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FORUM PLAYERS GO FOR GOLD!

This year's show was the 50th panto for the Bourne End theatre group



When the theatre curtains swung wide on the opening scene of *Aladdin* this year members of Forum Players raised a silent cheer of delight.

This was their 50th panto and a huge achievement for the amateur dramatic group as they move on into 52 years of shows at the community centre.

"I was told that Forum didn't do a panto in their first year," secretary Leigh Robinson told *Target* "but they did other shows. Today our panto is our main show for the community."

The group's pantos over the years may have varied in style and standard, but they've always been performed with enthusiasm and more than a few cheesy lines.

From the classics like "Oh yes you are" to "It's behind you" to the lesser-known quips that will live in the memory like "Surely not" (the sharp reposte "don't call me Shirley").

Names that roll off the tongue when thinking about the Forum Players pantomimes include *Dick Whittington*, *Cinderella*, *Babes in the Wood*, *Sleeping Beauty* and *Puss in Boots*.

Then there have been the specially written pantos like *The Witches of Bourne End* and *The Tooth Fairy* not forgetting *Treasure Island* and *Camelot* (the panto). All designed to provide a couple of hours of magic, fun and involvement for every audience.

Faces have changed over half a decade but audiences like to see ones they recognise from previous shows.

Aladdin this year was *Wishy Washy* when Forum last did the panto in 2007. Since then she has become a wife, mother and script writer.

Familiar names appear year after year in different costumes as small character parts need to be filled – Roger Clarke has gone from beggar to king in the space of a year.

Panto magic offers a

stage packed with colour, over-the-top characters and some evil added to the mix.

Skilled set artists create the perfect scene, young voices have discreet microphones to enhance their sound, lighting floods the stage. Then the big screen and projector are just props to whatever story is being told. This year was a magic carpet ride. Forum Players panto has moved on through the decades.

Now *Aladdin* has rubbed the lamp, found the treasure, righted wrongs and won the girl.

Massive congratulations to Forum Players for reaching the golden '50' and here's to the next 50 years of family fun.

Picture caption: *Getting Aladdin to the stage has been all-consuming for Wendy Keeble. Wendy has been with Forum Players forever and she's pictured left offering guidance to the youngest member Poppy Gethin.*

See more panto pictures on page 24.



TV's Lorraine Kelly in fits of giggles as she helped turn on the Bourne End Christmas lights at the village Fun Night. See more photos pages 10 and 11.



Harry completes his harrowing hike

In the last issue of *Target* we reported on eight-year-old Harry Hooson's 200 mile fundraising hike for the homeless charity Shelter. He started walking the Thames Path National Trail in June last year at the source of the River Thames and completed the last stage of his journey in December. He's pictured here near the London Stone obelisk which marks the end of the river and the start of the sea on the Isle of Grain. Harry thanks everyone for their kind donations.



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TARGET COMPETITION (page 40)

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WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Margaret Amos
Secretary to the Association

We are looking forward to an interesting 2019. Although we are not against change we hope that there will not be too many building development challenges that could spoil the environment.

The association continues to comment on planning applications where appropriate and an objection has been made to the proposed development of numbers 2/3 Wash Hill Lea, which it is thought to be a gross over-development of the site.

We will continue to meet on a Monday evening, on alternate months, throughout the year, at 8pm in the Wooburn Club. You will be assured of a warm welcome at our meetings.

Here are some dates for your diary:

Monday March 11 – A short meeting, followed by a speaker from High Wycombe First Responders (from South Central Ambulance Charity) giving an overview of who they are and what they do along with a short session on cardiopulmonary resuscitation – an emergency procedure for a person who is in cardiac arrest.

Monday May 13 – Annual General Meeting.

Saturday June 15 – Wooburn Fête on Wooburn Green

Our Christmas Lights Celebration was a great success as usual. For a child what beats Santa arriving on his sleigh?

Many people soaked up the atmosphere, had some seasonal refreshment and enjoyed a jig around the Wooburn Club's dance floor.

More than £1,000 was raised towards the maintenance of the Christmas lights.

We thanked our many sponsors but we would also like to give public acknowledgement to Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council for their generous grant towards the cost of the Christmas tree and its lights. Thanks also to Creed for supplying all of the food for the event and Peter Lole Insurance for their contribution towards the public liability insurance.

The Wooburn Pub Lunch Club continues to meet on the first Monday of each month in The Old Bell, at 12.30pm. A lunch and desert costs £10.

You are most welcome to join us but contact must be made with me to book your first lunch – tel: 01628 525033.

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This article starts with a plea for help. Back in the June/July issue of *Target* I reported the sad and untimely death of Norman Christy.

To remind readers he was a senior partner in a London based firm of accountants as well as a Bourne End resident for many years and a charitable fundraiser.

For a long time Norman had acted as the unpaid accountant both for Bourne End Residents Association and indeed for the Friends of Bourne End Day Care Centre. At the end of each accounting year a qualified accountant needs to sign off the books and present them to HMRC. Neither organisation has accounts that are either large or complicated.

Actually there is no need to explain what is required because what we would like to find is a replacement for Norman. Anyone qualified who could do this would know exactly what is required.

We were extremely grateful to Norman over many years and we would hope to receive similar treatment from his replacement – as a charitable donation or at a minimal cost.

Our intention, with both organisations, is to spend our funds on improving Bourne End and facilities. As far as the residents association is concerned those improvements relate to Bourne End and as far as the Friends of Bourne End Day Care Centre these funds are to improve the centre for the elderly. So if there is someone, or a local firm of accountants, out there who could help please give me a ring.

Reverting back to residents association issues, as that is the heading of this article, there is some news on the New Local Plan, which actually could be classed as no news.

The planning inspector dealing with the plan,

which affects both Slate Meadow and Hollands Farm, has asked WDC planning officers for some clarification.

Answers were asked for and indeed expected prior to Christmas but, at the time of writing this article, no answers have been forthcoming.

How inefficient comes to mind, but these are my thoughts. And these officers are the ones who have put together the New Local Plan. No wonder it is, in my and many others opinion, a shambolic solution to our housing needs.

Now another call for help – this time we are happy to pay the going rate. In the early days of the residents association we collected together a copy of every *Target* that had been published – right back to volume 1. These we put together into book form and were all beautifully bound. This is something we have continued to do. It is our intention to continue with this practice.

All the bound volumes are in Bourne End Library and are proudly displayed in the reference section. Without doubt they are an invaluable source of local history and we know they are used by school children and history students.

Over the years we have used two bookbinders and they have now both retired. So has anyone used and could then recommend a bookbinder? Hopefully locally but we are able to travel and take the magazines to the one able to do the work and match the existing volumes.

Just one last thought, as I write mid-January on another crisp, dry day, and never one to wish my life away, but weather-wise to reach the end of January is always a milestone – certainly if we have avoided harsh frosts and thick snow. Great for the children but hard work when you have deadlines to meet and places to go.

So, once again, thank you for reading this and I hope that this reaches a generous, philanthropic, accountant. In any case if you have any thoughts on any local issue please feel free to give me a call.

Jim Penfold, Chairman
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Bourne End Bridge Club

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Bourne End Bridge Club has compiled some of the best quiz questions which have appeared in *English Bridge*. Whet your appetites with this one by **Julian Pottage**:

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Julian Pottage gives his answer on page 25.

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It is so mild that we are getting confused as to what time of year it is. We have seen an increased activity in terms of river traffic and so far, we are having a happy month of January in terms of revenue, if only this could continue all year.

At the marina we survived the Christmas/New Year period without any scars. Our 'open house' at the Black Lion was a rip-roaring success with about 40 souls turning up and, happily, Chaos didn't take his clothes off this year. I'm not sure about Matty as it became a bit hazy at the end. All I need to say is that we all got home, and the police were not involved at any stage. Many thanks to Mark and Kaz for their hospitality.

Because of H F Hughes & Son of Flackwell Heath closing its doors for business (due to retirement) we have taken over their coal business and their Calor Gas supplies. Matty and Chaos can now be called 'coalmen', probably one of the nicer names that they are known as.

If they appear to have changed colour to a darker shade of dirty than usual you will know that the coal is selling well. It's quite interesting as many boats where people live aboard will call in for coal for their fires, but the majority of sales are for home use. We are hoping for a prolonged cold period before the Spring arrives.

We have taken advantage, or should I say that Matty and Chaos have been forced to take advantage of the mild weather. They have been busy, repairing pontoons and undertaking general maintenance around the marina in preparation for the Spring. You know I actually believe that they prefer to be busy working outside rather than sitting in the office partaking of coffee and biscuits around the heater while irritating me to my wits end.

One task at this time of the year is looking at the accounts and recovering any monies that are outstanding. As with any business

we have a debtors list. We don't have too many, but nevertheless they must be chased. Currently we have one boat where we have not seen the owners for over a year and they are believed to be out of the country. We placed a legal notice on the hull which received no reaction.

We are now legally entitled to sell her, which we will do to recover the outstanding mooring fees. This is not the first time we have sold an abandoned boat and I'm sure it won't be the last. I have no idea why people do this, although I would add it's never the posh boats that are abandoned. I guess that it can be the cheaper option than maintaining it and paying all the fees/licences etc.

We have another boat where the owner pays his fees, but we haven't seen him for years. This I don't understand. Looking at the boat (which is very grubby) we don't know whether to plant it or clean it.

It was decided that the latter would apply and now the boys are off to jet wash it, so it is no longer an eyesore and the owner will be billed for our services. It is unfair to boat owners who look after their boats to be moored next to a neglected one, so we'll jump into action. So far, we have not had any complaints or owners refusing to pay their invoice. If they did they might just find that they are unwelcome and jumped out of the marina pdq.

All boats on the river should have a River Licence, the amount you pay depends on the size of the boat. In order to obtain the licence, you have to prove the boat is insured and holds a current Boat Safety Certificate (MOT), without these you will not get your licence. Most boaters will licence their boats, but there is a minority who won't.

