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STOP PRESS: On going to press *Target* was informed of many local event cancellations and we have endeavoured to make last minute changes where possible in the magazine. Please check online or with group/event organisers before attending anything advertised in this issue. See our statement on page 39.



Prize winners in 2019

Bourne End Junior Sports Club 50th Birthday

Liz Hutton reveals exciting celebratory plans for 2020

Many regular *Target* readers will be familiar with the sports club newsletter and will know that the club is celebrating being in existence for half a century.

It seems unreal that a small group of parents could start something which would develop into such an all-embracing organisation offering so much to the whole community.

Thousands of children will have taken part in activities with the club – and you may have been one of them!

This couldn't have been achieved without the many hundreds of volunteers who have given so freely of their time throughout – you may have been one of those too, or perhaps still are? For this, we thank you.

Our celebrating began by ensuring every member was given a commemorative drinking bottle, pen and sports bag. We continued with the launch of our book 'Bourne End Junior Sports Club - An Outstanding Story of Success' which is available from Bourne End Motor Company or through our website www.bejsc.co.uk

It is an excellent read and full of photos, press cuttings, reminiscences and some entertaining statistics such as: 441 years

volunteering for all trustees up to 2020, of which 238 have been completed by the current board of directors, in excess of 21,200 hours of volunteering by section leaders and parents every year; £420k raised for extension to the hall in 1996 and 1,620,000 minutes of parents standing on sidelines watching their kids play football.

For the week of June 12 to June 20 Bourne End will be decorated with the club colours of blue and yellow creating a festive atmosphere and a strong reminder of our 50 years. We hope that in the Eghams Room, at the community centre there will be a display of photos and information forming a timeline of the club. Free admission will mean you can wander in and remember some of the times you or your family were involved and perhaps meet up with people from the past.

After months of planning for the big celebrations we had hoped to be staging a fun event for children and young people – not just members. It was to be held on Wooburn Park with plenty for children to do: inflatables, games, and activities. Sadly, Coronavirus has come along and changed all our plans.

We are trying hard to re-arrange this event

to sometime in August or early September - check out *Target* for further details.

Our big final celebration was to take place on June 20 in the form of a grand dinner at the Odney Club, Cookham. This was to be an opportunity for many former members and volunteers to gather together along with some sports personalities who have supported us over the years. Sadly this event has also had to be postponed due to the Coronavirus, so we are busy trying to reschedule for a date in October/November 2020.

Please do keep an eye out for the confirmed change of dates and we look forward to welcoming you to the events when they are re-booked.

We so wanted to make this a year to remember and to celebrate 50 years of such a successful club and to toast its continuing growth and development, however, it may now be memorable for another reason out of our control. See page 23 to read about how you can support the club.



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TARGET COMPETITION (page 40)

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WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Margaret Amos
Secretary to the Association

It's busy busy for our action squad!

It's going to be a hectic year for us, beginning with our support and involvement during the VE day celebrations over the weekend of May 8 to 10. Then it's heads down as we move on to our famous summer fête now confirmed for June 20 (previously June 13). But we will have to wait on this.

A brief respite over the summer and then our 'Duck Race' crew will be in action during the parish show on Sunday September 13. The year end will see the Christmas lights crew sourcing another beautiful tree for The Green, polishing our glittering light display and welcoming Father Christmas on November 21.

We'd like to encourage personalised family sponsorship of every 'branch' of your village Christmas tree – more details during our summer fête and beyond – come and see us to find out more.

Meetings

We meet alternate months. The next meeting will be on Monday May 11 at 8pm, in The Wooburn Club.

We'd love more people to get involved – we work hard but also like to have fun – if you are keen to do something to help

your neighbours and local community we want you to talk to us. Call us, email us, come along to a meeting or grab one of us during the events we support or run this summer.

Secretary needed

If you live in Wooburn and have secretarial skills we'd love to hear from you as I am standing down in May after 11 years.

If you have experience with figures we'd also love to hear from you as our treasurer would like to stand down after many years of very valuable service. We'll then be able to continue to deliver for the people of the Wooburns. If you feel able to be involved with either of these positions, please give me a call on 01628 525033.

Be sure to look at the following:

For the latest news visit our website www.wooburnresidents.org and follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/wooburnresidents> Contact can made through the website

Hilda wins Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lawn Tennis Association has awarded a well-deserved Lifetime Achievement Award to Hilda Ball for her services to her local sports club and her 50 years of dedication to it.

Hilda has been a member of Wooburn Park Lawn Tennis Club for 50 years. The club was created in 1959 as Bourne End Lawn Tennis Club, although still using courts at the sports and social club in Jackson's Millboard & Fibre Co Ltd.

She was instrumental in the complexities of the club's move from Bourne End to the present site in 1973 at the side of Wooburn Park. She has been an active member of the committee since that time, taking on the job of fixtures secretary for almost 45 years.

Hilda has also organised the internal club summer and winter tournaments and many fun events over the years. Many of the social events, such as river trips and dances have been as a result of her efforts and she has catered for a variety of activities from barbecues to afternoon teas. She still ensures that the club is well supplied with tea, coffee and sugar for members to enjoy. She chases the return of club trophies for presentation and has always been involved in the induction of new members to the club.

Hilda played regularly for the ladies singles, doubles and mixed teams over the years, with great success, and also won county tennis doubles titles, often with her long-standing partner, Pauline Cooper.

Hilda still contributes to the club daily, ensuring that, both for general club play and for Bucks League matches, players always have balls available and this helps to make the club unique in offering balls for play.

Hilda has been the backbone of the club, always supportive, questioning and leading by example. This tireless commitment to the club and its members make everyone's tennis life better. She continues to be passionate about the club and the sport, and does everything she can to remain involved and volunteer her services. *Our photo shows Hilda (left) receiving her award on March 10 from Rosemary Badman, resident of Bucks Lawn Tennis Association.*



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Just what was needed!

A member of the Bourne End Bridge Club tells us about her experience with the club...

Happily playing bridge rather sporadically for many years until I decided to go on a basic bridge course; firstly to improve my bridge and secondly to meet some like-minded people.

This led to four years of enjoyable playing and cemented my love of the game. Then a year ago I moved again and after many months of no bridge I decided to try and find a refresher course and repeat my earlier experience which had turned out to be so successful.

I was introduced to the newcomers course at Bourne End Bridge Club by a lovely lady I met by chance. We got talking about my being new to the area and liking bridge.

She told me about the course and I signed up immediately. It was just what I needed. It was a refresher and also gave me confidence again after time away from the game. I also met some great people, one of them turned out to be my new neighbour.

The course not only covered topics that are part of basic bridge, it introduced me to 'new' conventions that my rusty brain had forgotten. Also areas such as the pace of play and etiquette at the bridge table that are helpful when you start playing at a bridge club.

We had the lesson and then played hands related to the lesson which helped to reinforce it. Some of the clubs' members gave their time helping with the sessions so that when the course ended the transition to playing in the 'main' club was easier as we saw familiar faces.

The course gave me confidence to join the club and while I do not have a permanent partner yet, I am able to play quite regularly as there are often players available. At first I admit that I was a little apprehensive, but I was quickly made to feel very welcome and really enjoy gaining more experience as the weeks go by.

An added bonus is that my neighbour and I share the driving on Thursday evenings.

To find out more about Bourne End Bridge Club or register online go to www.bridgewebs.com/bourneend or email bobaperrin@outlook.com

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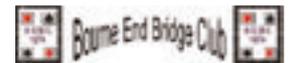
Bourne End Bridge Club has compiled some of the best quiz questions which have appeared in *English Bridge*. Try this one set by **Julian Pottage**:

You are West. What should you bid on the given auction at pairs, Love All?

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♣	Q J				

Julian Pottage gives his answer on page 7

English Bridge is published by the [English Bridge.Union](http://EnglishBridge.Union)



Palace of Westminster is perfect setting...

As reported in the last issue of *Target*, Jon Dalton was awarded the British Citizen Award in recognition of his years of volunteer work in Wooburn Green. In February he set off to London for a very special day of well-deserved recognition...

As instructed on the invitation Jon Dalton and his guest were in place at 3pm having crossed the mighty River Thames in sight of the Palace of Westminster. Even the protective covering on part of the structure couldn't detract from the beauty of this building designed by Sir Charles Barry and there was more covering over the clock on Big Ben. A splendid afternoon tea was served before the medal presentation.

Each recipient of a British Citizen Award was allowed to take just one person with them into the Houses of Parliament. Jon elected to ask Les Healey, former chairman of 1st Wooburn Scouts Executive Committee, to go along and take the opportunity to photograph the moment when Jon received his medal and later his certificate.

Following on there was an open top bus 'lap of honour' around London to an evening venue and certificate presentation at Church Rooms, Westminster. For this five further members of Wooburn

Residents Association and Wooburn Scout Leaders were able to join Jon and Les on the tour and evening presentation.

TV presenter Michael Underwood compered the day and the medals were handed over by representatives of the main sponsors.

Jon was enthusiastic about the day, its organisation and the opportunity it provided for others to be recognised for their community contribution.

The chat was friendly and cheery as they talked about the difference made by their commitment to their own community. "It was really fantastic and enjoyable" Jon smiled at the memory "and I've got the medal and certificate to remind me. I am so grateful."

Our picture shows Jon with Margaret Amos from Wooburn Residents Association who headed up his nomination





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Marina Life with Peter Osborne



Some beginning to the year! The river has been red boarded for virtually every day since October last year. This has hindered the river trade, but has made more work for us in terms of trying to keep the moorings clear of trees and the usual flotsam that drifts down here, including the odd boat or two.

At the time of penning this missive, Coronavirus seems to be taking a grip. Should this develop as we all fear it will, we will all have to be on our guard. The marina will hopefully still be attended, but in the event that it is not, there will be an emergency phone number on the door of the office.

Whatever the outcome of this pandemic we will ensure that all the boats in the marina will be kept safe at all times.

We are in the throes of renewing the mooring contracts for a further 12 months; some boats will leave and some new ones will appear.

However, we have been unable to start shuffling boats about due to the river conditions. I imagine there will be a period of intensive boat moving once we are able to start rearranging them. The poor tug will not know what's happening to her.

Talking about the tug, Chaos and I have had to remove two massive trees that were stuck under some boats at the top of the moorings. They were willow that had 'cracked' from the main trunk of the tree and floated downstream to us.

At first sight it looked rather like a mango swamp with all the branches sticking up out of the water and one of the boats was sitting at an angle due to a branch and the force of the water that pushed the boat slightly upwards.

Once the current had reduced slightly, we were able to remove the trees without damaging the boats involved. This had to be a very careful operation as, when towing trees of this size and weight, you can damage the propellers, rudders and any other

underwater gear if you get it wrong.

