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Surprise surprise after 35 years

Coach trip holiday from Bourne End reunites cousins

When Liz and Barry Sandalls booked a holiday with Jamie's Tours going to the Isle of Wight they got a lot more than a great time.

Jamie was sitting in the hotel lounge when a lady from another coach party approached and asked him if he knew the name of the lady who had just retired for the evening.

"Yes," he said, "that's Liz, she is one of my passengers and they come from Bourne End in Buckinghamshire".

With great delight Sandy introduced herself and said that Liz was her cousin and they hadn't met for 35 years. Apparently the family hadn't been in touch, apart from exchanging Christmas cards, for a long time.

At breakfast the next morning Jamie asked Liz and Barry if they had a relation living in Tonbridge. After a few seconds Liz rattled off some names that included Sandy's.



As soon as her name was mentioned Sandy appeared and introduced herself. There was lots of talking and reminiscing

In the evening the two couples met up in the bar and had a lot of catching up to do. They had both been working on a family tree and got stuck in the same place. By pooling their information they hope to move on with the project.

Liz was delighted that they had decided to go on holiday with Jamie's Tours.

"We had a great time and I found a cousin" she said.

"Sandy and Mike actually have a grown up family I know nothing about and we still have a lot of catching up to do".

Jamie simply smiled. He loves a happy ending.

Pictured l-r Barry and Liz Sandalls from Lower Ridge in Bourne End with cousin Sandy and her husband Mike as they all meet up after 35 years.



Georgia is tipped for the Olympics

It was at Bourne End Junior Sports Club where Georgia Carmichael first got on a kayak machine. Now she is tipped for the Olympics.

The Bourne End canoeist was awarded £1,000 from SportsAid's Bucks Sporting Lunch Club in April.

The 15-year-old, who lives in Camden Place, was presented with her award by Dame Katherine Grainger (pictured left with Georgia), Chair of UK Sport and Team GB's most decorated female.

Georgia's ultimate aim is to compete in the 2024 Olympics in Los Angeles or Paris.

SportsAid's Bucks Sporting Lunch Club raised £4,000 at the event bringing the total amount of their donations to £35,000 since launching in 2011.

The club is a way for local individuals, businesses and trusts who want to support young, talented athletes in Buckinghamshire, to raise money to help with training, travel or equipment costs.

Longridge Canoe Club's Georgia started out in the sport at just 10 years old and has already been selected for British Canoeing English National Talent Squad meaning that she is earmarked to compete on the world stage and hopefully someday at the Olympics.

Georgia is already on track after becoming National Sprint Champion Girls U14 at Nottingham National Regatta and National Marathon Champion Girls U14 at Reading in 2016. She will use her donation towards the travel costs involved with competing and a new boat bag. The money may

also help towards buying a new changing tent at Longridge Canoe Club after their last one got blown away by Storm Doris.

Georgia's commitment to the sport impressed the SportsAid trustees, particularly with her two hour training regime most days.

As well as thanking her supportive school, Claires Court in Maidenhead, she said: "I would like to say a massive thank you to SportsAid and the Bucks Sporting Lunch Club for this award. But none of this would be possible without our head coach Tom Daniels, who isn't paid a penny, yet coaches us six days a week. I'm very grateful for the time he invests in the club and in me. Also Ollie Harding who inspired me as a new junior and is chairman of our club"

Steve Perry, of B P Collins and a trustee of the lunch club said: "Georgia's story is why B P Collins sponsor this award. To have such a dedicated athlete competing on a national and international level at such a young age is inspiring. But training and competing are expensive. We are delighted that the £35,000 we have given to young athletes over the past six years has enabled them to further their sporting careers and gain the recognition they deserve."

Dame Katherine added: "One of the brilliant things about sport is that you're never doing it alone – you have all this support from your family, coaches and SportsAid funding to help you. It's so wonderful and will enrich your life."

Read about sporting twins Jake and Jessie on page 15



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BULL'S EYE

It's a lovely time of year with lots of Summer fairs in the pipeline and the promise of some sunny days and long balmy evenings ahead. So many people in our villages go that extra mile, helping out at local events, giving their time and energy to support worthwhile causes, local schools and organisations.

If you don't have the time, or inclination, to do any volunteer work, the Summer fêtes and fairs are your opportunity to help out by digging deep in your pockets and buying the crafts, cakes and other goodies on sale. I hope to see many of you at the fairs... I'll probably be lurking near the cakes!

Our front page story in the last issue, warning about the changes to the payment system at Wakeman Road car park in Bourne End was, unfortunately, not heeded by everyone (and sadly not available to anyone outside our readership) and as I feared many people appear to have been caught out by the change (see letters below).

Finally can I just congratulate any local runners who took part in the London Marathon. Reverend Janet Binns did it in 3hours 34mins and said "I didn't see the Royals but wore my headband to support the mental health initiative they are championing." She is investigating starting a local running club so anyone interested should contact her on revjanet@btinternet.com

After Rev Janet there was Adam Christy with four hours. It would have been under that but he got muscle cramp a half a mile from the finish and had to have a massage from the first aider before finishing. He raised £2,700 for Whizz Kids. Danni from Berghers Hill (pictured) did it in 5hours 8mins and saw family members and friends on the way round. She raised £1,300 for the Motor Neurone Association as the father of a friend has been diagnosed with the disease.

Alexa from Fieldhead Gardens did it in 5hours 42mins which was exceptionally good as she had never done anything like this before. She raised money for the British Heart Foundation. Well done to these athletes and everyone else who took part.



Debra Aspinall, editor



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

I read with interest your article in the Target on the parking in local car parks. I was in the Wakeman Road car park in Bourne End on a Wednesday in March

for 10 minutes (and that is what it says on the parking fine).

I went to the chemist to have my blood pressure taken and they were shut due to a break in. On my return I went to pay only to find out that the machine had been changed yet again to a pay and display.

On expressing my concern to another lady there I put one hour on a ticket only to get back to my car and find the parking fine.

I think this a local scandal as I have spoken to so many people now who have incurred fines since these machines (and others locally) have been chopped and changed around. I rang WDC to be told that it was in all the local papers - which I do not buy. There should be clearly visible notices at the entrance to the car parks to say that the machines have changed as their appearance has not.

I dread to think how much this exercise has cost the local tax payers and I would prefer to see my money going to fill in the potholes.

With regard to Wakeman Road, this car park is used mainly by people going to the doctors surgery or to the community centre, many of who are elderly and I think this is a nice little earner for WDC exploiting vulnerable people. When the parking fee is 50p for two hours who would knowingly try and defraud the council and incur a £50 fine?

But on a return visit to the GP out of three people waiting in the doctor's surgery two had been caught with fines in Bourne End, both elderly.

I am 70 with high blood pressure which I am sure was not improved by this experience.

Sandy Kenny

Winchbottom Lane, Little Marlow

Dear Editor

I use the Wakeman Road Car Park regularly as I often go to the nearby auction rooms. In 2015, this car park changed from "pay and display" to "pay on exit" with a lot of investment in new cameras etc.

I recently parked my car at the rear corner of the car park and left via the little lane beside St Dunstan's church. After the auction, I returned to find a £25 PCN on my windscreen.

I contacted Wycombe District Council and was told that all car parks in Wycombe (except two) had reverted back to "pay and display". This was because central government couldn't decide whether WDC was entitled to access the DVLA database to enforce parking charges.

I was also told that the changes had been advertised on the WDC website, there was new signage in the car park and it was up to the driver to check the rules in force on the day.

This raises a few questions. WDC made a large capital investment in "pay on exit" cameras in 2015 only to remove them less than two years later. Did anyone at WDC check that they had guaranteed access to the DVLA database before this investment was made?

Most residents wouldn't regularly surf the WDC website. What else did WDC do to let people know?

WDC says there is adequate signage in the car park. The back corner at St Dunstan's has very little and if you step over the low wall, as I do, then you would miss it. In any case, the car park changed to "pay on exit" less than two years ago so why would people even look for new signage?

These changes appear to have happened very quickly and have taken people by surprise. What notice period did WDC give?

I have appealed my PCN and await a decision.

Matt McGeehan

Blind Lane, Flackwell Heath

TARGET COMPETITION (page 40)

Terms and conditions: Entrants must be aged 18 or over, only one entry per person, no cash alternative to this prize, our decision is final, no correspondence can be entered into. The meal must be booked in advance and is subject to availability. Drinks not included



WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Margaret Amos
Secretary to the Association

What a beautiful Spring we have had to enjoy The Wooburns, with much to enjoy locally. Wooburn Park is always a place to enjoy.

The pond in The Warren has had a duck and 17 ducklings take up residence at a few hours old. The Red Lion's pansies are a very attractive splash of colour to enhance the look of Wooburn Green and of course as I write Farm Wood is awash with bluebells.

Recent meetings have included discussing ways to attract new members, the fencing of the children's play area in Wooburn Park and the menace of youngsters on motorbikes on our roads and public places riding dangerously.

We have informed the police of our concerns for the safety of those motorcyclists and especially for the safety of other road users and pedestrians. New members to the association are always welcome at our meetings. If you care about our village why not come and have a drink and a chat with like-minded neighbours. Our next meeting is on Monday July 10, at 7.30 pm, in The Wooburn Club on the green.

Wooburn Pub Lunch Club – Monday June 5

From the Community Led Plan that the association undertook, it was clear that local people wanted more social interaction. In April people from the Wooburns formed a Lunch Club. A delicious lunch prepared by Iain and Helen in The Old Bell was enjoyed by all.

The club was set up by Community Impact Bucks and is being supported by Wooburn Residents' Association. As important as the lunch was the fact that many of those attending spoke to local people

they had never spoken to before. The Lunch Club is aimed at the more mature members of the community and especially those who like to make new friends or may have been missing out on regular social contact. If you would like to join us, call me, Margaret Amos, on 01628 525033.

Contact needs to be made for your first lunch. We meet on the first Monday of each month, at 12.30pm except on Bank Holidays, when the lunch will take place on the following Monday. A two course lunch costs £8.

Wooburn Fête – Saturday June 24 from 12midday to 4pm Wooburn Green (see page 17)

The programme is full and fun-filled. The additions this year include a children's fancy dress competition, the Sappers' Singers singing popular songs from the shows, an opportunity for some pampering treats at special 'Fête only' prices and a selfie photo booth with fun props available from 2pm to 4pm. Mystery guests will be appearing again from Emmabelle's Princess Parties of Wooburn.

Maidenhead Concert Band will be there along with the usual sideshows and attractions. Children from local schools will be performing again.

Fencing of play area in Wooburn Park

As many of you already know, an online survey was compiled by Caroline Meechan, one of our members, asking residents whether they felt there should be some sort of separation of the children's play area in Wooburn Park.

The survey was set up after the existing fence was removed (some time ago) and, following discussions with the parish council, it was learned that the parish council believed that the park should remain an open space with no fencing at all. The removal of the previous fence was due to frequent vandalism.

We received 194 responses which demonstrates that this is an issue that people in Wooburn care about. As the survey was online it was set up to ensure duplicate responses could not be made

therefore the results fairly represented nearly 200 households within the parish.

The results showed 82% of respondents voting in favour of some sort of separation of the children's play area. The reasons given for this were to protect children from the river and/or the road and in order to keep dogs away from small children.

However, we had not foreseen that we would receive such a high number of comments made by people about the sheer number of dogs now seen in Wooburn Park and how the amount of dog mess left across the park was distressing to all users.

It appears, from the survey responses, that there is a growing feeling that many dogs in the park are not controlled, with anecdotes being told of children being knocked over by dogs (in the play area); children and adults having food taken out of their hands by dogs as well as numerous comments about the dog mess not picked up by owners across the whole of the park.

The Open Spaces Committee of the parish council met in May and Caroline Meechan attended to put forward the survey responses and our view that there should be some sort of fencing/separation of the play area.

The discussion was lively with points being made by some of the councillors that parents have responsibility for their children's safety and 'that children need to learn to live with risk'.

It was proposed and agreed that there would be no fencing of the playground in Wooburn Park.

However, it was agreed that a working party be set up (with members from us and the parish council) to run a feasibility study on park usage, identify if there are issues and suggest potential solutions.

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Much has been written and spoken about Wycombe District Council's proposed New Local Plan. The speculation is that Hollands Farm, off Hedsor Road, will be included as a site for housing with numbers as yet unspecified.

Slate Meadow will probably get a mention, but as a previously reserved site, outside the green belt, it is completely different in nature to Hollands Farm. That is a new proposal and at the moment still within the green belt.

More than 3,000 comments were made on the Draft Local Plan last July. The extent to which these comments have been addressed is unknown. Incidentally some landowners were, not surprisingly, in favour of their land being developed and they wrote in accordingly.

What we all have to do now is prepare for the publication of the Local Plan.