If you are caught without a licence you can be taken to court and fined a substantial sum. Having had consultations with the Environment Agency I have advised all boat owners who moor with us that we will give

the authorities the names of any boat within the marina not showing their licence plate. The licence fee is used towards the upkeep of the river and its infrastructure, locks, weirs etc. Not having a River Licence is considered a criminal offence much the same as not having road tax.

We have now issued our offers to renew the mooring contracts to our berth holders for a further 12 months commencing April 1. We would expect the vast majority to renew their contracts but there are always some who will not because of retiring out of boating or moving on to explore other parts of the river.

Unfortunately, as with most years, we will have to disappoint many people on our waiting list. So, 'what do we do with the boats waiting to come to Bourne End Marina?' I hear you ask. Well, Harleyford Marina dug a massive hole, filled it with water and put in moorings for about 100 boats and this they call their 'Bourne End Marina Holding Basin'. They opened this last year.

Unfortunately, they refuse to pay us any form of commission for all this extra business, that's not cricket by anyone's standards.

It's the Winter, it's currently mild and the sun is shining. I hope that this is a good omen for the Summer and the river will come alive again this year. Mind you, whenever I hope something is a good omen it usually turns out to be the opposite. I would fail as a fortune teller.

We look forward, as ever, to see you all visiting the marina to enjoy the ambience, which can be greatly enhanced by one of our ice lollies.

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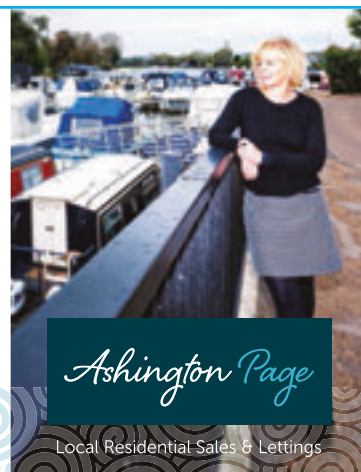
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Mistake 2: Not using software. Whatever you do, use software. You could use Excel if you don't want to pay for specialist accounting software. At very least, it does the adding up for you and you have something set out in a format you can email to your accountant.

Mistake 3: Not having a separate bank account. If you mix your business and personal finances, you're just making life more difficult, not least because you will need to separate it all out when it comes to tax return time – or pay your accountant to do it.

Mistake 4: Not filing bank statements in order. What happens? You give your statements to your accountant at year-end and they phone back later to tell you a statement is missing. This means you've just paid your accountant (who probably charges by the hour), to organise your bank statements, when you could have saved money by doing it yourself.

Mistake 5: Not having a filing system for purchase invoices

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Mistake 6: Not numbering sales invoices sequentially. Numbering your sales invoices sequentially means you will be better organised. It also helps you to keep track of dates by which invoices should be paid, which enables you to establish an efficient system for chasing overdue invoices.

Mistake 7: Not having a separate office space. However small a space. When doing your books, use a room away from noise and distractions of living with others you'll get your work done quicker and you're probably less likely to make mistakes.

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Rotakids at Elizabeth House

Children from Cookham Dean Primary School went to Elizabeth House, the adult day centre in Cookham, in December to share conversation over lunch with senior citizens.

They were accompanied by Margaret Maskell and Nancy Ovstedal of Cookham Bridge Rotary Club.

The older generation had a tasty cooked lunch and the children sat among them with their own packed lunches.

Later everyone retired to the lounge area and the children sang Christmas carols, presented personally-named Christmas cards, designed by the children themselves and also gave out small decorated pots of sprouting crocuses.

Both young and old really enjoyed the experience!



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Remembrance Sunday

The Beacon Lighting event held at Sappers Field to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War was very well attended.

A balance of solemnity for those who died and celebration for the end of the war was achieved through careful thought and planning.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed in making the event a success, in particular, Scott the bagpiper, Josh who played trumpet, the guitarist Frank Dooley, Sappers Singers and On Location Lighting Hire. The Beacon lit very quickly and first time thanks to the groundsmen.

The parish councillors would like to thank Councillor Dan Hayes for all his work in organising the event.

The bagpiper also went down to Wooburn

slowly and respectfully between the crosses.

Our thanks go to Jon Dalton and his scouts for their poignant display of crosses which were in situ for two weeks and lit up from the ground on Remembrance Sunday evening to provide a moving tribute to those lost from the villages.

Open Spaces

During the Winter months the groundsmen undertake maintenance of their equipment to keep it in good running order and are out and about cutting hedges. Another of their Winter jobs is to clean the road signs in the 30mph zones in the parish which is part of the devolved services that we took over from Bucks County Council.

They have cultivated Penny's Corner and replanted the beds and have finished planting a

Yew hedge along the front and one side of the new Garden of Remembrance area.

Christmas Tree on The Green

The parish councillors would like to extend extra thanks to everyone involved in arranging the Christmas tree on Wooburn Green especially the groundsmen who installed it in time for the switching on of the lights event.

Short & Sweet

The new Parish Guide has been given the go ahead for publication and should drop through your letterboxes very soon. It contains information on both Bourne End and Wooburn along with contact details for various local organisations and includes a handy street map and street index.

Thank you to those of you who took up our offer to recycle your discarded Christmas trees. These were shredded and the chippings spread on the muddy areas of the parish.

Meeting Dates 2019:

Full Council: February 26, March 26

Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials:
Feb 5, March 5

Planning, Highways & Lighting: Feb 20, March 13
Finance & General Purposes: March 12, May 14
All meetings start at 7.30pm

Normal Parish Council Office opening hours are from 9am to 5pm each day.

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Charity cards make friends

In spite of a slow start there was a successful trading period at the card shop in St Dunstan's with lots of money being generated for 30-plus charities represented.

Thanks are due to the many volunteers who helped in the shop and who enjoyed their time renewing acquaintance with the customers and each other. Thanks are also due to Sister Winifred and everyone at the church for making it such a pleasure to be there.

This year the best-selling charities in the shop were the Alzheimer's Society, Macmillan Cancer Support, Parkinson's UK and Scannappeal. Should you be interested in volunteering for next year please contact Marilyn Clarke on 01628 530154.

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Volunteers needed

In the December 2017 issue of *Target* there was an article raising the possibility of cinema returning to Bourne End.

Now, just over a year later, we have an able band of volunteers, and a community cinema called 'The New Royalty' (after the cinema that was in the village between 1934 and 1959).

We have screened eight films so far, two of them to a full house, and have received very positive feedback from our cinema-goers. We have shown a varied programme from *Victoria and Abdul* to *Dunkirk*, from *The Producers* to *The Greatest Showman*.

In August we learned that we had been shortlisted for Best New Society by 'Cinema For All'. Unfortunately we didn't win but we were commended - not bad for a cinema that did not exist six months earlier!

If you haven't given us a try you will be made very welcome at one of our upcoming screenings (details on page 19). Everyone sits around tables and

we are now serving popcorn and Beechdean ice cream. Screenings are on Thursday and Friday evenings and on Sunday afternoons.

We are looking for a few more people to join our cinema team. There is a lot to do at a screening - setting up the cinema, manning the box office, selling food, checking tickets on the door, helping with the film projection and sound, and just being a friendly face to help our cinema-goers.

If you think you might be interested in helping please email cinemahelp@thenewroyalty.org.uk or pop your contact details into the community centre office. We look forward to seeing you either as a cinema-goer or as a volunteer.

Dave Foster, Chairman,
Bourne End Community Association

PRIZE WINNER!

CONGRATULATIONS to Deborah Holland from Brookfield Road, Wooburn Green, when her name was drawn from among those who responded to the offer in December's *Target*. Deborah received the signed copy of *The House on Half Moon Street* by Alex Reeve in time for Christmas.



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TV personality Lorraine Kelly, the Rotary President Chris Jupp and 10-year-old Emma Nock signalled the start of Bourne End's Fun Night festivities by switching on Emma's Christmas light in the presence of a large crowd on Friday December 7.

Emma from Claytons junior school won this year's Christmas light design competition and her light joined 14 other unique children's lights from past years that adorn The Parade in Bourne End.

Fun Night is organised by local volunteers, Bourne End businesses, Cookham Rotary Club and the community centre and it aims to give young children a memorable Christmas village experience and bring local people together to enjoy a festive evening. A total of 1162 people visited the library to enjoy mulled wine or to stock up on Christmas presents or buy local Christmas fare and with the Rotary Wheel of Fortune spinning in The Parade, Bourne End was buzzing!

This annual event raised £1,700 and it will go to the Bourne End Community Centre, Air Ambulance, local schools and the Rotary Club. Further funds were raised by the scouts, guides, brownies, WI, Inner Wheel, Young Enterprise, Evergreen Africa for their clubs and charities. In addition, local businesses for example Chives and Spin Master ran events for their chosen charities and Andy Hopper raised money for his charity, Air Ambulance, with his handmade music machine.

Santa was kept busy throughout the evening and his three reindeer, housed just outside his grotto, were fed and stroked by excited young children and adults alike. The festive spirit was further enhanced by Christmas carols sung by St Paul's school choir and St Marks church choir.

With the Christmas street lights shining brightly along The Parade, thanks to donations from local shops and businesses and dry crisp weather, a fun night was had by all.



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Take your Target

Jane Cottrell sent in this great Take Your Target photo taken in Disneyland Paris.

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We were thrilled to be successful and travelled there to perform in four shows along with Disney professional singers.

"It was a fantastic experience plus we got time to enjoy the park! It was a truly memorable trip."

Jane goes on to explain: "My daughter, Laura Ruocco, started the first Blend Choir nearly six years ago and has since opened choirs in Uxbridge and Central London.

"We perform at several charity events locally and further afield and the three choirs come together twice a year for our Summer and Christmas concerts (we always sell out and have had to add in a matinee for our last December concert)."

The Bourne End Blend Choir rehearse in St Mark's Church hall. New members are not required to audition and do not need to read music – it's about enjoyment of singing, having fun and being part of a really friendly group.