We reversed the tug with the trees, one at a time, down to the bottom end of the marina and tied the first one on to the open space, where it can be seen today. It will be a task to remove it.

The second tree we had to tie up on the downstream side of the railway bridge as we discovered that we could only go sideways or backwards. Our theory was that a combination of the speed of the river and possibly some branches digging into the riverbed prohibited any forward movement. I think this will be one for the Environment Agency to remove.

Where are the beavers when you need them? They would get rid of the trees very efficiently I believe.

As mentioned, a result of the floods is that we often find small boats and canoes washed into the marina. When we find these boats, they are quite often sunk or partially sunk.

This year is no exception, I believe that we have two small open boats and a canoe. Should they not be claimed we would welcome someone coming down to take them away for a donation to the Lifeboats. I cannot understand why if someone's boat has gone missing that the owners don't go looking for them or contact us. We are unable to establish the owners since there are no markings on them.

The restaurant space above the marina office has now had the external works completed and it is a vast improvement. We all hope that it won't be too long until it has been let and is operational.

We miss the scaffolding that was outside the marina office and when we walk outside we automatically 'duck and swerve' to avoid it, but it's gone. We don't look too clever, yes, I know, we're showing our true colours.

The work goes on to be ready for the season to begin; equipment is being serviced, pontoons are being washed, boats are to be

moved and, hopefully the water levels are receding. It will be interesting to see how the

season starts with the approaching virus on its way. I would suggest worse ways to self-isolate than staying on your boat.

It's not always as easy as you think rearranging boats in the marina come the 1st April, the commencement of the mooring contract year. This year will be more difficult than in the past.

Quite often by now boats have begun changing marinas or at least arriving in readiness for the spring, however, due to the river conditions people have not been able to start repositioning their boats.

When boats do come in you would be surprised how often new owners would like an alternative mooring than the one offered due to the layout of the boat or a hip replacement or two.

Sometimes the mooring may not be suitable as they can only board the boat from one side and the mooring is on the wrong side, etc, then the Chinese puzzle game commences. In due course all subsides and after a period of frenzied, but controlled, panic the boats are where everyone is happy.

Chaos and I hope that we all get through the virus with a minimum of fuss or trouble, put those worries behind us and just get on with the new boating season. The Bounty has reopened, the weather is improving, boats are beginning to move, it's just so idyllic down here.

The freezer also has ice creams and cool drinks in it, what more could we ask? I suppose I could ask to win the lottery. Oh well, let's just get on and have a successful season and hope everyone has an enjoyable visit down to the marina this year. Happy days!

Until the next time
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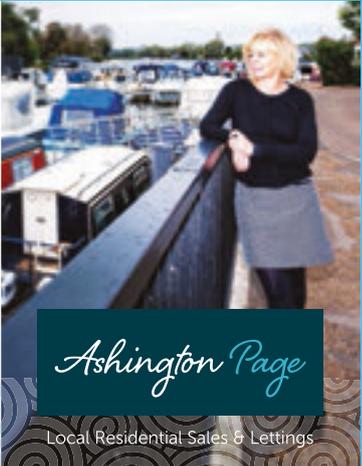
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Now the organisers need to move the event on and more people are needed to help. Could it be you? Two prominent committee members have retired so would you be interested in these roles?

- One or more people with time on their hands to head up the event. This would involve liaising with the council, stallholders and the fairground. Administration will involve putting a simple costing in place and accounting for the income that the event generates with any excess distributed around local charities or good causes.
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- Support and help comes from the local Rotary Club who marshal the event and deposit equipment in the right places at the right time. However, by their own admission, they are not youngsters and it can be heavy work. So if a group or organisation would like to help that would be brilliant.
- Help is also needed with the funding and chasing of people to raise money for the lights. These used to be fully funded by the council, but in recent years and with austerity cuts their funding has reduced considerably.

This means we rely upon the local shops and businesses to support the lights. Some shops are run by area managers and so it's difficult to find the right person to approach. Others are run by people from outside the local community who simply fail to see the lights as a benefit to their business and decline to donate anything. Thankfully some fully support the lights and the joy it brings to so many.

In summary if Fun Night is to continue and the Christmas lights are to look as good as they did this year we need whatever help you can offer in any way you can. We are looking for anyone who can help make the above happen in one way or another. If you can help please either email np@bemc.co.uk or phone 01628 533222 or better still pop into Bourne End Motor Company and have a chat over a coffee.

Thank you for reading this article. Hopefully Bourne End's Fun Night can continue to be a great community event. Remember, to make it happen requires a lot of organising in advance (lights don't grow on trees, roads don't close themselves, reindeers don't randomly roam around Bourne End, elf and safety has to happen and Santa has to be pre-booked). *By Nick Pink*

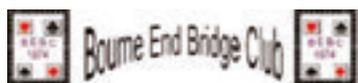
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Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19 in Bourne End Library. Refreshments available from 7pm with the meeting starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is invited to come along and find out what we have achieved this year, to meet and talk to your local councillors and raise any questions you have about the parish.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

The third draft of the Neighbourhood Plan is ready for local consultation prior to finalisation and submission to Wycombe District Council. The consultation period will be six weeks from the 1st April 2020. The NDP can be viewed on the parish council website www.wooburnparish.gov.uk

Allotments

The new allotment agreements have been sent out and both sites have the same renewal date. If you are interested in taking on an allotment then please contact the office. clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk
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Rights of way

As mentioned last time we are working on finding any lost footpaths and bridle ways in the parish. Thank you to those of you who have already contacted the office. If you have any old maps or memories of long lost pathways please give us a call or email at clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk or call 01628522827

Meeting Dates

Full Council: April 28, May 26
Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials: April 7, May 5
Planning, Highways & Lighting: April 1 & 22, May 13

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KBEG was granted permission to proceed to a full hearing on five of the six grounds on which KBEG is challenging the soundness of the Wycombe District New Local Plan.

The group will be in a better position to provide further updates once they receive the written judgment of the judge giving permission to proceed and notification of likely dates for the substantive hearing.

KBEG is obviously pleased with this outcome and trust that good sense will prevail to save our Green Belt if they can present a strong case at the substantive hearing, which is what they have been striving for all along.

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We hold meetings bi-monthly, on the second Tuesday in alternate months. We are a small friendly group and would welcome interest from all age groups.

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A fond farewell to Vicar Martin from his St Paul's parishioners...

February marked the end of an era for the church of St Paul's, Wooburn when Martin Wallington, our vicar for the past 17 years, retired.

The church has enjoyed many things with Martin (and his wife, Judy) at the helm, most notably children's ministry, bringing the church and St Paul's school in closer connection and the development of lay ministry.

He and Judy will be sorely missed, especially the wonderfully crazy annual crib service at Christmas. Time with Martin has always been eventful, but no one expected a storm to take out the power line to the church on February 9.

His official farewell service was very atmospheric with candlelight, no sound system and acoustic music.

The wonderful fellowship lunch that followed was not in danger, since the parish hall was not affected by the power outage.

Lots of puddings were on offer in celebration of Martin's love of cake.

On February 23 most of the many church musicians played and sang and the new youth band, made up of young musicians from the congregation, played to send him off at the end of his last service.

Martin was presented with a Memories Book and a wooden bench for his garden complete with a quilt with hand prints from the children.

We wish the couple all the best for the future and hope they enjoy their well-earned retirement.



Our local churches keep in touch with regular reports in *Target*... see page 37

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"My first doggy visitors were Todd and Jazz, two salukis. In the evenings, Jazz would curl up by my feet and Todd would be beside me with his head on my shoulder, gazing into my eyes. I was totally hooked – who wouldn't be?

"I have a son who lives in Guernsey who I visit regularly, and I like going on holidays with my friends. If I had my own dog, this would make things more complicated. With Barking Mad, I always say I have all of the pleasure and none of the expense or worry about what would happen if I became unwell."

It has been scientifically proven that patting and walking dogs can help people to feel more relaxed and less anxious. This makes a huge difference to emotional and physical well being.

Those caring for a dog are also less likely to be socially isolated, research suggests. 'The Pet Factor – companion animals as a conduit for getting to know people, friendship formation and social support', states that, 'Companion animals can be a catalyst for several dimensions of human social relationships in neighbourhood settings, ranging from incidental social interaction and getting to know people, through to formation of friendships.'

Owner-operator of Barking Mad High Wycombe Carrie Jones, said: "As Barking Mad celebrates its 20th anniversary, our proudest achievement is the happiness which holidaying dogs have brought to the lives of our host families.

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A Wooburn Green host family for Barking Mad welcome Elma, a Golden Retriever. She is a regular visitor when her owners go away. Here Shaun teaches Elma some new tricks.

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Any notion of the solitary writer toiling in a lonely garret was dispelled at the U3A members' meeting in February, when Catherine Jones explained her adventurous journey from my officer to romantic novelist.

Her story surely resonated with U3A members who, as the local organisation completed its second year, continued to actively engage in activities and studies of all kinds.

With membership now exceeding 450, discussion was taking place on further interest groups to add to the 40-plus running locally. These currently range from wine tasting to ukulele, golf to Latin, local history to Rummikub, maths to current affairs and much more.

The latest idea was a New Experiences group: maybe go-karting, canoeing, abseiling.

But then... everything changed. The coronavirus won. And it was decided that all meetings should cease for the time being, including the interest groups, outings and monthly meetings.

To keep in touch with the changing situation and information about U3A visit bourneendu3a.org.uk.

By Sandra Carter

Is there light at the end of the tunnel?

Maybe not, is Claire Bland's view, but that's not going to stop her making every effort to restore a little café to Bourne End.

Claire's a very determined lady who has run the café at the railway station for many years along with her father and mother. When her mum Tina died she left the lease to Claire. It's family, it's very personal and Claire feels it's important as a memorial to her mum. The café was hit by a vehicle in a traffic accident before Christmas and a quick fix is looking unlikely.

Claire doesn't want the little café to be knocked down, she wants it to be a little café for the village where her regular customers can have a nourishing hot breakfast in the morning. But the wheels grind so slowly through the insurance process. Claire has all the paperwork, but when dealing with big companies like Network Rail there seems little room for sentiment.

To keep her dream alive Claire would like to find a temporary home for the café, so she's appealing to anyone who might have the space, a covered vehicle where she could site a small catering unit and would be prepared to loan it out until the legal and insurance criteria have been met. "I can sort it," Claire is positive, "and I'm sure we can create a covered area for the customers."

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Cricket memories

Cricket reports from the 1800s – in time for our diamond jubilee, by Richard Tedham

Thanks to the website britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk it has now been possible to trace the history of Little Marlow cricket back to 1841.

At the end of that summer three matches were played against Great Marlow, and another against Bone End [sic] and Hedsor. Bone End was, of course, Bourne End, the original name having become corrupted. Rev Francis Ashley, vicar of Wooburn, exposed the error in 1858 before drawing up and publishing a new map.