Now is the point that I wish to make very clearly. You may have written in before. You may have been to workshops or meetings. You may have generously helped fund raising groups. Or you might have been one of the many who signed a petition. But when the plan is published you MUST write in again.

Let me explain why. Wycombe District Council will put forward their plan for future development, but it is not a done deal. As part of the process it will, and must, by law go before a Public Inquiry.

Headed by a planning inspector from central government's environment agency, he or she will, over several days or weeks, go through the proposals and decide if they are fair, reasonable and within the current legal framework for development.

By writing in when the plan is published means that

the inspector gets to see your comments which can be both for or against the proposal. More importantly it gives you the opportunity to appear at the Public Inquiry in person to put your views directly to the inspector.

When the plan is published, and this is the tricky bit, you have only six weeks for comments. You have to watch the local press and social media for the news.

Cynically I have stated before that my belief is that the planning department will put it to the Cabinet for approval at their meeting on July 10.

They will then put it to the full committee of councillors on July 17. This will mean that the six-week period will be during the summer holidays.

You may say that they would not be so devious but that was exactly what happened with the draft local plan last year. I am prepared to apologise if this is not the case, but would similarly expect the council to apologise to everyone in the district if this is what happens.

So let me repeat as this *Target* is for the months of June and July. Be prepared to write in with your views. You have only six weeks.

While writing this article my mind has gone back over the 40 or so years since this association has been in existence and the campaigns that we have been involved in fighting.

Public inquiries in the mid 80s which saw Slate Meadow removed from the green belt. Another around 2007 at which we looked to have Slate Meadow put back into the green belt.

Housing developments all over the village will have been important - the old Andrews Boatyard and Bourne End Marina being just two of them. The dispute with Bucks County Council over the status of Spade Oak Meadow on the riverside is still ongoing. More recently our endeavours to help persuade the parish council to take on Cherwell Green from Red Kite is thankfully now successful, signed and sealed.

We have also been involved with the Friends of Bourne End Day Care Centre to keep this vitally important facility open for our senior citizens and anyone with a need for the specialised help.

The list is endless but we hope that our

endeavours have helped in the better development of our village. As for the future, who knows? But thank you for reading this article. Thank you for the support that so many of you give. And if you have any comments or thoughts please feel free to give me a call.

Jim Penfold 01628 525415

FATAL ACCIDENT

A fatality in Bourne End on May 10 shocked and upset many locals including shopkeepers on The Parade who were caught up in the horrendous accident.

Hilary Haines, 69, who lived in Great Missenden, was declared dead at the scene when she was involved in an accident with a lorry on The Parade, outside Lloyds Chemist.

The accident happened at 5pm and Station Road and The Parade were closed for several hours and members of the public were asked to avoid the area while emergency services were on the scene.

Valerie Way, owner of No25 fashion boutique said: "It was truly shocking. Most of the shopkeepers were out there, all upset and shocked. The girls from the chemist did a wonderful job, stopping the traffic and directing it around the garage forecourt and then stopping the traffic completely until the police arrived."

An inquest into Ms Haines death was opened by Bucks Coroner's Court in Beaconsfield on May 17. A pre-inquest review has been set for August 2.

Flowers and tributes were left at the scene and many local people have since been questioning why there are not cctv cameras along The Parade.





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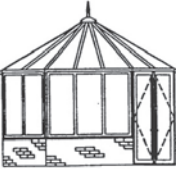
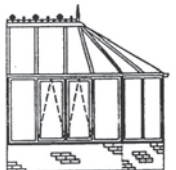
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Looking at the current water levels it looks ominous that the following sign could again be hoisted in the Bounty Public House, "due to drought conditions the beer will not be watered down until further notice!"

I have a feeling that ground water levels may not be as high as they should be after the winter rains, or should I say lack of them. Time will tell especially if reports of boats grounding on the river bed begin to filter through to us from further upstream. Fingers crossed that this will not be the case.

Should we proceed to a drought in the Summer this can affect the flow of traffic on the river as the locks have a system of only operating every half hour, or if there is a full load of boats in the lock. The intention of this is to limit the amount of water flowing downstream.

The year has started well for us, with a marina full of boats and the good news is that Harleford Marina, on the other side of Marlow, has increased their number of moorings by way of 'holding moorings' full of boats waiting to move to Bourne End Marina. We are pleased about this as it's no additional cost to us!

The sales to the river have increased, so far, over last year so we are hoping that the omens are good for the rest of the year. This obviously reflects an early rise in river usage. Our work load on boat maintenance also looks to be more active than this time last year.

Matty and Chaos have been very busy with the boat maintenance and it's not unusual for us to be working six or seven day weeks.

The problem arises when they very selfishly decide to take some leave. For each one of us who takes time out we lose one third of our work force. In anyone's language that is quite a hit when you are working to capacity. I am thinking of banning all holidays between February and December to get around this problem, as that is the period when I am on holiday myself in the Caribbean.

Although we undertake general maintenance on the boats such as painting and polishing etc

Chaos has been working on replacing most of the interior wood work on one boat; a job commenced in the Winter which is only just nearing completion. Matty has been helping.

Undertaking such a large task puts pressure on the other routine work that needs to be carried out.

Earlier in the year a delay was engendered into the works programme when Steve Dean, one of the mechanics, was off work with an infected hand, not good if you're on the spanners, I would suggest.

This delayed us as several boats could not be completed until he had finished his part. This resulted in boats being out of the water for longer than required before we could launch them.

Fortunately, Steve's hand eventually became uninfected, many thanks to the NHS, and he could carry on as usual. Please don't ask me to define "as usual". I would simply advise you that we call him the Scarlett Pimpernel, this should give you a clue.

Last year we seemed to be inundated with rats. This year we have invested in a rat trap that does not involve any poisons and I don't mean shovels for the marina boys to run around trying to club the rats to death, nor do I mean taking Rocky's muzzle off and setting him loose on them. So far our system has not produced one dead rat, mainly because we have not seen any so they cannot be about.

I can only conclude that the dry Winter has influenced their breeding and/or activity. I just hope I am not tempting fate.

So, we have a General Election shortly, it may have happened by the time you read this. I have been asked my opinion about it quite often. My only comment is that a great victory will be won.

Will it affect the marina? It may well do as we are quite worried that we may be nationalised. This is something we would rather not happen but I do understand the rational.

We are smaller than the railways, but

probably make a greater profit (well we make a profit, unlike the trains). That's the logic that worries us.

I would like to remind everyone that due to limited car parking, the marina car park is only available to boat owners and clients of businesses operating from the marina. All other users will be asked to move on to alternative parking in the village, so no dog walkers or Bounty customers please.

As the restaurant is currently closed, other than for special occasions, please do not come down to use the restaurant unless you have a confirmed booking.

As many of you will know from the local press, it was with great sadness that we lost one of our boat owners to the river.

I would just like to re-emphasise the risks associated with the river. We should always be aware and give it all the respect that it deserves. Please, please be aware of the risks. A trip or fall on the banks or jetties could have fateful consequences.

Our sympathies go Andrew's family and friends left behind. We hope this situation never happens again.

But unfortunately there are deaths every year on the river, not just at a marina, so caution should be taken wherever you are enjoying the river and its environs.

Well, back to the treadmill as the work is never ending. As long as the river flows we will always be busy.

You wouldn't appreciate the time I spend looking for Matty and Chaos just so I can wake them up.

Here's to a great Summer, it may be beneficial for us to have some rain so that we don't have to turn the marina into a camping site this year.

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SMALL BUSINESS MATTERS

with Sylvia Bourhill

All change!

In the last issue I told you all about the upcoming switch to quarterly digital tax filing – but change comes to everything it seems – and in the run up to a General Election this proposal has been dropped – or has it? Certainly it has been postponed and we will see what the new government brings. Watch this space...

On another tack, automatic enrolment into workplace pensions is now well and truly upon us. All the big employers have been affected by this for a long time, and this year will see thousands of smaller employers reaching their 'staging date'.

If you have employees of any kind, even nannies or housekeepers, at the very minimum you need to log into the Pensions Regulator website and check what duties apply to you.

You will need to assess your workers to identify what bracket they fall into, and provide a qualifying pension for them. If they are aged between 22 and 65 and earn over £10,000 then you will have to enrol them into the pension and make contributions on their behalf. Outside of that bracket you will need to give them the option to join and depending on their salary you may have to make employer contributions as well.

Don't put your head in the sand – there are hefty penalties for being late to register, for failing to register at all, for coercing workers to opt out or for being late with payments. These can be as much as £50 PER DAY if you have fewer than five employees and much more if you have more than that.

The government has provided the NEST pension that is open to all employers and is free to employers to join. There are many other options out there. If in doubt seek professional advice – but DON'T IGNORE THE WORKPLACE PENSION.

Sylvia Bourhill, Another Answer Books & Accounts

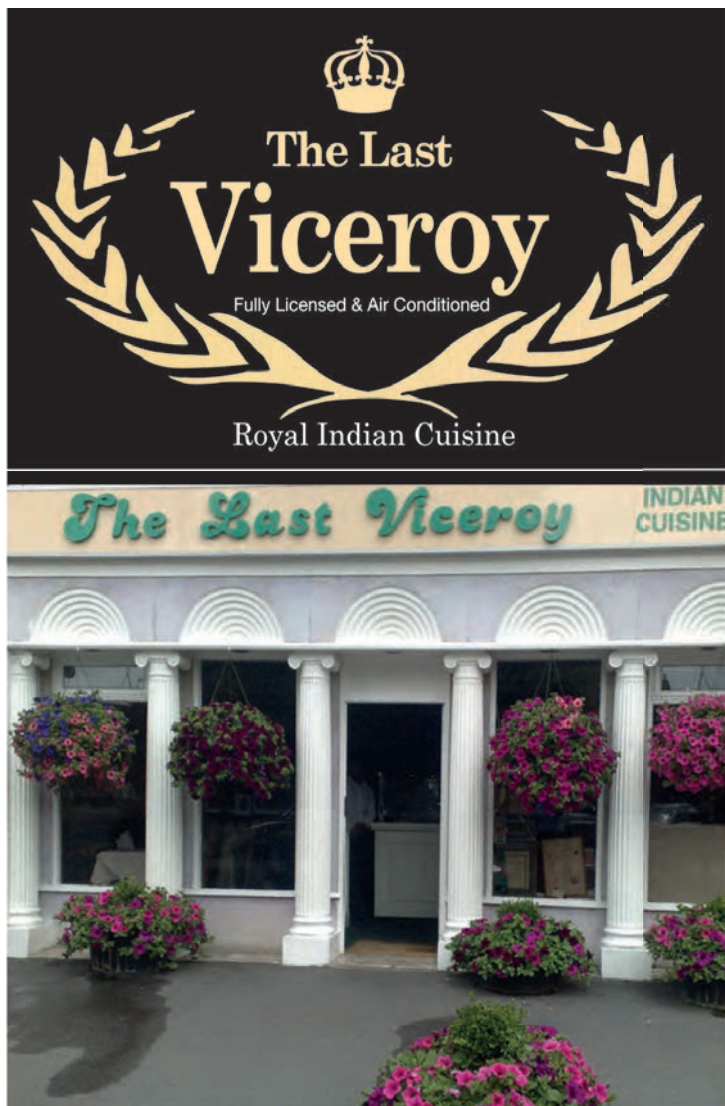
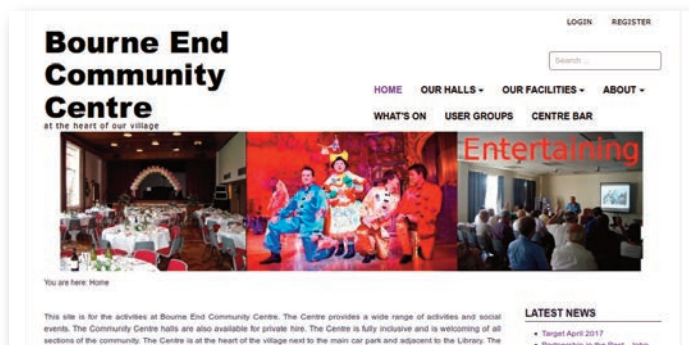
Having spent a number of years bookkeeping on her dining room table Sylvia Bourhill qualified as a Licensed Accountant in 2011 and moved her business, Another Answer Books & Accounts, into offices in The Parade. By 2015 her growing business necessitated a move to larger premises in Bourne House on Cores End Road. Today, using cutting edge cloud-based technology Another Answer offers a full range of financial support services to their very broad client base of, mostly local, small and medium enterprises.

NEW WEBSITE...

Now called bourneendcommunitycentre.org.uk our new website went live at Easter and has already generated enquiries. Now you can ask about halls and find up-to-date listings of activities, group meetings and special events. "It is work in progress," explained the website team, "but early reaction is good so we think we are getting there."

