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A glorious and hilarious read...

It is said that everyone has a book in them. Ursula Hilborne from Willows Road in Bourne End certainly knew that was right. Now at 81 she has written and published *My Side of the Counter*. It's a glorious read for anyone who loves this local area, hopefully a best seller for Ursula and should be compulsory reading for local history students.

Ursula's family moved to open up a shop in Beaconsfield when she was a toddler and there are memories of riding to the new home seated on a sofa in the back of the removal lorry. When giving the shop a thorough clean her grandmother caught a live mouse and did not know what to do with it. The rat catcher came and caught nearly 30 a week for a couple of weeks.

Ursula's father was a master confectioner and he took over the Beaconsfield bakery and called it Jungs. He planned to be his own boss. Timing wasn't perfect with wartime rationing, but he had his baking skills and customers appreciated that. Ursula recalls the customers, the funny moments, the triumphs and the occasional disasters.

The Beaconsfield of her childhood days was one of grand houses, servants calling to collect and even being asked to boil an egg and provide some neatly cut soldiers for a lady who had never cooked in her life. Education included elocution lessons and a kitten from the school cat.

One of Ursula's regular customers was Gerry Thomas who directed the *Carry On* films. As she chuckled at an incident in the shop Gerry told her that he would make the film if she wrote the book.

"That was 40 years ago now," Ursula reflects, "dear Gerry is dead, but I have written the book and it has his title."

Within the pages are hosts of characters. Alongside these



are the family who ran a highly successful bakery and expanded to provide what Beaconsfield wanted.

Eventually Ursula took over the running of the business. She was always looking for new ideas and one was a pre-Christmas event. "They do it in every town these days," she smiles, "but we did it first."

Friends, neighbours, former fellow shop owners and former staff came to Ursula's book signing in Bourne End Library. At £12 her book is a delight and you can buy a copy in the library.



Left, Ursula with her book, here, signing a copy for neighbour Ann Greenwood



Below former Jungs staff with Ursula and her sister Ingrid



Afternoon tea at Bourne End Academy

Once a year there's a lovely teatime occasion organised by the Rotary Club for the local elderly. On Monday June 10, Bourne End Academy was the place to be as tables were laid with vintage china and jars of flowers. Sandwiches, scones and cakes were served by a team of students and there were countless cups of tea and countless more refills.

"It was absolutely lovely" was the message from everyone as they chatted, enjoyed the entertainment provided by the students and went home with a bag of fresh fruit courtesy of Peter Emmett and the farm shop in Little Marlow.

Sue Pomeroy from Rotary was the organiser for this year and she delighted in providing a Summer event for the elderly with the help of the students.



Hawkinsport staff Simon Pitney-Baxter (left) and Harry Christoforou are doing half marathons for a special cause. Find out more on page 25.



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BULL'S EYE

We may all moan from time to time (mainly via social media it seems) but we really are lucky to live in such a lovely part of the country. I had a "lucky me" moment at the weekend when I attended the Henley Festival. While the music, art, comedy and food were all great, it was watching all the people on their boats (many from Bourne End) sailing up and down the river with happy revellers on board that really stirred my soul.

With a son currently buying a property around here (no mean feat these days) I am very aware of how the younger generation are struggling to afford to remain in this delightful corner of England. It's such a dilemma isn't it? We need more affordable housing so our children and grandchildren can stay local, but we want the area to remain unspoiled, retaining our green areas to ensure it stays a beautiful place to live.

On the point of "staying here" if your family has always lived in this area the photo below may well feature your dad, grandad, uncle or brother.

It was sent in by Pauline Hulme, who wrote the Past Times page in the June/July issue of Target about old friends Thelma Dean and Janet Thompson reuniting at their local branch of Contact the Elderly. She says: "When I wrote the 'Friends Reunited' article I didn't realise what far repercussions it might have.

"Thelma, who hadn't met Janet for more than 70 years, discovered that at the back of one of her old pictures there was a photograph of the Wooburn Park FC football team of 1923 -1924.

"Thelma recognised Janet's maiden name, Wooton, and when Janet saw the photograph she was delighted to see her relatives seated there. For the first time she was able to see her grandfather as a young man and with black hair!

"I wonder if anyone else can pick out a relative?"

So there's your challenge... do you recognise anyone on the photo? Do email me at editor@targetmagazine.org.uk if you do!

Debra Aspinall, editor



Left to right back row: W. Wooton, H. Cook, G. Whapshot (vice-capt), E Aldridge, L. Rackstraw (captain), H. Rolfe and W. Boon. Middle row: F. Sears, A Harrowing, J. Walker, E. Wooton, A. Hawes. Front row: E. Rolfe, E. Cox, C. Ball and A. Harris

Dear Editor,

After seeing the June/July edition of Target I wanted to share a picture of my grandchildren Daisy Fox (7) and Rudy Fox (2) helping me with my Target delivery on Wendover Road, Bourne End.

They both love helping out particularly as it becomes a bit of a race to see who can deliver the most.

Margaret Fox
Wendover Road, Bourne End

Surely Rudy is our youngest Target distributor? - Ed



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



Firstly an apology. In the last issue of *Target* I cynically predicted that the district council's planning department would put forward the Local Plan at the cabinet meeting on 10 July.

It would have been followed by the full committee meeting on the 17 July.

This would have meant the published plan would be out for the six week consultation period during the summer holiday.

I was wrong. The council have now stated that they will be putting it to the cabinet meeting on 18 September followed by a full council meeting within three weeks.

We must be thankful that this gives all of us a little more time to prepare and certainly we will not be rushing to put our views during the Summer holiday period.

Once the planning department has sent the proposed plan forward to the cabinet and full council it is highly unlikely that it will not be approved. It is just the required stage to progress their development intentions.

The most important point is that, even if you have written before and put your views either for or against the plan, you may have attended workshops or signed petitions, you **MUST** write again.

After the plan is published your views need to be registered. I would suggest, that you deal with the issues of Hollands Farm and the release of Slate Meadow as a reserve site independently in two

separate documents to avoid any confusion.

At the moment the six week time span for this seems to be in October and part of November.

Now for something completely different. Way back, before I became chairman, we knew that if John and Margaret Marshall came to a residents' association AGM then we would need to be on our toes.

Without doubt the couple would pose one or two tricky, but honest and relevant questions. Always asked politely and with the best interests of Bourne End at the heart of the matter.

Over the years I got to know them well and supported Margaret when she was voted onto the parish council. John had joined the residents' association's committee and served for several years.

At one stage he was involved with the onerous task of cataloguing our photograph collection. Thanks to John's work, and others on the committee, the collection is now easily accessible through the SWOP (Sharing Wycombe's Old Photographs) facility and it presents a wonderful picture of life in our villages from the start of general photography.

Unfortunately there was an article I wrote in *Target* which I felt was constructive criticism of the parish council. John felt that this was directed at Margaret and, on a point of principal, he resigned from our committee.

This did not spoil our relationship and we continued to share, and almost always agree, with each other's views on various aspects of village life. In fact John phoned

me on 31 May to compliment me on my last *Target* article which clearly explained how Bourne End should react to the Local Plan.

Sadly, later that evening John suffered a severe stroke from which he never recovered. John died peacefully, surrounded by this family, on 26 June.

During all the years that John has lived in Claytons Meadow he has built up a huge collection of friends both in Bourne End and further afield.

His interests were extensive. Without question everyone will miss him hugely.

One final thought – just a word of warning to St Peter – if perchance you should make the smallest error of judgement, John will be the first to politely point out the mistake.

Thanks John for all you did for the village. We will miss you.

Jim Penfold 01628 525415

Our recent photo shows John Marshall (left) in the library chatting to Councillor Mike Appleyard



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WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Margaret Amos
Secretary to the Association

Wooburn Fête

The sun shone briefly, the rain stayed away and the crowds came to our village fête on June 24.

The whole community came together to enjoy cream teas (prepared by the Community Church), a tasty barbecue, or, for the more energetic, water zorbing and bungee trampolines.

Maidenhead Concert Band played and proud parents beamed as their children from St Paul's School danced their socks off or their offspring from The Meadows School sang their hearts out.

The Sappers' Singers' rendition of popular songs from shows was enjoyed by all. One of the highlights was the children pulling the parish council's tractor (used to cut the grass in the parish) in a tug of war!

Representative stalls included the parish council, the WI, guides, brownies, St Paul's Church, the



Wooburn Club and Wooburn and Bourne End Children's Centre.

The emergency services were also present. Our PCSO can be seen dancing (bottom left).

Community First Responders recruited new volunteers and local small businesses were in attendance showcasing their work and selling homemade goodies.

An appearance by Jack Sparrow, Belle and Rapunzel delighted the children (and some mums) – courtesy of Emmabelle's Princess Parties of Wooburn; John Johnny was also in attendance offering dance competitions and musical fun for the young and young at heart.

The fête could not have happened without the amazing support of 1st Wooburn Scouts who showed up in force to put up marquees and gazebos and cover a third of The Green with fabulous activities and games for people to enjoy. Among the scout's activities was a very well used trebuchet sending wet sponges flying to soak parents, teachers or any target who sat in the chair.

We were delighted with the whole afternoon and Caroline Meechan, chair of the fête committee said: "We were extremely happy with the way everything went. It is wonderful to see the community coming together like this and it was particularly pleasing to see that people did not visit for just a quick whizz around The Green – they spent money, they sat on the grass and chatted to friends, they listened to the music. It really was a lovely afternoon."

Monies raised from the fête go towards community projects to benefit the people of Wooburn – an example is the Christmas lights which illuminate The Green each December. All other organisations raise money for their own funds.

A special thank you must go to our main sponsors, Citygate VW Van Centre, Peter Lole & Co Ltd who very kindly undertook all our insurance needs and CALA Homes who paid for all our advertising.

We are also grateful to the following who supported the fête: Simon Elvin Ltd, Creed Food Services, Tesco Express, Tesco (Loudwater), Jolliffes and Serenity Lounge as well as all those who donated raffle and tombola prizes.

For more pictures of the fête, taken by Grace Laybourne, turn to page 11.

144 Wycombe Lane – Car Show Rooms

We have written to object to the recent planning application for 14 dwellings on the grounds that its scale, design and layout represent an overdevelopment of the site that is detrimental to the established character of this part of Wycombe Lane.

BAM – Glory Park

Following the outcome of last year's appeal, an outline planning application has been lodged by BAM Glory Mill Ltd in respect of the undeveloped area of the former Glory Mill site. This application is for a residential development of up to 110 units, comprising a mix of houses, town houses and apartments. We are generally supportive of plans to develop this brownfield site for housing rather than business units, especially as an alternative to the proposed development of Slate Meadow.

Fencing of Play Area in Wooburn Park

On July 4 the parish council's Open Spaces Committee has on its agenda a discussion on the proposed working party to look at the issues and general usage of the parks and play areas and to produce a document with recommendations to go before the full council. Further updates will follow.

Next meeting: Monday September 11 at 7.30pm in the Wooburn Club, Wooburn Green. New members welcome.

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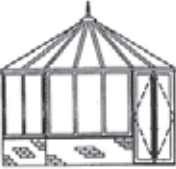
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Marina Life with Peter Osborne



I may have tempted fate in my last missive when I mentioned a lack of rain. Gerry and I took a week off on the south coast and endured gales, horizontal rain and sand storms. It was dangerous walking Rocky - if I had his lead too long he became a kite, mind you he probably had a better view of the surroundings.

As soon as we got back the weather became hot again. So far we have had, generally, proper Summer weather, as evidenced by our tans, and slowly the river is bursting into life.

The tug has been busy so far this year. We have had a couple of missions to undertake. Firstly, the contractors working at Harleyford Marina required two barges and a floating platform towing from Bray to Harleyford due to their tug sinking on their moorings. This task took from the afternoon to early evening. It was wonderful to see the Bourne End Marina tug working in the opposition's marina. Photos were taken.