Reports on the matches were published in 'Bells Life In London and Sporting Chronicle'.

It is likely that at least one of them was played in Little Marlow, although the precise location is unknown. The following season included three fixtures against Taplow, with the 'Berkshire Chronicle' printing details of the third, a home match on Spade Oak Meadow. That was the name given to a long strip of land on the north bank of the River Thames, running from Spade Oak Wharf, at the bottom of Coldmoorholm Lane, to roughly where Marlow Rugby

Club is now situated. On a beautiful day, as this was, it must have been a very pleasant place to play, although the ground preparations, if any, would undoubtedly have been extremely limited.

The hosts were dismissed for just 11 in their first innings, to which Taplow replied with 35. The village fared a lot better at the second attempt, thanks largely to gifted all-rounder E C Nugent, a relation of Little Marlow Estate owner, Sir George Nugent.

He contributed 58, a huge score at the time, towards a total of 105. Sadly, due to a dinner engagement, he wasn't available to bowl during Taplow's run chase. It proved to be costly, as the visitors reached their target of 82 for the loss of five wickets. All then adjourned to The King's Head.

The scores of just one other 1840s match have survived, a defeat at the hands of West Wycombe in 1848, the game being played in Westhorpe Park, now a mobile and park home site. That continued to be the venue for Little Marlow cricket matches into the 1850s and 1860s. The current site has been in use since at least the 1890s, and possibly earlier than that.

This year is the present club's diamond jubilee, it having been founded at a meeting in the pavilion in February 1960. The two Saturday teams will be playing in The Chilterns League, while the Sunday side will contest its familiar list of 'friendlies'.

The colts section, run in association with professional coaching outfit 'Future Legends', will be concentrating its efforts on children of primary school age. Preseason indoor practice sessions will be at The Redgrave Centre in Marlow, followed by regular Friday evenings at the ground from May onwards.

The club is always keen to attract new players, young and old, and also anybody interested in umpiring duties. All are guaranteed a warm welcome and may obtain more information from me on 07442 039284 or rtded@live.co.uk

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Bourne End resident David Whittaker and Jenny Owen from Seer Green dressed for all eventualities, along with their 'cardboard friends'.

Local RNLB branch celebrates 50 years of life saving

Rose Start, branch treasurer, looks back at how it all started...

The local branch of the RNLB is very proud to reach its 50th anniversary in 2020. We still have the original inaugural minutes from the very first committee meeting of the Bourne End and District branch in February 1970.

It's noticeable how formal the meetings were in those days with no first names in the minutes.

The idea for starting up the branch came from Mary King, and her friend Leonora (Leo) Powell who was very keen on the idea as she was a Wren in her younger days. Nearly all of the original committee lived in close proximity to the River Thames, such as in Camden Place and Donkey Lane.

From firstly covering 'the parishes of Wooburn, Chepping Wycombe and Hedsor', the branch has since extended into Beaconsfield, High Wycombe and Gerrards Cross, hence the eventual change of name to South Bucks and Thames.

Leo Powell was the first chairman, who presided until Gordon Morphey took over in 1983. Diana Spokes took over from him in 1999, retiring in 2014 when Mike Prager took on the chairmanship. Diana was awarded the British Empire Medal in 2013 for services to maritime safety in

recognition of her fund-raising for the RNLB. She joined the branch in 1977, and was social secretary, membership secretary, catering officer and vice chairman.

The branch has had a very interesting history, most notably the funding of one of the RNLB's first rescue hovercrafts in 2003 by Bourne End resident, Donald Rayner, in memory of his wife, Molly. Molly Rayner was the founder secretary in 1970, and lived in Donkey Lane. When Donald himself died, aged 99, he also bequeathed £100,000 to the RNLB.

The Molly Rayner still operates as a relief craft, meaning she could be called into service at a moment's notice. She is ideal for mud flats, soft sand and shallow water such as Morecombe, Southend and Hunstanton, inaccessible to conventional lifeboats. A party of us went to Poole for the naming ceremony.

The branch has raised nearly £600,000 since its inception. Our intrepid collectors, many of who have supported the RNLB for decades, go out in all weathers, emulating brave lifeboatmen and women, to collect outside supermarkets in the area, and on the streets during the MayDay campaign.

The public enjoy the opportunity for photographs, and one kind person at Beaconsfield M40 Services, showed their appreciation by providing doughnuts for us all.

We also have dedicated fundraisers like Peter Smith who donates his fees for the talks he gives on his magnificent hand-made models of royal carriages, and Anthony Crowther, a supporter since he was a boy, who always gave his fees for his public address work at Adams Park at Wycombe Wanderers and Wasps games.

Tony, while working at AXA Equity and Law in Hazlemere in 1994, organised a draw with big prizes, including a TV. He raised enough through their social club to buy an inshore lifeboat, named AXA Life Insurer.

These days, very many local pubs, clubs and shops all over our extended area support us by having static collecting boats available for customer's loose change, as well as participating in The Lifeboat Supper during November.

The nine members of the current committee are just as enthusiastic as the first members were, and the tasks are divided up between us all.

We now have a trained Community Safety Educator, Mary Oswald, who will attend schools to educate youngsters. Mike is our designated adult presenter so we carry out our prevention of drowning messages to all sectors of the community. Water safety is core to the RNLB's mission.

Our AGM and Helpers' Party has always been well attended with a buffet, raffle and entertainment provided to say thank you to our supporters. The first AGM held at the Red Cross Hall in New Road in October 1970 reported a total collection for the year of £265, 15 shillings and 8 pence. Subsequent AGMs were held for years in the old Bourne End Cruiser and Yacht Club - now demolished. They are now held in Bourne End Community Centre.

This year's AGM was to be held on Thursday April 2, but has been postponed. We would have reported then that a total of £22,885.38 was raised in 2019 plus £686 from the sale of Christmas cards and calendars.

If you think the RNLB is the charity for you, please let us know if you'd like to come along. We ask that collectors commit to a minimum of one shift of 90 minutes in one collection a year. "Give 90 minutes of your time and help save a life".

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Committee members on their trip to RNLB Teddington Station, l to r Rose Start, Kevin Hourigan, Val Clarke, Roger Clarke, Mike Prager, Linda Prager, Mary Oswald, Martin Udall, Keith Hunt, David Oswald.

Science teacher gets students growing

As we move into spring, students at Bourne End Academy can be part of a school allotment project spearheaded by science teacher Ian Blazey.

Peggs Allotment is just down the road from the school and Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council has donated a half plot where students can be part of an after-school Gardening Club.

Other teachers have offered their services, while a small grant has been secured from British Science to start the club.

Last year Ian took a plot at Peggs and has developed it with raised beds producing tomatoes, potatoes, legumes, onions, shallots, garlic, aubergines, courgettes and much more. With previous experience of growing vegetables at home for more than 20 years and an interest in cooking, as well as a science teacher background, Ian has learnt so much this year from the experienced approachable members of Peggs Allotment. He plans to share this with students who want to know more about the food they eat and what can be achieved by growing vegetables and fruit.

Ian explained that, if the weather is poor, seeds can be planted in modules in a laboratory with discussions on plant rotation, permaculture management, organic weed management strategies, nutrition, the benefits of growing vegetables and fruit locally, organically and the reduced environmental impact. "Our first job in early spring will be to condition the plot and prepare it for planting."

The project will see crops harvested in the summer and even cooked within the Food Technology kitchens at the academy. Parents will be invited to see progress of the plot and how an allotment plot is developed and maintained.

Ian hopes that the local community might like to help by donating any surplus gardening equipment - forks, spades, trowels, hand tools, buckets, pots, propagators, wellingtons, gardening gloves etc.

Anyone interested in helping the project or making donations should contact Ian on his personal email igblazey@gmail.com or by phone on 07594 870711 and he will arrange collection of items, as Peggs Allotment does not have open access.

Pictured here are some of the first group of students getting to grips with sowing and planting. *Target* looks forward to a report on the next stage of the project in a summer issue.



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Parish council elections

If you have ever thought of becoming a parish councillor this is your opportunity.

The role and responsibilities of parish councils are likely to evolve over the next few years as the new Buckinghamshire Council beds in.

This is therefore a great time to help shape its future role in terms of how it serves the local community and how it works with and alongside the new council on a range of local issues such as planning, infrastructure, transport, green spaces and community facilities.

Elections have been postponed until next year, but I would encourage you to give it some thought now. Discuss it with your friends and neighbours, talk to existing councillors and I hope come to the conclusion that you would like to put your name forward to stand.

Update on Battery Storage Planning Application

The application to create a battery storage facility off Coldmoorholme Lane, which was strongly opposed by residents and the parish council has been withdrawn.

New all-inclusive Roundabout

The new all-inclusive roundabout at the Recreation Ground Little Marlow adds to the existing play equipment already enjoyed by the community.

Parish councillor Jason Downes worked with Wycombe District Council councillors, David Johncock, John Savage and David Watson to secure some of the funding.

The cost was split between the parish council and the district councillors, who are able to use their annual ward budgets to help fund local projects.

Contributions were also received from the Little Marlow Village Amenities Committee, with proceeds from the last Little Marlow Village Fete, and from St John the Baptist Church in Little Marlow.

Meeting Dates

Parish council: April 21 and May 26 at The Little Marlow Pavilion at 8pm. Open to press and public.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at Abbotsbrook Hall on Friday May 15 from 8pm. All are cordially invited.

MEETINGS ARE LIKELY TO BE POSTPONED. CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR INFORMATION

Parish Office opening times are 9.30am to 1.30pm Monday, Wednesday & Thursday. Please call or email if you have any queries. Contact Details Little Marlow Parish Council Address: The Pavilion, Church Road, Little Marlow, Buckinghamshire, SL7 3RS Email: clerk@littlemarlowparishcouncil.org Tel: 01628 890301

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Environmental report by parish councillor Katie Lamb

It is a time of wind, rain and now, sinkholes. The hot topic of conversation still revolves around Sappers Field and the sinkhole that opened up in the early morning of February 29. It was an eerie thing.

I have never seen Sappers Field so waterlogged with patches of standing water all over. It was the day after the third storm hit bringing with it even more rain and a little hail.

Saturday morning was bright and the field was quiet. As you approached the hole you could hear water running as if somewhere deep down there's an underground stream (but it is probably the excess water draining away). Every so often you can hear bits of the hole wall or the turf at the top which was hanging on only by a mass of roots, fall into the cavern under it.

Interesting that there is still activity down there. The power of nature.

Anyway temporary fencing went up and gates and entrances sealed to stop anyone or anything falling into it.

Monday morning saw the more robust safety fencing go up. Then the office hotline fired up, not only contacting all the people that needed to know and who could come out, survey the site and advise us on how to proceed, but also answering all the phone calls from people wanting to know what had happened.