A small committee has been working on the project of creating a new website for around six months. They knew that it had to be specifically for the community centre, be set up to offer on-line facilities for anyone wanting information outside office hours and have all the social media threads for Facebook and Twitter. "There's more to go on but we are heading in the right direction."

Take a look, let's have your reaction, use it to ask about hall hire, find out the clubs who meet regularly or just check back on articles that appeared in past issues of *Target*. The website team would like to hear from you. Does it meet the needs of a website for a community centre competing against others in a modern world? Only you can tell us.

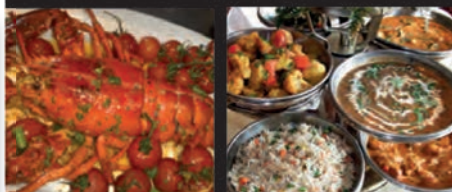


There is a wonderful selection of mouth-watering dishes on the comprehensive menu at The Last Viceroy.

They include coconut lamb, apricot lamb and cashew nut chicken alongside starters, specialities, traditional Balti, Tandoori and Biryani dishes as well as delicious seafood and vegetarian choices. The friendly and attentive staff will advise you if you are unsure about any dishes on the extensive and varied menu.

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Councillors, hello and goodbye

The parish council has recently co-opted a new member and we welcome Dan Hayes who will be representing the Wooburn Green Ward. We hope that Cllr Hayes will find his time on the council rewarding and look forward to his input regarding council matters.

We also have to report that Cllr Mark Woodall has decided to leave the parish council. Mark joined us last year and very quickly became a member of the Planning, Highways & Lighting Committee. He also took over the continuation of the local neighbourhood plan. He will be missed by all at the parish council and we wish him well in the future.

We still have 14 councillors which means

there are three spaces unfilled, all of which are for the Bourne End Ward

Trout in the council offices

Well we started off with 30 trout, but unfortunately not all of them made it through the first couple of stages of development. However 15 of the original 30 have survived and now look like proper trout, albeit on a tiny scale.

Some are slightly bigger than others and they must be quite used to us by now as they swim around the front of the tank when approached.

The groundsmen and clerk make sure they are fed twice a day and the tank is cleaned out regularly. A couple of them have been named after councillors (mentioning no names) and the rest are called Bob. The pace at which they are growing means that it won't be long before they are released into the wild. Hopefully they will be able to grow to maturity in the river and avoid any predators.

Short and sweet

Allotment renewal payments for Peggs are all now in. Some allotments have been given up and they are in the process of being offered to people on the waiting list.

Planned surface road works are intended soon for The Parade and Wakeman Road in Bourne End. No definite dates yet, but look out for the road closure date and times signs going up in the near future.

More areas in our parks and open spaces have been seeded with wild flowers following positive feedback regarding last year's planting.

Our groundsmen are well underway with this year's grass cutting schedule and have also been out and about spraying weeds. We would appreciate your patience if they are working on the road verges and you are temporarily held up by them.

There was an attempted break in to the barn in the cemetery recently. Residents in Brookfield Road heard the commotion and called the

police. Nothing was stolen, but gates at the top of Brookfield Road, which lead to the allotments, were damaged and will need to be replaced.

Meeting Dates 2017

Full Council: June 27, July 25

Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials June 6, July 4

Planning, Highways & Lighting: June 7 and 28, July 19

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Parish council chairman Sue Wagner (right) presents the Best Shopfront in Wooburn award to Suzanne and Roger Kingshott of Hot Flowers.

At the same Annual Parish Meeting on 16 May there were also awards for the Best Shopfront in Bourne End which went to Mankind. Allotment awards for Peggs and Wooburn Town were also announced.

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Pictured are (l to r) Alan Duncan and Doug Meredith.



Forum Crisis!

an appeal from the local drama group

Over the past couple of years Forum Players have suffered from declining membership and active participation. Because of this we have only really been staging a pantomime for the last three years and we have struggled to cast each time.

The lack of participation or interest in a Spring show, followed by the same for an Autumn show has now brought this to a head, especially as there is considerable doubt about whether we can cast a pantomime for 2018, and, as yet, have had no one showing any interest in putting forward a script to direct.

Given this, the committee have decided that we need to hold an emergency members' meeting for the club on Monday June 5 in the small hall of the community centre.

This meeting is for everyone to come with ideas and thoughts about how we should be taking the club forward. This can be as wide ranging as you want (remember this is your club) and we can cover a range of issues. We can look at the number and timings of shows, how often we meet, what people want to see as part of meetings etc.

We cannot stress enough that we need everyone to attend, even if you do not want to take an active role in the club - we need your help. We hope that we don't need to point out that if we cannot put on a pantomime in 2018 then Forum Players will fold.

Refreshments will be provided so please confirm that you are attending.

If you cannot attend but have ideas or thoughts on the way forward, please send them to me in advance. Thank you for your support.

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An update by Penny Drayton

May's meeting was a opportunity to keep the community updated on where we are at with our work and fundraising to pay for the professionals we need.

The message we would like everyone to understand is that this is not a done deal (far from it) and we have a real chance of winning, but we do need support to do this.

We are paying for professionals to do expert reports covering many areas like transport, greenbelt, flooding (to name a few) and the more money raised to pay for these the more thorough the reports can be and the more experts we can commission.

There is a long way to go with this fight and there's a real chance of us getting it thrown out and the legal advice we have received has highlighted many strong points in our case, but we need to act on it now to have everything in line when the local plan comes out in the Summer and consultation opens for six weeks.

We invited along to our meeting the local election candidates and gave them the opportunity to speak on how they would support our fight. Mike Appleyard and Geoff Howard were able to attend, but all the candidates were against the new local plan proposal for the area.

On the fundraising front we are receiving and encouraging donations continuously. We had a presence for the day at the community centre when the local elections were held so that people had the opportunity to meet us and ask questions about the campaign or the local plan. We also had the collection buckets there and were able to collect donations when people were passing by to cast their votes.

We are hoping to be present at each of the local polling stations on the day of the upcoming general election to again be able to talk to anyone who wishes to know more and hopefully receive more donations. We are trying to encourage the idea that if people were to collect their loose change between now and the June 8, they would have about £10 which they could bring along to drop in the buckets when they were casting their votes. If every electorate in the area did this then on a 60% turnout for the elections we would be able to make £50,000 in 'loose change' donations in a single day. That would be AMAZING!

Events-wise we have the garden party (see poster below), a share in the Hedsor Fair on the June 24 and other events in the planning like a classical music concert/evening.

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Instead of chocolate, children were asked to donate non-perishable foodstuffs the charity could supply to families in need.

On the morning of the competition, our children and parents showed their competitive side as extra-large packets of cereal and long tubes of biscuits were placed on the lines.

The children were very excited as they watched the lines grow.

Steph Clay, project manager for the charity, came along to school to view the seven long lines of tins, packets and bottles the generous families had donated.

She was very grateful for the huge stash of staple ingredients and goodies that filled her car. But what inspired her most was the idea of the One Can Trust line.

Hopefully St Paul's has started a trend that many other schools will follow, swelling the stores of the charity further.

The One Can Trust has fed well over 20,000 adults and children in the South Bucks area delivering over 300 parcels a month to those in need. There are lots of ways to support the work of this local charity.

Well done to the PTA for organising such a successful event, once again showing children how they can make a difference.

www.onecantrust.org.uk



Below (Left to right) Steph Clay, project manager of the One Can Trust, Lyndsey Kempster, Chair of the PTA with helpers Georgia Price, Ben Roebrig, Chloe Kempster and Charlotte Jukes.



Lining up to help...

There was quite an unusual sight on the playground at St Paul's C of E School one March morning as the PTA launched a new, original competition.

The challenge was adapted from a previous competition held at the school in Stratford Drive. Children would bring in a bar of chocolate each and place them end to end on the playground. The longest line would be the winning class. Bars were then grouped into small hampers to be raffled off.

This competition was resurrected this year, but adapted to support local charity the One Can Trust which provides a foodbank for



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Upper Thames Sailing Club

Sunshine for sailing Open Day by Debbie Kite

Upper Thames Sailing Club was pleased to welcome more than 200 visitors to the annual Open Day in April. Club members were kept busy giving budding sailors a taste of dinghy sailing on the river in four Wayfarer dinghies and two classic Thames A Raters, and rides in the club workboat for the very youngest visitors.

It was a perfect Spring day of sunshine and light breezes for visitors of all ages and experiences to take trips upstream towards Marlow. A few who'd sailed before took the opportunity to re-discover their enthusiasm at the helm of the club boats and joined the club on the day, alongside other families who want to take up the sport and or more training after the holiday tasters.

The club's lawns are the ideal vantage point for spectating and there was a real party atmosphere thanks to music from partners at the Rotary Club of Bourne End and Cookham, who entertained the crowds.

Bookings were taken for the weekend 'Start Sailing' courses and the four-day Summer holiday Royal Yachting Association training. Commodore Sarah Percival said: 'It was great to see so many people 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 Sunday racing.'

The clubhouse bar and catering were very busy all day and many visitors stayed for the afternoon 'Tea by the Thames', which raised nearly £300 for the charity Sail4Cancer.

All are looking forward to the club's annual "Bourne End Week" regatta over the late May holiday,



and the fun sailing days, picnics and barbecues planned over the Summer. For more information, see www.utsc.org.uk, or email memberships@utsc.org.uk.



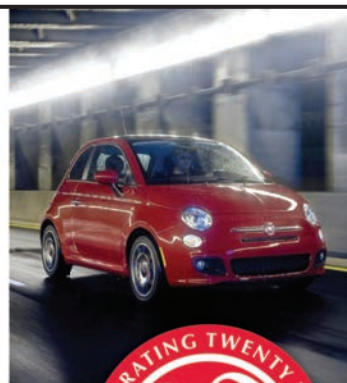
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George Parker RIP

Memories of George Parker are so different, depending on your sport or activity, but essentially all the same. He was a community man and he liked to see people getting involved and providing more for the community he loved.

And he could be very persuasive. John Timewell recalls with a smile that he was having a pint in the bar one evening with George and it was suggested that John should arrange a symphony concert in the centre. John responded that good players were all too busy with their regular orchestras and using inferior players would be disastrous.

John remembers "After another pint, I hesitatingly said that the only way it might be done would be to have rehearsal and concert all in one day. Even then I thought that many local players would be reluctant to give up a Sunday. How wrong can you be?"

George served on the concert committee for many years, organised the staging, seating and was always there for the day.

This was just one of the many community roles taken on by the man who died on Sunday April 16, just a few days short of being 88.

His impact on the chess section he joined back in the 60s, the darts team he started and inspired, monthly jazz on a Tuesday night he supported and attended along with the many committee roles – the list is endless and he leaves a space that will be hard to fill.

George never lost his accent in spite of leaving Scotland as a young man. His messages would be signed off with 'Yours Aye'. His first contact was going into the community centre to join the chess section. He ended up representing the section on the Executive Committee.

A few years later George found himself voted

chairman of the Executive Committee where he remained for 18 years. Meanwhile interest in the community centre was growing, more activities were being added and George somehow found himself involved. For this dedicated volunteer role George, and his wife Joan, were delighted to be invited to attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace.

So how did George, that young man from Larkhall in Scotland and then Glasgow University, get to Bourne End? As a typical Scot George would have admitted that he was just following the money. He worked for a heating and ventilation company, first in Glasgow, then Manchester and finally down to their London office. Together with wife Joan and their daughters the aim was to build a family home away from the city. A copy of the Maidenhead Advertiser guided the family out to Bourne End in 1963.

And then there was the golf. Having learned to play as a young

lad George went on to represent the RAF in a number of championships during his National Service. Getting plenty of practice he played at university and won the Scottish University Championships twice and the international students trophy at St Andrews once. Later he played in a few British Open tournaments as well. It was a sport that he played long past retirement from work.

Not forgetting the rugby. George found time from his busy family and community life to be part of Beaconsfield Rugby Club and on their committee. He felt passionately about the game.

George Parker will be missed. His contribution to the community centre over many years was amazing. He attended an Executive Committee meeting a few weeks before he died. George loved Bourne End, the river and the many shops and restaurants that made the community. He liked to walk the footpaths and loved a pint afterwards. For wife Joan, his daughters and grandsons our sympathy is extended. Our grateful thanks are for a softly spoken, thoroughly likeable and very exceptional man. May he rest in peace.



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Summer is here! Hopefully the weather will be kind and the sun will keep shining!

Allotments

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We are delighted to welcome some new tenants to Chapman Lane, but we also have spare allotment plots available for the green fingered among you.

It is a lovely site which has a real community feel. Please contact the clerk on 01628 890301 should you be interested.

Little Marlow Village Fête

A date for your Diary! – August 28 – Little Marlow Village Fête held on the Recreation Ground, Little Marlow.

Organised by the Little Marlow Fête Committee, this is a great event with lots of stalls selling local produce, a dog show and tug of war. It's a great way to spend the Bank Holiday Monday – sunshine has been booked.