Secondly we had to tow a Dumb Barge, fitted out as a house boat, from Maidenhead to Caversham, Reading.

A barge described as dumb means that it does not have an engine and so must be towed when it needs to move.

This entailed navigating nine locks, quite fun when you are towing off a single rope over the back of the tug and the barge does not have brakes.

We also had to pass under Sonning Bridge which we managed with only a couple of inches to spare. Sonning Bridge is one of the smallest bridges on the river and is a barrier to many boats that are too large to get under it.

We managed it without making contact, pure skill on the marina boys' part. It certainly wasn't luck.

The lady owner of the barge was invited to accompany us on the job, but said she had too much to do. However, we kept seeing her at various points along the route although we didn't see her at Sonning Bridge. She explained that she hid in a bush as she didn't want to put us off.

The total time taken for this mission was 11 hours. We repositioned the barge from Maidenhead to the marina on the Sunday evening and then departed the following day at about 9.30am arriving in Caversham at 3.30pm, a great day's work.

At the end of May the sailing club had its annual regatta. To us this means squeezing a few extra boats in as some of the contenders come by boat and like to stay on board.

It also means we get a few jobs towing cruisers off the beach on Cockmarsh as the boaters try to avoid the yachts and run aground, good stuff. It was a great week and what is fantastic is that the second half of the week is all to do with children; it's wonderful to see youngsters getting involved in water sports.

The mink are about and we are getting reports of them around the sailing club and swimming up the Abbotsbrook. We have got the traps out again trying to catch them. They may look cute, but as they are not indigenous to our county they cause havoc to the local wildlife, such as ducklings, cygnets etc.

The marina boys are looking forward to making coats to sell, subject to successful trappings. I understand that the mink in this area are of the American type brought over for breeding to make garments. However, 'do gooders' released them from the mink farms some years ago and they have now taken to the wild and having a detrimental effect on local ecoculture.

Some of the marina staff have been interviewed in the making of a documentary about the River Thames. Filming took place at the marina and at one of our other offices, The Bounty. There is some concern that due to a lack of investment during these years of austerity the river is 'dying' due to a failure in investment in the locks, a lack of resident lockkeepers, a lack of dredging and some areas becoming overgrown with trees and the like.

There is also a lot of concern about the increasing number of people who live on their boats without a permanent mooring and 'block off' all the public moorings so that the leisure boater has nowhere to go when they leave their marina to tie up for the night.

I can understand that it's cheaper to buy a boat than a house in these hard times, but there is always a 'knock on' effect.

We do not permit residential moorings, but it seems a shame that the local councils do not make land available to accommodate these people as they may do for travellers in caravans etc. Should this documentary hit the screen we will be selling autographs and posing for photos at £50 a pop. Happy times!

In June, we held a barbecue over at The Bounty for berth-holders. There were copious amounts of alcohol, food and a jazz band to ease the evening. A great time was had by all, but unfortunately there are no humorous war stories to be told. What happened in The Bounty stays in The Bounty (I hope). A huge thank you to Dave, Sue and Damien for their hospitality and for producing a very high standard of barbecue cuisine.

The river seems quiet just now, the lull before the storm that is the school holidays. Our supplies are full and we're raring to go. It was busier during the events at Henley, during June and early July, but the onslaught commences once the schools have broken up.

I had to explain to Matty and Chaos what a school is. They believe they may have gone to one, but are not actually sure what goes on in them.

Well, it's raining now so I'd better take the boys some cocoa and waterproofs as their welfare is of the utmost importance to me.

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SMALL BUSINESS MATTERS

with Sylvia Bourhill

The business that fails to plan, plans to fail

Why are you doing what you are doing?

Hopefully you are doing something that you love - mending chandeliers, plumbing, photography, curtain making, event planning or... the list of what sole traders and small businesses actually deliver is endless and constantly surprises me.

You may be a mum who is working around small children; you may not have been able to find an employment that appeals to you; you may have lost your job and had to improvise; you may have decided to branch out on your own.

Whether you fell into it by accident, necessity or design, the one thing that every business needs is a business plan. A good business plan will tell you what you are doing, why you are doing it, where you want to go, and how you are going to get there. It's all about finding your niche and creating your unique proposition. And it is a myth that only start-ups need to have a business plan.

Business plans are always wrong. No matter what stage your business is at you should review progress and look at your strategy every year. Planning puts you in charge of your business so you're no longer just reacting to events.

You have to constantly look at what's working and what isn't. Things that you've been doing may work for a few months and then stop working; you may need to find new ways to achieve your goals. It is about making multiple small improvements. By setting targets and making positive changes, you will see a tangible benefit in terms of profits.

And if you just like what you do and don't want to grow? It's impossible to stand still. If you don't do any planning you will go backwards. You have to constantly review what you are doing and what your customers want just to stay in business. Don't call it business planning, call it "managing your business."

STOP PRESS: The government has caved into pressure over Making Tax Digital and has delayed rollout by one year until 2020 while the smallest business below the VAT threshold will no longer have to report their tax affairs under the scheme.

Sylvia Bourhill, Another Answer Books & Accounts

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Diabetes fundraising

Carole Bailey held another successful Diabetes Day at her home in Blind Lane in June raising just over £4,000.

She told us: "We were thrilled to raise so much money, largely due to a lot of very generous people.

"I would like to thank family and friends, but also local businesses that donated gifts for our grand draw."

These included, from Flackwell Heath, Cakes by Justine, The Green Dragon, Ashton Opticians, Cleopatra, Costa Coffee, Daisy gift shop, Flackwell's fair price food & news, Mitzi's and Sainsbury's.

"Bourne End support came from Tesco, Martin Adams and Bourne End Cards & Gifts and from Wooburn Green, The Red Lion, Dolce, Fat Fish and Tesco.

"We could not run this day without the support of all these people. Thank you all very much."

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Councillors

In May the parish council held their annual meeting when all councillors step down from their respective committees and vote for a chairman and vice-chairman of each committee.

Sue Wagner was voted back in as chairman of council with Sue Hawes as her new vice-chairman. Dave Airley became chairman of Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials with Mike Balbini as his vice-chairman. Michael Reeves was voted back in as chairman of the Planning, Highways & Lighting Committee with Mark Ellis as his new vice-chairman and Dave Airley was voted chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee with Sue Hawes as vice-chairman. Councillors also put themselves forward to be council representatives for outside

organisations such as the residents' associations, Bourne End Community Association and Wye Valley Volunteers to name a few. The full list of committee members and parish representatives can be found at www.wooburnparish.gov.uk

Hello to more councillors

We have recently co-opted two more councillors and would like to welcome Reg Chopra and Tim Bingham. Both will be representing the Bourne End Ward. We hope they settle in quickly and enjoy their time on the council. We are tantalisingly close to having our full complement with just one space still remaining for the Bourne End Ward.

Allotments

There are a couple of allotments available in New Road at our Peggs site. If you are interested in taking on an allotment please let us know and we can log your details on our waiting list and will contact you when one is available.

Short & Sweet

Roadworks on The Parade and Wakeman Road have now been completed. The new surfaces have made such a difference driving along the main road or down to the car park.

I mentioned in the last issue of *Target* that more areas in our parks and open spaces had been seeded with wild flowers. These areas are now in full bloom and look lovely and the bees and insects are taking full advantage.

Meeting Dates

Full Council: September 26, October 24. Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials: September 5, October 3. Planning, Highways & Lighting: September 20. F&GP: September 12. All meetings start at 7.30pm

Normal Parish Council Office opening hours are from 9am to 5pm each day. Please call 01628 522827 if you have any queries, alternatively email clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk or visit our website www.wooburnparish.gov.uk

Off into the River Wye

It was like saying goodbye to old friends for the staff from the parish council. They had watched the eggs grow into good size trout. Now they had to set them free into the River Wye and hope they continued to grow, stay away from marauding pike, thrive and multiply.

Originally Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council offered the equipment to local schools, but none took up the challenge. Continuing the project was important so staff agreed to take on feeding, cleaning and rearing the trout. While staff did the work during the week it was children who agreed to do the job at the weekends and over bank holidays.

"There were problems with the eggs" parish clerk Malcolm Silver explained "so the numbers were reduced. We were given 29 eggs and have 14 young trout to release. They are fit and strong so should do well." Groundsman Shane Read captured the fish with great care and they went, via bucket, to the banks of the River Wye for release.

Councillor Mike Balbini brought his children along to see the trout being released and feeding on the river weed. As good size trout they were easy to see before they eventually slid off into the comfort of the vegetation.

Councillor Katie Lamb watched them go and admitted that her contribution was calling into the office and talking to the young trout.

"Rearing them involved a lot of effort," Malcolm said, "with feeding and cleaning as well as making sure that someone came in when the staff weren't here". The parish council have no idea who will take on the role next year, but they hope that an organisation will be willing to rear the trout and continue the project.



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Parachuting teddies

St Paul's Church, Wooburn, will once again be holding their Teddy Bears' Parachute Day on Sunday September 3.

The jumping is from 12.30pm to 4pm and children (and adults) are invited to visit the church in Wooburn Town and give their well-loved cuddly toys a trip of a lifetime from the top of the church tower.

The church is open on Sunday afternoons until Sunday September 3 to allow visitors to have a peaceful look around and enjoy afternoon tea. So while teddy takes the plunge you can enjoy some refreshments!

Picture This!

Bourne End Junior Craft Show 2017

Now that the summer holidays are upon us make sure your children take plenty of photographs when they are out and about. The best ones can be printed out and entered in the annual Bourne End Junior Craft Show, now in its fifth year. Photos can be taken with any kind of camera, including on a phone. As well as photography there are also classes for all kinds of needlework, papercraft, models, pictures, painting, collage and other crafts. Something to get busy with on those rainy days perhaps? Entry is free

of charge and is open to children aged four to 16 inclusive.

Classes will be split into age divisions and there are lots of arty crafty prizes on offer.

The show takes place on Saturday October 7 at Bourne End Library and we are delighted that the parish



council have supported us once again this year by granting free parking in the Wakeman Road car park on that day. Be sure to keep checking our website croalls2005.wix.com/bejuniorcraftshow nearer the time for further details.



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Wooburn Fête

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“Sadly leaving Bourne End”

An open letter from Linda Shelford, of Breeze, on her retirement

Dear Bourne End

It's hard to believe that it is 15 years since Breeze opened on The Parade in Bourne End selling fashion to all ages. It's even harder to believe, that, two years after deciding to retire, with a good few false starts, we have finally moved the leases on. I hope retirement will be worth it.

I will miss the commitment of running a business, but most of all I will miss Bourne End, the customers who have supported me and the shopkeepers who have become friends.

I followed in the footsteps of a well-established fashion business when I took over Anne of Bourne End. That was in September 2002. We opened for a week and then closed over half term for a refit. I would never have managed without the help of my partner Alfie Procter and I am so grateful for his support.

Janet had worked for Anne of Bourne End for many years and stayed on to help me. She has only recently retired.

Both Sandra and Karen worked for me at our Cippenham shop and came with me to Bourne End. They have worked with me for over 20 years. I will, most certainly, miss them.

I enjoyed getting to know what local people wanted, building up a mailing list of customers and getting settled into buying clothes in Summer for the Winter season. Fashion is great fun, but you need to be prepared for bad weather in Summer and a heatwave in the Winter. It was very different from my earlier working life of running two kiosks in Burham Beeches for 20 years.

Six years later in 2008 the closure of Cliftons toy shop provided a chance to grow the business into a lovely double-fronted shop offering a much wider range. And I loved it. I hope Breeze will be remembered just as I will remember the years in Bourne End. It really is very special. Thank you all so much.