At the time of writing the field is closed and will remain so until we have consulted with the experts and are happy the field is safe to use again. We all hope it won't be shut for long but everyone's safety is paramount.

Sappers Field is named after the group of Royal Engineers who worked on the site and turned it from an old council landfill into the field it is now. Interestingly back in the day it was a brick yard, making bricks from the natural clay and firing them in kilns on site, hence the name Kiln Lane.

It stands as one of the highest points in the parish and is home to our beacon. The beacon has been lit several times in recent years. The last time to mark the 100th year anniversary of the end of the First World War.

Over the years it has been lit for Her Majesty the Queen's Jubilees and Trafalgar Day. It is always a spectacle waiting to see the Windsor beacon start to glow to signal the time for us to set fire to ours and then watching the Wycombe beacon start to glow, lighting up the sky to signal the lighting of the next one in the chain just as it has been for hundreds of years.

The field is now home to a wild flower area which we have, along with the locals, nurtured and seeded over the years. It is also teeming with a varied range of wildlife. The play area has a good assortment of play equipment for all ages to which we added a new climbing frame this year and re-installed some of the safety surfacing under the swings and slide.



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As it is a meeting place and hub of the community it has been deemed necessary to close the community centre for the foreseeable future to protect everyone, including our staff.

We have future plans in the pipeline and we hope that in the next issue of *Target* we can once again publicise some events to look forward to.

Friday 24 Apr
Doors open 19:30
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Ken Townsend

My Life at Abbey Road

POSTPONED



Ken was at Abbey Road for 40 years and this updated talk has more focus on the Beatles at Abbey Road. Come along and hear Ken's fascinating story.

**Bourne End Community Centre
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ANGLING CLUB

FROM THE WATER'S EDGE

After a short winter break members returned to their matches on a very cold March 1 to Royal Berkshire Fisheries.

First was Ian Smith with 14lb 2oz, second was Jim West at 9lb 11oz and third Anthony Coleborn 2lb 10oz.

We struggled as there was a severe frost during the night and the fish had swum South for warmer climes methinks. At least we were blessed with a dry day.

We have two more matches before the end of our season.

We are always looking for new members and if anyone would like to guest and see how they like the club you are welcome to come along.

If you would like to join us our Rejoining Night will be Wednesday May 20 in the community centre. Contact me on 07802 711141.

Until next time tight lines and keep your bait dry.

Michele Smith - club secretary



CHANGE OF DATE

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Country and Western Evening had to be rescheduled and will now take place on Saturday 19 September. Look out for the posters.

CHESS CONGRESS

The annual Bourne End one day community centre on Sunday 19th June this was to be the usual five round 15 minutes for each player for each board chess competition before, plays all rounds meeting players. Contact Andrew Smith at apstu@bournenend.org.uk or visit www.buckschess.org.uk for



POSTPONED



The 50th anniversary of the closure of the railway line from Bourne End to High Wycombe on 2 May 1970 is nigh. To commemorate this sad event John Gurney will tell us about the history of the Wycombe Railway, from Maidenhead to High Wycombe. Talk in conjunction with the MMPA.

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NEWSLETTER

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TABLE TENNIS

The interest in joining the Table Tennis Section has yet again expanded. All the three groups on a Saturday - advanced, intermediate and beginners - are at full capacity at 46 players, with 14 players on a Tuesday.

In fact we now have a waiting list of 14 players.

We have two teams representing the club in the National Cadet League. These are selected from our top 10 players in the Advanced group. At present both teams have competed superbly this season and are currently in Divisions 1 and 2 of the NCL.

We also have four teams in the Heathrow League. This is aimed at intermediate and beginners level players. This gives players a chance to utilise their newly coached table tennis techniques in a competitive environment against other clubs.

To cater for the demand we are proposing to add two further tables for the section. Congratulations to all.

SWIMMING

Bourne End Swimmers are too fast for the Chilterns League.

In an exciting first round of this year's Chilterns Swimming League at Aylebury's AquaVale, the Bourne End squad were just too fast for much of the competition.

With an impressive display of individual and team sprinting, the club either won or were placed well in the bulk of races against strong opposition from six other Chiltern-based clubs.

Unfortunately, under the league's 'No Faster Than' ruling, many of the swimmers were literally too fast for the competition and so did not score points, despite winning well.

Our club was not the only one to field a quick team and the hosting favourites, Aylesbury, suffered a similar fate.

Winners on the night were Dunstable, with Aylesbury 5th and BEJSC 6th out of seven overall.

Our terrific swimmers on their coach



Thankfully all went well and the whole squad of boys and girls deserve a huge 'well done' for their efforts.

Speaking after the event, William Armstrong, aged nine and competing in a Chilterns League gala for the first time, said: "It's really good. Just try it!"

As ever, a massive thank you to the team organiser, Tanya Grainger, the poolside coaches, the officials and those parents able to come along and support.

Do you love swimming? Are you 11 to 18 years old and love swimming for sport, fitness or competition? Bourne End Swimming Club is for you. We swim in local pools at family-friendly times. Contact us to book a trial swim join@bejsc-swimming.org.uk

JOIN OUR CLUB

As we celebrate our 50th year, what better time is there to think about the next 50?

The club is unique in the country, providing fantastic sports facilities and opportunities for the children of Bourne End and local communities. We now see children and grandchildren of past members enjoying the club, who would have thought it?

The success is entirely due to the

hundreds of dedicated volunteers who have been passing the baton, one to another, over the years and to the thousands of children who have enthusiastically committed themselves to various club activities.

Ambitious plans are ahead and the club is constantly upgrading and improving its equipment and premises. The biggest aim is to build a swimming pool.

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Roll call of remembrance...

Ursula Leonie Hilborne

Ursula was born on the May 5, 1936 in London. She was very proud of her German heritage and loved telling stories about her grandparents, great aunts and uncles and their experiences when they first came to England.

She spent her childhood in Queensbury, North West London, before her parents bought a small bakery in Beaconsfield. This was just before the start of the Second World War.

The family built the business up over the years to be Jungs of Beaconsfield.

Ursula and her husband - her beloved 'Charlie darling' married in 1969 and settled in Willows Road, Bourne End when their new house was completed in 1971. Ursula spent the rest of her life in this house. Sadly her beloved Charlie died in 1985.

Ursula loved inviting friends and neighbours round for food and drinks in the evenings and Christmas was always a highlight for her catering and entertaining skills.



There was a real Christmas tree adorned with beautiful old ornaments - many inherited from grandparents.

Most of them were white glass or silver, but with real candles which often caught a branch alight.

Health and safety wasn't in Ursula's vocabulary.

Ursula would walk along Willows Road followed a little way behind by two dogs and just behind, her two cats. None would ever be on a lead just following each other. She loved each and every one of them and was sad when any of them reached the end of their lives.

'My Side of the Counter' was written by Ursula and recounted her life. It was published in 2017. The book signing event at Bourne End Library was attended by many friends and neighbours. Passages were read at Ursula's funeral and had everyone laughing as her powers of description were so accurate.

Ursula belonged to the Link Up Club at Cores End United Reformed Church and she loved her writing group in Gerrards Cross. She went on holiday abroad to many wonderful places, sometimes starting out alone, but making friends along the way.

But it was the stories about her life selling coffee and chocolate in the south of England that delighted everyone. She travelled 300,000 miles on the road and Frannie, her chocolate labrador, always went with her. All her animals were given the most wonderful names.

Her health wasn't good in the last year, but she always tried to be positive and fight back. Right to the end she talked of her recovery and where she would go on the next holiday. She fancied Cuba. This really lovely lady died on January 10 and she will be missed by family, friends and especially her Willows Road neighbours. **RIP**

John Mahony

When a young boy in Sunderland enjoyed a Roy Rogers film on a Saturday morning, then progressed to the picture palaces of Kilburn and Trevor Howard on a Saturday night, he never realised the impact film would make on his life and career.

From attending the glamour of the Cannes Film Festival to finding the same enthusiasm

for 'Cinema Days' in Doncaster, for example - the magic of film had always caught John's imagination.

John was born in Sunderland of Irish parentage on December 31, 1925. His childhood, although poor, was happy and loving.

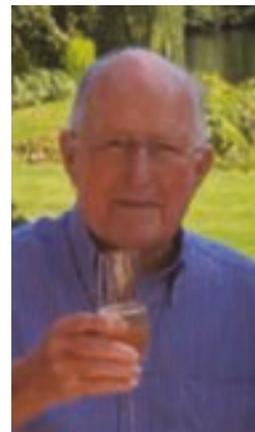
At grammar school, John discovered his lifelong love of the arts. His ability to recall lengthy prose or verse remained a source of admiration as did his prowess in public speaking where his wit and humour dazzled.

John's education was interrupted in 1943 when he joined the RAF and was posted to India and the Far East where he witnessed the aftermath of the Second World War.

Meeting Caryl at a West London dance hall began a nine-year courtship and resulted in marriage in 1956. Their first home was a flat overlooking the coal yards at King's Cross Station. An evening treat consisted of a mug of Bovril and liver sausage sandwiches as John continued training and eventually qualified as an accountant.

Their move to Telston Close in 1959 was a huge achievement and they both loved the house, the road and the views over fields towards Marlow and the River Thames.

Domestic support came from a Hoovermatic twin tub to deal with the demand for clean nappies as Patrick and Juliet completed their family. They were happily part of a community and enjoyed the social



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opportunities that the swinging 60s made possible.

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Customers such as Rank, Odeon and Cannon soon elected him as chair of the All Industry Marketing Group, a decision which John repaid by increasing cinema attendances and drawing praise from film directors such as Cubby Broccoli and David Putnam.

The emerging multiplex chains delighted in seeing a return to the glitz and glamour provided by the "movies" not least as the latest blockbusters increasingly filled seats.

John, never one to sit still, broadened the importance of film as a credible teaching aid and became chairman of Film Education.

John's retirement was overshadowed by Caryl's death in 2000. Latterly, failing eyesight became the source of much anguish. His pleasure nevertheless came in watching his four grandchildren enter their own careers.

Additionally, the laughter, his memories and friends from the world of film provided much comfort following a reluctant retirement. John left a huge legacy to the cinema industry. He died after a short illness on January 14.

RIP

Sydney George Twitchen

Syd was born in Highfield Road the second of four children. He went to school in Bourne End and then Wooburn Boys. He did his paper round before school and after school greased the loaf tins for the night baking at Spindlers Bakery.

Syd went to work at Jacksons Mill as did all the Twitchens who at one time held the record for the most service years in one family for all the mills.

National Service was spent in the RAF. He married Esther at St Marks in 1965 and moved to Goddington Road in 1967.

Syd changed jobs to work at G Plan and stayed in the furniture trade until retirement. He enjoyed his allotment in Chapman Lane for more than 40 years. He was always the outdoor type, ferreting, shooting, fishing, all his life.