Abbotsbrook Hall and The Pavilion

The council is currently organising the redecoration of The Pavilion and Abbotsbrook Hall. We are pleased to be working with the Community Pay Back Scheme.

It will take some time as the halls are so well used, however hopefully by this time next year, both halls will be looking very smart with a new lick of paint.

Little Marlow - Fern Lane Cemetery

It has been a busy time at the cemetery. A lot of maintenance on the trees has taken place.

It is part of the council's overall plan to look after the trees throughout the parish.

The memorials in the older section of the cemetery have all been made safe and I am pleased to say all the tape that surrounded them has been removed.

One area that is a real eyesore is the rubbish. The parish council is acutely aware of the overflowing area in the corner of the cemetery. The problem has been gaining access to the site to remove the rubbish.

The main entrance does not have room to allow large vehicles such as a bin lorry into the cemetery.

Our second entrance at Sheepridge Lane unfortunately has had a low hanging telephone wire which again is preventing any large vehicles entering.

Despite our best efforts, Open Reach still haven't sorted out this wire – so we are trying to work out the best way to remove this excessive rubbish and manage it better in the future.

The council recently reviewed its regulations in regards to the reservation of burial plots.

After careful consideration, the council resolved to keep the regulation of not allowing reservations. All previous reservations will be honoured.

The cemetery is getting short of space for full interments and the council estimate that there is potentially 10 years left before the cemetery is full. This is a problem to which they will be giving a great deal of thought in the Autumn.

The council welcomed the Bourne End Cubs to the cemetery in May. We are very grateful to the Cubs for kindly volunteering to help spruce up the Chapel and the cemetery. We hope they found it interesting visiting our cemetery and experiencing some of the local history.

Dog Bins

The subject of dog fouling is always an emotive subject. The phenomenon of the 'poo bag trees' seems to have filtered onto our local footpaths and rights of way.

To try and combat this very anti-social behaviour, the parish council has installed two dog bins in Little Marlow Village. One is situated near the path by the Queens Head and the other is near the Moor.

Hopefully these bins will be well used as there is now no excuse for dog walkers not picking up and disposing of dog mess.

Future meeting of the full council held at The Pavilion, Church Road, Little Marlow from 8pm. July 4,

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Cottage Garden Invite

Are you a member of the national Cottage Garden Society? Cottage gardens can be created in the small plots of modern houses or in the narrow gardens of older terraces.

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The cottager's small plot did not allow for any wasted space, so the garden was abundantly packed, but well tended.

The cottage garden later moved away from that idea and became an area to be enjoyed. These days, food crops and chicken-keeping are being incorporated by the conscientious cottage gardener.

For the annual subscription of £12 single and £15 joint (two people living at the same address) in the UK you can join fellow cottage gardeners.

See their website at The Cottage Garden Society.

Once a member, for £2 a year you could also belong to the

local branch in South Buckinghamshire. They are a small and friendly group that meets informally throughout the year for garden visits, pub lunches and plant swaps. The next visit is on Saturday June 10 to Eton College Gardens. For more details contact Marcelle Maloney at maloney77@hotmail.com Photo by Bob Weeks



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Twins make Junior Olympics team

Twins Jessie and Jake Taylor are heading off to LA this July playing for the British Inline Puck Hockey team at the Junior Olympics.

The twins, who turned 13 in May, play for the Under 12s team with Jessie one of only two girls on the team.

It will cost around £7,000 for the talented duo to make the trip with all their necessary equipment and mum Susie is hoping local sponsors will help out with some of the costs as the amateur sport doesn't get any official funding.

"They are so proud and excited to be representing their country," she told *Target*. "They are both quiet children, which is surprising when you see them in action, but this sport has really boosted their confidence."

She credits Bourne End Junior Sports Club's Luke Hnat for getting the duo to such a high standard.

"About four years ago Jake was looking for a sport to do. He tried several, but wasn't really excited about any. Then he tried unihoc which is played wearing trainers.

"He loved it so I did some searching to find a local club and discovered Bourne End Buffaloes, an inline team who play at the sports club in Bourne End.

"I spoke to Luke and explained that Jake didn't know how to rollerblade, so he set up a "Learn to Play" programme. Jessie joined as well and they both took to it amazingly well. Luke is fantastic and we are so grateful to him. And the sports club is fantastic too"

Both Jessie and Jake play for other teams as well as the Buffaloes and Jessie is in training to play for the England Junior Ice Hockey team.

"When the trials for the Junior Olympics were being held in Rotherham last year the twins agreed with me that it was worth trying out, but they never really expected to be selected," says Susie.

"But both were selected and they are off for the tournament in July. Susie and husband Jeff are hoping to be able to see them in action in the States and Susie is currently trying to drum up sponsorship for the twins.

If you or your company can help please contact Susie on thesusie@hotmail.com or you can make a donation to their funding site at www.gofundme.com/taylor-twins-for-team-gb



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"Olney is still in Bucks," Brian laughed, "just the other end of the county." The map in the library was the perfect spot to be photographed on the day before their move.

Both taught locally, and both were actively involved in the twinning association, they joked that they had been together forever.

"We met as children," Viv said, "in 1959 on holiday in Margate, and became friends." She admitted that they were never serious until a sixth form leaving dance and then they married in 1972.

Olney was a good choice as their son Mike and his wife Sally live there and it isn't far from Bedford which has a direct line to Brighton where daughter Shana has a specially adapted flat. "It is so convenient for her," Viv said, "which was never the case in Bourne End."

As a history teacher Brian is delighted that Olney has a local history centre and is not far from Bletchley Park where he hopes to volunteer. Like the Bourne End to High Wycombe train line it also felt the axe from Dr Beeching when its train line was closed.

Olney is a market town with a population of just over 6,000 and the annual pancake race* is similar to High Wycombe's mayoral weigh in.

Computers make it possible for Viv and Brian to stay in contact with all their friends locally and the invitation to 'come and see us' was repeated time and again before their move. But both Viv and Brian had a lot of thoughtful moments before they made the final decision.

"Go North" was the message to a lovely couple who had become so much part of Bourne End and, of course, Buckinghamshire.

** Since 1445 a pancake race has been run in Olney on Shrove Tuesday to mark the beginning of Lent.*

Tradition says that when the Shriveng Bell rang out a local housewife who had been cooking pancakes ran off to the church, frying pan in hand, and tossing the pancake to keep it from burning, dressed in her kitchen apron and headscarf. The women of Olney recreate this race every Shrove Tuesday by running from the market place to the church of St Peter and St Paul and the prize is a kiss from the vergers.

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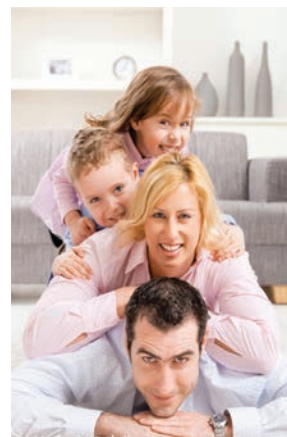
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Margaret Williamson RIP

As well as losing George Parker (see his obit page 13) another great supporter of the community association and *Target*, Margaret Williamson, died on May 6. She will be sadly missed as she did so much over many years.

Actively involved in many clubs at the centre and in Bourne End, Wooburn Green and Little Marlow, Margaret liked to support when she could and her great delight was in keeping going as the years progressed.

Margaret was a *Target* distributor as well as delivering bundles over countless years around Wooburn Town.

Sadly Margaret became ill at the beginning of this year and, because of her limited mobility, went to live with her daughter. Friends attended her funeral and had memories of her life in Wooburn and her involvement with so many things.

Margaret was a lively, busy lady who appreciated what she was able to do. She will be sadly missed by all the *Target* team. Our sympathy goes to her family and friends.

Parish councillor Katie Lamb's environmental update

As we head into June and the hopefully warm Summer months I start to think of Summer evenings; barbecues with friends, and time spent sitting in the garden with a congratulatory beer or glass of wine after a day spent weeding, mowing and tinkering. Standing statuesque when you spot a new bird on the feeders or bird table and squinting at it wishing your glasses were on your head and not on the kitchen table, or maybe that's just me?

My greedy flock have just about finished their last fat ball of the season. I don't put them out in the warmer months as they can go rancid in the heat and end up doing more harm than good.

I have just stocked up on all the high protein foods needed to help nourish the birds through the moulting period. Foods like black sunflower seeds, mealworms and a good seed mix, but without loose peanuts, as they may choke fledglings if fed to them.

Grated mild cheddar, soft apples and pears, bananas and grapes are also appreciated by birds. At the time of writing, I have just seen some of the first ducklings (or 'ducklets' as I used to call them, don't ask why) on the pond at The Warren and Watery Lane.

It is worth a mention that although children feeding bread to ducks on a village pond is one of the quintessential images of an English childhood the ducks really do need a more nutritious diet. The bread also affects the water quality as it can pollute the water which sometimes causes surface algae with high toxicity levels that can harm fish and amphibians.

What they do love more than bread are things like seedless grapes, cooked rice, bird seed, peas, sweetcorn and chopped lettuce, all of which are full of duck-loving goodness. Give it a go next time you and your little ones visit the ponds and I promise you the ducks will come running.

I think one of my favourite smells of the Summer has to be when grass is being cut. When I was a very young child one of the smells I remember waking up to time after time was cut grass intermingled with the distant waft of pipe tobacco. My father would get up super early to cut the grass and then smoke his pipe while walking around our garden.

The other thing I remember as a child is falling asleep to the sound of crickets. It was only years later, after doing a study at art school, that I learnt the differences between grasshoppers and crickets. A grasshopper has short antennae and stridulates (sings) by rubbing its hind legs together and a cricket has long antennae and stridulates by rubbing its wings together. I have never been lucky enough to be that close or have the eyesight these days to see this occur, but it's an interesting fact.

I hope you have had a chance to walk around Farm Wood and the park to see and smell the bluebells and cowslips. If you are out and about over the next few months and have time to stop and sit for a while Sappers Field is definitely worth a look with its meadow area where you will see all kinds of butterflies, insects and birds. The Warren pond already has ducklings on it which I'm sure, like last year, we will watch grow up with interest. Hopefully the wildflower areas will be a success again this year and a food source for many creatures. Enjoy this Summer as there is a lot going on in all our open spaces.

Don't forget also to look out for details of the Flower and Produce Show in the next edition of *Target* magazine. If you are feeling creative we also have categories for the Best Wildflower Photo and the Best Picture (in any medium) inspired by the title "Pond Life" – a competition open to adults and children alike.

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BOURNE END JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

Founded in 1970 Bourne End Junior Sports Club is a registered charity run by volunteers to provide sport and recreation for children and young people, with many being highly qualified in their own sport. The New Road Sports Hall was built in 1982 and later extended to include a climbing wall and a club room. The multi-sport centre is used extensively by club members and members of the whole community. Please visit our website for more information www.bejsc.co.uk

NEW TABLE TENNIS SECTION

It is great to see this sport revived as it was one of our very popular and successful sections in former years. Members meet on Saturdays from 4pm to 5pm in Flackwell Heath Community Centre. We have 17 members and four tables to play on. The age range is currently from Year 3 to Year 6. If you are interested in joining, please contact clareleigh@btinternet.com

BADMINTON SECTION

Junior Badminton is now firmly established with a couple of spaces left for Year 5 or Year 6 children. They play during the first part of the session with some of the older players and this is working well. More experienced players support and encourage the younger ones.

JUDO SECTION

We have a real and desperate need for someone to take on the Judo Section as Gina, who has run it for several years, sadly has to give up due to heavy work commitments that take her out of the area frequently. We have no option but to close it unless someone comes forward. It is only for one hour a week during term time. Please contact the office if you can help – 01628 528110 or email office@bejsc.co.uk.

SWIMMING SECTION

The swimming section held their Spring Club Championships at Wycombe Leisure Centre giving an opportunity for all swimmers in the club to compete against each other across a range of strokes.

The event is licensed under ASA rules so swimmers' times are officially recognised for future competitions.

Swimmer Ruby Millard was selected to represent her school in the IAPS National Finals in May as part of the Medley Relay team.

The finals, held at the K2 in Crawley, were for the fastest 12 school teams in the country who qualified through the regional heats.