See more on their website and Facebook page and Laura can be contacted for more information on info@theblendchoir.co.uk

Take your Target two

Dani Blakeslee from Berghers Hill above Wooburn Green took her Target to South America and the sun of Buenos Aires. Here she's pictured at La Casa Rosada which is the official residence of the President of Argentina. "Very well protected," Dani said, "but a lovely building behind the iron railings."



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I am of course appealing to the mature generation; those silver foxes and sparkling ladies, those of you who may be wondering what on earth they should be doing physically and how could it possibly be 'fun'?

Your body is a clever thing. Despite the outer appearance it does regenerate inside and it continues to be reactive to how you treat it. If you eat better, you'll feel better.

In the older years of life it is commonplace to relax with our diet and exercise, take it easy, and I'm certainly not saying you shouldn't enjoy that. But equally you are far more capable of physical activity and finding your va va voom than you may realise.

Did you know for example that your bones replace themselves every ten years (it's called remodelling)? And despite the natural process of age-related muscle weakening, strength training can put some zing back in to those muscles.

In fact weight training is the only type of training that can slow or even reverse the decline in muscle mass and bone density. Aerobic training such as walking, swimming, jogging is fantastic to pump the heart and improve your lung capacity and can quite easily be incorporated into your weekly routine.



Arrange to meet a friend for coffee, but walk instead of taking the bus/driving, put the radio on and have a dance in the kitchen or if you have grandchildren offer to go swimming with them.

Many television programmes have looked into the effect of introducing gentle, regular exercise to older people who have high cholesterol and high blood pressure for example, and the results prove it's worth making the effort.

Just three hours of exercise a week can help you live five years longer and can have the same effect on the body as giving up smoking.

Weight training though? Really? Am I expecting you all to buy an Olympic barbell and start throwing some crazy weight around? Absolutely not.

All weight training, and indeed any form of exercise, should be tailored to the individual. A good personal trainer will know when to push you and when to let your muscles relax and recover, and recovery is just as important as the training.

It's probably harder to convince you that this will be fun. So to that end, I simply say 'give it a try'. What have you got to lose? And what could you gain?

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH & ENTERTAINMENT

Snow cancelled the 2017 Christmas lunch for the elderly organised by the Rotary Club. For 2018 luck was on their side along with the weather for a lovely occasion at Bourne End Academy in New Road. This time their numbers were swelled as they welcomed the Link Up club from Cores End Church.

"We had around 100 sitting down to lunch" Jean Peasley told *Target* "and it was so good that everyone had a great time and enjoyed a wonderful lunch with entertainment provided by the students."



There were crackers with hats, sparking festive jumpers and time to chat with friends and neighbours. Rotary Club members had organised transport for those who needed it.

The great job of serving the meal, checking that everyone was having a good time and making sure that there was plenty to go around came from the academy and the sixth form students. And there were laughs and chats with the students as they went from table-to-table.

As usual entertainment was provided by the talented students who were taking a break from rehearsals for their Christmas show – no pressure – just a dress rehearsal the next day. Dance routines, vocals and solos were there for entertainment and there was applause for the students. Finally, over a cuppa, it was time for John Dunsterville to take his guitar and lead the singing on Christmas numbers they all knew so well.

After thanks all round, especially to the new headteacher, it was time to go home and sit back after a great lunch.

For the students it meant an empty hall and rehearsals for their show – life at Bourne End Academy is always hectic before Christmas.



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Young singers and dancers were keen to show how Act 1 Performing Arts had moulded them to be entertainers of the future. The audience loved it and principal A J Gibson knew that her theatre school was taking her pupils in the right direction.

Music from the shows and traditional favourites combined to give the audience a great start to the festive season – especially a fabulously choreographed version of *The Twelve Days of Christmas* with actions and props. An encore was demanded for the final verse.

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A big thanks goes to interim clerk, Deirdre Hansen, who held the fort until a replacement was found.

My name is Jo Murray and I've just joined the parish council as parish clerk.

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Meeting Dates 2019

Parish Council: March 12

Annual Parish Meeting: May 17 – Abbotsbrook Hall

Annual Council Meeting: May 28 at 7.30pm

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Environmental report by parish councillor Katie Lamb

Recently I have been reading a lot about bats and the many projects around the country helping to conserve their habitats, and understanding how we can help protect them, and it got me thinking.

I haven't seen a bat for a few years now. We used to see lots flitting about at sunset, but not anymore.

Now I know bats don't really do it for many people, they're not cute and cuddly like most of our mammals, but don't write them off and cast them out for being scary little Halloween monsters.

Hopefully at this time of year they are all tucked up somewhere safe and warm hibernating.

If you are lucky you should start seeing them reappear in March and April when, like all hibernating animals, they will have used up all their reserves and will need to feed and drink quickly.

We have 17 species of bat breeding in the UK all of which – along with their roosts – are protected by law.

The Government is actively promoting and supporting bat conservation with seven species being named in the national biodiversity framework as being a 'conservation priority' ie we need to actively help protect them.

We can all make small changes to our gardens to encourage bats and help them thrive. Night scented plants are a good start, and if you have a pond – even a small one – they will be really grateful, not only will they drink from it but they love eating midges and other small insects attracted to a pond, and anything that eats midges before midges eat me is OK in my book!

Bats will roost in an array of different places. Bat boxes are great to put up in your garden (and we hope to run a bat box-making day this year, similar to the bird box day a few years ago) and of course everyone thinks of Batman with his underground cave full of bats.

But they like other places too. Dead tree trunks are great to roost in, as are some manmade structures like barns, sheds and even attics.

It's worth remembering that bats aren't rodents and will not eat through wood, boards, wires or cables, the only thing they do leave behind is – how to put it delicately – a bit of poo.

So as unwanted guests go they're not that bad and remember, they are protected.

We will be looking at areas in our open spaces around the parish and thinking about what we can do too. So as March comes around all too quickly again, take time to watch at sunset and keep an eye out for our midge-eating friends.

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Enjoy the movie again at The New Royalty Cinema at the community centre on February 22 (see poster left).

Then in March we have one of last year's cinema hits with one of the longest titles in movie history: *The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society*.

Set in the aftermath of World War II, it's the story of a writer who forms an unexpected bond with the residents of Guernsey when she decides to write a book about their experiences during the war.

The romantic drama stars Lily James, Michiel Huisman, Glen Powell and Jessica Brown Findlay and will play at 3.30 on March 24 with doors opening for tea and cakes at 2.30pm.

Remember there is now popcorn and ice cream available at the centre to add authenticity to the cinema experience.

Tickets are available from the community centre office and cost £5.



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ANGLING CLUB

Tales from the water's edge...

The club returned to West End Pool for its Christmas match.

With Winter conditions the fishing was always going to be tough but with Trevor's hot mulled wine on tap it made things festive and warm.

The match was won by exiting club secretary Terry Belcher with a single fish of 5lb 3oz, second was Trevor with also a single fish of 5lb 2oz, I wonder if he dipped his bait in that mulled wine?

The club's next match is in March and will be at a new venue on the Jubilee River which is one of the Thames Valley Angling Association's 11 local waters of which our club is now a member.

All these waters are available to our membership for match and pleasure fishing. This gives the club more to offer its members and attract hopefully more new members.

After some 29 years in the club and being club secretary for 20 years I have now stepped down as secretary and handed

the reigns over to newly elected secretary Eric Leuzinger. I will still be active within the club and fish at matches and lend my support to Eric when required. I wish him luck and for anyone considering joining the club Eric's contact number is 07966 578809, email bournendanglers@gmail.com

Happy New Year to all our members and readers.

By Terry Belcher



CRIBBAGE

Happy new year to everyone and well done to Bourne End crib team for the great effort so far this season.

We are currently sitting at the top of the table and looking forward to continuing throughout the new year.

Our very best wishes go to Mickey who managed to break his hip just before Christmas. We hope he gets better soon and give a special thanks to our substitute players for stepping in at short notice.

Belinda Parsons
Team Captain

RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS

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

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CENTRE NEWS

Valentine night with hearts and flowers

Once again the community centre in Bourne End will make it a truly fabulous Valentine's celebration on Saturday February 16 with outstanding music to keep toes tapping and hands clapping.

Top tribute band Abba Re-Bjorn will make the Valentine's event very special for lovers and those who enjoy the music, the costumes and the high energy of authentic Abba sounds.

Book your tickets on-line at £15 and select your seat on the spot – cinema or centre talks. Doors open at 7.30 with music from 8pm. A raffle is a feature of the night and you get your drinks from the bar. Don't miss this celebration of love.

Top professional musicians who have performed all over the UK and of royalty, high profile celebrities and at festivals as well as other the stage is the authentic Abba tribute band, costumed perfectly

For details of Abba Re-Bjorn then go to the website to book your seat. Go to www.bourneendcommunitycentre.org.uk and follow the link. Free parking outside the community centre is convenient for a late

Evening, 'Thank you for the music' and make Saturday February 16 a

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***In the Pocket Jazz Band Feb 5th
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BOURNE END JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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

TABLE TENNIS SECTION

Our relatively new section has been gradually expanding. We started with just nine players, but with further interest a beginners group has started with only four players initially. Within a few weeks this has grown to nine players.

Tony is now running an advanced and beginners group from 3.30pm through to 6pm on Saturdays at Flackwell Heath Community Centre.

We entered a team into the National Cadet League.

This consisted of three players who are pictured. They are from left to right Charlie Cook, Arjun Sawant, Jamie Woodford. The photo shows them in their new team kit.



PIP WILLIAMS

Congratulations to former Swimming Section member, Pip Williams (pictured right), who continues to reach exceptional levels in her swimming career. She started swimming with the club "just a few years ago", but this year has seen her reach her best ever:

*** British Masters Championships, Plymouth June 2018** – Gold and British Champion (55-59 age group) 50m backstroke. Silver 100m free and 50m breaststroke. Bronze 100m breaststroke, 50m free and 50m butterfly.