He was a founder member of Bourne End Anglers having already the rights to fish the River Thames at Hedsor Wharf which Tiny Rowlands gave to the Bourne End community. He spent many years beating in the shooting season at Pump Farm, West Wycombe Estate, Hambleden and Culham. Other times would find him fishing at The Limes in Wooburn.

When there was a National Mills Weekend planned he walked the sub editor of *Target* around where all the mills used to be and when the walk took place he was there. He will be missed for his knowledge of the 'old Bourne End' and for the nice man he was. He died at home on February 10.

RIP



Fundraising night was outstanding success

Family rallied around in the early stages as Jazmin Parker set up the May Woollerton Hall at the community centre for her very special music event. In the background musicians arrived, set up, checked sound levels and provided entertainment – just the way it should be.

It was Friday, March 6 and the evening when Jazmin hoped to raise funds for her trip to Thailand in the summer where she'll be carrying out charity work with the Future Sense Foundation.

Quiz questions had been set, the programme and running order was in its final stage and only the unexpected could change anything. "I hope the raffle doesn't take too long" Kevin Parker said with fingers crossed, "as people have been very generous."

Worries disappeared as support arrived from family, friends, and others attracted by the programme of great music from some young and very talented musicians. And it all worked out well.

Jazmin was delighted at the £700 raised and more money was still promised. It was exhausting, but nothing could detract from a great fundraising evening in a very good cause. Now Jazmin just has to wait until the summer for the trip. In between times she'll be doing other things to boost funds.

Before that she wants to take time to say a huge "thank you" to everyone who supported her: to the musicians, her family and friends as well as those who came up with a large array of raffle prizes that had two tables groaning under the weight. "You were all wonderful" she said.



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It was purrrfectly florrrol...

February is never great for fresh flowers at the beginning of the month when Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society have their regular meeting. However it proved purrrfect for an evening where members could create florrrol delights to a captive audience. This time, as you have probably deduced, 'cats' was the theme with cat faces greeting everyone as they arrived to a purrrfect welcome.

Tracey and Liz were first on stage with the challenge of using the same flowers and greenery to create different displays. The chatter as they talked about anything and everything kept the audience entertained – and frequently in stitches. Liz used rolled wire for her display in a faithful basket while Tracey opted for the ever trustworthy oasis. Both were lovely and Tracey added an extra display for raffle winners.

Next up were Thelma and Sherry delighting in that scrruffy cat 'Bagpuss' as part of a shop window display. While Thelma delightfully filled the bottom half of the window Sherry's design was majestically tall – both displays used the same flowers and they blended perfectly without any previous consultation. Together it worked perfectly.

After an interval when 'Kat Treats' were handed around it was time for more flowers and some entertainment. While Thelma read from T S Eliot's *Old Possums Book of Practical Cats* Pat created a display based on Mr Mistoffelees and Sherry had the wicked and wily Macavity as her inspiration. Two vastly different displays, but each one right for the character.

As always lucky raffle winners took home the displays created during the evening. There was a



time for a cuppa and a chat with members enjoying the theme of the evening as well as the flower displays. Ann Leonard was one of the raffle winners, taking home part of the shop window display created by Thelma. There are no April and May events – but why not go along in the future and enjoy a floral evening?

Pictures top to bottom: The team of cats – from the left – Pat, Thelma, Tracey, Sherry and Liz (among the greenery) Tracey and Liz created these displays using the same flowers, Thelma and Sherry filled the shop window, Ann Leonard with the display she won.

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A bench with a story



Almost done – Jane painting last details



Take a closer look – they're all there – those wonderful characters from books that have delighted children over the years

Some time ago Bourne End WI bought a blank book bench. And that's a story in itself. Since then Jane Clark has been painting it with characters from children's books and now it is almost finished. It looks amazing.

Favourite characters are all there from books by Roald Dahl, Enid Blyton, Kenneth Grahame – the list is endless. Daughters and grandchildren have helped along the way.

Sometime during the summer term it will go into Bourne End children's library on loan from the WI and there will be an official unveiling (when everyone is welcome provided it is during library opening hours).

At present Jane is finishing the last details and that's when Target went along to catch her – paintbrush in hand – before an ordinary bench that has become a place of inspiration. It begs children to reach out for the book and get to know the characters.

Look out for details in Target and make sure you see, and return again and again, to explore this amazing bench that will inspire children of the future to enjoy the pleasure of reading and getting to know the wonderful characters. And you can find out why her grandchildren reckon that Jane is 'Gangsta Granny' of David Walliams fame.



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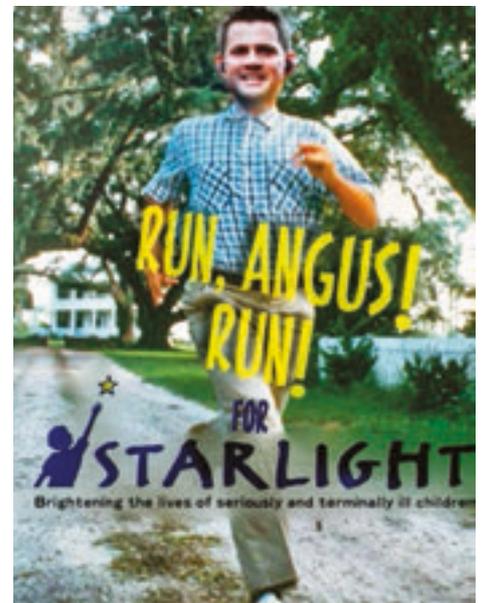
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Angus runs for charity

Angus Henderson tells *Target* about his fundraising plans...

I'm running the London Marathon (my first marathon) this year for an amazing children's charity, The Starlight Children's Foundation.

Starlight grant once-in-a-lifetime wishes and provide in-hospital entertainment and play therapy for seriously ill children to help get them through their treatment. They also provide packs of toys for distracting children that you may have seen in A&E and outpatient departments.

It's an amazing organisation whose aim is to restore some of the childhood lost through the treatment of long-term illnesses. It has worked with local hospitals in Bucks, benefitting local families.

As part of my fundraising I have organised a raffle and have been totally blown away by the generosity of local (often small) businesses who have jumped at the opportunity to donate something for such a great cause – so much so that, at the time of writing, I now have 30 individual prizes (and counting) worth hundreds of pounds overall.

In no particular order, huge thanks go to Hawkinsport, Rock Bottom, Charming Barbers, Odds Farm, Bourne For Desserts, FitQ, Bekonscot, Daws Hill Vineyard, Lemon Studios, Marlow Club, Wild Training, Danesfield House, Cookham Candles, Beccafico, Elio Georgio, Flux Photographic, Bourne End Cards & Gifts, Kings Head (Little Marlow), Bel and the Dragon (Cookham), Old Butchers Wine Cellar, Salter Steamers, Jungle Mania – and there will no doubt be more to thank in due course as the prizes are still coming in.

Tickets are available at Bourne End Cards & Gifts or through me (contact via Facebook link below). All the money raised will go to the charity, not on the raffle admin costs or prizes.

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Bourne End & Cookham Probos Club By Bill Leftwich

At a talk in January that was both entertaining and informative Dr Sandy Primrose, an eminent botanist, described a complete cornucopia of plants that ranged from medical science in 300BC, Shakespeare, the origins of Pernod in France, "Lily the Pink" and Harry Potter to modern day cancer cures from the yew tree.

At our AGM in February our current chairman Roger Emery recounted our memories from 2019 before handing over the reins to Peter Rogers, who outlined his plans for a very interesting 2020 including a June visit to a salmon smokehouse in London combined with a river tour of the Olympic Village.

If good company, excellent lunches, fascinating talks and interesting visits interest you then please call Terry Scott on 01628 626047.

Rotary Club of Cookham Bridge By Terry Whall

At Cookham Bridge Rotary women have played a valuable and much-appreciated role. We were therefore particularly delighted to welcome Susan Halls and Louise Symons as our latest full members of Rotary, following on from Gwen Tyler and Sandra Baldwin, who joined with their partners, in the recent past.

It is now accepted by many that diversity can strengthen an organisation. With a healthy number of 42, we are continuing to seek new members in all categories of society.

Numerous international projects and local charities have been supported. These include 'Ending Polio for once and for all' and the Thames Valley Hospice. Fundraising events include the Cookham Regatta and Cookham Street Fayre. We have a variety of social events and talks. Contact: secretary@cookhamrotary.co.uk

Bourne End WI By Chrissy Hayes

On March 5 we enjoyed learning how to tie scarves with aplomb. Our thanks to Wendy Warren for a wonderful talk and demonstration.

On April 2 we will learn how to make necklaces and other pieces of beaded jewellery with the help of Ella McClelland.

As well as our monthly meetings we go on many terrific trips. Later this month we will be visiting the Globe Theatre to have a tour and a guided walk around Shakespeare's London. In May we plan to visit Wycombe Swan to see *Educating Rita*.

On the evening of Tuesday July 14 we again host the talented Mikron Theatre Group at Spade Oak and tickets will be on sale to the general public shortly.

Although the play is called *A Dog's Tale* we regret no dogs can be accommodated at this event.

Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at St Dunstan's Church Hall at 7.30pm. Non-members are welcome to visit as a guest. Contact Wendy Farmer on 01628 526309 or email us at bourneendwi@yahoo.com

Little Marlow & Well End WI By Pauline Clitheroe

The first task of the New Year for our president, Carole Kirkland, was to welcome seven new members from the waiting list.

Our first speaker of 2020 was Kate Watson, Community Safety Co-ordinator for Bucks Fire & Rescue Service, who gave members lots of useful advice about keeping a watchful eye on active appliances, unplugging when not in use and not overloading extension leads. Something for everyone to think about.

Celebrations for the BFWI's centenary were discussed including the garden party at Waddesdon.

Members prepared bunting for our very own 60th anniversary celebrations during the craft and chat session.

In February we heard from Mary Saunders who travels to the West Bank in Palestine every autumn with a group known as The Friends of Madama & Burin to help the local farmers harvest their olives.

Suffering heavy losses in recent years, the olive trees are vitally important to the economy.

The institute proposed to participate in the BFWI's Reading 100 Books challenge.

Members were also reminded that they can contribute a favourite recipe for inclusion in our *60 Recipes to Celebrate 60 Years* booklet.

Bourne End & Wooburn WI By Janet Spill

In January wildlife photographer Tom Way returned with a talk entitled *Tooth, Claw and Man*, a journey with photographs of tigers in India, brown bears in Northern Europe, Camargue horses racing along the beach to say nothing of rhinos, cheetahs and lions in Africa. There is no denying that Tom is passionate about his work.

We trialled a friendship meeting with recipe swap in February, helped along with a couple of lively games of Handbag Bingo and Tell Me a Secret.