Linda Shelford
now retired from Breeze

Linda (right) with Sandra



Keep Bourne End Green Update

By Penny Drayton

Keep Bourne End Green will be holding our next public meeting on Thursday August 3 at 7.30pm at Bourne End Community Centre.

Please attend to hear important updates in regards to the New Local Plan following a council meeting held in July which will give updates to plans and sites for the first time since last Summer.

Fundraising efforts continue and the case for KBEG gets stronger and stronger, ready to put it all to the council in response when the New Local Plan finally comes out (currently now delayed until September).

We Want Green Belt... a poem by Paul Maddox

We want a Green Belt, not a black belt
We want varied wildlife, not urban strife
We want natural fog, not man-made smog
We want our unique village, not population spillage
We want a working farm, it does far less harm
We need to ask the question, do we want more traffic congestion?
We don't want any more crud, associated with flood
We don't want to inflict strains, on the inadequate underground drains
We don't want to be nervous, finding a local service
We don't want confinement, for our environment
We want to keep our character, the most important factor
We don't want disunity, at the heart of our community
We don't want to lose our last bit of green, nothing to be seen
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Whether it was the good weather or the great array of vehicles, but this year's Classic British and American cars, pick-ups, bikes, trikes and hotrods show at Hedsor Club was definitely one of the best. With overnight camping, a country rock band and a wide choice of food stalls there was something for the biker-clad enthusiast to families – and the bar was open all day, each day. Hedsor Club supports St Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital and Breakthrough Breast Cancer. It was a great weekend event and



left to right: Lynn Cox, Ray Cox and son Stephen – from Taplow



a delight for petrol-heads.

With such a good turnout there was the question "Do we need a bigger field..?"



Mark Wilouby

left to right: Gary Flood from Wooburn Green, Lee Coggin from Rickmansworth and Paul Lawrence from Burnham



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Bourne End Library

50th anniversary festival events

Special events to mark the 50th anniversary of Bourne End Library were held throughout May and *Target* magazine joined in the celebrations. We hope you enjoy our round-up by Barrie Penfold...

Fifty years of books, reading, writing, exploring, investigating or just sitting to browse through a newspaper. Well worth a splendid celebration and getting just that. Bourne End Library has been a constant for five decades and its literary festival for that anniversary was a great success.

"I don't know how but it grew from just one event to being a festival and it has been enjoyed by a huge number of people," library manager Inka explained. "Our guests have been superb and we enjoyed every moment – even serving tea to more than 50 people at the same time."

Events kicked off with a Quiz Night that sold out immediately and included a fish-and-chips supper. "That was great fun and we had loads of laughs," Inka said. "Thanks to the Trefoil Guild and Friends of Guides and Scouts for a great quiz." With one successful event the ladies at the library felt that their festival was launched.

Gerald Seymour

The library staff were thrilled at the return of an old friend as international best-selling author, Gerald Seymour, spent an evening in conversation with Quentin Falk.

Before that there was time to look at some maps of Syria and the Yemen with Inka and talk about his years as a foreign correspondent. Gerald and Quentin have a long history with Bourne End Library as both have featured in events. This time they were part of a very special anniversary celebration.

Library manager Inka D'Agostino Inka and Gerald look at a map of Syria and Yemen



Mark Mason signing copies of his book



The Wonderful World of Patrick

Children were not forgotten as a special musical event took place during half term and they were introduced to *The Wonderful World of Patrick* with illustrations by Quentin Blake.

Professional musicians Dan and Marisa Cornford wrote a special musical piece to accompany a reading of the story while Quentin's charming illustrations were shown on a large screen.

Dan plays viola with the London Philharmonic and the Royal Philharmonic orchestras and Marisa teaches piano at the Royal Academy of Music. They played the piece twice so children could join in with special effects and sounds on the second reading.

Our photo shows Marisa with some of the children who attended the event.

Mark Mason

This was an afternoon with fine vintage china and writer Mark Mason (top right) celebrating his book *Walk the Lines* took people on the Underground, but above ground. It seemed that everyone among the 50-plus audience had an Underground story to tell.

As part of the literary festival this was something completely different with an author who knew his subject, loved his subject and revelled in the quirky stories that came to light with his subject – all that was needed was that first step – how difficult was that. Mark Mason didn't want to stop talking, but he had seen the afternoon tea and cakes.

Mark was asked about the 'mind the gap' message. Today it's the voice of Tim Bentinck who plays David Archer in *The Archers*. Mark then went on to tell the story of Oswald Laurence's 40-year-old recording which has been restored at Embankment station following a request from Oswald's widow who said: "It was devastating to lose him. He had a great zest for life".

As Mark signed copies of his book the anecdotes continued as he heard about stations that had been part of people's lives. Diverting on from Boston Manor – a personal one for me – he had to go down onto the A4 with four lanes of continual traffic – en route to Hounslow and Heathrow Airport.

Then it was time for tea – served with precision by volunteers and directed by the library staff who left their tea-making roles occasionally to stamp someone's library book or take in returned books.





Rachel Rhys

Tammy Cohen, on her own admission, always wanted to write novels. On Thursday May 18 she told Quentin Falk that for years she made do with writing magazine features and the first 10,000 words of numerous novels. "Then I contacted a publisher and was told that I had potential but the book needed to be finished. That was in 2011."

Since then she has been unstoppable with nine books published and another due out shortly. Somehow it's all combined with a family of three, now grown children, and an unruly dog. Inspiration for her physiological thrillers is everywhere and when Quentin asked if she ever has writer's block the answer was that "you write".

Now there's a new book called *Dangerous Crossing* and a new name as an author. Meet Rachel Rhys, writer of a historical novel that also doubles as a thriller. This is an entirely new venture for Tammy and a very exciting one with the prospect of another book to follow.

So, as Quentin told the audience in the library, not content with being successful with one name "you grapple with a new idea, new theme and look like being successful with that." If Tammy could have blushed she would have done so.

Adrian Hodges

Award-winning screenwriter Adrian Hodges was the finale evening guest bringing to a close Bourne End Library's 50th anniversary literary festival. Friends and volunteers joined library staff for a festival party on Wednesday May 31. Adrian told author Quentin Falk about his various projects including *The Three Musketeers* and *My week with Marilyn*.



Entertaining repartee brought constant laughter as the two seasoned writers looked back on the challenges of writing for TV and film. Adrian reckoned that TV had been good to him with series like *Primeaval* and *Kavanagh QC* but "it was all about ratings with TV". "Films", he admitted, "had to be funded and countless good ideas were never made due to lack of money."

Fizz and canapés were served as guests arrived with county councillor Mike Appleyard happy to raise a glass to his local library. Senior library staff met the Friends of Bourne End Library along with their team of volunteers who supported Inka, Julie and Nicky on every occasion.

At every event there were happy faces, smiles galore and all in celebration of Bourne End Library. Here's to the next 50 years of books, reading and authors.

Our pictures show (left) Adrian Hodges and Quentin Falk, (bottom row l to r) Councillor Mike Appleyard, library ladies Julie, Nicky and Inka with Adrian and Quentin and Margaret Marshall with Elaine Smith.



Vaseem Khan

Unexpected and enticing savoury aromas greeted people who welcomed Vasheem Khan when he came to tell us more about his series of books featuring Inspector Chopra and his sidekick baby elephant.

Indian street food, prepared by the Coriander restaurant, set the scene as Vasheem explained that his first visit to Mumbai was 23 years ago. One of the first sights then was an elephant lumbering down one of Mumbai's streets surrounded by traffic, rickshaws and masses of people.

Vasheem admitted that he always wanted to write crime novels and *Alexander McCall Smith's No 1 Detective Agency* was inspirational. Then India changed his thinking and the sights and smells of Mumbai provided the basis of four (so far) novels featuring a retired police inspector who valued justice and integrity above all. Vasheem told Quentin that the books were also doing well in India.

Not only was this entertaining but Vasheem's decade in India produced so much information about a fascinating country that retains its centuries of tradition along with the introduction of 21st century technology. Inspector Chopra's wife Poppy is a Bollywood fan along with Ganesha the baby elephant who sits fascinated as the action unfolds in song and dance.

Reluctantly Quentin brought the interview to a close by wishing Vaseem great success with his series of books and with his new super hero and baby elephant co-worker. Thoroughly recommended by members of the audience Vaseem's books will be a firm library favourite. His day job will undoubtedly provide further inspiration as he is part of the Jill Dando Research Institute at UCL.



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Awards at Bourne End Academy

Assistant head Faizal Jaumbocus could add 'compere' to his CV following Bourne End Academy's Celebration of Academic Excellence on July 11. His audience of staff, students and parents were kept laughing as he took great delight in the school's achievements over the past year.

Year by year the academy were able to showcase what they could do. Work was both interesting and entertaining. Then each year came forward for their award certificates and to shake hands with governor, Jo Fairley.

There was time for an excerpt from Sweeney Todd posing the question "What are we going to do with the bodies?" We heard about the Bourne End Bullets who, with just six weeks training, won a schools cheerleading award. A Global Education project saw letters flying off to places like Top Shop and Amazon requesting action.

Inspiration came from a former student Bruno Russell who with 'determination and success' is now on course for his masters degree. His list of achievements would make anyone proud, but for a boy from a secondary school it is exceptional. Bruno had belief in himself and he urged the students to have belief in themselves.

Finally there were Special Awards for students who had done outstanding work and the evening finished with the Rotary Club's award. This went to Brittany Arthur for demonstrating a positive attitude while being caring and compassionate.



With Bruno Russell are (l-r)
Gemma Storey, Bettany Arthur,
Chloe Arthur, Amy Carr

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Little Marlow Parish Council

By Emma Marsden, parish clerk

I hope everybody has had a wonderful Summer. One of the problems with providing advanced copy for *Target*; you hope that you don't put the kibosh on the hot weather. As I type it is 30 degrees outside – let's hope that continued throughout the school Summer holidays.

Annual Parish Meeting

The council was delighted to welcome so many of its parishioners to our Annual Parish Meeting on May 19 – was it the cheese and wine provided this year?

We had a very informative presentation from Bucks County Council's Prevention Matters Team regarding supporting vulnerable adults in the community. This is an important topic and one the parish council is passionate about. I think we all feel we could do more and have engagement with our neighbours.

The chairman was delighted to present the Geoffrey Moss Memorial Rose Bowl to Richard

Boas. Richard was a very worthy recipient of this prestigious award with his tireless volunteering within Little Marlow parish. An active member of the Chiltern Society, he is also responsible for the pristine condition of the Spade Oak car park in Coldmoorholm Lane.

New Play Equipment at the Recreation Ground

It was with regret that the council had to call time on the timber multiplay unit in the playground on the recreation ground. This was a well loved piece of equipment, but unfortunately after 10 years it failed safety inspections and needed replacing.

The council is pleased to announce the installation of 'The Brig' in late August or September.

This new play equipment will be in the shape of a galleon ship and we hope it will be even more popular than the old unit.

Playground equipment is very expensive as it

has to adhere to many British Standards for safety etc. The council committed £5,000 to pay for The Brig. We hope with further fundraising to update other parts of the playground for the benefit of our smaller parishioners.

Grants Awarded

Little Marlow Parish Council is a small council and our funds are limited with a precept of £48,055, however we are committed to helping local projects within the parish. We were pleased to grant monies to Claytons School, Future of our Village and the local scout group.

Next meetings: August 15, September 26

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Little Marlow Village Fête, Bank Holiday Monday, August 28

Summer has arrived early this year, but that doesn't mean that we will be bringing forward the date of the Little Marlow Village Fête to catch the sun. We will be sticking to our longstanding tradition and holding the fête from 2pm to 5pm on August Bank Holiday Monday, August 28 at the Little Marlow Recreation Ground (off Church Road).