*** LEN European Masters Aquatics Championships**, Slovenia September 2018 - Bronze 50m backstroke

*** Swim England Masters National Championships**, Sheffield October 2018 Gold and National Champion 50m backstroke and 100m individual medley. Silver 50m breaststroke and 50m free. Bronze 50m butterfly and 100m breaststroke.

*** British Rankings for 2018** - Ranked number one in 50m backstroke and in top three for six other events.

And remember this is where Pip started from – it could be you in a few years time.

If you know anyone who wants to progress their swimming in a local friendly club, or even move on to compete at a higher level like Pip, please contact Chris on candroconnell@tiscali.co.uk



SWIMMING POOL PROJECT

Have you heard about our new venture - Project Thunderbirds? Bourne End Junior Sports Club is partnering with Neil Bailey Swimming to produce a state-of-the-art, £3 million swimming pool complex. Click the link below for more info!

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50 YEARS OLD

The sports club will be 50 years old in 2020 – do you have any old photos? We will be forming a small committee of current and former sports club members and leaders to plan our celebrations for our 50th. So many hundreds of people have enjoyed the activities and sports of the club over those 50 years so please do get in touch and share your memories and maybe suggest some suitable ways to celebrate in style. Why not come and join us for this special event?

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Forum Players Panto

On our front page we report how Forum Players reached a significant theatrical milestone this year by putting on their 50th pantomime. *Target's* Barrie Penfold took these photos of the cast performing *Aladdin*, this year's colourful production...



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The competition will run every Friday starting on Friday April 5, meeting in Abbotsbrook Hall in Well End 7.15 for a 7.30pm start. There's plenty of parking behind the hall and access is easy. Each evening will offer guidance, with pre-dealt boards, where pairs can play and then review their progress. No partner is needed and refreshments are included in the £3 per week fee. To register your interest email bobaperrin@outlook.com Find out more about us on www.bridgewebs.com/bourneend

Ian hands it to bridge...

For local teacher Ian Blazey returning to playing bridge was a daunting experience. "For anyone returning to a challenging activity such as bridge after a 30 year hiatus can be nerve-wracking," Ian admitted.

"I last played bridge at university more than 30 years ago. Then career, family and life got in the way. I returned to the game two years ago and, with the friendly nature of Bourne End Bridge Club and supportive partners, I am now playing regularly. I even represent one of the club's teams in the Bucks and Berks league of eight tournament."

Ian admitted that the most daunting thing was playing competitively with so many more advanced players, who play regularly, and keeping up with the speed of play at a duplicate evening. However, he found that the friendly nature of the club supported him through the process.

Bourne End Bridge Club meets every Thursday evening at Abbotsbrook Hall in Well End, to play duplicate bridge in a relaxed, friendly but competitive environment. There are regularly eight to 10 tables of four every week, with local players as well as many from further afield due to the friendly nature of the club and breadth of level of players. On the first week of every month, there is a team of four night, but all other nights are open pairs' evenings. Find out more at www.bridgewebs.com/bourneend

SOLUTION to the Bridge challenge on page 4

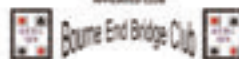
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♣ A				

4♣. With a four-loser hand and a good fit, a slam seems distinctly possible. While you could ask for aces, a one-ace reply would leave you unsure whether the opponents have two fast diamonds to cash. The solution is a 4♣ cue-bid, showing a control in clubs and inviting partner to cue-bid in return.

Julian Pottage.

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Upper Thames Sailing Club

By Debbie Kite

The Autumn and Winter have been busy at the club with good turnouts of keen sailors for club racing and especially of younger members at cadet days.

The club training programme has been fully booked and we have a record eight newly-qualified RYA Power Boat drivers.

All the attendees braved rain and wind on at least one of their Saturday training sessions in October and November. Those among us who prefer fairer weather have been enjoying well-attended social events, including the fireworks

party, family games nights and suppers as well as the candle-lit Laying-Up Dinner.

The Autumn upkeep included lowering the mast for maintenance (see the video of how it's done on our Facebook page) and preparing the clubhouse for redecorat.

Planning for sailing in 2019 is well under way, and the important date is our Open Day on Sunday April 28, when we invite visitors and potential new members for a trip on the river, and 'Tea by The Thames'.

Experienced helms will take guests out on the water in our training boats, and all members are on hand to meet those new to sailing, and explain how the club works.

We have a beginners training programme in May and June and many other sailing and power boat courses for adults and children throughout the year. To book for the training course, or the Summer holiday RYA training, it is worth making contact now with our membership team on memberships@utsc.org.uk

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RIP

Daphne Spink



Daphne had been part of life in Bourne End for the past 60 years – for both her and husband Bernard it was home. Sadly Bernard died 11 years ago but Daphne was determined to stay in the home, looking out onto the garden they had created.

She died unexpectedly at that home on 17 November 2018. Her instructions to sons Richard and Colin were that they should say 'thank you' to those who

had helped her since she had been on her own.

Daphne was born in 1934 at Bray. Wartime upheavals saw the family moving around until settling in with her grandparents and going to Maidenhead County Girls School. At 16 her education finished and the job market beckoned. Luckily her first job also offered a day release course at Slough Technical College where Daphne got a certificate in Mechanical Engineering and became a draughtswoman.

Meeting Bernard, marriage then the move to Bourne End were next on the schedule followed by the birth of the boys. Colin remembers that his mother was constantly doing things and, as they grew, she embarked on a two year teacher training course. Eventually a teaching post was offered at Juniper Hill School in Flackwell Heath where she eventually became deputy headteacher before retiring in 1994.

Always active Daphne and Bernard enjoyed walking holidays in this country and in the Alps. There were peaks to be conquered and they were a well matched team. Bernard's death was a devastating time for Daphne and she lost any desire to travel and certainly couldn't go somewhere they had visited together. But it started a new chapter that provided interest and brought new friends into her life.

French classes on a Monday afternoon were a regular having started when son Richard married Martine. Daphne went to the class five days before she died. They were all her friends and the class was full of fun and laughter – and French. Joining Marlow U3A brought many new friends into her life as there were walks with the Strollers and regular lunches with the Luncheon section.

Three hospital stays limited Daphne but she never complained and instantly thanked anyone who was there to help. So many of them did the little things that made her life easy and she was grateful to them all. Daphne always looked immaculate with lovely hair and her trademark painted nails. She will be missed.

Bet Lockett

Bet died on 3 December 2018 at 102-years-old after a short illness. And in true style her family found that Bet had written down all the details of her funeral and memorial service. No detail was missed – all they had to do was make the necessary arrangements.

Life-long friend Jean Peasley wasn't surprised at Bet's attention to detail and said: "She was an amazing lady, a very dear friend and along with so many people I will miss her sound common sense along with her sense of fun."

Bet ran the office at Trew Engineering in Wharf Lane and watched it grow from scratch to employing a staff of 70. She eventually retired aged 67.

In 1954 with husband Ken they joined St Mark's Church and forged a union that created lasting friendships. They were involved in church life together as a family with son Chris who joined the choir when he was seven.

Bet always found time to help out when asked. Over many years she baked countless cakes for church, and other events. She organised, inspired and was a great example to many. She served the church she loved for over 60 years.

Bet would have smiled to see Jean set aside her notes and tell the memorial congregation of the very special lady who was Bet Lockett.



Iris Butterfield

Iris was born and lived locally all her life. She was the youngest of a family of seven – five girls and two boys. The family lived in Wooburn Green and later moved to Loudwater.

When it was time to get a job Iris tried a number but eventually settled as a groom working for George Lock. His stables shared an entrance with Butterfield Nursery on Harvest Hill.

There she met the man she would marry. Ian Butterfield was continuing a family growing tradition at the nursery.

They married in Dropmore Church on June 24 1967 and Iris moved to growing dahlias and pleiones (orchids) in the nursery.

Son Michael was born in 1973 to make their life complete. Iris found herself surrounded by flowers, never happier getting her hands dirty and they were a family.

Iris loved travelling and over many years they visited various countries in Africa, Europe and Canada. Michael eventually married Lyn and two grandsons were an added blessing for Iris – Jake and Samuel – as well as a wonderful daughter-in-law in Lyn.

Joining Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society was perfect for Iris where she was able to participate in shows and become one of their leading arrangers.

Eventually she was chairman of the club and then president – a post she held until her death. She loved to be involved in all their activities and social occasions.

Iris died on 17 November 2018 and Holy Trinity Church in Cookham was packed for her memorial in December. Her legacy is in flowers, the ones you grow and the ones you arrange in celebration.




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Today there are well established gardens and a rustic bridge screening the warehouses. The river still flows swiftly towards

the River Thames while fish swim in its depths. And some former mill workers will note that it doesn't change colour with every new ink process at the mill. Has the River Wye become a 'green' river 30 years on?



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2018 finished with a very successful Christmas party. The afternoon began with a quiz which proved to be a great ice-breaker and soon the members were chatting and conferring with the people on their table as they tried to answer the questions.

Then it was time for refreshments. The delicious desserts and sweetmeats were made by our own Pudding Club Group.

After tea the Play Reading Group and Ukulele Group provided some enjoyable entertainment. The play readers performed a selection of Christmas-themed poems and readings which were humorous and touching.

The Ukulele Group played and sang some well-known songs and the audience were invited to sing along. Both groups gave a faultless performance.

It was amazing to consider that all the ukulele players (apart from their convenor/tutor) and some of the play readers were total beginners in April.

The afternoon showcased what a lot of local talent we have!

The early months of 2019 should see some new interest groups starting, among them Creative Writing, T'ai Chi, as well as Railways and Industrial Heritage.

Some days out have been planned. In February the Theatre Group is going to Oxford Playhouse to see Art. It has a star-studded cast including Nigel Havers, Denis Lawson and Stephen Tompkinson.

Then in March the Outings Group is going to the Historic Dockyard in Chatham.