Samples of the recipes members had brought along were enjoyed with a cup of tea. All in all a successful meeting with much positive feedback.

Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month in St Dunstan's Church Hall at 2pm. Visitors and prospective members are most welcome to join us. Email: beandw.wi@gmail.com

Bourne End & Cookham Inner Wheel By Libby Steel

Our Helping Hands Day in January at the Thames Valley Adventure Playground was great fun again. Many members joined in the mending, glueing, counting, sorting and sewing with the objective of getting this excellent facility for children and their families all ready and shipshape for another productive year.

We held a club meeting by a cosy fire at a member's home later in January and then hosted members and guests at our 36th Charter Lunch at Harleyford Golf Club, where Patricia Pearce gave an inspiring talk on her project entitled *DreamFlights*.

We held a delicious lunch meeting for our District

Commissioner, Zannifer Mason, who described her early career in nursing. The story of her rising from a very junior nurse to matron was told with great humour and fascinated us all.

March saw our annual Charity Bridge Drive in Stubbings Village Hall, and a talk about our international charity focused on women and girls.

Prospective new members and visitors are always welcome at our meetings and our next coffee morning will be held on Thursday April 2 at 10.30am at the home of our secretary, Mercia Hailstone. Please come along and hear what we do in our friendly club.

Our picture shows DC Zannifer Mason (centre) after she had entertained us with her wonderful nursing stories.



Bourne End and Cookham Rotary Club By John Dunsterville

As a small but active club it is surprising to note how much has been achieved both here and internationally. Here are just some of the projects we are involved in.

1. Completion of The Peace Garden at Penny's Corner in Bourne End.
2. Helping by providing labour to redecorate the kitchen at Bourne End Day Centre.
3. Financially assisting several young people from our area to carry out charity work at home and overseas.
4. Helping provide facilities and equipment at some of our local schools, from Forest schools to days on the river.
5. Helping and encouraging young people in our Rotaract, Interact and Rotakids Clubs.
6. Assisting with funding for our new Thames Hospice which is due to open this summer.
7. Funding projects in Zambia, India and Australia as well as funding Shelter Boxes to go to stricken countries.

We work together to raise funds by organising parking cars near Wycombe Wanderers ground at all home fixtures, Christmas carol collections with Santa's sleigh and other activities.

Our club meet for fellowship and a meal at the Kings Head, Little Marlow at 7.30pm on the first and fourth Tuesday and for lunch at 12.30pm on the third Tuesday each month.

Please do call in and join us for a meal and a chat at any time and learn how you too can join in on the fun and fellowship. Contact jdunsterville@uwclub.net or visit www.facebook.com/beacrotrary



Alfred Court celebrates 286 years...

A very special coffee morning, with a little tippie, marked a very special celebration at Alfred Court sheltered housing scheme in Furlong Road. Three residents were celebrating birthdays and there was a royal message for one of them. Hence the little tippie.

Violet Corbett at 105 received a card from the monarch with a very complimentary message on achieving such a great age. When she reached 100 Violet had received a card from the Queen and she was delighted that the picture on the front of this new card was completely different. "The Queen is wearing a lovely turquoise colour outfit," Violet remarked, "and looks very fashionable."

Two other ladies were celebrating with Audrey Brown at 93 years and Pat Dawson, the baby of the group, at 88 years. Violet has been at Alfred Court for the past 27 years while Pat can claim 20 years and Audrey just four years. Alfred Court was built on the site of Old Claytons School and it has an active social committee.

Once a week the residents get together for a coffee morning and there are other activities. Now, with Anne Stoter, chairman of the social committee, they were making plans for their Annual Charity Spring Fayre on Saturday April 25, but that is now cancelled.

There would have been stalls including cakes and preserves, a bumper raffle with great prizes, tombola, games of chance, children's tombola and lots more. All the funds raised were to go to the Alzheimer's Society. They will reschedule, so look out for the date in a future issue of *Target* and then come along with friends and family. If you haven't been inside before, it will be a chance to have a look at this sheltered housing scheme which has become such a special part of Bourne End.

Our pictures show: The three birthday ladies of great age l-r Pat Dawson (88 years), Audrey Brown (93 years) and Violet Corbett (105 years) and Violet with her royal birthday card.



SPORTS NUT EVENT RETURNS TO WOOBURN

After the storming success of last year's event, local sports coaching company Sports Nut is once again hosting the Bucks Primary Schools Duathlon on Sunday, May 17 (1pm to 5pm) in Wooburn Park.

Local Primary School children (Reception to Year 6) are all invited along, regardless of experience or ability. Duathletes will take part in a 'Run-Scoot-Run' (Reception to Year 2) or 'Run-Bike-Run' (Year 3 to 6) Duathlon course as well as being able to try out a number of different sports and activities throughout the day.

Last year saw Sports Nut donate more than £700 worth of sports equipment vouchers to local schools, with much more raised in sponsorship by PTA's.

The event aims to get children moving but with a fun, non-competitive approach, with groups of friends setting off on their Duathlon course together.

A local parent who attended last year with his three children remarked of the event "No

detail had been forgotten; from the neatly cut grass areas indicating the racing course to the numbered posts in transition areas, parents and children were taking it all in their stride.

"Most impressive for us, was that the whole 'come and have some sporty fun with your friends' ethos was not lost on the children...or their parents."

Director, Charlotte Small, said of the event: "It was such a fantastic family day, and we are so delighted that we are able to host the Bucks Primary Schools Duathlon again in May 2020. It was a very special day for us, watching so many children enjoying themselves and trying new activities. If just one child found a new activity they loved or completed the Duathlon course when they were worried that they couldn't... then it was worth every second of the organising!"

There will be no 'on the day' bookings, due to the high number of children taking part, and you will need to pre-book your child's space, with only 750 spaces on offer. If you would like to learn more or book your child's place, you can visit Sports Nut's website www.sports-nut.co.uk/duathlon2020. Let's hope the weather is as amazing as last year.



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Story to snuggle with

Brilliant Fish author Julian Bazley went along to St Paul's School in Stratford Drive on Friday March 6 for their special afternoon where pyjamas, cuddly toys and blankets inspired children to read a story before dropping off to sleep.

"It was good to hear that so many of the children knew the stories that were written in rhyme – like *The Brilliant Fish* – and many of them had written their own rhyming poems," said Julian.

Reading them the story was great for the author who takes every opportunity to spread the story of his 'fishy' hero.

Our pictures show Julian answering questions from the children who were dressed for bedtime – in the early afternoon.



COMPETITION

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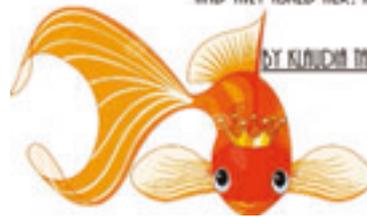
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I SAID HER WISH, AND IT HERE,
MITE AND HER FAMILY WERE ALWAYS NEAR!
SHE GAVE HER FISH-FRIENDS A TITTY BAKE,
AND THEY ASKED HER, TO COME AND BAKE!

BY KLAUDIA TAUROGINSKA



The Narwhal's Story



The deep, blue sea,
Was all around me,
The narwhal's cosy home,
I didn't dare to moan!

The wonderful creature,
His horn-his best feature!
When he met me, he told me his history,
Which had solved a great mystery!

Its incredible evolution
Was made by an awesome solution:
Once, there was a unicorn,
Which made the whale's sparkly horn!

By Maja Tauroginska



Pictured above are the poems from joint prize winners of *The Brilliant Fish* poetry competition in the last issue of *Target*.

They come from nine-year-old twin sisters **Klaudia and Maja Tauroginska** who live in **Red Lion Way, Wooburn Green**. Congratulations girls. You will be receiving a signed copy of Julian Bazley's story book *The Brilliant Fish* and the *Clumsy Octopus*.



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Bourne End Community, Food & Craft Market celebrates its 10th Anniversary Year

Co-founder Rosie Hagan reports...

Set up by crafter Julia Wooster and myself, baker Rosie O'Hagan, in conjunction with former library manager, Inka D'Agostino our first event was held on Feb 12, 2011 featuring 12 local stall holders and has taken place every second Saturday of the month, 10am to 1pm, since then.

Currently we have 50 members aged 15 to 90 including at least eight original stall holders. Our market is an informal cooperative organisation with an

emphasis on community, inclusivity and mutual support. Customers always comment on the friendliness and general positive feel of the market.

Our popular charity tombola run by Kelly Bambra is well supported by customers and stall holders alike and, over the years, has raised nearly £6,000 benefitting more than 90 good causes.

Often, a charity is chosen by a stall holder due to a particular personal reason or contact. We are very grateful to Wooburn Green Pharmacy who donate a bagful of prizes every month – thank you Raj and Kathy.

Special thanks also to the anonymous visitor to February's market who gave a very generous donation as well as a bag full of prizes for the Thomas Ball Children's Cancer Fund. It is this sort of action which encapsulates the spirit of the community market.

A significant number of stall holders take up a craft while recovering from illness or other difficult life events experiencing the restorative power of crafting and encouraging general wellness.

Some stall holders are small business owners such as Anton Hazelle's hand-made and delicious 'Luxury Chocolate For You' with more than 165 varieties to choose from; Dave Clarke's Advanced Remedial & Sports Massage; jams and preserves from Karen Larkin's Wooburn Moor fruit orchards; meat, game, cheese and eggs from Castleman's Farm, Wooburn Common; artisan bread from Rex Bakery, Little Chalfont and regular and FreeFrom cakes and quiches from Rosie's Munch Basket, Wooburn Green.

Other stall holders have full or part-time jobs but enjoy crafting as a hobby be it card, papercraft, sign or jewellery making, woodturning, knitwear and textiles, growing flowers and plants, candle and soap making, fused glass and ceramics, room fragrances and cosmetics, photography and artwork, baking and sweet making, children's books and occasional local authors.

We welcome Young Enterprise student entrepreneurs such as Isobel Smith and her fabulous Harry Potter-themed cold-pressed soaps or Sian Ramm's ReScentered pampering kits.

We are very pleased about recent emphasis by stall holders such as The Wildlife Trust and Chiltern Crafts on zero waste, recycling and helping the planet. Following a shout-out for support by the Australian Animal Rescue effort, cutting up just one brushed cotton sheet from a charity shop, Chiltern Crafts made 17 liners for Koalas and Bushtail Possums, 14 liners for Ringtail Possums and Bandicoots and 15 tiny liners for unfurred Possums and Sugar Gliders – amazing.

We've been using social media to promote the community market and encourage new visitors:

<https://www.facebook.com/BourneEndCommunityCraftMarket>

Also, to alert the local community about special events we are planning for our 10th anniversary Year including craft demonstrations, pop-up sewing repair cafés, recycling events, Summer tea-party event, performances by choirs/musicians, visits by Wycombe Wanderers and (if we can nail them down) local celebrities and author book-signings.