As in previous years, we will have stalls selling home baking, jams, plants, vegetables, books and bric-a-brac as well as lots of activities including the Rotary train, children's races, face painting, bouncy castle, plate smashing, fastest shot and coconut shy.

For the past two years one of the most popular events at the fête has been the tug of war between teams from our two village pubs, the Queen's Head and the King's Head. With the closure of the King's Head we are confident that there will be plenty of people at the fête who will be willing to volunteer to make up teams.

One of the other events which always draws the crowds is the dog show, so I am delighted to confirm that we will definitely have a dog show this year. The categories will be listed on the fête programme which will be available at the event.

If the queues in past years are anything to go by, another big favourite is the tombola. There will be some great prizes available again this year. If you would like to know what your parish council does or how you can join the Wycombe Phoenix Harriers who train at our local athletics track, then you will be able to find out by visiting the relevant information stands.

The highlight for many is afternoon tea/coffee with some delicious local home-baking. The hamburgers and ice-cream also go down well so both will be on sale. Finally, we have invited Chiltern Jazz to perform for us again throughout the afternoon.

All the proceeds will go towards local good causes as well as to projects and activities which benefit the residents of Little Marlow. Last year we donated funds to Little Marlow School, St John the Baptist

Church, Bourne End and Cookham Rotary Club, Well End and Little Marlow Women's Institute, maintaining The Pound, the Cricket Club, improving broadband connectivity for the village, the Red Cross, Wye Valley Volunteers and the Bucks/Berks/Oxon Air Ambulance Service.

Little Marlow residents have already decided that the fête should make donations to both the Wye Valley Volunteers and the Air Ambulance again this year. Do let us know if there are any other local good causes and organisations you would like us to consider supporting.

Please join us at the Little Marlow Recreation Ground on August 28.

Valerie Brownridge

Chairman, Little Marlow Village Amenities Committee



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Parish councillor Katie Lamb's environmental update



Walking around the parish is a total delight at the moment and I would like to thank the rangers Roland, Shane and Tom who have done a fantastic job keeping everything looking so neat and tidy.

With the patches of wild flowers in full bloom and buzzing with activity from our insect friends, you are never far away from a swathe of colour.

Let's hope they will inspire a photographer to enter the photo competition at the village show on Sunday September 3. There are also opportunities for under 16s and adults to enter photographs inspired by wildflowers and pictures (in any medium other than photographs) inspired by "pond life."

I have been walking around the allotments and I am always impressed at how neat and tidy most of them are and how much hard work and love goes into them.

As we step into August, it's great to see everything coming together and harvesting beginning, whether it's the constant runner bean picking, to ensure a long growing season, or waiting until onion tops start to fall over and you can begin the lifting and stringing process. It is so rewarding to see all that hard work paying off with a delicious bounty of produce being turned into tasty meals.

I have just thinned the fruits on my apple tree and it would appear we are in for a bumper crop this year. I have a feeling all things 'apple' will be on my menu.

Talking about apple trees, the community orchard is looking good, apart from two trees which unfortunately didn't make it (they will be replaced in the Autumn). We have fruit on quite a few of them. Although I'm not sure they will be up to standard to enter in the Village Show.

The Village Show (see calendar page 39) is about everyone coming together. It takes place in Wooburn Park.

We have categories for fruit, vegetables and flowers, including the longest runner bean and most amusing or usual shaped fruit and vegetable, matching threes and if you are a baker or chutney maker, we have categories for matching cup cakes, the best lemon drizzle cake and prizes for chutneys, marmalades and jam.

Please keep an eye open for details at the parish office and on notice boards around the parish. We will also have stalls selling homemade crafts and stalls from local charities and organisations promoting what they do.

The scouts will be there with games and teas and we have teamed up with St Pauls Church for the day, who will be running their annual teddy bear parachute from the roof of the church, so don't forget to bring your bravest bear.

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NEWSLETTER

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BEJSC ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING

It was with much regret directors were forced to take the decision to postpone this event which had been scheduled for July 2 due to a number of issues conspiring against us. The awards have since been presented within the various sections of the club. However, our wonderful volunteers do need recognition so we are using our newsletter to publicise and thank them for their contribution.

CLUB MEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to those who support the community of the club like Jack Foster-Lyons who helps the Badminton Section. The following are members of Junior Committee and give valuable time and effort to the club in various ways as well as to their sections - Oli Lawrie, Oscar Seber, Macy Todd, Thomas Crockett, Alex Elliott and Finlay Butler.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

The following receive Long Service Awards – 20 years – Luke Hnat, leader of Online Hockey Section.
30 years - David Hughes, leader of Canoe Section, Kevin Hughes support with Canoe Section and former Junior committee member, Ken Murphy leader of Football Section and former director, Wendy Chaplin director and treasurer. It is worth noting that Wendy, Kevin and Luke were all former members of the sports club.

John Clinton Volunteer of the Year

2017 – winner Clare Leighton – Clare has been a helper with Football Section for a while, but this year she started a Table Tennis Section. She researched demand then found a suitable site for the group of six to nine year olds to play regularly, and this is proving popular.

John Williams Memorial Trophy – winner Wendy Chaplin – Gold Keystone Award 2017. Wendy is a former club member and returned to help as a volunteer. She became a director of the club in 1987, and treasurer in 1995 – a post she has held for 22 years. During this

time she has completely computerised all club accounts and admin. She deals with all tax and salary tasks, plus invoicing and banking, and completes the club annual accounts for audit.

Some years ago Wendy took on the Short Tennis Section for three years. She has always been heavily involved in all fundraising events, especially for the extension to the club.

Once the climbing wall opened she became a regular helper at the Climbing Section and continued helping with many climbing parties both indoors and out on the real rocks. Wendy also helped with the annual outdoor pursuits trips for club members. She is a fine example of the club policy of encouraging young people to 'put something back' into the club, and this has led her on to volunteering in other capacities. Wendy was a Games Maker at the London Olympics and Paralympics in 2012 and then the Commonwealth Games two years later.



Not only did Wendy Chaplin receive a certificate for over 30 years service to the sports club but she also received the John Williams trophy for service to club and community. Good luck to Wendy as she is off to Nottingham University in the Autumn to progress her studies in sports science.

SPORTSFEST

Saturday June 10 saw the 24th Annual Sportsfest 6-a-side football tournament organised by the Football Section and held at Wooburn Park. As always the park was full to capacity with 150 teams playing more than 480 games in what turned out to be glorious

Summer sun – never a guarantee here in Blighty.

Football, food and drink were the order of the day as teams from all over the region, and some from Bourne End's twin town of Octeville-Sur-Mer in northern France, played some sparkling tournament football to try and win their respective age group trophy.

From an exhibition match for the U6s by the Bourne End football club through to U15s Colts trophy final at 6pm, the day ran smoothly. Special thanks go to Sarah Ralphson, her organising committee and all the local businesses who helped, sponsored or generally supported the event and made it a very successful day.

If your son or daughter wants to give football a go please contact info@bejsc-football.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Open Day Saturday September 30 from 10.30am to 12.30pm at our Sports Hall in

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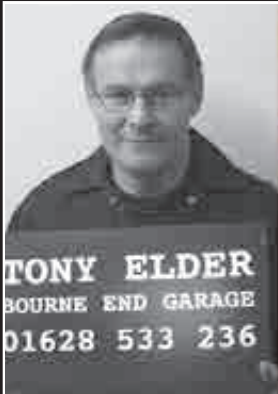
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Dave Gibson, the new vice chairman of Bourne End Community Association, sent in these photos which were taken on top of Mount Baldo, Malcesine, Lake Garda and at Castle Malcesine, Italy.

Dave, of Wycombe Lane, Wooburn Green, is a member of the Ellington Morris group who love to perform abroad and arrange trips, usually to coincide with fetes or festivals. The trip to Lake Garda was an independent holiday/excursion. But the mayor of Malcesine agreed to let the group dance in public areas.

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St Pauls Church, Wooburn, visits slum children in Kenya

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This was an opportunity to see the progress of the building of new classrooms, as well as taking much needed school equipment, shoes and clothes for the children. The group took 10 suitcases of 23kg each crammed full with hand-made clothes (including dresses, skirts, fleeces, jumpers, shorts, hats, scarves and fingerless mittens), knitted teddy bears,

knitted blankets, manufactured clothes and 60 school bags/satchels. Also sent out were 16 boxes of freight totalling 300kg containing shoes, clothes, medical supplies, glasses and stationery.

While in Nakuru the team used money from donations and fund raising activities to fund 50 new desks and chairs, 50 school uniforms, 250 pairs of socks, 200 plates and cups, a large water tank including stand and taps, 4 bags of beans and 4 bags of rice, 20 bibles, food parcels for 20 families living on the dump, college fees for a student and exam fees for another student, 30 class text books, a hearing aid for a student, essential equipment for

the kitchen, essential school stationery and art and craft materials.

The Walk Centre was initially set up by Alex Maina and his wife Patricia to provide the children of the dump with something to eat (bread) and something to drink (orange juice). They established the school in 2005 to provide a way out of poverty, initially as a nursery school, and now increasingly providing primary level education.

The Walk Centre School is increasing in size each year. Now the problem is the schools success as more children are passing the exams for entry to high school which costs around £500 per year for four years ie £42 per month.

The Walk Centre needs more support, both financial and practical. Just £5 a month feeds one child with porridge and ugali (maize flour dough-like starch staple) with cabbage flavoured with tomatoes and shallots, £20 a month adds in meat on Saturdays and £90 a month pays for one student to go to university.

Donations can be made at <https://www.justgiving.com/thewalkcentre>, and regular donations can be arranged through Sam Wilson dressesmadewithlove@aol.co.uk. Donations of shoes (particularly children's school shoes) and clothes are always welcome.

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Rob, along with other family members and the staff, is excited by the challenge and delighted by those who have signed up. "It's exciting, energetic, sporty and not something they have done before," he said, "and when completed we add £100 to the money they raised. For those 50 that's a big £5,000 to wide ranging charities in our 50th year." Now that's what Hawkinsport calls a challenge and a great celebration of those years.

Some challenges have been completed, while others are in August and September. People have signed to run multi marathons, marathons and half marathons, take part in cycle challenges, long distance river swimming, Ironman competitions and you'll find Rob's name down for a 140 mile cycle ride, in one day, coast to coast in Northumberland.

While many challenges are for a chosen charity some remember someone who has been affected by illness and is no longer around. "As people have signed up to do something different we have heard so many stories about why they want to do this. It has been very special," Rob said.

Not content with challenging adults, Hawkinsport has also provided loads of sporting raffle prizes for local schools and clubs. Liz Hawkins explains how important it is to support their fundraising. "We believe in the importance of sport and activity in their lives," she said, "and we want to encourage that. Our Challenge50 has shown that people delighted in doing something different and physical. Their children are the next generation and we aim to be there for them."



Freddie and Lois Hawkins look on at Challenge50 from virtual retirement these days, but they both remember the first premises in Slough before moving to High Wycombe and then Bourne End. Freddie was a talented sportsman and played rugby for Wasps and cricket for Bucks. His aim was to own his own premises selling a wide range of good quality equipment. "I believed in repairing a racquet string," he said, "where other shops would insist on a new racquet. If people were happy with their equipment we wanted to make it easy for them to stay happy. I honestly believe that was the secret of our early success."

Sport and sporting equipment has evolved over the years. Identity has become important and for

Hawkinsport a move to providing embroidered and printed clothing meant expansion in a big way. Contact with local schools and sports clubs meant that providing clothing and sports goods for their children and students became a large part of their business. But they have never lost sight of the fact they are an independent retailer and they provide equipment based on their sporting knowledge.