The February monthly meeting for members will take place on Tuesday 26 at 2pm in Bourne End Community Centre.

In response to requests from some of our members, the speaker will be the managing director of a firm of local solicitors who will speak about the importance of making wills and drawing up Powers of Attorney.

The monthly meeting on March 26 marks a big date on our calendar. As well as a talk by a speaker from Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, we will hold our first AGM.

At that meeting the temporary steering committee will be dissolved and a new executive committee will be voted in.

It is anticipated that this new body will be made up of some members from the steering group and some new members.

This will enable the committee to go forward with a mixture of experience and new ideas. For further information please contact Roger Carter 01628 520557 or visit www.bourneendu3a.org.uk

Report by Brian and Hilary Jackson

**Have you discovered
Bourne End's cinema
yet?
See page 19 for details
of upcoming films**

Bourne End & Cookham Probus Club By John Daymond

Our Annual Christmas Ladies Lunch on December 12 was hosted by our chairman Roger Gould and his wife Janet and most efficiently organised by David and Lesley Davis. This was a most enjoyable preface to the festive season.

Our November topical talk was on *The Gunpowder Plot*, by Colin Oakes. Conceived by a group of disillusioned English Catholics under the leadership of Robert Catesby, the plan was to blow up the House of Lords during the State Opening of Parliament on November 5, 1605 thus assassinating King James I and his family.

Guy Fawkes was made responsible for the explosives as he had had 10 years military experience fighting in the Spanish Netherlands.

The plot was revealed by an anonymous letter, the House of Lords was searched and Guy Fawkes was discovered in the cellars with 36 barrels of gunpowder, sufficient to completely destroy the whole building and all within it. The surviving conspirators were arrested, tried and convicted to be hung, drawn and quartered.

There were many strange circumstances and a conspiracy theory exists around Robert Cecil, a leading government minister, who may have orchestrated the plot to further discredit Catholics, producing harsher treatment.

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

Little Marlow & Well End WI By Pauline Clitheroe

Judith Forster, WI Adviser, was a guest at the AGM in November. After a ballot Judith announced that Carole Kirkland was the new president. The retiring President, Susan Spearman, gave a lighthearted address, thanked members and her committee for their support, and concluded with her inimitable version of 'My Way'.

Carole welcomed members to the Christmas tea at the December meeting. She introduced Jacqueline King and J's Joyful Divas, who performed a selection of Christmas themed songs.

Niki Ralfs continues to organise the popular ramble/lunch on every second Tuesday of the month. Carole Kirkland provides inspiration and expertise at the Craft and Chat on every third Tuesday of the month. Cover to Cover is available for booklovers every first Monday of the month.

Bourne End WI By Kath Acres

We embraced the Christmas spirit throughout December with trips to Winchester Christmas market, to Cadogan Hall for a carol concert and to see Kew Gardens Christmas Lights.

We partied at our December meeting and enjoyed a fantastic demonstration by our talented member Jill Harden on how to make Christmas floral arrangements. We partied some more at our

Christmas dinner and still managed to run a very successful craft stall in the library on Fun Night.

Our January meeting found us juggling and plate spinning (well, some of us managed it) at our monthly meeting which was a great deal of fun.

Bourne End WI now runs Pilates, walking netball, singing and Mahjong sessions. If you would like to join in any of these activities please email bourneendwi@yahoo.com for details.

On alternate Fridays some of us gather between 2pm and 4pm at Bourne For Desserts for coffee and cake. The next meeting is February 8 and anybody who would like to join us is very welcome.

Our next open meeting will be on Thursday February 7 at St Dunstan's Church hall at 7.30pm, when Dinah Latham will tell us about life as a midwife in the 1960s on the Portobello Road.

Visitors are always welcome and we have a short waiting list for new members. All enquiries to bourneendwi@yahoo.com or call 01628 531521.

Bourne End & Wooburn WI By Janet Spill

In November we welcomed Derek Fry from the Painted Dog Conservation, an organisation dedicated to conserve these African wild dogs currently under threat of extinction.

Derek brought along sculptures created from the snares collected by their Anti-Poaching Units and which are sold to raise both awareness and funds.

December got off to a good start with a Christmas lunch at the Walnut Tree, enjoyed by all who attended.

Our regular monthly meeting took the form of a Christmas party, when many members arrived resplendent in their Christmas jumpers. Mulled wine and mince pies were enjoyed while pondering over a Christmas-themed table quiz followed by an entertaining game of 'Handbag Bingo'.

The afternoon continued with a blind tasting of seasonal food from various supermarkets, the resulting vote proving that the favourites are not necessarily the most expensive. It just remained to pick a 'Secret Santa' present before heading home.

We look forward to another full and varied programme in 2019.

We are a small friendly group and visitors and prospective members are most welcome. Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month in St Dunstan's Church hall starting at 2pm. Email: beandw.wi@gmail.com

Inner Wheel of Bourne End & Cookham By Elaine Morris

Bourne End Fun Night was extra special for our club when Lorraine Kelly, who officially opened the evening, recognised her daughter's teacher among the stall holders, our president Mercia Hailstone (pictured with Lorraine).

Our thanks to all who supported our Bag Stall for Charity. We made a small profit which we donate to local charities.

Interest in our club's aims has increased (www.innerwheeldistrict9.org.uk).

We very sadly said goodbye to a long serving and hard working member Diana Hyde who many

people in Bourne End knew. Diana and Stuart have moved to Marlborough to be nearer family.

January 10 was the UK Birthday of Inner Wheel when we give a 'Hands On Help' day at the Thames Valley Adventure Playground in Taplow: re-boxing, repairing, remaking toys, games and restitching dressing up costumes.

This is part of our commitment to help in the local community.

In February we celebrate our 35th birthday with Sunday lunch at Harleyford Golf Club followed by a treacherous talk on *Spies of Buckinghamshire*.

Our ever popular annual Charity Bridge Tea at Stubbings on March 13 at 1.30pm has almost sold out.

Between our monthly speaker meetings we hold informal Coffee & Chat mornings on the first Friday of each month for continuing friendship, meeting a member's new puppy dog, or (on one morning) an impromptu fashion show of hats!

Our March meeting will include a speaker from a local First Response team and in April some members go to our association's Cardiff Conference where Dame Esther Rantzen will be a guest speaker.



Lorraine Kelly with Mercia Hailstone

Rotary Club of Cookham Bridge By Terry Whall

At the Cookham Street Fayre the High Street was packed with more than 2,000 people who came out to support the street traders and the Rotary Club of Cookham Bridge.

The atmosphere was full of festive cheer, with the Cluckers ukulele band adding to the fun.

There were many rides to keep the children amused, while more adult attractions included a wheel of fortune game, which proved extremely popular.

A wide variety of unusual gifts, food delicacies and toys were offered for sale. The smell of mulled wine and street food from stalls tempted those who were hungry and thirsty. In all, a very successful event. Profits will go to charity.



NOSTALGIC FAREWELL TO CHARITY SALE

For Kathleen Wood (pictured right) Saturday December 8 was an emotional day as it marked the end of the charity sales in St Dunstan's Church hall.

Originally called coffee and cakes the charity sale took place on the first Saturday in the month. Kathleen's involvement goes way back to the start of the Mother Teresa Group by the then parish priest Father Stephen Reith RIP.

In the mid sixties the Mother Teresa Group decided to have sales of coffee and cakes to make sufficient money to finance the monthly Sunday lunches for the Mother Teresa sisters in Southall and pay for the shipment of clothes to India.

Father Stephen encouraged them to send knitted shawls, dresses, jumpers and household linens to the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta for their orphanages. They were taken down to the docks for onward shipment to India.

A team of knitters made clothes of all shapes and

sizes in an array of colours, depending on the wool donated to them. Pictures of children came back to show their appreciation of what had been donated.

Then the Indian government said they were not a Third World country and started making things difficult. So where would benefit as the knitters were keen to continue?

The Mother Teresa Group were then contacted by Vi Thomas, a retired lady from St Augustine's Church, who had a son working in Poland and was upset by the poverty he saw there. She asked the group to collect clothes and household linens which they did. Then Shirley Heath and Kathleen would

take them to a large warehouse on the Slough Trading Estate and Vi would hire a truck, and a driver for company, and travel across Europe to Poland.

Over the years there has been involvement with Cafod and the St Vincent de Paul groups so they could operate a rota system. As others dropped out the Mother Teresa Group continued and decided to rent out tables to raise more funds that were sent to the Mother Teresa missionaries in the UK.

Six years ago, with falling numbers of volunteers, the Mother Teresa Group was disbanded leaving just coffee and cake sales to support children's homes in Kaoma and Eritrea. After over 50 years of fundraising Kathleen resigned with memories of meeting and making friends with many lovely people along the way.

Sandra Warren who baked all the lovely cakes had



been with the group almost from the start, having originally rented a table to sell her handmade birthday and Christmas cards. June Ashby joined the group to raise money for cystic fibrosis as her son suffered from the disease. Anne Da Rocha and Bronya Oakden held the group

together and sold plants, fresh vegetables and a range of goods that were discarded by some then needed by others.

All of them friendly, familiar faces who were keen to keep the idea of a charity sale at St Dunstan's a reality. Finally it was right to end and remember an idea that made a huge difference to lives far and near.

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Bourne End Community Library

by Inka D'Agostino, library manager

Dear readers for this edition I thought I would like to focus on crime fiction.

According to Dorothy L Sayers writing in the 1930s: "Death in particular seems to provide the minds of the Anglo-Saxon race with a greater fund of innocent amusement than any other single subject."

Well there seems to be some truth in this, just look at these statistics... Did you know that last year crime fiction was declared the most popular of all fictional genres? Crime fiction represented 36% of all book sales even beating general and literary fiction albeit by a very narrow margin.

Indeed when it comes to libraries, nine out of 10 books borrowed were crime books (2017 figures).