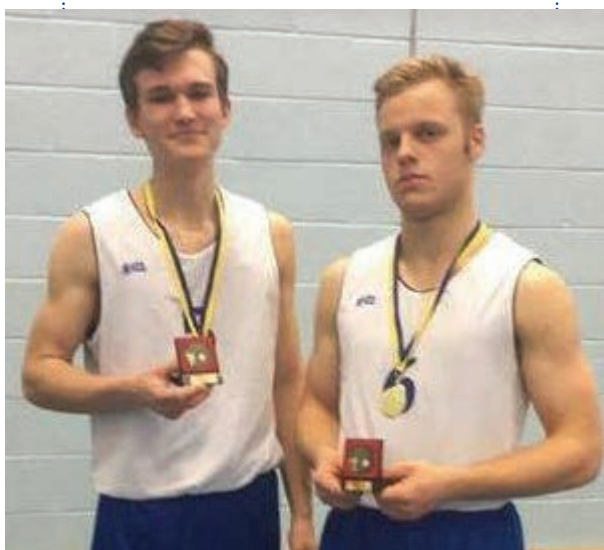
Congratulations to Anna Branch on passing her ASA Level 1 Teaching Aquatics. Anna has

been swimming with the club from a very young age; now aged 16 she assists with coaching our swimmers as well as swimming herself. Our swim section likes to support our older swimmers to obtain this qualification as part of their development giving them valuable experience for their future career plans.

THANKS AND FAREWELL

Junior Committee has run for more than 30 years and has given many, many young people the opportunity to voice their ideas, views, and opinions on club development and activities, as well as developing their leadership and social skills.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to work with two young people who leave us this summer; both have contributed a great deal to the committee and the club during their years with us.



Oli Lawrie and Oscar Seber (pictured) have both been members of the basketball section, but have done much more than just turn up and play their sport.

When the leader of the junior basketball left, the session was in danger of closing, but these two lads took on the responsibility of running the weekly group enabling younger players to enjoy the sport for the last four years.

Oli has collected termly subscriptions from the junior and the senior groups and kept all records.

While our club policy is to encourage young

people to "put something back" not many contribute as readily as these two have done.

Both completed their Young Leaders Course a few years ago. Oli has been Junior Committee Chairman for several years, and Oscar Vice-chairman. Huge thanks to you both; we will miss you and give you our very best wishes for your future.

Congratulations also to Oli and Oscar and the rest of the Chiltern U18 team for winning the League Cup to add to finishing top of the League. The team were unbeaten in league and cup competitions for the whole season.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Our Annual Prizegiving takes place on Sunday July 2 from 4pm to 7pm at Hedsor Social Club, Bourne End.

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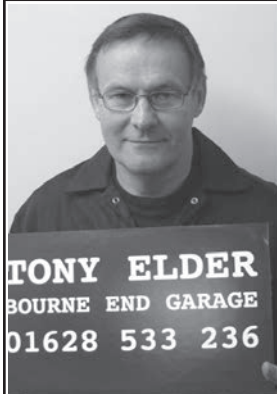


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Hospice marks dawning of new era in Bourne End

South Bucks Hospice has reopened its newly-refurbished shop in Bourne End, hailing it as another step in the plan to make 2017 the most momentous year in the charity's history.

The charity is revamping its retail shops to coincide with its move this year to a new £4.8m building in Totteridge, High Wycombe.

Chief Executive Officer Jo Woolf explained: "The Community Hospice in High Wycombe is a massive development, but we are showing the public that we are driving some big changes in support of our community and we are freshening up the look of our shops and welcome all by opening our newly-refurbished shop in Bourne End.

"Our shops are hugely important to us because they raise the money we need to pay for our nurses and to fund the care for people with life-limiting illnesses. We only receive three per cent of funding from statutory sources so we rely on our shops to pay for what we offer patients.

"All in all, the changes and upgrades we are making should mean 2017 is the most momentous year in our history to date."

Jo was thrilled with the new-look shop in The Parade, Bourne End after its ribbon cutting reopening at the end of March, adding: "We have had a fabulous customer response. It's more spacious, a lot brighter and more cheerful. Everyone who has come in has liked it."

Hayley Dunne, a veterinary nurse at nearby Hall Place Veterinary Centre, was dropping in with a donation to the shop when Jo visited on Friday. "We all use the shop - it's good to have it on our doorstep," said Hayley.

Manager Bridget Hughes said: "The shop is now much fresher and lighter with better space. We sell a wide variety of items here, particularly designer goods. People can get a bargain here, but we aim to make the prices realistic in order to support the hospice care."

The shop was closed for a week over March in order to undergo a full refurbishment. The reopening ceremony in March welcomed residents to a glass of bubbly, cupcakes from Bourne for Desserts and a free raffle with locally-sourced prizes.

Jo Woolf added: "We are grateful for the support of our community and thank all who donate so generously. I am putting out a call for volunteers as managing the volume of stock donated to us is vital. Increasing the space means we can now offer our volunteers a more pleasant environment in which to help sort our donations.

"Support your hospice and get involved, by not only donating and heading into our retail shops, but also volunteering in one of our shops in either Bourne End, Hazlemere or Beaconsfield."

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Jo Woolf (left) with county councillor Mike Appleyard who cut the official opening ribbon

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Floral fantasy

For members of the flower club it's always good to welcome a national demonstrator to their monthly event in the community centre. Equally it's good to see some interesting flower displays in skilled hands. So Patricia Bashford was assured of a great welcome in April and her display certainly created some floral fantasies.

Patricia's aim is to show her love of fun and flowers. She has travelled to Spain to demonstrate and has won 'most innovative design' many times at major shows. Using special props and illustrations from Spain members were treated to some unusual floral displays – which lucky raffle winners took home later.

Big day for scouting with St George's Day parade



Marlow District Scouts held their annual St George's Day Parade and church service in Marlow in April. It is the one time of the year when the whole district comes together, to celebrate the Patron Saint of Scouting, St George. More than 350 young people, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders formed up, all impeccably smartly turned out.

The order in which the scout groups march rotates each year and this year it was the turn of 1st Wooburn to head up the parade and organise the church service. The other groups in attendance were 1st Bourne End, 1st Danesfield, 1st Flackwell Heath, 3rd Marlow Bridge, 1st Marlow Bottom and the Vulcan Explorer Scout Unit.

Once at the church the colours formed a guard of honour through which everyone passed into church. The service was conducted by the Rev Dave Bull of All Saints Church.

As well as hymns there was an address from local Member for Parliament, the Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC MP and members of the Bucks County Scout Leader team awarded trophies for the various district competitions held throughout the year.

A collection was taken, to be donated to the local Padstones charity and Lord Baden Powell's last message was read out, giving everybody inspiration to make the best of life and be happy.

Towards the end of the service all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders renewed their scout promise and the National Anthem was sung.

The colours were returned and the parade marched into Higginson Park before the presentation of the smartest turned-out trophies, this year being awarded to 1st Wooburn Beavers, 1st Danesfield Cubs and 1st Bourne End Scouts.





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The Hedsor Artists

These four featured artists, based in and around Hedsor, have decided to align their Open Studio events to create a destination for art enthusiasts, allowing them to see four very different artists' work – possibly combined with a lunch or a drink at the Chequers pub.

Speaking on behalf of the group Janine Philips said: "We have all exhibited in the past, but not necessarily on the same dates, additionally placing signs to each studio has resulted in confusion for visitors.

"By creating a local map showing our locations we will be able to direct our visitors to each others exhibitions. Our work is very different and will appeal to different audiences so we feel that this approach will allow visitors the opportunity to compare and contrast our work."



JANINE PHILIPS MA RCA

After graduating from the Royal College of Art and teaching at Wycombe Abbey School Janine has been a full-time artist for the last 10 years. The coasts around the UK and local landscapes have inspired her most recent body of work: exploring colour, texture and the ephemeral qualities of light,

from the representational to abstraction. She aspires to evoke a sense of place by immersing herself in an environment doing quick sketches with watercolour and taking photographs often revisiting areas at different times of year to see how the changing seasons have affected the quality of light, the colours and textures before starting work on the larger canvases in oils.

LUCY CRAWFORD

Lucy is passionate about hand thrown pottery, and started learning from Wendy Johnson at the Orchard Studio in Great Missenden in 2011. She is in the process of setting up her own studio in Bourne End. As a child, her family used wheatear pattern slipware by Dieter Kunzemann at the Evenlode pottery. The colours of the slip and glazes, the skill of the trailed pattern, and the slight variation in thrown work always fascinated her. Her work today is influenced by Svend Bayer, Yo Thom and Joss Hibbs.

She visited Japan in 2016 and has since then embraced much of the Japanese ceramic tradition. She makes functional and decorative stoneware, fired in an electric kiln.



GEORGINA FELLOWS

Georgina has always had an interest in the arts and later in life an artist friend encouraged her to attend a freestyle course. She went on to attend more intense and structured courses over several years, during which time she developed her own personal, abstract style. She uses oil, acrylic and mixed media in her abstract paintings of both land and seascapes.



PATRICIA ASHCROFT

Having been creative from an early age, Patricia decided to further develop her painting skills by attending courses at Amersham College, and more recently with the Maidenhead Painting Club. Patricia paints in a semi-abstract way, mainly in acrylics with some mixed media included. Many of her paintings are inspired by the sea, in particular the patterns left by the receding tide. Other paintings include landscapes, and contemporary still life.

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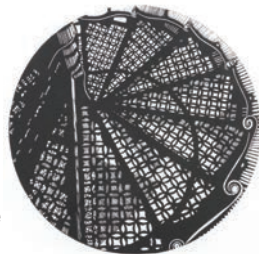
Fourteen artists got involved in the project that took them on exciting new journeys, exploring ideas and visiting locations as well as reading Graham Greene's very visual literature. They have produced a diverse range of original prints through many different styles and techniques.



Graham Greene, who was born in 1904, produced numerous novels, including *The Third Man*, *Our Man in Havana* and *The End of the Affair* – which ranks 71st in The



Guardian's 100 best novels. He was also very interested in films and in his thirties he supplemented his novelist's income with



book and film reviews. It is not surprising that many of his books have been made into films as he makes it very easy to adapt his books for the visual eye.

The work will be shown as a 'triptych' showing three interpretations from the book in similar handmade frames. The prints will be signed, titled and numbered.

The exhibition will appeal to anyone with a creative mind or literary appreciation.

Charity exhibition

From July 19, for a month, there will be an exhibition in Bourne End Library showing the work done by local charities working with disability.

Charities including Headway South Bucks and Riding for the Disabled) provide support and activities for those with disabilities and their carers.

The exhibition will show the range of the work done and explain the benefits of the activities that these charities organise.

There will be information on how you can help or support these groups if you want to get involved.

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Bourne End & Cookham Probus Club By John Daymond and John Marshall

On April 19 we were treated to a talk by Cliff Litchfield on *The West House and Heath Robinson Museum Trust*.

The trust was awarded a £1.3 million grant to restore an old house in Pinner and transform it into a museum on the life of William Heath Robinson, an artist who specialised in drawings and paintings of highly complicated mechanisms for performing simple tasks. Standing in beautiful parkland, the rebuilt West House is now a much-valued local amenity.

In March we had a presentation from Geoff Selley entitled *The Greatest Survival Story Ever Told*, the account of Ernest Shackleton's ill-fated Trans-Antarctic Expedition on 1914-17. The expedition's meteorologist, Capt L Hussey, wrote a stimulating lecture illustrated with slides from the official photographer, and Geoff's talk was the original Hussey lecture.

We heard how their ship became trapped in ice and sank, the crew abandoned ship and moved onto the ice, about the extreme hardships and Shackleton's great courage in eventually rescuing his entire crew, after first making a hazardous voyage with five men to the whaling station in South Georgia where help was finally found.

Anyone who would like to join our Probus Club should contact Terry Scott on 01628 626047.

Bourne End and Wooburn WI By Janet Spill

The speaker in March was Jane Dunsterville, who arrived dressed for the part in her crinoline to give a talk entitled *Not in Front of the Servants*. The Industrial Revolution caused a migration from the countryside to the cities. Jane entertained us with stories of Upstairs/Downstairs life, accompanied by folk songs composed at that time.

Also in March, some of the members enjoyed a trip to the Wycombe Swan to see *Thoroughly Modern Millie*.

In April there was a welcome return of Edwin Rye. He certainly didn't disappoint with his very informative talk on *Plants for Small Gardens*. He

brought along a lovely selection of plants which members were very keen to buy. After refreshments Edwin and his wife, Pam, kindly agreed to judge the Easter Bonnet competition, not an easy task as members had been extremely creative but two worthy winners were chosen, first place to Chris Strudwick, runner-up Tracey Taylor.

Our next meeting on May 8 was the Resolution Meeting. We also enjoyed afternoon tea and a talk by Sheena Dykes on the Wycombe Homeless Connection.

Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month in St Dunstan's Church Hall at 2pm. Visitors and prospective members are most welcome.



Inner Wheel of Bourne End & Cookham By Diana Hyde

The Annual Charity Bridge Drive and tea held in Stubbings Village Hall was once again well supported and thanks to our faithful bridge supporters, we raised funds for Inner Wheel international charities.

District chairman Linda Clark visited our club and heard about our varied activities, inducting our latest member.

We held a 'Silly Socks' walk around Pinkneys Green in aid of BEAT, a charity researching eating disorders. A neighbour judged Pat Ball the winner with her "birds nests, Easter eggs and little ducks socks" (pictured inset). As a result of this fun event, a donation has been sent to BEAT. Well done, 'silly sockers'.