Two years ago they made the decision to move operations to larger premises in Wessex Road. Not only do they have more space for sporting equipment and clothing, but it meant that the embroidery side of identity sportswear could be on the same site. "It was a good move," Liz said with a smile, "with the added bonus of better parking, but still very much part of Bourne End."

Delighting in their independence as a family business these days Freddie and Lois have happily left the

running to three directors, son Rob, daughter-in-law Liz and long standing employee, and former Saturday boy, Martin Sell. Martin, a former county badminton player, will cycle from Flackwell Heath to Lands End for Challenge50. Sport is at the heart of the business and keeping pace with all things sporty has kept Hawkinsport in business for 50 years – with many more years ahead.

Our pictures show right (l-r) the family with Rob, Freddie, Lois, Jason (nephew doing work experience) and Liz. And below left, the first shop in Slough with a young Freddie on the left



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A magical show for young ones

Song and dance exploded across the stage at the community centre as AJ Gibson introduced some new local talent on Sunday June 25. AJ admitted that she wanted to give them the chance to be on a full size theatre stage. The children responded by sweeping away the myth that working with children could be a disaster. Her young performers were not only highly professional, but obedient and great fun. They did themselves and their top lady credit. And they loved being on stage, under lights and before an audience of more than 100.

AJ knew how to settle nerves as she took to the stage and sang *Somewhere over the Rainbow*. It was the perfect start for the four young members of her stage school, in shades of red, to follow on with their version of *It's Possible*. They didn't waver, were word perfect and sounded great. Applause was well deserved and must have encouraged Lucy, from the stage school, to step up to the microphone for her solo from *Beauty and the Beast*.



Then AJ astounded everyone with her version of *The Girl in 14G*. This is a modern song based on a life experience of moving to the city and enduring noisy neighbours above and below. From high to low, and all notes in between, the aim was to 'stop' the neighbours. It was a fabulous version by AJ and a smile spread across her face as the audience reacted with appreciation. A real showstopper.

There were great dance routines from her theatre school and an eye-popping one from dance teacher Emma Woods who looks like an average person, but dances like a true star. Her movements are exciting and graceful at the same time. Parents would have delighted that her talent was being passed on to their children.

Rounding off the first act were the children of the Downley School Choir who are coached by AJ. They were bright in yellow and even brighter in the vocals. Little stars in the making and clearly loving belting out a song. What an end to the first half.

And the music continued through the second half. AJ knew that she had given her young talent a taste of being up on stage and looking out over an enthusiastic audience. And she would definitely do it all again!

AJ runs Act 1 Performing Arts at Taplow Village Hall.

Contact her on performingarts.act1@gmail.com or 07737 753104.

Our photos show students Top:
Ola Reczynska, left: Niamh
Campbell and the Downley
School Choir and below:
dance coach Emma Woods



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Award winners – after 17 years

Bourne End Video Makers are pictured in jubilant mood displaying their trophy having beaten 11 other clubs to win the Film and Video Institute's (IAC) competition. David Jarman, a member for many years, commented that this really puts Bourne End on the map as makers of high quality and entertaining films.

Last year member, Algie Gray, ran a very successful and fully subscribed teaching programme on basic film making as a collaborative process and gave participants an appreciation of the various roles and equipment involved.

Following the course end, several participants became full time members. Algie plans to repeat the course this autumn. Watch out for more information on Meet Up (www.meetup.com) and the club website. It will most likely run on Monday evenings from 7.30 – 10pm in the Target Room at Bourne End Community Centre. One of the student's films formed part of the club's winning IAC entry.

The club makes short individual and group productions essentially for fun, but also for competition and film festival submission. Some of their films can be seen on www.bevm.co.uk.

The Target Room is the venue for club meetings from 7.30 to 10pm on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, except August (contact Bob High, secretary on 07802 223 957). Details of next year's programme, commencing September 6, will shortly be available on their website.

Film making conjures up images of people operating cameras, but you may have an interest in helping with one of the many other aspects of production such as producing, costumes, props, sound recording, editing or location scouting and casting actors. Whatever your interest you will be very welcome to join them.

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Bourne End & Cookham Rotary Club By John Dunsterville

Our new president, Chris Whibley, has got off to a flying start. Thanks goes to past president Rod Markham and Gill his wife for the essential work in getting our club well rooted in the community.

By the time you read this we will have had a delightful afternoon at Bourne End Academy at the Summer tea party for the elderly, with entertainment from the school's talented singers. Our Rotary club is always pleased to sponsor this event. Pictures are on www.facebook.com/beacrotary

Since the King's Head in Little Marlow has been closed (to be turned into a restaurant), we have been looking for alternative venues to run our weekly meetings. We would love to see you at one of our meetings so please contact Maureen on email m.campbell3.mc@gmail.com or visit www.beac-rotary.org.uk.

Fun in our club is so important and we will be charging around the field in our Rotary Rocket at Little Marlow's Bank Holiday Fête, playing petanque and skittles and visiting great venues, and we will have visits from interesting speakers.

We will hold some of our meetings at the Upper Thames Sailing Club where we play a part in school sailing and training days. Chris will be working hard, but we just know he'll rise to the challenge and we'll give him all the support he needs for another great year.

And finally, if you want to make a positive difference to this great community of Bourne End, Cookham, The Wooburns and Flackwell Heath then please get in touch – you'll be glad you did.

Rotary Club of Cookham Bridge By Nancy Ovstedal

Our very successful year presided over by Chris Vance culminated in a most successful Charity Golf Day at Winter Hill Golf Club. The day before handing over the 'chain of office' to Peter Roe, Chris was able to host a full day of sunshine, good (and bad) golf and splendid food. Joy Arnott, the district governor of Rotary, also dropped in to watch and welcome teams back to the clubhouse.

The amazing trick shot golfer, Jeremy Dale, offered to take drives on the second tee which raised £470 and later held a demonstration which had his audience spellbound by his ability to hit the ball miles with either hand and in any direction.

He also gave an entertaining talk about his career and ran a very successful auction to help raise money for Thames Valley Hospice. A contribution by Jeremy of a round of golf with him raised £300.

Local golf clubs and companies also provided excellent items to auction. The club is grateful for their generous donations.

Rosemary Webb for Thames Valley Hospice gave a moving insight into the tremendous contribution the hospice provides for patients and their families.

I, for one, find some of the nicest things about being in Rotary is having the opportunity to take part in such a wide range of activities. In June, several members of the club supported The Accessible Regatta at Bisham Abbey, helping children with a variety of special needs enjoy sporting activities by and on the river. It was a chance for them to take in new experiences and meet Princess Anne who made a special visit. The charity Rivertime did a marvellous job in setting up

the opportunity for these children in a safe and idyllic environment.

With water in mind, Cookham Regatta is on September 2 this year and we hope it is another happy event for competitors, stall holders and families along Cookham's beautiful section of the River Thames. Please look us up to find out more: www.cookhamrotary.co.uk.

Bourne End & Cookham Probus Club By John Daymond

On June 21, a very hot day, Bourne End and Cookham Probus Club held their Annual Ladies Summer Lunch at the Grovefield House Hotel.

Members and guests were welcomed by the chairman, Richard Royall, and his wife Sue. Richard presented a summary of the Probus year before proposing a toast to the ladies. Those present circulated to chat with friends and thus ended another pleasing Summer Lunch.

The club's monthly meeting on May 17 was somewhat different from usual, when our guest speaker was taken ill at the very last moment and in spite of valiant efforts by our chairman, it was impossible to find a last minute replacement.

Richard and Sue sat up until past midnight compiling a long list of suitable questions for the first ever Bourne End and Cookham Probus Club Luncheon Quiz. Richard's ingenuity and diligence were appreciated by all as members entered into the contest with great enthusiasm.

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

Inner Wheel of Bourne End & Cookham By Diana Hyde

We enjoyed watching a hilarious slide show of the past year's fun and friendship from Diana Hyde. This followed an interesting talk from Terry Hall from Alzheimer and Dementia Support to which the club donated £300.

We also made donations to Parkinsons UK, Elizabeth House, Crossroads, Wye Valley Volunteers, Kidney Research, Medi Dogs and others. We fundraise throughout the year but the joy of making donations to local charities which need support is very rewarding.

Our new President Mercia Hailstone's chosen charity this year is Alexander Devine, a local children's hospice service.

The July meeting was a visit to a Pinkneys Green garden with tea and cakes. Our afternoon tea party tickets for August 15 at Flackwell Heath Golf Club are selling quickly - it was so popular last year we



Mercia Hailstone our new president of Bourne End and Cookham Inner Wheel Club giving a cheque to Audrey of Flackwell Heath Age UK.

are repeating, but with an 'Accidental Actor' as speaker.

Also in August we plan a visit to the Poppy Factory in Richmond, followed by a pub lunch. The Autumn programme is looking good as well... more fun and friendship to follow. Check the website if you are interested in joining us.

Bourne End WI By Kath Acres

In June Sue Mitchell brought a selection of hand reared birds of prey (including a really cute owl) to our meeting. In July we could be found eating delicious curry (catered by The Coriander in Bourne End) after belly dancing at our annual garden party.

In June our members also had an interesting (and cocktail-fuelled) trip to the Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery in Whitchurch. Some members attended a car maintenance session at Kwik Fit in Amersham and said that they now feel confident about dealing with garages and understanding how their cars work.

Craft and Chat group members have kept busy knitting boots for mothers with difficulties breast feeding to practise on.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday September 7 at St Dunstan's Church Hall at 7.30pm when Rosemary Edginton will talk about Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, bringing some puppies-in-training with her. Visitors are always welcome (up to three times a year) and we have a short waiting list for new members. Email bourneendwi@yahoo.com to be added.

Little Marlow & Well End WI By Pauline Clitheroe

In June members were fascinated (no pun intended) by Tracey Blaney's talk about *The Age Old Craft of Millinery* and the process of making a straw or felt hat. We all wanted to know if she had made any hats for famous celebrities. You will have to join our WI if you want to know the answer.

In July our speaker, Ron Davis, a volunteer from Thrive, gave an inspiring talk on how plants and gardens help improve the lives of people with both mental and physical disabilities. We all agreed that any form of gardening certainly made us feel better.

Judy Wilson reported on her trip to the annual meeting in Liverpool and the positive, but cautious, future of Denman College.

Di Spokes won the monthly competition with her magnificent blue hydrangea.

Glory Mills Bowls Club By John Palfreyman

For many years the club has managed to meet its commitments in various leagues and with local clubs with a reducing membership, while remaining competitive. It has only four rinks so the maximum players representing the club can only be 16 but are generally 12 as the club usually played triples.

We have always encouraged new members, and recently had an influx of players which has made the captain's job of selecting the teams easier. The club also has two qualified coaches to help new members learn the rudiments of the game. If you are interested in joining the club ring 01494 673859 or email shirley.churn@btinternet.com.

New local hospice opens its doors



It's good to know that items which we no longer need may be cherished by a new owner – and even more importantly, can make a life-affirming difference to someone in need. That's certainly the case at the two charity shops on The Parade in Bourne End.

The Rennie Grove Hospice Care shop raises funds to provide care and support for patients in Herts and Bucks diagnosed with life-limiting illness, through the charity's 24/7 responsive hospice at home service and day services.

Across the road at the South Bucks Hospice shop, the work of volunteers has been more important than ever in recent months, as the hospice moved from Edie Pusey House to its brand new purpose-built home, Butterfly House in Totteridge, High Wycombe.

This much larger building will enable the hospice to give a wider range of vital support to more people facing a life-limiting or terminal illness. Its official opening takes place next month.

Hospices aim to improve palliative care and enable the best quality of life for patients facing advanced progressive illness. Management of pain and other symptoms and provision of psychological, social and spiritual support are key, and Butterfly House staff includes three nurses and three health care assistants who offer one-to-one support and care. The wider family is supported too, and this continues after someone has died.