You don't have to be a stall holder to participate – if you'd like to help organise special events, volunteer for the sewing repair café, donate tombola prizes, offer social media skills, perform a 45 minute slot with your singing or music group or something else we haven't yet thought about, please do get in touch by email rosieohagan@me.com or call 07989 716635. We'd really love to hear from you!

I'd personally like to thank everyone who has been involved with BECMarket over the years and for making it such a happy place for all – stall holders and helpers (Rosemary, Allie, Jenny and Pauline), CUSTOMERS, Bourne End Library, TARGET and, not least, my husband Michael for being on hand to help when things don't go to plan!



BOURNE END LIBRARY CHILDREN'S EASTER HOLIDAY CRAFT

Come and join us at Bourne End Library for our Easter Holiday Craft Activities. Sessions will be held on Tuesday, April 14 (10am to 11am). Number of children under eight years remain with their children.





Past times by Barrie Penfold



Continuing the theme of 'finding familiar faces' here's another picture (top) from a children's party celebrating the end of the Second World War. It was taken outside the Wooburn Club so there should be faces you recognise.

It's probably a matching photo to the one that appeared in the February/March issue of *Target* and that we have reproduced below in this issue.

So, while you enjoy local events celebrating 75 years since the end of that conflict maybe you can find some names to go into the *Target* archive.

And, on the subject of names, the festive footballers from The Heart in Hand have all been named. Thanks to *Target* readers.

And here's another picture (above) to test the memory. Workers in Bakers Yard, Wooburn Green from the early 1900s. This yard was a lovely place to work (now covered with housing) and owner, George Baker, seems to be one of the men in the front group.

His story would make a *Past Times* feature on its own. So can you put names to faces, who is the older man in the front group and the lady?

Target received this photograph (below) of Wooburn Green children taken at a celebration event to mark the end of the Second World War. The corrugated St Mary's Chapel is in the background with part of Glory Mill on the right. Recognise anyone? Please let *Target* know by contacting: editor@targetmagazine.org.uk



OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

Saint Dunstan's Church

The Diocese celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving for our retiring Bishop, Bishop Peter, at the end of February. We welcomed Bishop David Oakley who was ordained by Cardinal Vincent Nichols at Northampton Cathedral on March 19.

The parish encouraged parishioners to observe the three pillars of Lent – prayer, fasting and almsgiving, and during Lent there were reflection evenings, celebration of the Stations of the Cross and Lenten Lunches. Money raised was donated to CAFOD.

Our quarterly ladies' evening continues to be a fun event with an opportunity to make new friends, share a snack and talk about community issues.

We celebrate the Feast of Saint Dunstan on May 19. In addition to the annual barbecue we are also planning a Bingo evening as well as an International Food Fair later in the year.



Community Church

Our Sunday morning services are at Bourne End Academy, New Road, at 10.30am (refreshments from 10am), visitors are welcome. Please note there will be no service on May 24 as many of us are on a weekend away then.

Our Easter celebrations begin on Good Friday with a service at the Chapel on the Green at 8.30am. Tuesday Lunch Club meets at 12.30pm at the Chapel on the Green. Little Steps toddler group meets there on Thursdays, 10am to midday. Our last one for this term will be April 2, starting again on April 23.

Dad's Club, fun time for dads with children aged 0-10, meets on Saturday April 4 and May 2.

For full information and details of any amendments for the Easter holidays visit www.thecommunitychurch.online, or contact Dave Bitcheno on 07894 143925 or davebitcheno@thecommunitychurch.online.



Cores End United Reformed Church

Our new Church Related Community Worker, Karen Campbell, was inducted at the beginning of March when a large congregation gathered at Trinity Church High Wycombe.

Much of Karen's work will be focussed in High Wycombe, including work with Syrian refugees, but she will also be working with the church here in Bourne End to help reach out and support those in need in our area. Karen will be around at times in the village and visiting local groups, so please give her a warm welcome.

Work continues apace with the land beyond our churchyard wall. Final decision is yet to be made over its official title - meadow? orchard? wildlife area? We are planting eight cherry trees, mainly an old Buckinghamshire variety of "White Heart" (delicious). We are grateful for donations of shrubs and trees. One kind *Target* reader has donated a bench.

Our Children's Easter Fun Day is on April 4. To



book a place contact Ann Pendergast on 01628 526865. This is always very popular and spaces are limited so call early.

Easter services, all at 10.30am, are Palm Sunday worship on April 5 with the distribution of Palm crosses, Good Friday reflective service on April 10, and Easter Communion on April 12 with people invited to add a flower to the Easter cross.

For the diary, on July 11 there will be an eco fun day, with activities for the children in the morning, a lunchtime barbecue and an eco-related treasure hunt.

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

February marked the end of an era; after 17 years of service Vicar Martin Wallington has retired. Please see the article on page 10. While the church wardens and the PCC search for a new vicar, services will be led by various area clergy.

Easter services are Maundy Thursday, April 9, 7.30pm; Good Friday April 10, 2pm Hour Before the Cross; Easter Sunday April 12, 9.30am Communion Service. Family Service is on May 31, 9.30am. Holiday Messy Tuesdays are on April 14 and May 26. Family Breakfast dates are April 4 and May 2, 9.30am at St Mary's followed by Dresses Workshop. Book at <https://ybother2535.wixsite.com/website>

Ongoing regular services are Sunday Communion at 9.30am at St Paul's Church with Sunday Club for children in the hall. A shorter Friday Communion Service with lunch is at midday during term time in St Mary's, Glory Mill Lane, Wooburn. All ages are welcome. For church/hall hire or details of activities contact stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com, or call 01628 525512, or the vicarage on 01628 521209. Facebook: St-Pauls Wooburn or visit: <http://www.stpaulswooburn.org>



St Mark's Church

With so much going on in our world at present the church is a place of solace where we meet to encourage and support one another. Do join us.

Sunday worship with Holy Communion is at 10.30am every week except the second Sunday when Pathway, our family-friendly service, takes place in a relaxed atmosphere. Suitable for both children and adults it lasts just 45 minutes. For those who prefer, there is a quiet reflective service of Holy Communion at 8am for half an hour.

Our popular Monday Café is in the hall, 10am-midday. Our baby and toddler group Puffins meets every Wednesday 10-11.30am, a great way to enjoy conversation while the children play. Join us Thursday at 12.30pm for Holy Communion followed by a simple lunch.

During Lent our Bible study and home group has studied the writings of C S Lewis, including *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*: an entertaining but thought-provoking course.

Holy Week activities include a Poverty Lunch to raise funds for our local foodbank on Tuesday April 7, 12.30pm; Messy Easter for families on Saturday April 11, 3pm; and of course our Easter Day service at 10.30am when there is an Easter egg hunt for the children. For full details of events see posters and our Facebook page.

A Quiz Supper is on Friday April 3 at 7pm. Form your own team or come and join in. Tickets (£12)



from Jane 01628 810590 or cottrelljane@hotmail.com.

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St John the Baptist Church, Little Marlow

A new book *History and Contents of the Church of St John the Baptist Little Marlow* is the culmination of two years' work by church recorders from the Arts Society.

A musical evening on April 3 at 7.30pm is *Concert and Canapés*, with Lili Vanryne, harpist, and Helen Massey, soprano. For tickets (£8, under-16s £2, in aid of Wycombe Homeless Connection) contact Jeff Smith 07775 957090 or Jeffrey.smith@4u-team.org

A bat walk and moth study led by Marlow Wildlife Group starts at the church at 7.30pm on May 22. Details from Wendy Osborn on 01628 525336.

During Easter Week a service of evening prayer is at Little Marlow on Tuesday April 7, 8pm. The three-hour service on Good Friday is at All Saints' Marlow at midday. On Easter Day a family Communion Service at 11am is followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

The family service on May 24 is Rogation Sunday and it will take place in and around the village of Little Marlow to bless our community. We did this last year and it was enjoyed by all who took part.

June 20 and 21 will be our Patronal Festival weekend when the church will be decorated with flowers and teas served, ending with Songs of Praise at 6pm on the Sunday.

St Nicholas' Church

Spring is a beautiful time at Hedsor. Holy Week starts with a family service on Palm Sunday, a Taize service is on Monday April 6 at 7pm, and a reflective Good Friday service at 11.30am.

On Easter Saturday our Service of Light at 7pm is a really beautiful and meaningful service, when the new light from the brazier is brought into the church with the dramatic entrance of the choir.

On Easter morning at 6am our Sunrise Service is followed by tea, coffee and hot cross buns. The brazier will be there for warmth. For those who find this rather early, our Easter Morning Service is at 9am followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children

Our children will be enjoying their cabin in the woods. Parents, do bring the children to Hedsor as they love being on top of the hill on a Sunday morning at 9am, and you can enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the church.

Pathway, our all age family service, is on the second Sunday of each month at 9am. Holy Communion is on all other Sundays. A 30-minute Meditation is each Wednesday at 1.20pm for 1.30pm. Our regular service is at 9am every Sunday and we very much look forward to welcoming you.

Bourne End Quaker Meeting

A Quaker Meeting for Worship takes place 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 in any Quaker meeting. We chat briefly over tea and coffee after the meeting. For more information visit www.caqm.org.uk



PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR CHURCH ABOUT CANCELLATIONS

OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

**STOP PRESS: PLEASE
CHECK WITH THE GROUPS
IF EVENTS YOU HOPE TO
ATTEND ARE STILL
RUNNING.**

1st Bourne End Scouts

This term both Beaver colonies have welcomed new leaders; fabulous parents who have stepped up to volunteer. The Beavers have been learning new skills, such as tying knots in strawberry laces, scarf rolling and how to light a candle safely.

Another popular event was Lego night which resulted in many imaginative flying machines.

Chinese New Year was celebrated by making dragon puppets, and they enjoyed a sleepover at the Scout Hut.

The Cubs were visited by some Police Community Support Officers who provided useful information about staying safe online, as well as showing the Cubs around a police car.

The Scouts became more environmentally aware with a project to upcycle clothes culminating in a fashion show, as well as producing sock monkeys.

They have also practised their navigation and mapping skills. They enjoyed haggis on Burns Night and pancake making followed by pancake racing.

While the rest of us were recovering from Storm Ciara and preparing for Storm Dennis, 1st Bourne End were setting up camp for the legendary Feb Freezer. This winter camping trip was well attended by the Scouts and good fun was had by all.

It was a bit muddy, wet and windy but to Scouts that's a walk in the park. Activities included gyro copter, bungee run, high ropes, zip wires, archery and rifle shooting.

The Scout leaders did an awesome job of running the camp and cooking the most amazing food.

They are now busy planning for an international trip in July to Holland with two other Scout groups.