For our April meeting, Derek Smith kept us in stitches relating the origins and meanings of well known idioms.

The future programme includes a visit to Blenheim Palace Flower Show, an afternoon cream tea in August and a visit to the Royal British Legion Poppy factory.

Bourne End WI By Kath Acres

In April we were both scared and amused by Lucy Allen, a professional stunt woman and qualified stunt co-ordinator with over 20 years experience in the film and TV industries. She was stunt double for Helena Bonham Carter's character Bellatrix Lestrange in the Harry Potter films and performed in the 1997 film Titanic. Lucy talked about her own personal journey into stunts and the highs and lows of her career.

At our May meeting Francelle White gave a fascinating talk on *Andree's War*, about her mother's participation in the French Resistance during the second World War and the astonishing risks she took.

We also voted to support the two national resolutions that will be discussed at the National Federation of Women's Institutes Annual Meeting in Liverpool. One is about alleviating loneliness and the other asks the Government and industry to urgently look at how we can stop the accumulation of microplastic fibres in our oceans.

The Mikron Theatre Company will be performing *Best Foot Forward - a hike through the history of*

Youth Hostelling on Friday July 14 outside at Spade Oak Farm (weather permitting, fall back the community centre). This has been a sell-out show for the last two years. To reserve your tickets (£12 in advance) email bourneendwi@yahoo.com or call 01628 531521.

At our meeting on Thursday June 1 at St Dunstan's Church Hall at 7.30pm, *Birds of Prey* will be on the agenda. Visitors are always welcome (up to three times a year) at our meetings and we have a short waiting list for new members that you are welcome to join. Email bourneendwi@yahoo.com.

Little Marlow & Well End WI By Pauline Clitheroe

The April meeting was dominated by the voting of resolutions to be put forward at the National Conference. Judy Wilson reminded members that there had been a resolutions policy since the WIs inception, and that many campaigns had been very successful. She then went on to outline the pros and cons of the 'Alleviating Loneliness' and 'Keeping Fibres out of Oceans' resolutions.

Members had an enjoyable day out at Alexandra Palace for the WI Fair, attending cookery demos and buying gadgets and cookbooks.

The committee, under the guidance of Niki Ralfs, organised a well attended birthday lunch, with a stunning birthday cake made by June Baxter.

In May we were delighted to receive Virginia Burges' first WI presentation called *How to write unforgettable fiction*. It was an afternoon of 'firsts' because she also revealed that her novel was the first one to be set to music. "Everyone has a book in them" said Virginia who proceeded to give us advice on how to get the story out. It is the writer's job to leave clues, and the reader wants the ending they want but... not necessarily the one expected! 01628 626047.

DIABETES DAY

After a very successful day last year raising £3,904 Carol Bailey is once again opening up her home to hold a 'Diabetes Day'.

Pop in to 227 Blind Lane on Friday June 16 from 9am and enjoy tea, coffee and cakes all day and then from 6pm wine and cheese will be available.

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Carol says; "Please come and support this very worthwhile charity."



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River life through the capital

Getting a close look at the River Thames through the capital was the talk that entertained RNLI members at their AGM in April.

Committee member Keith Hunt introduced Steve Cuthbert CBE, retired chief executive from the Port of London Authority, who provided some amazing facts.

For a start there's 125 species of fish, 900 seals, 300,000 wildfowl and water birds along with 350 species of invertebrates. Steve told the members of South Bucks and Thames branch (their new name) that it's all down to good water quality.

Added to this the new Thames Clippers provide transport for many thousands each day.

Afterwards Steve Cuthbert chatted with chairman Michael Prager about safety on the river and both emphasised the importance of the Respect the River campaign. Bourne End's location as a riverside village makes safety of paramount importance for both members of the RNLI and all river users. Pictured are chairman Michael Prager (left) with Steve Cuthbert CBE.

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Top Rotary award for David Davis

What seemed like the usual distribution of Rotary funds from the proceeds of Fun Night proved to be a special event for David Davis. He had been invited to the meeting of Cookham Bridge Rotary Club and he expected to hear details of the charities chosen to benefit.

Instead he was called to the front and presented with the prestigious International Paul Harris Fellowship Award. This is only presented to individuals showing outstanding contributions to the community. David was nominated for his efforts such as supervising the detailed organisation of Bourne End Fun Night each December. In addition his involvement with the FoOV group, the community association, twinning and other activities. President Chris Vance presented the award much to David's surprise and delight.

David said he was very surprised and very honoured to be made a "Paul Harris Fellow" for his work with



Rotary president Chris Vance (left) and David Davis

different organisations in the village. He believes that Bourne End is a great place to live and added: "It's a pleasure to be able to give something back to the village".

As for Fun Night he said that all members of the Fun Night Committee give freely of their time and everyone works so hard to ensure a successful win-win event with all profits going to charity. The Rotary Club of Cookham Bridge has been a key player for more than 10 years and their members are dedicated and help make this a memorable event every year. They are true professionals and nothing is too much trouble for them.

David added that Fun Night organisation has become virtually an all-year-round operation and it is thanks to everyone that they are so committed to ensuring its success. "Seeing everyone having a great time is the reward," he told *Target*, "and the file is already open for the event on Friday 1 December 2017 – so note the date!"



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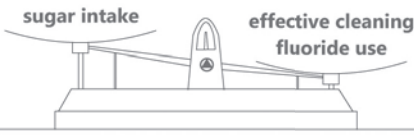
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Bourne End Community Library

by Inka D'Agostino, library manager

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Our 50th Anniversary Festival in May kept us busy in the lead-up, and now, after the buzz of the festival we are back to normality. A report on the festival events will be in the next *Target*, but I should like to thank all my staff, volunteers and customers for supporting our festival and making it possible. The quiz night and afternoon tea with Mark Mason were sell outs.

Lifestyle club meets once a month on a Friday morning 10.30am to midday. If you enjoy talks on a variety of subjects in a sociable atmosphere then please do come along. All are welcome. The next meetings will be on June 30 and July 28. Speakers to be confirmed.

Our next exhibition from June 6 to July 18 is a literary themed printmaking exhibition by the Bodenpress entitled "Our Journey with Greene" based on the novels of Graham Greene. We shall be ordering copies of the works of Graham Greene to coincide with the exhibition. See more on page 26.

Summer is a good time to get fit. Why not join our **Simply Walk** group which meets every Wednesday in the library at 10.15am. We also have yoga, meditation and Tai-Chi classes and well as Sing Your Pain Away sessions.

Regular **Learn My Way** computing sessions are held on a Friday morning. If you would like to brush up on your computing skills or need help with any aspect of computing please contact us to book a place.

If you are looking for a quiet place to read and enjoy the sunshine then our library garden is just the place for you. It is open to all.

For further information about Library activities or to hire our Community rooms please contact us on lib-boe@buckscc.gov.uk or phone 0854 2303232/01296 382415 or leave a message on our Facebook page: Friends of Bourne End Library



Community Market focus Every piece tells a story

My name is Jason Taylor of Taylor Turned Crafts. I have been working with wood for the past 20 years and for the last five years woodturning has been my passion.

A year ago I was suddenly made redundant and it was woodturning that got me through some dark days.

Last November I decided I needed to get on with life and as I had become overloaded with items that I'd made over the years. I booked a pitch at Bourne End Community & Craft Market.

I was very pleasantly surprised to find that people liked and bought my work. I like to explain the background and tell the story behind every piece.

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My work includes vases, wall art, bowls, platters, pens, tea light holders, wooden flowers, coat racks, house names and numbers.

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You can find me at the community market in the library on the second Saturday of the month, 10am to 1pm, or contact me on 07980 769350.

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Past times... Friends reunited

Pauline Hulme chats to reunited friends Thelma and Janet...

Thelma Dean and Janet Thompson spent their early childhood in Loudwater, where they both attended the local primary school. They shared many of the same memories and experiences. Now residents of Bourne End, they were reunited after many years, meeting at the local branch of Contact the Elderly. Here are some of the memories that Janet and Thelma recounted to me.



Left and centre, Thelma. Right Janet

Thelma Dean (now Riggelsford) was born in 1932, one of eight children. Thelma's memories of her school days are still crystal clear.

"Our headmaster was very strict and gave you the cane if you misbehaved," she said. An indication of Thelma's spirit and enquiring mind, which is still very much present, showed when she realised that the headmaster addressed the children from the council estates in a different manner to those from the 'posh' houses.

The 'posh' children were called by their Christian names, whereas the children from the estates were called by their surnames. Thelma objected to this and got the cane for her trouble, but she was glad when this practice shortly came to an end and everyone was called by their Christian name.

As one of a large family there were always many chores to be done. The boys would go to the woods with a trolley made with old pram wheels to collect wood to stoke the boiler, as coal was expensive. The girls would help with the washing by putting the clothes through the mangle.

Both Janet and Thelma remember the man with a horse and cart who would come through their roads selling pots, pans, paraffin oil and washing soaps.

The milkman also had a cart with a big milk churn on the back and the children took out milk jugs to be filled. After the horse had gone, there was always a

heated discussion to see who would get the manure for the roses.

On Sunday afternoons Mr Delnivo, an Italian, would come round with a van selling his own homemade ice creams.

"They were delicious," says Thelma. Favourite sweets were gobstoppers bought at the Tupenny bakers, aptly named. Osborne's shop on the Kingsmead Road sold sarsaparilla, but to buy this would mean paddling through the river to get to the shop.

With little traffic the children played on the road. The local policeman used to ride around on his bike warning them to behave as he knew where their parents lived, but their greatest crime was only scrumping.

An idyllic childhood was interrupted by the advent of the Second World War. Janet Thompson (now Greenham), is 82 and remembers the gas masks that everyone had to take to school.

The Canadians set up a scheme to enable the children to have cocoa. If you took a jar to school it would be filled up, though much was consumed on the way home by licking your fingers and dipping them into the jar.

The Americans arrived and moved into Wycombe Abbey School. They showered the children with gum, coins and nylons for Mum whenever they

visited the schools or attended the many concerts held in the recreational hall.

Janet and her sisters danced at the hall wearing dresses made by their mother. After the war their dresses were often made with parachute silk.

A bomb was dropped on Kingsmead. Thankfully there were no casualties, only a large crater. The men rushed up to get all the wood they could find

following the explosion, as coal was hard to get.

Life changed in wartime. Meat was scarce and if you managed to get any it had to be given to the men who were working. When conscription started Thelma's brother was sent to Italy where he was wounded and sent home. Her father, having fought in the Great War, was again conscripted at the age of 42.

Thelma remembers meeting her father at the station when he came home on leave. The children would march home with him carrying his big kit bag between them.

In the freezing winter of 1947 Janet remembers the local station master promising her father some coal if he came up after dark with his wheelbarrow. Unfortunately the wheelbarrow creaked. Thinking of ways of silencing the noise, he greased the wheels with the fat from the family joint and made his way quietly up the hill to secure his bounty.

Thelma was married in 1953 at St Peter's church at the bottom of Station Hill now renamed Treadaway Hill. Her wedding reception was in the recreational hall, the venue for so many celebrations and concerts over the years. Rationing was still a necessity so all the food coupons had to be saved up to give to the butcher. He used these to carve up a large piece of spam for the sandwiches which were part of the celebration tea.

Janet's family moved to Roman Way. She married and moved away, returning to live in Bourne End some years later. Her two sisters still living locally.

Thelma's children went to St Paul's school in Wooburn Green. She helped at the school by listening to the children reading. Now some 35 years later she is again helping the children of the children she once listened to.

Both ladies can tell you of all the changes that have taken place in their lifetime; how the river used to run alongside a footpath, before they built the bridge to let the cars over and pavements were made; how slowly all the mills that were dotted around the village closed down and housing estates sprang up in their place; how the little local stations were shut down by Lord Beeching making travelling between the towns more difficult.

Now in their later years to their delight these two schoolmates met again. Listening to these two ladies exchanging memories with much laughter while they reminisce brings happiness to us all at Contact the Elderly.

As told to me by Thelma Rigglesworth and Janet Greenham.



Janet and Thelma

OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

Community Church

Everyone is welcome at our Sunday services which start at 10.30am (refreshments from 10am). These take place at The Meadows School except for June 25 when we are at the Chapel on the Green. From July 23 we meet at the Chapel on the Green on Sundays throughout the summer.

Also at the Chapel on the Green we have an extended time of worship called *Gather* on Sunday evenings once a month. You are welcome to join us at the next ones on June 4 and July 2.

Tuesday Lunch Club meets every Tuesday at 12.30pm in the hall at the Chapel on the Green. It's a great way to enjoy a relaxed lunch and to get to know other people. For more information contact Dave Bitcheno on 07894 143925 or d.bitcheno@sky.com



Dad's Little Steps is our monthly toddler group for Dads with their youngsters. These will take place at the Chapel on the Green on Saturday June 3 and July 1, 10am to 11.30am. Enjoy a cuppa and a bacon roll with other Dads while the little ones play (cost £2 per family). Details of all activities are at www.wooburngreen.org.