Volunteer support means Butterfly House can also offer complementary therapies, spiritual and psychotherapy support, a place to meet socially, lunches, physiotherapy – in fact, whatever a patient needs, they aim to give. It is for people of any age from 18, with any life-limiting illness.

"As a day hospice," explains CEO Jo Woolf, "our patients come in once a week, maybe twice, to enjoy the range of support services our qualified staff and volunteers can offer them. Each one's needs will be different.

"For one person it might be coming for a bath and hair wash in our state-of-the-art bathrooms, a session of physiotherapy, lunch, and perhaps an afternoon of art therapy or gardening from a wheelchair or socialising. Another person may want to talk through the implications of the diagnosis, or the need to make a decision on an end of life plan. There are so many emotional factors at play when facing the end of life or long-term illness."

Volunteers are always welcome, especially in its Bourne End charity shop, as well as drivers or helpers in the hospice cafe. To find out more ring South Bucks Community Hospice on 01494 552750 or visit www.sbh.org.uk. And of course the Rennie Grove Hospice Care charity shop also continues to welcome donations and volunteer help for its ongoing work.

Quiz night



Twinning for fun & friends

Report by Bourne End Twinning Association

Who sang, "The history book on the shelf, is always repeating itself"? Which company invented Asimo? Which king was Holbein's patron?*

Inspirations fly to and fro, are rubbished, seized with delight or hotly debated; ever and again goes up the cry, "I know that – but I just can't remember it!"

Under a wacky selection of team names, Bourne End Twinners and friends relished their annual quiz, efficiently run by Tracey and Lawrence Huxley, with the help of son Alex and Rafael Hammerlindl.

Smiles supplied a welcome supper and a fun evening was enjoyed by members from near and far.

In the wake of the second World War, town twinning was born of a great longing for positive links, understanding and friendship between people of different nations.

After research and exploratory visits, the rural town of Octeville sur Mer, near Le Havre in France, became Bourne End's twin with the signing of charters in 2003.

We aim to foster links between our two communities in any ways possible. The splendid Sportsfest football day annually welcomes young teams from Octeville and there have been exchanges by musical groups too.

For our members, twinning brings new friends both here and in Octeville; a chance to broaden understanding of different ways of life, and a taste of the famed French "joie de vivre" – what's not to like?

The language? All UK twinning associations have members who only speak English and their twins have members who do not speak English. It's seldom a problem.

Octeville gave us such a fabulous five days on our visit this year, as we became "part of the family" in French homes and enjoyed excursions, a beer tasting and restaurant meals. We are already discussing their return visit in May 2018 and are seeking hosts and planning our programme.

Our next event in Bourne End will be the Members' Garden Party (£6 a head) on Saturday September 2, so it's not too late to splash out on membership at £4, or £8 for a family. Weather uncertain – but a delicious tea guaranteed.

Why not join us? Call 01628 520065 or go to www.bebta.ukgo.com or to find out more.

*Just to settle the arguments, answers were: Abba/Waterloo; Honda; Henry VIII.



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The Walnut Tree Summer Fair

The Walnut Tree team and a group of local stallholders gathered for their annual Summer fair and barbecue in June.

This year their nominated charity was Thames Valley Adventure Playground, currently celebrating its 35th birthday.

More than £380 was raised from stalls, the raffle and the barbecue and a cheque was presented by Chris Grego Chef Proprietor of The Walnut Tree to Nicky Hutchinson who looks after fundraising for the charity.





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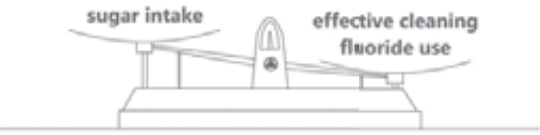
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Bourne End Community Library

by Inka D'Agostino, library manager

In May we set a challenge to our customers to beat the number of books issued on the day Bourne End Library was opened in 1967: 650 books in three hours. The target was beaten and we reached 790.

We now have another mission; can we beat our target for the Summer Reading Challenge for children aged four to 11? This year the theme is *Animal Agents* and we have been given 130 packs.

Although the challenge started in July, it is still not too late to join the scheme. For those who already have their packs please do complete the challenge to read six books over the summer holidays. We only have a limited number of medals so encourage your children be one of the first 75 to complete.

Over the years there has always been a rush to join the challenge, but not enough children finish. Perhaps this year we can change this?

Over the holidays we shall be holding two craft sessions for the children on Tuesdays August 8 and 22 from 10.30am to midday.

I am also looking for volunteers to run Story Time on Thursday mornings at 10am. If you are interested please contact the library.

Our next exhibition starting on September 18 is *Book Lore*, an exhibition of prints, paintings, drawings and collage inspired by a good read.

Pauline Evans shares a nostalgic reflection of fairy tales, first library loans and books that made your school bags bulge. She also creates contemporary images from the pages of Summer selections, books at bedtime and books on the tube. The exhibition is a personal tribute to books that were hard to put down, perhaps lost, but never quite forgotten.

Our next **Lifestyle Club** will meet on Friday August 25 from 10.30am to midday. The speaker is to be confirmed.

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 a 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 get 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 Sarah Benson – Bloom Carousel

My name is Sarah Benson of Bloom Carousel, and I am a small local grower and arranger of seasonal British flowers. I'm passionate about British blooms because I believe they offer a diversity, scent and quirkiness that is simply not to be found in the imported flowers of the supermarket bunch.

I'm delighted to see that British flowers are experiencing a well-deserved resurgence in popularity and it's incredibly exciting to be part of it.

I have always been a passionate gardener, but 2016 saw me take my first serious steps into growing flowers for others and it was then I set up Bloom Carousel. I started with some much-loved classics – tulips, peonies, love-in-the-mist and fragrant sweet peas, and now I grow a much broader range which changes with the seasons. I guarantee that the flowers I sell on my stall will be different every month as each bloom has their moment in the spotlight.

My favourite flowers (at the moment) are dahlias. I love that there are so many different colours, shapes and sizes, and they are simple to grow in the Summer.

All my flowers are grown without the use of pesticides, which keeps our Buckinghamshire bees, ladybirds and hedgehogs happy and, because they're all grown locally, the flower miles are negligible too.

I won't pretend flower farming is easy. The UK climate is unpredictable at the best of times and I never quite know what flowers I am going to have when. But that all adds to the fun of growing for the vase.

I joined the Bourne End Community & Craft Market, in Spring 2017 and have been hugely impressed at how both welcoming and talented the stallholders are. On my stall, I sell mixed bunches of seasonal flowers and the very popular 'flower tins'. I'm also happy to take pre-orders for bouquets which can be collected on the day or for separate delivery. You can find out more about me on www.bloomcarousel.com or call me on 07905 129108. You can also get the latest updates on what I'm 'sowing & growing' by following @bloomcarousel on Facebook and Instagram.

I'll be at the next market on August 12. Do please come and say hello – I'm always keen to talk about flowers. The market runs at the library on the second Saturday of every month, from 10am to 1pm and has a fantastic range of crafts, delicious artisan food stalls and a charity tombola. For market enquiries, call 07989 716635 or email rosieohagan@me.com

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Past times... A hooter like no other

Barrie Penfold tells us the story behind the river's oldest surviving steam launch still in use...

Hoooooooooot. "That's Alaska" people say. A distinctive sound, drifting up from the river, creating an image that is part of local history and still around today. She leaves, in her wake, wisps of smoke and a smell that only comes from a steam engine.

She has entertained everyone from royalty to weddings, parties to fund raising, and small children who simply love her.

If you've never taken a trip on her then there's a chance for you to do so over the August Bank Holiday weekend when Alaska will be 'at home' in Bourne End Marina.

From 11am to 5pm it's just £12 for adults and £8 for children and senior citizens. In under an hour you can enjoy the luxurious surroundings, you can sit where HM the Queen sat, and you'll also get to see the river banks from a new angle. It's surprising how different everything looks with an expanse of water in the foreground.

Boats are part of Bourne End and whether you just walk the towpath or are invited to join a boat owner – it's a great attraction. With Alaska there's so much more.

As you reach out and touch the highly polished woodwork you cannot fail to appreciate that this steam launch is part of Bourne End and the River Thames and has to be enjoyed. After all she was built by Horsham's, a Bourne End boatbuilder, back in 1883.

Spectacularly it makes her the oldest surviving steam launch still working on the river. But she has history!

It's likely that Horsham's used her to take parties on day trips from Bourne End Wharf. Later she was bought by Salter Brothers of Oxford and a year later they used her to start their famous Oxford to Kingston service.

It took two days going down to Kingston and three days for the return leg to Oxford.

Passengers stayed in boarding houses and hotels en-route and the fare for the trip, excluding



HM The Queen on board Alaska

accommodation, was one pound ten shillings.

Alaska continued doing this trip until the start of the Second World War although the popularity of river trips meant she had her work cut down and did shorter parts of the route.

Again, with the attraction of the river Alaska was often used for parties and private functions, as she is today. The outbreak of war changed everything as boats needed to be functional.

Having been sold to Jackson Brothers of Putney Alaska was used as a guard boat, but was then sold to Mears of Twickenham who used her for the short run to Richmond and back.

Her engine was removed at Kingston which meant she had to be 'poled like a punt all the way upriver to Oxford. Going past the boatyard in Bourne End must have been a nostalgic moment.

Change continued as Alaska became a scout hut and had her wooden superstructure removed. When she was rediscovered in 1974 at Medley Boat

Station in Oxford she was sitting on the bottom, decked over with plywood and filled with concrete being used as a boarding pontoon for hire boats.

Then it took 12 years restoration by Peter Freebody's boatyard at Hurley to regain her former glory. Surprisingly Alaska was reunited with her original engine and relaunched in 1987.

People talk about feeling a sense of history when visiting castles or monuments. Alaska has that same feeling as she has moved from the lively times of river use, to the changes effected by wartime needs and finally back again to being a local river attraction. And with a neglected and unmentionable period in between.

Bringing her back into use has created a star attraction. She is part of the National Historic Fleet that includes HMS Victory and the Cutty Sark. And remember she was made in Bourne End.

Below: Alaska moving past Upper Thames Sailing Club - both about the same age!



Andy R Ainsdale 2017
Drone picture by CamARA

OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

Community Church

Throughout August our Sunday morning meetings will all take place at the Chapel on the Green. In September Sunday meetings will all be held at The Meadows School, other than September 17 when we will again be at the chapel. All begin at 10.30am with refreshments from 10am.

Little Steps toddler group will restart on September 7 after a summer break, however Dads' Little Steps, our monthly toddler group for Dads with their youngsters, will still take place on Saturday August 5 and September 2, 10-11.30am at the Chapel on the Green. Why not come along and enjoy a cuppa and a bacon roll with other Dads while the little ones play? (Cost £2 per family.)

Our monthly extended time of worship called Gather also continues at the chapel on Sunday August 6 and September 3 at 7pm. We would love to see you there.

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.

Contact Dave Bitcheno on 07894 143925 or d.bitcheno@sky.com. See www.wooburngreen.org.



St Paul's and St Mary's Church Wooburn

Open Afternoons and tea are on Sundays in August and on September 3 at St Paul's Church, 3-5pm.

Our Teddy Bear Parachute Jump is on Sunday September 3 (see page 9 for details).

Fancy having a go at bell ringing? St Paul's is inviting anyone interested to join its friendly group. For more information contact the vicarage on 01628 521209.

Sunday Club is for primary aged children at 9.30am in St Paul's, and is investigating the journeys of St Paul.

Friday communion service and lunch is held at St Mary's at midday. Young and old are welcome at a short communion service followed by a light lunch.

Toddlers is on Tuesdays at 9.30am in St Paul's Church Hall. Tot's Praise is on Fridays at 9.45am, also at St Paul's Church Hall.