1st Bourne End Scout Group is a fantastic group and are always on the lookout for new leaders. Perhaps you have been a leader or a scout in a past life? Or maybe you have never even been in a scout hut but are enthusiastic to volunteer? Then we need YOU. We have roles to fit everyone. To find out more, please contact Sam Samuel (AGSL) on 07767 617581 or email besg.agsl@gmail.com.

1st Wooburn Scouts

The Beavers section takes children from the age of six, providing a great foundation for learning the scouting skills that they will develop as they work through the group.

This term the Beaver Colony has made bug hotels, done bowling in the dark, and made armpit fudge and bum sandwiches, which are all a fun way of learning key skills that build the youngsters' own abilities and independence.

Later this term the Beavers will go on a joint activity weekend camping with the Cub pack

when they can try out activities such as crate stacking and obstacle courses. Of course, it wouldn't be a scout camp without a camp fire (and no doubt a marshmallow or two). All the Scouting activities are led by our brilliant volunteer team who give their time to shape the scouting adventure of so many youngsters. Full training is given and being an adult volunteer is often as much fun as it is for the children.

We are currently looking for adults to join our Beaver leader team. Don't worry if you can't commit to coming every week - we are happy to job share. To find out more or give it a try, email wooburngreenesl@gmail.com.

Bucks Family History Society

Members meet in the Eghams Room at the community centre on the second Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm. Help is always provided for people who feel they would like to start a family history or continue with more extensive research. Come and meet us - you will be very welcome.

On Tuesday April 14 Judith Hill talks about *The Victorian Servant Problem*. Her subject covers the misdemeanours and misdoings of unruly servants which were debated in middle-class periodicals and household manuals. But was there a large 'servant problem' in the Victorian period?

Then on May 12 Alan Ruston's subject is postmen, customs officers and others of that ilk. Alan guides members on the way to find that interesting ancestor and to examine the life that they may have lived in dangerous and uncertain times.

Visitors are always welcome to hear a particular speaker and we ask for a donation of £4 to club funds. Members pay £2. Visit our website at www.bfhs.org.uk

Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

We are thrilled to announce that we are opening our doors and looking for new members! If you are passionate about peonies, obsessive about orchids and fanatical about freesias, then we would love you to join our community!

At the present time, our floral community is very much 'online' due to the restrictions on social gatherings, however we really want to encourage as many people as we can to join us. If you are user of Facebook, then you can follow us on @BourneEndFAS - we are posting messages every day to keep our community together and to make sure we stay in contact.

We normally meet up on the first Tuesday of every month to celebrate our passion of all things flower arranging. We run inspirational floristry demonstrations from leading names in the industry where you can also have the opportunity to take home the arrangements you have seen being created!

Whether you already enjoy flower arranging or are looking for an opportunity to learn a new craft and meet new people, then joining our floral community is perfect for you. Contact us on liz790@btinternet.org or 01628 476641.

RNLI South Bucks & Thames branch

We recently awarded a Certificate of Thanks to the management and staff of The Walnut Tree in Bourne End. Chris, with 30 years experience in the hotel and restaurant business, is the chef/proprietor and with his wife Grace they serve high quality food and wine.

The Walnut Tree is a big supporter of the RNLI and aside from the lifeboat donation box, the management make a significant donation to the charity annually in connection with The Lifeboat Supper each autumn.

Our picture shows Grace on the left, David Whittaker (RNLI volunteer) and Chris on the right.



We reported a great result for 2019, raising £22,885, a 12% increase on 2018. They thank the public and all their supporters for a job well done, a great result in a turbulent year.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the formation of the Bourne End & District branch of the RNLI (see page 14).

At the inauguration in 1970 it was decided to charge members a subscription of 4 shillings per annum, 20 pence in new money! We plan a few events later this year to mark this milestone.

Our collection schedule kicked off in March. The branch AGM would have taken place on Thursday April 2 at 7.30pm at the Small Hall, Bourne End Community Centre, but will now be rescheduled for later in the year.

Bourne End Horticultural Society

Our speaker on April 16 will be Thomas Stone who will share his knowledge about *Roses at Mottisfont Abbey*.

We hold our annual plant sale outside Bourne End Library on Saturday May 16 from 10am to 1pm. Please come along and buy summer bedding, vegetable plants and interesting shrubs. We also welcome any plant donations.

We welcome back Andrew Babicz on Thursday May 21 for a talk on the *Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh*.

Our meetings take place at St Dunstan's Hall in Bourne End on every third Thursday of the month at 8pm. Visitors are always warmly welcomed.

For details about our friendly society contact Penny Hampson on 01628 521482 or 07747 318447 or visit our Facebook page.

Wye Valley Volunteers

We have welcomed several new volunteers already this year. Newcomers, both drivers and home visitors, are usually surprised to find what

home visitors, are usually surprised to find what interesting lives their clients have led.

Far from having failing memories, many of our oldest clients have interesting recollections from decades ago and a great willingness to chat about them. Volunteers are fascinated by the stories which make journeys and waits go quickly. Being a volunteer is not a one-way thing.

Most of our clients are of an age at which they are vulnerable. Along with everyone else we are concerned for their welfare during the spread of coronavirus and will be following government advice about meetings and outings.

We also appreciate that many of our volunteers are retired and of an age group which is deemed at higher risk and we will equally be monitoring their role.

If you would like to find out about our services and how to volunteer or if you need help from us, contact us by phone 01628 521027, by email

enquiries@wyevalleyvolunteers.org.uk or in person at the Community Volunteer Office, to the right of the community centre, which is open from 10am to midday each weekday.

Bourne End Twinning Association

Have you offered to put up someone from Octeville? Hurry, hurry! The action-packed weekend runs May 21 to 25 (Thursday pm to Monday am).

You could even share hosting with a friend. Contact us immediately to find out more. No French is required, just an open heart and a willingness to welcome and have fun together.

Twinning is for anyone in this area. Since 2002 we have been fostering links and friendships between the community of this area and that of Octeville-sur-Mer, a little town near Le Havre in Normandy. It's a load of fun, and a great way to make friends both here and in France.

At the AGM chairman Wilma Johnston Ball welcomed Jan Caddie as membership secretary, and thanked Margaret Emery and Wendy Langford who are stepping down from the committee.

Mention was made of the sad recent loss of David Barnard, a quiet but appreciated member. We were delighted to hear that three new members have joined the twinning choir, which meets fortnightly. New members are always welcome.

After supper, members enjoyed a splendid presentation of photos of the twinning event last year created by Rob DeVille (webmaster) and a video of the 75th Fête de la Libération procession during the visit to Octeville last September.

Our quiz will be on Saturday June 20 and there will be a summer afternoon tea on Saturday August 22.

If you have other ideas, please let us know, or join our friendly committee and help to make them happen.

For information about hosting, twinning events or membership, contact chairman Wilma Johnston Ball on 01628 473872, will6j@virginmedia.com or Wendy Langford on 01628 520065, langford@thamesinternet.com. Membership is still only £5pa (£10 for a family). Our website is www.bebta.co.uk and our 'twin' is Octeville-sur-Mer at www.cjo.fr

DEAR TARGET READERS

The current situation is unlike anything any of us have ever experienced.

We hope that the "worst case scenarios" which are being discussed will not occur, but inevitably many local events, group meetings, church services and social gatherings have been cancelled or postponed.

Up to going to press we were being made aware of these cancellations and changes and have endeavoured to make amendments where possible in the magazine.

But please, do check whether an event is still on before leaving your home. Most groups have websites or have contact details in *Target*.

What are the plans for Target?

We plan to produce a June/July magazine and work will start on this as soon as this issue is printed and distributed.

***Target* has been published, without a break, for 56 years and we hope it will continue for many more.**

We thank the advertisers who, even in these hard times, are sticking by us. We hope readers will stick with them and support local businesses during this struggle and in the months of recovery.

While there will not be many events for us to report on in the next issue, we would love to include more of your stories. Perhaps you're having a special birthday or anniversary while in isolation? Maybe you have cheerful stories about people helping each other?

Do send us your photos and stories and we can hopefully have lots of happy, resilient people in the next issue along with plans for future events for when the world returns to normal. Send to editor@targetmagazine.org.uk

In the meantime, stay safe and remember:

Music and singing, not cancelled

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Laughing, not cancelled

Pets, not cancelled

Hope, not cancelled

Let's embrace what we have...

*The next issue of Target will cover June and July 2020
Email editor@targetmagazine.org.uk by Monday May 4 to get your event included in the calendar. The magazine will be published on Friday May 29*

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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 Tuesday May 5. 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 – it's £2 per person. There's money and prizes to win on the night plus a rollover cash jackpot. All answers have the surname Jones.

- 1 This Welsh actress is married to Michael Douglas.
- 2 Known for her diary films.
- 3 The English lead singer of The Monkeys.
- 4 The Voice of Darth Vader.
- 5 This architect introduced the classical architecture of Rome and the Italian Renaissance to Britain. He designed the Queen's House, the Banqueting House, and the layout for Covent Garden.
- 6 The actor who played Ives in *Porridge*.
- 7 A Welsh comedian and member of the Monty Python team.
- 8 This ex *Blue Peter* presenter hosted Sunday Morning Breakfast with Caroline Flack on Heart Radio.
- 9 This British actor and former pro footballer known as a hard man on screen and on the football pitch.
- 10 The birth name of the singer and actor who played Major Celliers in the film *Merry Christmas, Mr Lawrence*.
- 11 The English singer songwriter who had a hit in the 1980's with *Where is love*.
- 12 Famous as a fictional villain character in the *Pirates of the Caribbean* feature film series.
- 13 This comedian starred in the TV series *Alas Smith and Jones*.
- 14 This American animator produced and directed most of the Looney Tunes and Merrie Melodies animated films.
- 15 This *Stella* actress co-starred in and co-wrote the British comedy *Gavin and Stacey*.
- 16 This English musician is one of the lead vocalists and guitarists in the pop-rock band McFly.
- 17 The founder and original leader of the Rolling Stones.
- 18 He was the leader/founder of American Cult – The Peoples Temple.
- 19 He 'walked in the air' when he was younger, but is now known for his TV work.
- 20 The singer who has had many hits including *What's new pussy cat?*

ANSWERS to the February/March quiz: 1 The Grapes of Wrath 2 Pavilion 3 Goliath 4 Venus and Mars 5 The Sultan of Brunei 6 David Beckham and Wayne Rooney 7 The Knights Templar 8 The Kinks and Herman's Hermits 9 Switzerland 10 The Fabulous Baker Boys 11 Lake Victoria 12 Fencing 13 The Battle Hymn of the Republic 14 The last place rider 15 DreamWorks 16 Ritz 17 Chile & Ecuador 18 Memphis 19 Chile (Puerto Toro) 20 Adidas (Adi Dassler was its founder)

The winner is: Frances Lindley, Goddington Road, Bourne End.



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