Cores End United Reformed Church

The Easter Children's Fun Day was a great success. On Easter Sunday the cross was "greened" and was displayed in front of the church for two weeks afterwards. The Easter collection was Jars of Change for Wateraid which raised more than £500.

In May we held a frugal bread and cheese lunch to mark the start of Christian Aid Week. On Sunday June 18 we hold our annual barbecue.

Next year is the 250th Anniversary of Cores End Church and a few members are currently trawling through the archives with a view to producing a booklet to commemorate the occasion.



Our Mission Group has been holding a series of 'pub gatherings' to strengthen fellowship while enjoying a fun evening out, and will continue to meet once every couple of months to focus on a particular topic, sharing stories, thoughts and ideas about faith, our community, important issues and the future of our church.

There is a warm invitation for everyone and details of dates/times and venue will be on our website www.coresendurc.com or call Helen Rathbone on 07912 696658.

St Dunstan's Church, Bourne End



Following our Friday Lenten Lunches we raised more than £1,000 for CAFOD. It was also good news for our special Lenten charity project, DePaul UK's Nightstop Appeal, as

we achieved our goal of providing 100 bednights for homeless young people.

In May many young people received the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time in a beautiful Mass. We welcomed Bishop Peter from Northampton at a special Confirmation Mass for the group of young adults who have asked to be accepted as full members of our church. Looking further ahead, we eagerly await Fr Francis' Silver Jubilee Mass and Celebration at the beginning of July.

For parish news visit www.saintdunstans.co.uk

St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

We start off a busy June with *Music in the Manor* on Saturday June 10 by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Jason Downes, with music by the Chiltern Concert Band, playing a delightful selection of classics and songs from the shows.

Also entertaining us will be Bitterroot playing a mixture of rockabilly and cool country blues - do wear your best checked shirt. Bring your picnic and drinks and enjoy a fun evening.

The gates will open at 5pm and the music will start at 5.30pm. If you want to set up a gazebo in the morning please contact Jeff Smith on 07775 957090 to make arrangements. Tickets £12.50 for adults and £5 for children from Jeff Smith or Wendy Osborn on 01628 525336.



We are delighted that our curate the Rev John Smith will be ordained on Wednesday June 21, which will be a great day for celebration.

June 24 and 25 is our Patronal weekend. Strawberry teas will be served on both days from 2pm to 5pm and the church will be decorated by members of the Flower Guild for the occasion.

We are hoping shortly to launch Friends of Little Marlow Church, and Wendy would love to hear from anyone interested (osborw01@yahoo.co.uk).

Did you go to the church school, were you or family members baptised or married there or would you just like to help support the heritage of a 12th-century church near you? The church is open on Sunday afternoons throughout the summer, and you are of course welcome to any of our services. Details are on www.4u-team.org.

St Paul's and St Mary's Church Wooburn

Interested in becoming a bell ringer? St Paul's is inviting anyone interested to join its friendly group. Not only is it fun and great exercise, you learn a new skill over time. The team enters competitions, rings at other churches, and has friendship groups around the world.

The Bell Ringers meet 7.30pm to 9pm on Wednesdays at St Paul's Church. Anyone over the age of 11 years is welcome. Contact 01628 521209.

St Paul's Church will be open on Sunday afternoons in July and August to enable the community to have a peaceful look around the church and enjoy afternoon tea.

Sunday Club for primary aged children meets every Sunday at St Paul's at 9.30am. Over the coming months they will be looking at St Paul's



travels around the Mediterranean.

The new Bible Study Group for older children, JAG (Jesus and God), is making plans for upcoming sessions. At the last get-together they looked at Ascension and over the next few gatherings different festivals will be investigated. For further information contact Judy on 01628 521209.

Term-time activities: Friday Communion Service and Lunch is at St Mary's at midday, young and old welcome. Youth Club, for children aged 10plus, is on Mondays, 7pm to 8.30pm in St Paul's Church Hall. Toddlers is on Tuesdays at 9.30am at St Paul's Church hall. Tots Praise is on Fridays at 9.45am also at St Paul's Church hall.

To hire the church halls contact stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com or 01628 525512. For more information see www.stpaulswooburn.org. And you can now follow us on Facebook at St. Paul's and St. Mary's Wooburn for information about weekly services, activities and special events.

St Mark's Parish Church

There are opportunities for regular worship every Sunday at 10.30am and on Thursday at midday followed by a light lunch.

Other events open to all are the popular Monday Cafe in the hall at 10am, Puffins toddler group on Wednesday, 10am to 11.30am, and Bible study on Thursday at 7.45pm at 35 Blind Lane.

For young families, Pathway service is at

10.30am on the second Sunday of the month, Messy Church with fun creative activities is on the first Sunday and Taste on the third Sunday both at 4pm.



During May some members of the congregation collected for Christian Aid again.

See www.parishesofhedsorandbourneend.co.uk and www.achurchnearyou.com, also our Facebook and Twitter accounts. To hire the hall, ring 01628 521677 or visit www.hallshire.com. The Rev Janet Binns can be contacted on 01628 523046.

St Nicholas' Church, Hedsor

Hedsor Riverside Fair takes place on June 24 with boat rides, cream teas, lots of stalls for the children, plant stall, tombola, jewellery stall, ceramics and more. It is at Orchard Dene, Riversdale from midday until 4.30pm. Definitely the place to be.

Each Sunday in June, July and August the church is open for visitors, 2.30pm to 4.30pm, to see our beautiful church and admire the lovely view.

Our service of Holy Communion is at 9am each Sunday. On the second Sunday our Pathway Family Service takes place. Pebbles (children's group) meet every fourth Sunday and we also have our choir for a Sung Communion on that morning. Do come long, we serve coffee afterwards.

Our new meditation/mindfulness gathering takes place in the church each Wednesday at 1.15pm for 1.30pm. Do come along or for more information ring Maura on 01628 530181. A warm welcome awaits at all of our activities.



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Wooburn and the surrounding villages were famous for lacemaking as a cottage industry, providing income for women and their families. In 1880 Eliza Bowler, Wooburn midwife and lacemaker, was awarded "Highly Commended" at the Windsor Exhibition. Her work was greatly admired by Queen Victoria, a supporter of cottage industries. The Queen ordered lace jabots for her ladies-in-waiting.

Now, more than 130 years later, Bourne End lacemakers are a small group keen to keep local lacemaking alive as a craft. Do you make lace or have you made lace in the past? Perhaps you have inherited a bee pillow or bobbins and would like to use them. The group are looking for more lacemakers to share interest and knowledge.

Why not take a break from the 21st century rush and join us once a month to indulge in an afternoon of this absorbing craft. Why not come to our Lace Day on Saturday 29 July in the community centre. For more information phone Pat on 01628 529103 or Elizabeth on 01628 521666. (See poster right)

Students show off their talents

AJ Gibson has been entertaining all her life and loving it. Music, song and dance is in her blood whether it is on stage, directing or teaching. So when the chance came to take over an independent stage school in Taplow it was a positive decision. Now she has a lively group of youngsters ready to learn and thrilled to perform (photo below).

"That's why this show is all about them," AJ said, "on a Sunday, with an early start time and the stage at the community centre to make their own" Of course AJ won't be able to resist including some of her numbers but her main idea is to give the youngsters their chance to entertain. Don't miss it. The concert is on Sunday 25 June at 5pm. (See poster left)



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CentreTalks

Look out for posters giving all the details. Talks are on the second Thursday in the month. Enjoy a drink at the bar before.

Bourne End Community Centre at
7.30pm on the second
Thursday of the month.

£5 (£4 for association members on the door or £4 (£3 members) in advance from the Centre Office or Centre Bar.
Bourneendcommunitycentre.org.uk

Darts

The Winter season is coming to an end with just the finals next week. We have Andy, Nick and Peter in the 3's Finals and Lee is in the Landlords Final, so good luck to all the players involved in the finals night.

We had a pretty good season achieving the giddy heights of third place in the league overall. Our best position for many a year and we were gallant runners-up in the major cup final only beaten by the Black Lion.

Summer league will be commencing very soon, so if there are any



keen dart players looking for a match please contact the community centre or email garyjohnson811@gmail.com

Cribbage

Congratulations to the Bourne End community centre cribbage team who are still holding top spot in the Maidenhead cribbage league. The season goes right through to the end of July so some way still to go, fingers crossed. We are also in the final of the cup knockout to be played late June - Good luck team.

Chess

A 100% success rate in the Bucks League was achieved for the second season running by the first team in league one and the second team managed to survive so we have two teams in the top division. The third team enjoyed their season with limited success. The Berkshire league is more competitive and the season there was more average. The majority of those in the second team are third team regulars so they have struggled in the second division and will finish bottom. The Congress was won by Robin Haldane of the Brixton & Streatham club with local man Andrew Smith second and Nevil Chan third.



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CENTRE NEWS



Bourne End (Bucks) Community Association
Wakeman Road, Bourne End, Bucks, SL8 5SX

LACE & CRAFT DAY

for lace/embroidery/cross stitch etc. for an enjoyable day
and meet up with friends and make new ones

Thursday 29th July 2017

10.00 to 4.00pm



Bourne End Community Centre
Wakeman Road, Bourne End, SL8 5SX

£3.50 (to include tea/coffee biscuits and cake) in
advance from the Centre Office or ring 01628 524214

Please bring a packed lunch

For more info email secretary@bebca.org.uk or ring 01628 524214

Lace & Craft Day is organised by Bourne End (Bucks) Community Association - a
charity registered in England and Wales No. 300236

Lace & Craft Day is a fund raising activity of Bourne End (Bucks) Community
Association

Club

Water's edge

The year with three matches to report. March saw a
firm fishery. High winds and torrential rain kept
club chairman Roy Savin taking top spot with 11lb
Tony Colbourn with 5lb 11oz and third was John
oz.

Club visiting Campbells Lake at the Milton Pools
place went to club secretary Terry Belcher with 51lb
shared jointly by Jim West and Ian Bond with a
oz.

Turn to West End Pool and club treasurer Tony
b of carp on the scales (winning bait was a tin of
and was new member Jim West with 38lb 11oz and
Belcher with 6lb 5oz.

and prize giving was at the community centre in
le have taken advantage of fishing a match with
as members; all three signed up at the AGM.
Belcher on 01628 851001 if you want to consider
and have a taster session first. We are a group of
enjoying each other's company, including one
needs some female company on the bank.



centreJAZZ

in the bar

*Make a date with our regular jazz evenings in
the community centre on the first Tuesday of
each month. We provide a warm, welcoming
atmosphere for jazz enthusiasts and lovers
of live music.*

*Music starts at 8pm. The £5 entrance
includes raffle ticket with great prizes. Interval
nibbles available. It's unmissable!*

Tuesday June 6th

A return visit from

The Dixieland Swing Kings

Tues July 4th

That ever-popular band

The Fabulous Shirtlifters

RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS

**Do you have any unwanted gifts at home to
donate to the community centre for its
fundraising events?**

**If so please bring your items to the centre FAO
the event committee.**

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

BOURNE END (BUCKS) COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Membership costs (apply at the community centre)

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

Annual subscriptions are payable on or after 1 January each year. Family membership carries one vote.
Associate and Junior Membership carry no vote.

OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

1st Wooburn Scouts Group

We took part in the Marlow District Night Hike in March. Volunteers manned the checkpoint at our headquarters and processed 160 walkers on the night. 1st Wooburn entered four teams of intrepid young people, who all did exceptionally well.

1st Wooburn led the St George's Day Parade in Marlow which was well attended. Our Beaver group won 'Best Dressed Beaver Group'. (See report page 24)

Our Scout group had a water activities camp at Longridge in May, and has a Camp and Cook competition weekend in June.

Don't forget we hire out our fantastic headquarters: See our website

www.wooburn.wixsite.com/wooburnscouts

RNLI (South Bucks and Thames)

At our AGM more than 50 members heard the good news on fundraising, along with a successful raffle and delicious buffet.

Having added to our area by taking over the High Wycombe branch, chairman Michael Prager said how important it was to encourage more supporters to assist with fundraising. It was good to know that over 70 per cent of supporters helped this effort during the year, but more were needed.

If you would like to get involved, contact Terry James on 07585 888 416 or Terry_James@RNLI.org.uk. See also www.rnli.org/support-us/become-a-volunteer.

Bucks Family History Society

On Tuesday June 13 Dave Annal will talk about the vital work done by the census enumerators since 1841. Census returns have been one of the greatest assets for anyone undertaking family history research.