This is very noticeable here at Bourne End; our Ann Cleeves event was a complete sell-out and it is very unusual to find a pristine copy of a crime novel, most are very well used.

So if you are crime fans please do not hesitate to come in, for we have all sorts of crime fiction to tempt you, from cosy crime, psychological suspense, thrillers to historical who-done-its.

My personal favourite is the Ruth Galloway series by Elly Griffiths, do try these if you want a gripping crime mystery together with an intriguing backdrop personal story of Dr Ruth Galloway and DCI Nelson.



Lifestyle Club

February **Lifestyle** will meet on Friday February 22 at 10.30am when we welcome guest speaker Peter Damer whose talk will be on *How the Automations took over - The history of Automation*.

Peter will demystify the world of WiFi, the cloud, artificial intelligence, driverless cars and the mobile App. Please note this is not a computer/internet learning session, rather it will dispel the myth of little elves in the cloud.

March **Lifestyle** will take place on Friday March 22 when our guest speaker will be Paul Voltzenlogel who is the founder and CEO of Evergreen Africa, a small international development charity delivering life-changing education, health and income-generation projects in Uganda. Tickets for each event are £3 to include refreshments. Advance booking recommended.

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Zentangle: There will be two, two-hour workshops, Introduction to Zentangle (Step 1) on Tuesday February 19, 10am to midday and Zentangle – Beyond the Basics (Step 2) on Wednesday February 20, 10am to midday. Tickets for each session are £13.38 - £16.58 from Eventbrite or contact June Bailey on www.facebook.com/BaileyArtUK

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I use an electric wheelchair so it can be difficult to access many places, however, the library is the perfect place for me.

I have had to retire from work due to ill health, but I still needed a project for myself. So a year ago, I started putting together charms, necklaces, bracelets and rings from pieces I recovered at auctions. I also mend jewellery and can add extra links.

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I love being part of the craft market as everybody is welcoming, friendly and we love to chat. It's a real family affair – my husband Roger helps the market's team of volunteers set up tables before each event and my 10-year-old grandson, Henry, helps me on the day.

Call me if you would like more information 07843614782 or email jaxs6161@gmail.com

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See our report on Andy West's visit to Bourne End Library to promote his new book on football superstar Lionel Messi, page 36

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Past times... by John Walton



You're Winding Me Up!

Murphy's Bell and Benson's Clock Celebrate 150 Years of Service in Wooburn

At the start of 1869, exactly 150 years ago, St Paul's Church in Wooburn Town was in the midst of an ambitious and extensive restoration.

Having modernised the interior of the church ten years earlier, Rev Francis Ashley and his churchwardens and benefactors, foremost among them being James Dupre, Lord of the Manor, and Alfred Gilbey of Wooburn House, embarked on a programme of work which would lead to a grand reopening of the church nine months later.

The work encompassed every aspect of the building; draining the foundations, rebuilding and buttressing the walls and restoration of the roof with oak and lead. New stone window frames and stained glass were added and the whole building was finished in flint.

The transformation was so complete that the medieval church is easily mistaken for a Victorian one. At the time, it was reported that "the Church has all the outward appearance of being a new building."

Battlements were added and the tower finished with a small turret over the spiral stair. Inside the tower itself, there were two notable enhancements.

The Bell

A new bell was cast for Wooburn, to replace an existing bell which had become cracked.

Contemporary reports from January 1869 stated that "ringers assembled and rang a glorious peal; the first with eight bells that has been rung for 16 or 17 years, when the old bell was broken."

Replacing cracked bells over the centuries is not an uncommon occurrence. Indeed, it is almost certain that the five largest bells have each been replaced at least once during their history, although

evidence of their predecessors is scant – the name of the neighbouring pub, The Old Bell, gives a tantalising clue.

However, what is highly unusual about the bell cast for Wooburn in 1868 is its founder, John Murphy of Dublin.

At a time when logistics would have been a significant challenge and a major factor in the overall cost of replacing a bell, it was usual practice to cast bells in London and transfer them by barge along the River Thames.

However, Alfred Gilbey was an international merchant of wines and spirits, including Irish whiskey, with trading and family connections. His nephews, James and Henry Blyth also entered into the trade and they married two sisters, Eliza and Sarah Mooney.

It is their father, William Mooney, whose name is inscribed on the Wooburn bell as its donor. Mooney, keen to show off the best of Irish engineering, chose Murphy to cast the new bell.

Murphy, one of the leading bell founders in Ireland at the time, was Catholic and largely cast bells for churches on the island of Ireland and in other areas with significant concentrations of Irish Catholics, such as Liverpool. However, the shrewd businessman did not pass up on the opportunity to showcase his talents to a wider audience.

As a consequence, the only Irish bell in Buckinghamshire was cast without any of the typical Catholic imagery used by Murphy, such as his usual harp and crown motif.

The Clock

The clock mechanism, and its two faces, each 3'6" in diameter and made of brass, were added shortly

after the church was reopened. The clock was made by James W Benson, of Ludgate Hill, London.

The firm had been in business for over a century before being commissioned to supply a clock to Wooburn and had a good reputation, providing timepieces for town halls, railway stations and mansions, as well as churches, across the country and beyond.

Benson's 'Great Clock', produced for the 1862 International Exhibition and subsequently hung in Toronto Cathedral, was among the largest in the world, at the time second only to the clock at Westminster (commonly referred to as 'Big Ben').

Wooburn's new clock bore all the hallmarks of a typical Benson mechanism and benefitted from the technological innovations of the day. The clock continues to provide accurate time to the people of the village, just as it did in the mid-Victorian period, even if most of its observers are now driving by.

Next time you're passing, check the time against your GPS enabled device. Close enough? Good!

Innovative though it was, one technological advance that had yet to be harnessed was electricity, and the clock continues to be wound by hand to this day – that's about 600,000 turns of the handle to raise the weights that keep the pendulum swinging and strike the hour on the clock bell.

And, by a strange twist of fate, since the bells were restored in 2002, the clock now strikes the hour on the Murphy bell – each having already given 150 years of service to the Wooburn community – so far...

Both bells and clock are maintained by the Wooburn ringers, with additional support provided by professionals where necessary. If you would like to know more, you can contact us via the church website.

Quotes are taken from the South Bucks Free Press, 1869

OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

We had a very busy Christmas, with seven services over the three days. It was wonderful to welcome friends and visitors. A big thank you to the flower guild who decorated the church so beautifully.

On Sunday February 3, a Candlemas service at 11am is for children who have been baptised at the church and their families. Even if you are no longer 'a child' but were baptised in Little Marlow do come along and join us.

On Mothering Sunday, March 31 at 11am, posies made by the children will be handed out during the service, and there will be refreshments afterwards.

Lent begins on March 6 with a team Ash Wednesday service. There will also be various Lent courses as well as extra services throughout the team. For details see www.4u-team.org or www.facebook.com/littlemarlow or [Twitter@4U-Churches](https://twitter.com/4U-Churches).



St Dunstan's Church, Bourne End

During the pre-Christmas period, our regular appeal for food and sanitary items for the One Can food bank was extended to collect festive fare under a Christmas tree in the church porch, with children encouraged to choose suitable items.

A collection for Wycombe Homeless Connection was augmented by a young parishioner who joined 150 others in the Dreams Big Sleep-out at Adams Park on November 24.

Our parishioner won a competition for the most practical shelter with his dog shelter themed box with reindeer lights. He stresses that the most important part was how much money was

raised for such a great cause, which was started in 2007 by local churches with an annual Wycombe Winter Night Shelter, but today offers services all year round to over 500 people. The Big Sleep-out raised £56,300.



Community Church

Our Sunday morning services take place at Wooburn Green Primary School at 10.30am (refreshments from 10am). Visitors welcome.

At the Chapel on the Green, Tuesday Lunch Club meets every Tuesday at 12.30pm, details from Dave Bitcheno on 07894 143925 or d.bitcheno@sky.com

Little Steps toddler group meets each Thursday, 10am to midday. Dads' Little Steps for Dads and youngsters is on Saturdays February 2 and March 2, 10am to 11.30am (cost £2 per family).

If you are interested in exploring life, faith and God then our Alpha Course may be just what you are looking for. Details from Simon Coles on 07956 276403. Our new website is www.thecommunitychurch.online



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

We meet every Sunday at 9.30am for a communion service at St Paul's Church. Children of all ages are welcome to join the Sunday club held during the service.

We also meet on Fridays during term time for a shorter communion service at midday at St Mary's Church followed by lunch. All ages are welcome.

Join us for an evening of fun and fundraising, including a medieval banquet, at St Paul's Church Hall on Saturday February 2, 7pm to 11pm. It is in aid of The Walk Centre charity in Kenya.

We serve up a Full English Breakfast at St Mary's Family Breakfast on Saturdays February 9 and March 2, 9.30am, with profits going to different charities.

We meet on Saturday February 9 and March 2 at St Mary's to make children's clothes for The Walk Centre, 11.30am to 2.30pm. No experience is required.

For more information and booking for the medieval banquet and family breakfast visit <https://lybother2535.wixsite.com/website>

Toddlers group meets on Tuesdays at 9.30am at St Paul's Church Hall. Sunday club runs every week during the service at St Paul's Church Hall.

To hire the church halls contact stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com, or call 01628 525512. For details of events email: events-stpauls@mail.com or call Martin at the vicarage on 01628 521209. Facebook: St-Pauls Wooburn. Or visit: www.stpaulswooburn.org



St Mark's Church

We had a wonderful Christmas season studying Follow the Star, on the journey of the wise men. We now look forward to our Alpha Course which started at the end of January, designed to answer questions for those wanting to know more about the Christian faith. Anyone interested should contact Rev Janet Binns.

More parents and toddlers are being welcomed at the busy Puffins session each Wednesday, 10am to 11.30am.

Pathway is our informal all-age service for families held each second Sunday of the month, 10.30-11.15am using multi media, contemporary worship songs, Bible story and prayer.

