Henley and Windsor. Some decisions about service, costs and investment are best made with local input and CRPs have proved effective elsewhere. Budgetary constraints on local authorities seem likely to prove a major obstacle, however, so we are considering alternative solutions. In the meantime we will try to pursue Station Adoption or formation of local Friends groups as an interim step towards a CRP.

The future of MMPA depends on a steady flow of new members, who need not be involved directly, but can provide details of travel experiences to enable our work to be effective. See www.mmpa.org.uk for more information. Please join us.

Bourne End Townswomen's Guild

On Wednesday June 11 there will be a games afternoon as members pit their skills against each other. Then on Wednesday July 9 we welcome Richard Snailham who will tell us all about *Brittany's Hidden Corners*.

We meet on the second Wednesday in the month and enjoy a speaker, a demonstration or a club activity. Join us in the community centre's small hall at 1.30pm to see if you would like to become a member. Ring Cynthia Houchin on 01628 527931 for more information.

Bucks Family History Society

Local history will be the big feature on Tuesday June 10 when Jill Chambers will talk about 'The Bucks Machine Breakers – the story of the 1830 riots'. The interest for researchers will be the trials of the rioters and the records used to identify those who were transported.

On Tuesday July 8 David Annal will talk about death and taxes. From 1796 to 1903 the Inland Revenue maintained a series of registers recording the payment of death duties. Now held by the National Archive, these registers represent a best kept secret for family history researchers. David will explain how they can

be used to uncover some fascinating facts about the lives and times of our 19th-century ancestors.

We meet in the small hall at the community centre; doors open at 7.15pm with the speaker at 7.45pm. Visitors are welcome. Visit www.bucksfhs.org.uk.

Thames Valley Soroptimists

Because of the excellent facilities for disabled people available at Bourne End Community Centre, Soroptimists of Thames Valley were able to welcome the charity Dogs for the Disabled to a recent meeting. Sue and Byron demonstrated how their three wonderful dogs help them get on with their everyday lives and jobs. Not only are they of invaluable assistance in daily tasks, but they are great friends and an obvious source of joy to their owners (see their photo on page 40).

Soroptimists of Thames Valley meet regularly on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Target Room. Visit www.sivt.org.uk or come along to see for yourself. You'll be very welcome.

Wye Valley Volunteers

The new Community Minibus is scheduled to be with us by the end of June – great excitement! We are planning a launch party when the date is confirmed and hope all the companies, charities and individuals who have contributed so generously will be able to attend.

Meanwhile at Bourne End Day Centre there will shortly be a Fremantle Minibus available for their Bourne End requirements. We have been delighted to have been able to help the centre get established by providing the transport in the initial period. The downside, however, is that we will lose the parking space outside the Day Centre. If anyone has any suggestions or offers of a convenient and reasonably secure parking place for a very smart new minibus, do please get in touch.

To enquire about help from one of our services (transport, home visiting etc), or if you are thinking about becoming a volunteer, do please contact us at the Community Volunteer Office (open 10 to midday each weekday) or by phone (01628 521027).

Bourne End Horticultural Society

On June 20 it's our Bring a Rose evening (and bring a plate of buffet food/glass/drink). On July 18 Mrs V Edwards will be telling us about the history of Chenies Manor and its gardens. Contact Penny Hampson on 01628 521482 or visit our Facebook page.

Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

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

June's demonstrator is Hazel McGregor with the floral theme 'Artist's Focus'. July's demonstrator is Jean Plaskett with the floral theme 'Omnium'. For information contact Thelma Robinson 01628 525689.

Bourne End Video Makers

The club have been busy running several internal competitions and hosting an inter-club semi-final 4x4 competition for the IAC-North Thames region which involved groups of four clubs, each participating in producing a

25-minute programme.

The semi-final was held at the community centre on April 26 and the three other clubs were West London Film Group, Potters Bar Film Makers and Staines Video Makers. After some deliberation the judge decided that the two clubs going forward were BEVM and Staines Video Makers. Of course our club was very pleased with this result and will be going forward to the final on May 18 at Staines.

On February 19 our holiday/day out competition winner was Derek Miller for his film taken in Spain called Hola. On March 19 the club held its Open competition when the winning film made by Geoff Bourne covered his recent trip to Morocco. This was followed on April 2 by an evening showing films made by Ron Barnes. Sadly he died last year, but he was an active member of the club and made many excellent films.

At the Runners-Up competition on April 16 the winner was Rodney Willott with an animation film about a trip to the seaside, and a local resident reading one of his poems.

We look forward to meetings in June and July plus a club barbecue, no meetings in August, and we start the winter programme in September. Any enquiries to David Jarman on 01494 712441.

Bourne End Twinning Association

In April we held a most enjoyable 60s dance evening with our excellent DJ, and a hot supper followed by our usual selection of desserts.