See www.stpaulswooburn.org or Facebook St-Pauls Wooburn. To hire St Mary's Church Hall or St Paul's Church Hall and garden contact stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com or call 01628 525512.



St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

We had a wonderful evening in June at Music in the Manor and our grateful thanks go to Mr and Mrs Jason Downes for opening their beautiful gardens for us, and the Chiltern Concert Band for entertaining us so delightfully, free of charge.

Roland Slade, recently ordained a deacon, has joined the team as a training curate. As we extend a very warm welcome to Roland and his wife Caroline we say goodbye to Amelia Collins-Patel, who as a Children's Intern ran Little Lights lunch club at Little Marlow School.

Our all-age service Altogether will not be meeting in August, but will start again in September as usual on the fourth Sunday of the month at 4pm.

We are again organising a Night Safari on the August 18 at 8pm, meeting at the church. This will follow the same successful format as last year with a speaker, bat detectors (provided), moth trapping and a guided walk, and refreshments.

Tickets are essential from Wendy Osborn 07970 462149, £5 for adults and £1 for under-16s, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Don't forget to stock up with jams and chutneys from our stall at the Little Marlow Village Fête on August Bank Holiday Monday afternoon.

Plans to start 'Friends of Little Marlow Church' are taking shape and Wendy would love to hear from anyone interested (osborw01@yahoo.co.uk).

The church is open on Sunday afternoons during the summer and services are as normal, all welcome, see www.4u-team.org for more details.



Cores End United Reformed Church

Our Minister, Terry Hinks, had been on sabbatical since mid-April, but made a welcome return mid-July.

Terry and Elizabeth walked the St Cuthbert's Way from Melrose to Lindisfarne and we heard all about it at a Bring and Share lunch after the service on Sunday July 23.

August 12 is our Summer Children's Fun Day for ages five to 11. This is always very popular and has limited places: contact Ann Pendergast on 01628 526865.

Our pub gatherings continue regularly, creating time for developing relationships and for conversations about things that feel important to us and our community.

There is a warm invitation open to everyone, whether they attend church or not. We meet on the third Thursday of each month from 7pm at the Old Bell in Wooburn Town. Forthcoming dates are August 17 and September 21.

On Sunday September 3 our circular church walk is from Cores End Church, crossing the fields to Cookham then along The Thames and back through Bourne End village, about three and a half miles.

Those unable to walk are welcome to join us at the church for tea and then a short Songs of Praise service at 5pm.

For more information see www.coresendurc.com



St Dunstan's Church, Bourne End

Fr Prince Kurian, who has been with us for a few months, has moved to Buckingham to be a parish priest. We shall miss him, but wish him well in his new role. We welcome Fr Paul Gonsalves, who will now be assisting Fr Francis, and hope he will enjoy his time with us.

After much anticipation and excitement, Fr Francis' Ordination Silver Jubilee on July 4 was celebrated in style. A Jubilarians' Mass at Northampton Cathedral took place at the end of June with Bishop Peter Doyle (who himself was celebrating his 12th anniversary as bishop). On a glorious evening on July 5 St Teresa's in Beaconsfield was full to capacity, as the bishop, members of the clergy, former parishioners and family and friends of Fr Francis joined us at a special Mass and reception to mark this joyful

occasion and say a huge thank you to a very special priest, who has spent half of his 25-year ministry here with us; he came in March 2005, having previously been in Bletchley, Milton Keynes, Luton and Langley in Slough. Fr Francis has also studied at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry in the USA and at the University of Leuven in Belgium, and has taught an MA course at St Mary's College.

Throughout the evening tributes were paid to his remarkable qualities and achievements: he is a first-rate parish priest, administrator, advisor, mentor, counsellor, family member and friend, who always tries to fulfil his many roles to the best of his ability and his extremely high standards - with kindness, fairness, understanding, patience, respect, encouragement, super-efficiency and his inimitable sense of fun and humour.

We thank him most sincerely and look forward to celebrating his Golden Jubilee.



St Mark's Parish Church

All are welcome on Sunday mornings at 10.30am for Holy Communion with hymns and songs. On the second Sunday it is Pathway - with contemporary songs and prayers designed for all ages.

Local business workers and anyone else may find 12.30pm mid-week short Holy Communion service more convenient. A light lunch follows.

The Monday Cafe

at 10am is an opportunity for anyone to meet socially. Puffins mums and toddler group meets every Wednesday at 10am in the hall.

We continue to follow the pilgrim course of Bible study on Thursdays at 7.45pm at 35 Blind Lane. Messy Church is every first Sunday at 4pm and is held in the church.

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

During the Summer, we are open on Sunday afternoons between 2.30 and 4.30pm. Do come along to see the church and the view and be inspired.

Our regular Sunday service is at 9am. The second Sunday each month is a Family Service and the others are a service of Holy Communion. The fourth Sunday is with our choir and on that day the children meet in the vestry. Of course, children are welcome every Sunday.

Each Wednesday we have a meditation in the church to experience the quietness and stillness. This takes place at 1.30pm for 25 minutes. Do come along at 1.20pm.

We are pleased to welcome the Bel Canto choir who will give a concert on Saturday August 5 at 7.30pm. A concert at Hedsor on a summer evening is always delightful with a drink and nibbles outside during the interval. Tickets, £10, from Bob 01628 526217 or Maura 01628 530181. It is a diverse programme through songs from the shows to sacred music.





Angling Club

News from the water's edge

The new season starts on a positive note, with the membership increasing again. My earlier request was answered and we have a new lady member to join Michele. Welcome to our five new members and good luck for the coming season. It's not too late for you to join us or have a taster session which seems to be popular. Contact Terry on 07836 767452.

The first match was held at West End Pool where everybody had a good day and the new members enjoyed the fishing and the company. Honours on the day went to Terry Belcher with 64lbs 4oz and Tony Colbourn second with 28lbs 8oz.

At our next meeting on July 16 rising temperatures made for a bumper match; Read my report in the next edition and happy holidays to all our *Target* readers.

Our photos show, below, Terry Belcher who swept the prize board at our AGM

Left: New and existing members of the Angling Club face the camera



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Community Association changes...

Following the AGM at the end of May the structure of the Community Association is as follows: Chairman - David Foster, Vice-chairman - Dave Gibson, Honorary Secretary - Myra Hurley, Honorary Treasurer - Trevor Quantrill. Executive members are: Bill Hudson, Sarah Little, Laura Manning, Barrie Penfold, Clive Gwilliam and Tony Crossman.

CHESS

The new season starts on Wednesday September 6 in the small hall at 7.30pm. The first few weeks allows for an introductory club night, a friendly match against Maidenhead and the club's AGM before competition begins with matches in the Bucks League where the first team are hoping to maintain their 100% record over the last two seasons and to help topple the dominance of Sandhurst in the Berkshire League. We run five teams altogether; two in the Berkshire League and three in the Bucks League. We have one more monthly session in the close season on Wednesday August 2 at 7.30pm in the small hall.

CRIBBAGE

We have had a fantastic season and with two matches left to play this year we have already done enough to win the league trophy which will be kept at the community centre for the year. We hope to have a photo of the team receiving the trophy in the next issue of the *Target*. Well done all!

DARTS

Well the Winter league final night was concluded and I would like to congratulate Mike, Andy and Nick who were gallant runners up in the 3's final. Lee Bowles (our local community centre barman) won the landlords competition and Mike (BE Community Centre) and Herb (Marlow British Legion) won the league mixed pairs. So a well done to you all.

The Summer league has since commenced and so far after seven matches we have had a mixed bag of results. This is probably due to some long term absentees and on that note we are all wishing Dave S a speedy and healthy recovery.

On a happier note Jim has recently joined us and added a much welcomed breath of fresh air to the team with his great sense of humour and positive attitude.

As ever though we are always on the lookout for keen dart players, so if you fancy a game etc please contact me at garyjohnson811@gmail.com or drop into the community centre and ask at the bar for further details.

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Forum Players and Agatha Crusty

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From Toby, the Vicar, Eleanor, chair of the committee, Harry Knott the caretaker and identical twins Olivia and Oliver Truscott-Pratt, there are plenty of suspects. And with an investigating officer as incompetent as D I Twigg, there are plenty of laughs as the murders begin to pile up.

But, while packed full of wit and very funny scenes, this is also a genuine murder mystery with an ingenious plot which will tax the little grey cells of the audience at the same time!

Agatha Crusty and The Village Hall Murders is Forum Players Autumn show with performances on 22 and 23 September at 8pm. Special free performance for senior citizens will be on Wednesday 20 September. Please give Forum Players your support and enjoy a good night at the community centre.




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.

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Tuesday August 1
Max Britain Band

Tues September 5
The Oxford Eastside Rhythm Kings



SHADOWS TRIBUTE

Review by Barrie Penfold

The Shadows, all in black, were note perfect. Cliff, lean and fit, sounded like the real thing. What a great combination for a nostalgic evening at the centre enjoyed by a packed-to-capacity audience. When Cliff stopped singing the audience took over – they knew all the words!

Bourne End Guitar Club with the events committee staged a great evening at the centre that was enjoyed by everyone in July. In the

interval people drifted out onto the patio for a breath of air and were joined by many band members. Then it was on with the raffle and the rest of the music.

Simon Goodall (pictured) is the sound of Cliff with the Bourne Again Shadows. Here is the young Cliff from his great rock n'roll days. Uncannily good and his publicity says Sir Cliff is a fan. The guitar club rehearse at the centre and their Shadows sound is well known by Bourne Enders.

Picnics were unpacked and shared around – for great fun and the element of surprise.

Laura from the events committee reckons it's a firm favourite with the concert supporters and you can have as much, or as little, as you like. "All we ask is that drinks are from the bar," she said, "and people have been very happy with that."

Over to Cliff (actually Simon) and to the first great hit of *Move It* from there it was on with the hits *Summer Holiday* – just right for the weather – then *Please don't tease*.

When Simon went off-stage it was time for the instrumental skill of the Shadows with an amazing version of *Don't cry for me Argentina* – spectacular.

It was a great evening at the centre and with an audience of totally Cliff and the Shadows fans it had to be a success.

Congratulations to the stars and everyone involved – it must have been hard work getting prepared for the event, but what better reward than a great evening and grateful thanks all round.

OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

1st Wooburn Scouts Group

We took part in the annual District Competition - Camp & Cook. This year the venue was in Dorney Wood and it was the hottest weekend of the year. We entered four teams this year (there were 15 teams entered altogether) and the results were in - Wooburn managed to finish 1st, 2nd and 3rd! We're very proud of our scouts and their cooking skills. Winners had a French theme to their menu. One of the teams made homemade pasta and Toby's coconut cake pudding was inspired.

The scouts all had a fantastic time and thanks go to the leaders for giving up their weekends.

Wooburn Fête had a great turnout this year and our group made a fantastic £681 which will go towards replenishing our equipment.

We are a very active group and do use our camping equipment frequently so these funds really help. On the day Beavers ran Hook a Duck, Splat the Rat and Giant Buzzer. Cubs ran the coconut shy, Tin Can Alley and Smash a Plate. Scouts ran the Trebuchet, Chimney Hoopla and 'Cook your own s'mores'. A massive thank you to all the leaders and parents who made this happen and to the young people who gave up their Saturday.

Our cub section also went camping to Hedgerley and had a lovely weekend.

To find out more about our scout group visit wooburn.wixsite.com/wooburnscouts.

Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

Summer is when our members bask in the sunshine and use their garden flowers for lovely displays. Some were part of the Blenheim Palace Flower Show team and many took the opportunity to go and see the fruits of all the ladies' hard work.