Our regular Holy Communion service is at 10.30am on all other Sundays, when we will be studying the book of James. A short service is also held on

Thursdays at 12.30pm followed by a simple lunch.

Bible study on Thursdays from 7.45pm at 35 Blind Lane is open to anyone seeking to deepen their knowledge of the Christian faith.

Our next big project is to secure funding for rebuilding the church hall to make it a more inviting space for the community. If you have project management skills or work in the building trade we would love to hear from you.

Other hall activities are: Coffee morning, Blend Choir rehearsals and Wing Chun self-defence. For hiring and activities at the hall, email lindal.jolliffe@gmail.com. For further information contact the Rev Janet Binns 01628 523046 or admin@parishesofhedsorandbourneend.co.uk



St Nicholas' Church, Hedsor

We are pleased to welcome the children to church every Sunday morning, when they meet in our new log cabin (near the vestry door) appropriately named House in the Woods.

This enables them to have great fun, exploring Bible stories and nature in a space they have made their own.

We are holding an Open Day on Mothering Sunday March 31 when our children give flowers to their mums at the 9am service.

Holy Communion is at 9am each Sunday. On the second Sunday of the month it is Pathway, our family service with a more relaxed approach lasting just 45 minutes.

Meditation takes place for 30 minutes each Wednesday at 1.20pm for 1.30pm. The quiet half hour is transformative. For information about activities and courses see details of our sister church St Mark's Bourne End, our website, Facebook and Twitter profiles, or email Sue Smithin:

admin@parishesofhedsorandbourneend.co.uk



Cores End United Reformed Church

A very busy December started on the first with the Children's Christmas Fun Day which was hugely popular, with everyone going home with promises to meet again for the Easter Fun Day on April 6.

Our Charity Coffee Morning raised £294. The Toy Service provided Barnardos Wycombe with a good supply of new toys for families in need in the area. And finally the collections over Christmas raised nearly £500 for Christian Aid.

Geoff Britt has compiled an Anniversary Memories book, which was launched on January 13, price £1. The Burns Supper on January 26 had a traditional menu with cock-a-leekie soup and haggis, with speeches and dancing to follow. Always a popular event.

Then a quiet February before the start of Lent on March 6, when we will be looking at 'Holy Habits' (10 'habits' that strengthen Christian discipleship, such as prayer, fellowship, generosity etc).

The church is hosting a Quiet Day on March 30 entitled Cross Roads, arranged by the URC Chiltern Group and led by Ian Green of Amersham Free Church. All are welcome and for more information contact Terry Hinks on 01628 525076. Mothering Sunday is on March 31.

On alternate Tuesdays at 10am, Link Up Club has a full programme of speakers and entertainment. On Thursdays at 3-4pm there is table tennis in the upper hall for beginners or enthusiasts.

Sunday morning service is at 10.30am with junior church and a crèche for the very young.



Bourne End Quaker Meeting

There is a Quaker Meeting for Worship in the Target Room at the community centre at 10am on the first Monday of every month. Everyone is welcome; we stay seated in shared silence until about 10.40am.

Anyone present may share their thoughts during this period of worship, as is customary in any Quaker meeting. We chat briefly over tea and coffee after the meeting. Information about Quakers and other meetings in the area can be found at www.caqm.org.uk

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John (left and Andy)

A genius's secrets revealed

John from The Fruit Market on The Parade in Bourne End admitted that he doesn't go to a lot of talks, but the one on Lionel Messi was a must. John is a fanatical football fan, remembers all the stats and goes to support Wycombe Wanderers whenever work allows. Son Omar is almost as dedicated and John reckoned that a copy of Andy West's book on superstar Messi would be useful inspiration.

John couldn't resist wearing his football scarf when he arrived at the library and chatted to Andy about football as a copy of the book was signed and handed over. Andy knew the local First Division football team from his days in Bourne End and was delighted to hear that the team had progressed under manager Gareth Ainsworth. Then Andy chatted to friends from his Bourne End days and some youngsters who just wanted to hear about the footballing genius.

Having moved to Barcelona Andy took his footballing expertise to the Spanish club and found work as a freelance football reporter. With a smile he admitted that "watching football and being paid to do so" was something special. Wife Hannah had been asked to make the move to Spain and their daughters went to school in the city. "We loved Bourne End and I must admit that now we all love Barcelona. Add to that the Mediterranean climate with the warm sunshine." Andy couldn't resist the smile.

Then onto the subject of Lionel Messi and what sets him apart from other great players. Andy could have talked for hours on the footballing genius he has watched through games at the Camp Nou stadium. "How he sees the game is the secret," Andy explained "his decision making, an ability to do something different and to switch from one foot to the other; and he has adapted and never lost his way."

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A Dad with two young football supporters



Andy West signs John's copy of his book



Dear Editor

I wondered if any readers could help me please?

I am researching the life of an artist and occultist called Frieda Harris who became famous in occult circles as Lady Frieda Harris. She was married to Sir Percy Harris Bt, who was a prominent Liberal MP for East London in the 1940s.

Frieda Harris was born Marguerite Frieda Bloxam and her family lived at Vineleigh House in Bourne End in 1911 (and possibly before then). I have discovered that Vineleigh House became one house and is now attached to the Maltings Residence at Well End.

Her parents were called John and Jessica Bloxam and he was a noted surgeon. There was a suffrage movement called The Bourne End and District Suffrage Society and in 1911 Jessie Bloxam was a member of the organisation.

Also, I understand that Frieda went to a private school in Bourne End which was run by a Mrs Lehmann. Frieda was taught by an Alice Davis, but I don't know the school's name.

Any help which anyone may be able to give me, however big or small, would be of immense value to me. Any photos/digital images of the aforementioned subjects would be really helpful too.

Andrea Miles

andreamiles@btinternet.com

Dear Editor

Regarding the sailing club picture in *Target* Dec/Jan issue.

Firstly I have an identical framed illustration hanging in our front hall. It was purchased several years ago from someone who dissects old magazines and sells individual pages of interest. If you look at the top of the illustration you will note 298 and 299 from *The Graphic* of September 2, 1905. This was a large weekly illustrated magazine aimed at the art world which ran from December 4 1869 until 1932 when it ceased publication.

The illustrator H M Paget based the composition of this drawing from several photographs taken from the balcony of the Upper Thames Sailing Club during their Annual Regatta in June of that year.

He could not, by any stretch of the imagination, have drawn such accurate facial views of the club's founder and commodore Col Sir Fitzroy Clayton through memory, together with those of Cockmarsh and Winter Hill.

Meanwhile the sailing boats are all positioned higgledy piggledy with one just about to ram the bankside. This must be artistic license no doubt, purely to create an interesting picture.

Others in the frame could possibly be the vice commodore that year F D Lambert or the rear commodore F H Jackson, plus that popular member C T Ricardo from Cookham.

In reality the number of originals of this picture which still exist depends, to a certain degree, on how many copies of *The Graphic* dated 2/9/1905 were either vandalised or are still in existence.

It is highly likely that Henry Paget never even attended the regatta, so it would be fantastic to locate the original glass plates, especially that showing the sailing club hierarchy.

I hope this is helpful.

Ken Townsend

Goddington Road, Bourne End

Jackie Howden from Millside in Bourne End told *Target* that she had a copy of this view hanging on her wall along with another page from the *Illustrated London News* of July 1, 1899. The artist of that page was Charles J de Lacy who was one of the foremost British marine artists of his period. He was especially known for his warship imagery.

Jackie remembers that her pictures came from John Lunn who, at the time, was harbourmaster of the Upper Thames Sailing Club and was always looking for ways to raise money to help the club.

John told Jackie and her husband Jim that the man in the middle of the picture was the club's boatman who was on hand to help members when they went off sailing by holding ropes and steadying the dinghies. Then was on hand to help when they returned after a sail.

John said he was a 'general useful person'. Jackie said that these days you had to manage on your own.

EDITOR: Lovely response to our story but so far nothing about how this picture ended up in a charity shop. Maybe there's still a story to tell.

Dear Editor

As *Target* has been the means of advertising my garage services for more than 40 years it is appropriate that I should ask you to print this letter with my thanks to so many people who have made my working life complete.

When news of my retirement appeared in *Target* it produced so many letters, cards, presents and good wishes that I was astounded to know that there were so many people who just wanted to send their good wishes. These will be with me as my wife and I head away from Bourne End after so many happy years being part of the community. It is a great place to live and work.

Thank you all so much for your kindness.

Tony Elder, now retired from Bourne End Garage

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OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

1st Wooburn Scout Group

As Spring approaches we are doing lots of outdoor activities. The Beavers will be learning about safety and gardening. They are also doing a 'chip shop' hike, with well-deserved chips at the end!

The Cubs will be learning about home help, teamwork and hobbies this term but, keeping with the outdoor theme, there will be a Scavenger Hunt in mid-March.

The Scouts

honoured Pippa (pictured) with the Chief Scout Award having been quoted as 'one of the best and kindest Scouts' and this honour was thoroughly deserved. Congratulations to Pippa as she moves up and on in the Scout Group.

To find out more about the group, please email wooburngreengsl@gmail.com.



1st Bourne End Scouts

Looking back to 2018, all sections were busily involved in Remembrance Day and Christmas activities.

The photo above shows our reconstructed First World War trench which was a fascinating visit for Jubilee Cubs.

As always we joined the parade on Remembrance Sunday, as Wooburn Green commemorated its fallen servicemen with named crosses and candles.

Bourne End Film Makers

In November Rodney Willott, a club member, gave an informative talk on basics of camera craft and invited members to take part in a practical demonstration using their own equipment.

The latest challenge within the club involved

the matching of images to a music track or verse of choice.

The winning team's film was based on a 1927 comic song entitled *Woodman Spare that Tree*. The next club competition gives members nine weeks in which to produce a short documentary film.

In December our president, John Barlow, gave a fascinating talk on the skill of lighting for films.

The club meets every first and third Wednesday at 7.30pm to 10pm in the *Target* Room at the community centre. You are most welcome to come along to any meeting with no obligation to join.