On Tuesday June 11 Rebecca Probert's talk covers the wide subject of *Divorced, Bigamist, Bereaved*, about the longevity of marriage, how the law dealt with disappearing spouses and the extent of bigamy.

We meet in the community centre small hall on the second Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome, for information visit www.bucksfhs.org.uk

Bourne End Townswomen's Guild

First of all our apologies for giving the wrong date for our May talk. Now we look towards June and July with Colin Oakes telling us about *Enterprising Women Through the Ages*. In July we will hold one of our popular games afternoons. There is no meeting in August.

Our guild meets on the second Wednesday in the month at 1.30pm in the Target Room at the community centre, and we welcome new members. To find out more ring 01628 527931.

Bourne End Horticultural Society

Our speaker on Thursday June 15 is Chris Thorne from Aylett Nurseries in St Albans who will present *An Irreverent Look at News from the Garden Centre Shelves*. Plants will be for sale.

On Thursday July 20 Brian Davis will speak

about *The Evolution of the Clematis*. Please come along to our meetings. You do not need to have any horticultural experience. For details of BEHS phone 01628 521482 or email pennyhampson@hotmail.com

Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

Our demonstration on the first Tuesday in June is likely to be another lively event. Called *Celebrations* it will be given by Keri Harvey (who has a video on YouTube as well as a Facebook page).

If you like flowers why not go along to Blenheim Palace over the weekend of June 23 to 25 when we will be competing at the area show. It is entitled *Blooms, Beauty and Originality* and is a major garden show and a good day out.

On Tuesday July 4 we welcome Kathy Stangard with her demonstration called *All the World's a Stage*. We don't meet in August but members and their friends go on an outing to a lovely garden.

Non-members are welcome at our demonstrations in the main hall at the community centre with an entry fee – or become a member and enjoy monthly demonstrations and workshops.

Marlow-Maidenhead Passengers Association

The timetable change on May 22 introduced the start of electric services from Maidenhead to London. Chiltern Railways intend to cease issuing printed timetables after the May timetable change.

The project to provide a half-hourly service on the Marlow Branch by modifying the track layout at Bourne End is now subject to a survey. This is to ensure it can be fitted into existing Network Rail owned land.

Committee member Nigel Phillips made two broadcasts about the branch on Wycombe Sound Radio.

Marlow and District Railway Society

March saw a return visit from Brian Stephenson, whose presentation *The Fascination of Old Photographs* included railways, trams, buses, ships, aircraft and other transport-related subjects taken from his huge archive of pictures from many different photographers.

In April we welcomed Mike Hudson and Phil Evans of The Pullman Society, who gave a detailed talk on *The History of the Pullman Carriage in the UK*.

In May we heard *My Life on the Railway* by Norman Topsom MBE, who spent more than 50 years working for the railway, latterly at Twyford, where he became quite a celebrity.

On June 15 Dr Les Nixon will talk on *55 Years of Railway Photography*. This meeting is in collaboration with the local Railway Correspondence and Travel Society and brings this much published railway photographer to us, all the way from Sheffield, for the second time. Please note the earlier start time for this one meeting is 7.30pm.

Our July 20 meeting subject is *Strictly Freight Only* with Brian Ringer. The former senior manager will look at the revolution in freight handling on British Railways from the 1950s.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings at the community centre at 8pm (unless otherwise stated) with a fee of £3. Further information at www.mdrs.org.uk

Bourne End Twinning Association

What is Twinning? It's sharing a bit of your life with people in another country.

Who is Bourne End twinned with? It is Octeville sur Mer, near Le Havre, France.

Why do we do it? Because it's fun. You discover all sorts of interesting things, and make new friends, in your own village as well as in France. With luck, it might even contribute a little to world peace. It certainly enriches your life.

Who can join? Anyone aged over 18, or families, living in Bourne End, Wooburn, Flackwell Heath, or within reasonable distance.

What does it cost? £4 single/£8 family annual subscription, plus the cost of events you attend. French not necessary; but open-heartedness and sense of humour are essential.

We run five or six events a year, including a long weekend with our twinning friends: here one year, there the next.

Over the May bank holiday, 34 members enjoyed a great five-day visit to Octeville. It included a quirky museum at Desvres, the opening of an English book corner in Octeville library, excursions to Caen and Cabourg (sipping drinks on the sunny promenade), beer-tasting, and two lovely restaurant meals. But, above all, we enjoyed the warmth and kindness of the hosts who welcomed us into their homes.

Next year, we welcome them here - but first, we shall be getting together for local events: the quiz with supper on June 24 (all welcome), and the Members' Garden Party on September 2.

Visit www.bebta.ukgo.com or ring 01628 520065 to find out more. Website of our "twin" is www.cjo.fr.

Wye Valley Volunteers

We recently lost four of our volunteer drivers to retirement and/or granny duties. We would encourage anyone who is looking for a job that is interesting, flexible and rewarding to contact us for further details.

Drivers can specify where they are prepared to travel and how frequently they want to, and it is not a regular commitment - even if you could only drive once or twice a month, that may be when no one else is available.

We have recently increased our upper age limit for recruitment to 78 with retirement at 80.

Our Home Visiting team continues to support a number of clients who greatly appreciate the company of a regular visitor.

Recently one of our newer volunteers on returning her client home heard a 'beeping' sound. This turned out to be the carbon monoxide alarm which necessitated a series of emergency calls and actions.

It is very unusual for visitors to be involved in such a drama - but their visits bring a lot of reassurance.

Other activities which bring social contact for people on their own are the regular drop-in coffee mornings (Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the community centre – coffee at 30p per cup) and the monthly lunch club. The latter is by referral only but if you know of anyone who might benefit do get in touch.

If you would like help from any of our services or would be interested in becoming a volunteer please phone 01628 521027, email enquiries@wyevalleyvolunteers.co.uk or call in person at Community Volunteer Office, Wakeman Road, Bourne End which opens 10am to midday each weekday.

The Future of our Village (Bourne End)

Bill Leftwich attended the Local Area Forum mainly to argue the case for advanced warning lights for the pedestrian crossing particularly at the beginning and end of Clayton's school day. The situation is still on-going.

The Community Led Plan was discussed but it was being superseded by the Neighbourhood Plan which is being developed by the parish council.

Slate Meadow rumbles on. It seems that some development is inevitable, but a rearguard action has been fought to limit the development. The appeal on the bridleway was lost, but there was some wriggle room given for appealing the decision if they made suitable modifications. The current officers are Doug Meredith (chairman), David Langford (secretary) and Sue Wagner (treasurer).

Bourne End Video Makers

The club received a three star award and very favourable comments from the professional judges for the films *Pull* and *The Big One*, in this year's IAC (Institute of Film and Video) film festival.

Last year's film making course resulted in three very welcome new members and we plan to repeat it this autumn. Details on www.bevm.co.uk and on Meet Up.

In March Richard Poad gave an illustrated talk on *Maidenhead at the Movies* and in May the club entered the final of the North Thames Region IAC Knockout competition with five club films.

The club meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month in the Target Room at the community centre at 7.30pm. Anyone interested in any aspect of film making is welcome. Contact David Jarman 01494 712 441.

Breaking News

We won the final of the IAC North Thames Region Knockout Competition that took place on Sunday May 7 hosted by Staines Video Makers who were last year's winner. We were up against three other clubs from other parts of the region and the five films we entered received glowing remarks from the judges. This is a first for the club after 17 years of entering IAC competitions and really puts us on the map as being makers of high quality and entertaining films. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Thames Valley Soroptimists

After years of hard work the completion of the Sandy Raffan Library in Sierra Leone and the culmination of the project, undertaken by the Thames Valley branch of Soroptimist International, was marked by a celebratory reception held at the John Lewis Partnership Heritage Centre in Cookham on April 24.

More than 70 supporters viewed images of the project from its early beginnings to its opening at Christmas.

Named after the late husband of Soroptimist Johanna Raffan, the library is located close to the village where another club member, Rose Simbo, has close connections. Johanna thanked all those who attended the reception and Rose outlined the plans for the sustainability of the project in the future.

Villagers in Sierra Leone will be farming a small herd of pigs, the proceeds of which will be a vital income stream for the project.

CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

JUNE

- 1 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
- 2 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 4 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm
- 5 Mon Emergency members' meeting of Forum drama group. See report page 9 for details about this important meeting
- 6 Tues Meeting of the Keep Bourne End Green action group at 7.30pm in the Garibaldi pub. A chance to meet other volunteers
- 6 Tues The start of a literary-themed printmaking exhibition in the library. See page 26 for details
- 6 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the Community Centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle
- 8 Thurs General Election day. Don't forget to vote
- 9 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 10 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the library
- 10 Sat Family Garden Party fundraiser for the Keep Bourne End Green group. Join them for a re-laxed and informal day of fun and games by the river (limited ticket availability, see page 10 for details)
- 15 Thur The start of Bucks Open Studios. See page 25 for details of local artists exhibiting and opening dates and times
- 16 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 16 Fri Start of the Beer Festival at The Falcon Pub in Wooburn Moor. It runs until Sunday with live music on the Friday and Saturday evenings
- 16 Fri Diabetes Day event at 227 Blind Lane with table top sale, a grand draw, tombola, wine raffle, Tupperware sale, jewellery and lots more. From 9am serving tea, coffee and cakes all day and from 6pm cheese and wine
- 16 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company
- 18 Sun Classic Car Show at Hedsor Club from 9am to 6pm. See poster on page 27
- 23 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 24 Sat The annual Hedsor Fair at Orchard Dene, Riversdale. See poster page 18
- 24 Sat Wooburn Fête on the green from midday to 4pm. Lots to see and do for all the family. See report page 3 and poster page 17
- 24 Sat School Summer Fair at Claytons Primary School from midday to 3pm
- 25 Sun An Evening of Song and Dance with AJ Gibson at the community centre. See poster page 36 for details
- 30 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm

JULY

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- 7 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 8 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the library
- 8 Sat Simon Goodall and the Bourne Again Shadows in concert at the community centre. See poster page 28 for details
- 14 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 19 Wed The start of a month-long exhibition in the library showing works by local charities working with disability
- 21 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 21 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company
- 28 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 29 Sat Lace Day at the community centre. See details and poster on pages 36 and 37

*The next issue of Target will cover August and September 2017.
Email editor@targetmagazine.org.uk by Monday July 3 to get your event included in the calendar. The magazine will be published on Friday July 28.*

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

Target Quiz

Sponsored by The Falcon Pub, Wooburn Moor

Number 98

Penny Walsh roped in help from her granddaughter again. Hopefully this quiz is slightly easier than the last one. Some abbreviations are harder than others – but get them all right and you could win Penny's mystery prize PLUS a meal for two at The Falcon in Wooburn Moor. Write your answers on an envelope, add your name and address, include £1 entry fee then take it into the community centre office. All money raised goes to the community centre.

- 1 DNA
- 2 TNT
- 3 BBC
- 4 SCUBA
- 5 MOD
- 6 POS
- 7 USP
- 8 RSPCA
- 9 GWR
- 10 GCHQ
- 11 RADA
- 12 WC
- 13 RHS
- 14 MRI
- 15 AIDS
- 16 HR
- 17 ROM
- 18 NATO
- 19 RNLI
- 20 PRC

APOLOGIES

CORRECTION FOR APRIL/MAY'S TARGET QUIZ

No 11 should have read:

29 Acacia Road

No 13 should have read:

Apt 56b Whitehaven Mansions

Entries were judged on

18 answers

The closing date is Monday July 3

ANSWERS TO QUIZ 97: 1 Sherlock Holmes 2 Bilbo/Frodo Baggins 3 Harry Potter/the Dursleys 4 Mr Darcy 5 Crawley family 6 McDonald Family 7 Kublai Khan/Citizen Kane 8 Batman/Bruce Wayne 9 Heathcliff 10 Mr Rochester 11 Bananaman 12 Simpson Family 13 Hercule Poirot 14 Paddington Bear 15 Lord Emsworth 16 Anne Shirley 17 Wallace and Gromit 18 The Flintstones 19 Mr Benn 20 Trotters – Del Boy/Rodney
The winner is Daphne Stopforth, Millstream Way, Wooburn Moor



The Falcon Pub

Watery Lane,
Wooburn Moor, HP10 0NE

Tel: 01628 522752

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New Date

The Falcon Pub's

Beer festival

16th \ 17th \ 18th June

Live Music

Friday and Saturday
evenings

Loads of ale and ciders

Festival Menu and BBQ

Charity games and raffle

Why not hold your party or event at Bourne End Community Centre?

We have various rooms for hire to fulfil your party or special event needs and kitchens available for party food.

Our cosy, welcoming Centre Bar can be used by your guests (hour extensions can be arranged) with drinks at competitive prices (cheaper than your local pub).

Check out our room rates by calling the centre on

01628 522604

or go to www.bourneendcommunitycentre.org.uk
for more information



The Centre, Wakeman Road, Bourne End, Bucks SL85SX