The Summer outing on Tuesday August 8 leaves the community centre at 9am for Winchester Cathedral where there will be a conducted tour. After lunch there we go on to West Green House Garden for a walk around, a talk by a gardener, then a cream tea. We expect to be back in Bourne End for about 5.30pm. The cost is £45 (£8 less if you are a NT member) and includes everything. Visitors are welcome. Ring Sherry on 01628 482879 or Liz on 01628 476641 to book.

Josef Norton will be our guest on Tuesday September 5 at 8pm and his demonstration subject has perfect timing. *Late Summer – early Autumn says it all*. As usual visitors are welcome to attend, paying an entry fee. Winners of the raffle on the night take home the displays that have been created.

To find out more ring 01628 476641. We look forward to seeing you and we know you will enjoy your evening in the large hall at the community centre.

Bourne End Townswomen's Guild

Wallowing in the Summer days our ladies will welcome a bit of organisation when they return in September. Jenny Thorne will inspire them with the story of Patchwork and Quilting in the British Isles. And it could inspire some of our members to start sewing again. Jenny will be

with us on Wednesday September 13 in the *Target Room* at the community centre.

Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month at 1.30pm and visitors are welcome to hear a particular speaker. The *Target Room* is a cosy space as membership numbers are reduced these days. Come along to a meeting and maybe join our happy band. To find out more ring 01628 527931.

Bucks Family History Society

Members meet in the small hall at the community centre on the second Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm and explore how family history has shaped our lives. On Tuesday August 8 we will hear about the London Docks. Jeremy Batch will talk about the East India, West India, London, Royals, Surreys etc. At the same time he will cover the history of London River, Alfred and the Danes, the first locks, the East India Company, the Jamestown Expedition, the Blitz etc – and all in one evening.

On Tuesday September 12 Colin Chapman will tell us about *Family History in Newspapers and Periodicals*. He will go back over 300 years to explain how these publications provided facts about our ancestors.

Non-members are welcome to hear a particular speaker although we do ask for a small donation to our funds. All our speakers are knowledgeable and experienced so we know you will learn something new from them. Why not come along?

Marlow and District Railway Society

In May we had a visit from Norman Topsom MBE, better known to his former work colleagues and friends as "Flash", who talked about his 50 years working locally on the railway at Henley, Reading and latterly Twyford, with many humorous and interesting anecdotes.

June is now the month for a regular joint meeting with the local branch of the Railway Correspondence and Travel Society and this year saw a return visit to us by the very well known and much published photographer Dr

Les Nixon, with a show entitled 55 Years of Railway Photography which included pictures from all over the UK and many countries abroad. This was part one of five and we hope to entice him back again if possible.

Also in June a small group of members visited the Spinney Light Railway in Surrey. This is a 7½ inch gauge private line to which access can only be gained by invitation and we enjoyed our visit which was blessed with good weather.

We have no meeting in August. On September 21 our talk is *The Mangapps Farm Railway* by its creator, John Jolly, who built the railway from nothing and will describe how it all came about and some of the amusing events that took place during its creation.

Visitors are always welcome to come along to any of our meetings to enjoy not only the presentation itself but also the bar facilities at Bourne End Community Centre. Meetings start at 8pm unless otherwise stated. A small fee, currently £3, will be charged. For further information see the society's website: www.mdrs.org.uk

The Future of our Village (Bourne End)

The main item to report has been the success of the campaign to get improvements to the pedestrian crossing near Clayton's school by the installation of wig-wag lights on Marlow Road. All that now needs to be done is to ensure that promised money actually happens. Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council made a significant contribution to the funding of the project.

There is a proposal to make Bourne End a T3, which has implications for planning, by amalgamating the Wooburns with Bourne End and Hedsor to make it comparable to Princes Risborough and Marlow.

Approval has been given for the addition of more than 100 houses on the Glory Mill site. This has been a matter of contention as it is thought that WDC might object.

There have been changes to the composition of the WDC and there are some new councillors and the committee looking into the neighbourhood plan has been reinstated.

UPPER THAMES SAILING CLUB

Junior sailors' club takeover continues

Many thanks firstly to the Rotary Club of Bourne End and Cookham for their continued support of our Week awards. The young winners at the half-term regatta showed great enthusiasm and team spirit, and personalised hoods.

Following on promptly in June, the club were pleased to host this year's team racing event for junior sailors from all over the Thames Valley. It's also a daunting task, organising twelve teams of six young sailors, in three RS Feva dinghies, all racing every other team in short and sharp races. If you capsize, you're disqualified.

In total we ran 52 (yes, fifty-two) races. By the last race of the round-robin (heats) - race 48 - John Meadowcroft, the Race Officer, was one minute ahead of target, which was amazing. Sadly he was thwarted by a motor cruiser steaming though the start line causing a two minute postponement. The four teams that made it to the final were Maidenhead SC, Silverwing SC from Staines, and the two Upper Thames teams, and UTSC B won overall in close run finals.

Event organiser Alan Markham said "the day was even better than we'd hoped, thanks to the invaluable support from parents and club members. Junior sailing at the club is thriving, and over the summer we're going to be making good use of the latest new boats for the youngsters, four Optimist dinghies."

Alan's commitment to sailing continued as he also took one of his boats to Claytons School for Science Week, to demonstrate the science of sailing, and hopefully whetting the appetite of more local children for this sport. Adults are welcome too. See utsc.org.uk or call in.



There was little change since the last meeting. Flooding could still be an important issue. Access to the main road will double the volume of traffic coming out from Stratford Drive onto Brookbank.

Mike Appleyard suggests that parking remains a problem in Bourne End. The time has come to accept that the space outside your house is maintained from rates and to make it clear that you have no special rights over the space. There is also an encroachment on the green areas around Bourne End which is unsightly.

Wye Valley Volunteers

We have recently been lucky enough to receive funds from two councillors from Wycombe District Council initiative which enables local ward councillors to make small contributions to projects within their local community. The project which this money will support is an IT initiative to install a computer and broadband connection in the office and to develop our website. This is currently being worked on and will make a big difference in streamlining admin, in giving a further method of contacting drivers and in improving publicity for recruitment.

None of this will change our telephone contact with clients – they frequently tell us how much they appreciate being able to speak to someone – and our volunteer team members who take the calls also enjoy the personal contact.

As well as our drivers (giving transport for mainly medical appointments) and office volunteers, we have home visitors, luncheon club teams, coffee morning volunteers, and minibus drivers. We would welcome enquiries from anyone who would like to find out more about volunteering in these roles.

Similarly if you would like help from any of our services please contact us by phone: 01628 521027, by email:

enquiries@wyevalleyvolunteers.co.uk, or in person: Community Volunteer Office, Wakeman Road, Bourne End SL8 5SX, open 10 to midday each weekday.

junior sailing, and their Spirit of Junior Bourne End congratulations to Kate and Vincent who won



CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

AUGUST

- 1 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the Community Centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle
- 3 Thurs Community Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8.30pm. It's a £1 per person, and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night
- 3 Thur Keep Bourne End Green public meeting at the community centre 7.30pm
- 4 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 6 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm
- 7 Mon Lunch for the over 55s, 12.30 pm, The Old Bell, £8 for a two-course lunch. Contact must be made with Margaret Amos 01628 525033 for first lunch
- 11 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 12 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library
- 18 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 18 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company
- 25 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 2 Sat Cookham Regatta lots of races on the water and family fun on the riverbanks. Go to www.cookhamregatta.org.uk for more information.
- 3 Sun ***Village Show from 9.30am on Wooburn Park – prizegiving is at 4pm. Open to the public from 10.30am. Rosettes and certificates for the top three in each category. Then 'Best in Group' winners cups and a cup for 'Best in Show'. Local produce on sale and a craft fair area. Scouts doing teas and running games. There will be a barbecue or hog roast. St Pauls doing teas and their teddy bear jump. And more... For information or to take a stall or get involved contact kate.lamb@live.co.uk or call 07768626667 or the parish office***
- 3 Sun Teddy Bear Parachute Jump at St Paul's Church. See page 9 for details
- 4 Mon Lunch for the over 55s, 12.30pm, The Old Bell, £8 for a two course lunch. Contact must be made with Margaret Amos 01628 525033 for first lunch
- 5 Tues Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society presents Josef Norton demonstrating "Late Summer early Autumn" at 8pm in the community centre. Small fee for non-members
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- 14 Thur Centre Talk by Ken Townsend. See poster page 36 for details
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- 15 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company
- 17 Sun ***Volunteer Day at the Centre 10am to 1pm and 1pm to 4pm. Volunteers are wanted to wield a paint brush, use a garden trowel, help clean paintwork and other useful jobs at the centre. Materials provided but you can bring your own. All we ask is your help. Tea and coffee provided with biscuits and cake. If you stay all day we will provide lunch. Please help your community centre and notice the difference***
- 18 Tue WDC cabinet meeting on new local plan. Remember to put your views forward. See the Bourne End Residents' Association report on page 3
- 20 Wed Special free performance for senior citizens of Forum Players' Autumn show *Agatha Crusty & The Village Hall Murders*. Details page 37
- 22 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 22 Fri Forum Players present *Agatha Crusty & The Village Hall Murders*. See page 37
- 23 Sat Forum Players present *Agatha Crusty & The Village Hall Murders*. See page 37
- 29 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 30 Sat Open Day at Bourne End Junior Sports Club from 10.30am to 12.30pm. A chance to see what sports are on offer and to try a few

Check events at the centre as there may be some maintenance work during this period.

The next issue of Target will cover October and November 2017.

Email editor@targetmagazine.org.uk by Friday September 1 to get your event included in the calendar. The magazine will be published on Friday September 29.

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

Target Quiz

Sponsored by The Falcon Pub, Wooburn Moor

Number 99

With Penny in hospital at the moment **Target** takes a look back at some previous challenges and thought that this one from August/September 2002 would exercise those 'little grey cells'. What connects each set of subjects?

Get all the answers 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 Southey, Bridges, Masefield
- 2 Cirrus, Altostratus, Nimbus
- 3 Siamese, Burmese, Andrew Lloyd Webber
- 4 Ouse, Trent, Exe
- 5 Cob, Filbert, Brazil
- 6 Brig, Felucca, Dhow
- 7 Narcissus, Snowdrop, Hyacinth
- 8 Handel, Ravel, Bach
- 9 Hand, Ell, Rod
- 10 Imperial, Elephant, Cartridge
- 11 RD Blackmore, AS Byatt, JRR Tolkien
- 12 Imperial War, Ashmolean, Pitt Rivers
- 13 Aston, Keele, Heriot-Watt
- 14 Wren, Foster, Paxton
- 15 Darwin, Attenborough, Gilbert White
- 16 Marengo, Incitatus, Copenhagen
- 17 Sable, Vert, Argent
- 18 Anubis, Horus, Osiris
- 19 Suez, Panama, Caledonian
- 20 Kodiak, Spectacled, Brown

The closing date is Monday 4 September

ANSWERS TO QUIZ 98: 1 Deoxyribonucleic acid 2 Trinitrotoluene 3 British Broadcasting Corporation 4 Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus 5 Ministry of Defence 6 Point of Sale 7 Unique Selling Point 8 Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals 9 Great Western Railway 10 Government Communications Headquarters 11 Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts 12 Water Closet 13 Royal Horticultural Society 14 Magnetic Resonance Imaging 15 Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome 16 Human Resources 17 Read Only Memory 18 North Atlantic Treaty Organisation 19 Royal National Lifeboat Institute 20 People's Republic of China. The winner is Janis Masson, Orchard House, Bourne End



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Monday - Quiz Night

from 8.45pm

Tuesday - (every other) Open
Mic Night pop down to play,
sing or just listen

Tuesday - Curry night

Wednesday - Rib Night (cooked
to my secret recipe)

Thursday - Two for one
evening menu

Friday - Menu specials

Saturday - Meat raffle drawn at
6.30pm, tickets on sale all week

Sunday - Traditional Sunday
Roast 12 to 3pm

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



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