At the end of May, our friends from Octeville-sur-mer will be joining us for the weekend. Many local shops and businesses have kindly agreed to place displays in their windows, so take a stroll round the village to see them and support the businesses concerned.

Our next event will be our annual quiz on Saturday June 21, always a popular event so if you would like to attend, either as an individual or as a team, don't delay – ring David Langford on 01628 520065 to reserve your place. Tickets £10 for members and £11 for non-members.

Wooburn Park Tennis Club

Wooburn Park LTC will be taking part in the British Tennis Weekend on June 21 and 22 when non-members, both junior and adult, will be able to use our courts. Watch the local press for details or email mandj77@btinternet.com nearer the time.

Future of Our Village (FoOV)

Following on from the Community Led Plan, FoOV, in conjunction with Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council, is encouraging local parishes to embark on a Neighbourhood Plan. This has to be instigated by parish councils and be acceptable to the local planning authority, in this case Wycombe District Council. When it has passed those hurdles it then goes to a vote by local residents. It is quite an undertaking by a parish so FoOV is happy to facilitate the process.

FoOV is also promoting Speedwatch in conjunction with Neighbourhood Watch and is always keen to hear about roads in Bourne End which have a perceived problem with speeding cars. If you would like to get involved please contact us.

Our website is www.bucksvoice.net/foov and our e-mail villageforum@yahoo.com.

CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

JUNE

- 1 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm at the community centre.
- 3 Tues Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society meets at 8pm in the community centre for a demonstration by Hazel McGregor. See page 36.
- 3 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the Community Centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle.
- 5 Thur Community Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8.30 pm, It's a £1 per person, and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night.
- 6 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 6 Fri The Harmonettes will perform a selection of music from Swing to Rock and Roll classics at the community centre. For further information and tickets contact Graham Hyde on 07887 517764.
- 7 Sat The start of the Bucks Open Studios fortnight. See page 10 for information.
- 13 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 14 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library.
- 18 Wed Amersham and High Wycombe centres of Amersham and Wycombe College Open Evenings from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.
- 20 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 20 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company.
- 21 Sat Wooburn Fête on Wooburn Green from midday to 4pm. Free entry. Lots going on at this popular family event. See their poster on page 2 for more details or the report on page 3.
- 21 Sat St Mark's monthly market in the church hall from 10am to midday with coffee and cakes.
- 21 Sat Rock and Roll event at Hedsor Social Club. See poster page 25.
- 22 Sun Classic British and American car show at Hedsor Social Club, 9am to 6pm see poster page 25.
- 22 Sun National Gardens Scheme open day Magnolia House and The Shades, 2pm - 5pm entrance £3.50, children free. Homemade cakes and teas. Magnolia House, Grange Drive, Wooburn HP100QD Tel 01628 525818.
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- 27 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 28 Sat Hedsor Riverside Fair at Waters Reach, Riversdale from midday to 4.30pm. Stalls, boat rides and cream teas at this traditional event.

JULY

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- 12 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library.
- 13 Sun Pegg's allotments Open Day from 10.30am to 1pm in aid of Scannappeal. Entry £4. See the report on page 8.
- 18 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 18 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company.
- 19 Sat St Mark's monthly market in the church hall from 10am to midday with coffee and cakes.
- 22 Tues Bourne End Library welcomes bestselling author Gerald Seymour in conversation with local author Quentin Falk. Doors open for a drinks reception at 7pm with the talk commencing at 7.30pm. Ticket information page 32.
- 25 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.

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The magazine will be published on Friday July 25.

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AROUND & ABOUT



Drummer Roger Childs and guitarist Poppy Bacchus playing at the Bourne End Guitar Club event in April.



Target's Barrie Penfold was in the audience to see Inspector Norse, which played to a packed house for one night only at Bourne End Community Centre. She says: "Not only did this play bring extreme theatre to Bourne End, it may have revived the skill of knitting. Bourne End WI took a bold step in staging a show from the Edinburgh Fringe, but needn't have worried. Their instincts were right.

"Classed as a self-assembly Swedish crime thriller, the murder mystery featured detectives with issues, bad wigs and lots of knitwear. The knitted autopsy was memorable.

"Well done to the WI and the big question – what's next?" Our picture shows the two cast members on the left, with the WI's organisers Kath Acres and Lorna Hopper



Pupils of The Meadows School in Wooburn Green pictured on the meadow adjacent to the school where volunteer parents and staff planted 30 mixed fruit trees paid for by the parish council.



Two days of pop up cafés at Easter and on May Bank Holiday weekend by the river at Spade Oak Wharf raised more than £650 for the Dreamflight charity. Delicious cakes and great company meant everyone had a lovely time under the knitted egg tree – despite the changeable weather on the first day at Easter.

Left: Thames Valley Soroptimists welcomed a group from the charity Dogs for the Disabled to a recent meeting. See their report on page 38.

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