Bourne End Twinning Association

Begun in 2003, the twinning association links Bourne End and Wooburn with the small town of Octeville sur Mer, near Le Havre in Normandy. It promotes links and friendships between our two towns, with alternating yearly exchange visits. It's a great way to explore another culture, and to meet and make friends within our own community.

In December our choir entertained the residents of Alfred Court with a Christmas programme of songs, readings and carols. New singers are always welcome.

Then in early January around 50 of us rounded off the festive season with 'galettes' and traditional customs in the French style.

We now have much to look forward to. Our year will be reviewed at our AGM on Saturday March 2, 7pm for 7.30pm start at St Dunstan's Church hall. Do stay on for a friendly two-course supper, £10 per person (£11 non-members).

Supper bookings by Friday February 22, please, to BEBTA Treasurer, 95 Chalklands, Bourne End SL8 5TL.

Later in the year we expect to run an excursion as well as our popular quiz night.

Our visit to Octeville will be on September 12 to 16 (pay travel cost only), and includes the Fête de la Libération celebrations in Octeville. More details shortly.

Annual membership (£5 single, £10 family) will introduce you to lots of new

local friends; and maybe we shall have the pleasure of your company on the coach to Octeville – a trip not to be missed.

Contact Wendy Langford on 01628 520065 or langford@thamesinternet.com for information without obligation.

Marlow and District Railway Society

In November at a presentation entitled *To Scotland for Steam Around 1960*, Peter Groom showed images of a wide selection of locomotives to be found en route and in Scotland at that time, along with a commentary in his own inimitable style relating to the detail differences between otherwise identical engines.

At our Christmas social evening members enjoyed some lovely food cooked by Georgie Caldwell as well as a quiz, raffle and both still

and moving pictures provided by members. An excellent way to end the society's year in good spirits.

Our AGM is on February 21, when a brief time of business will be followed by a presentation by our new President, Mark Hopwood. On March 21, Ken Livermore returns to give a show entitled *UK Steam Preserved, 1968 to the Present Day*, featuring the large number of locomotives preserved over the last 50 years.

Visitors are always welcome 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 7.30pm (visitor fee £3). For further information visit www.mdrs.org.uk.

Marlow Maidenhead Passenger Association

Network Rail is monitoring the trackwork change at Bourne End that will allow a half-hourly service all day. A platform extension at Marlow is under investigation.

We are aware that there has been no further progress on the provision of a bus bay at Bourne End Station. We believe such a facility will improve traffic flows past the station and will continue to press for its provision.

The Millennium Clock at Cookham Station has been out of action for a while. Efforts to effect a repair have been frustrated by lack of agreement on the method of access. We hope this will be resolved soon and will continue to monitor the situation and press for completion.

Wye Valley Volunteers

An eagle-eyed volunteer spotted an article in *The Grapevine*, Flackwell Heath's magazine, which told of the village's community and day centres having received an unexpected windfall from an anonymous donor.

The large cheque came from a firm of accountants acting on behalf of one of their clients and there were some restrictions on its use.

We were intrigued because Wye Valley Volunteers have recently been the recipients of an extremely generous anonymous donation under very similar circumstances. In our case the use of the funds is restricted to supporting local residents in need with transport assistance and home visits, and to maintaining and running both the Community Volunteer Office and the Community Minibus.

Our trustees will of course take great care to abide by the wishes of the donor and are tremendously grateful for the stability this has given to our organisation.

We do hope that we can give thanks to our generous benefactor, if local, through these pages of *Target*.

It is tremendous to be given this financial boost, but our core is our volunteers and we are constantly on the look-out for people who have a little spare time for driving clients, home visiting, or helping with the coffee mornings or lunch club.

If you would like help from any of our services or you would be interested in volunteering please contact us on 01628 521027 or enquiries@wyevalleyvolunteers.org.uk, or in person at the Community Volunteer Office, Wakeman Road, Bourne End (Portakabin to the right of the community centre, open 10am-midday each weekday).

Bucks Family History Society

We have speakers on a wide range of subjects but all of interest to those who are keen to research more about local and family history.

Members meet on the second Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm in the Eghams Room at the community centre and members pay £2, non members £4.

On Tuesday February 12 we hear about a historic local craft from Robert Bishop when he talks about *The Life and Work of a Bodger*. Bodgers were skilled itinerant wood-turners who used to be confined to the Buckinghamshire Chilterns.

Working in a hut constructed over a framework of trees, they formed chair legs for Wychcombe's furniture industry using a shave horse and pole lathe. Bodgers were active until the middle of the last century. Robert Bishop will describe the lives of these men, and their methods of working.

Then on Tuesday March 12 we welcome Dave Annal who will provide family historians with details about *The Letter of the Law - Legislation for Family Historians*.

The records that we use to research our family history are largely the result of a variety of Acts of Parliament.

A good understanding of the legislation behind the census returns, parish registers and civil registration (and many more) can make an enormous difference when it comes to interpreting the information left by our ancestors and how the law impacts your research.

For more information go to our website at www.bucksfhs.org.uk.

Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

Flower Club members were saddened to hear that president Iris Butterfield had died at the end of 2018.

She was a lovely lady and a wonderful person to head our society, she will be very sadly missed – not only by her husband and family but the wider family of keen flower arrangers across Bucks and throughout the world of those who love their flowers and displaying them for maximum effect. Turn to page 27 to read her obituary.

We go into a new year with an evening of fun under the heading of *Jewels* as our skilled arrangers present a wide variety of displays for members.

That takes place on Tuesday February 5 at 8pm in the May Woollerton Hall at the community centre.

Visitors are always welcome and it is certainly a good evening seeing what can be achieved using easily available low-cost flowers. Refreshments are served as well as a raffle for the displays.

Then on Tuesday March 5 we welcome Graham King with his demonstration called *Floral Madness*. Another great evening for flower arrangers and the lucky raffle winners get to take home the displays created during the evening.

On Tuesday April 3 at 8pm we welcome national demonstrator John Chennell with his display called *Seasonal Splendour* - sure to be a splendid evening.

For more details phone 01628 476641 or email bourneend@bbando.org

CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 1 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 3 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm
- 4 Mon Wooburn Pub Lunch Club, 12.30pm at The Old Bell. For a two-course lunch £10, contact has to be made for your first lunch.
Ring Margaret Amos 01628 525033 to book
- 5 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the community centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle
- 7 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
- 8 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 9 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the library
- 10 Sun Table top sale at the community centre 9.30am to 11.30am. Call Caroline on 01628 485642 to take part
- 15 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 15 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company
- 16 Sat Valentine's event at the community centre. Abba tribute act Re-Bjorn. For details see the poster and story on page 21
- 22 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 22 Fri The New Royalty Cinema presents The Italian Job. See page 19 for details

MARCH

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- 24 Sun The New Royalty Cinema presents The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society. See page 19 for details
- 29 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm

The next issue of Target will cover April and May 2019

Email editor@targetmagazine.org.uk by Monday March 4 to get your event included in the calendar. The magazine will be published on Friday March 29



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday April 28, Open Day at the Upper Thames Sailing Club.
See page 26 for more details.

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

THE FALCON QUIZ

Set and sponsored by The Falcon Pub, Wooburn Moor

The Falcon's quiz master, Steve, set this quiz and landlady, Katie Lamb, offers a meal for two at the pub as a prize for the winner. For your chance to win, send in your answers to the questions below by email to editor@targetmagazine.org.uk (with the subject line Falcon Quiz) or write down your answers and drop them in at the community centre. Don't forget to include your contact details. The winner will be picked at random from all the correct entries on the closing date Monday March 4. Have a go... if nobody gets all the answers the winner will be the person with the most correct answers. Good luck!

If you have enjoyed this quiz The Falcon has a weekly pub quiz which starts at 8.30pm on Mondays £2 per person, money and prizes to win on the night plus a roll over cash jackpot.

The word 'show' will be in the question or answer...

- 1) Which 2017 film starred Hugh Jackman as PT Barnum?
- 2) Which American wrestler's real name is Paul Donald Wight?
- 3) Which TV show was hosted by David Letterman from 1993 to 2015?
- 4) Which war poet wrote the poem *The Show* in 1917?
- 5) Which show was first held in the Royal Agricultural Hall in Islington in 1891?
- 6) Who wrote the musical play *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*?
- 7) Since 2002 where has the Horse of the Year show been held?
- 8) On which show would you meet Statler and Waldorf?
- 9) Which expression means the proceedings must continue, no matter what unfortunate event has occurred?
- 10) What is the maximum height of an Olympic show jumping fence 1.6m, 1.8m or 2m?
- 11) Which British sitcom starring David Mitchell and Robert Webb ran from 2003 to 2015?
- 12) *The Girlie Show World Tour* in 1993 was performed by who?
- 13) On which cartoon series would you see *The Itchy and Scratchy Show*?
- 14) For how many days in May is the RHC Chelsea Flower Show held?
- 15) What title is awarded to the dog chosen as overall winner of Crufts?
- 16) In the TV series *The Phil Silvers Show* which character did Phil Silvers play?
- 17) Which controversial BBC series ran for more than 20 years from 1958 featuring Blackface?
- 18) In which 1949 musical did the song *There's no business like show business* feature?
- 19) Name two of the four comedians who wrote and starred in *The Goon Show*?
- 20) What is a common classroom activity at primary school used to teach children the skill of public speaking by bringing in something and talking about it?

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ IN THE LAST ISSUE: 1 Slade 2 Charles Dickens 3 Holly 4 Oliver Cromwell 5 Norway 6 Cindy Lou Who 7 1984 8 Milky White 9 Panettone 10 Tchaikovsky 11 Donor, Dancer, Dasher 12 Pantomime 13 Hyde Park 14 King George V 15 Little Jack Horner 16 Widow Twanky 17 his two front teeth 18 Raymond Briggs 19 Christmas cracker 20 Last Christmas
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