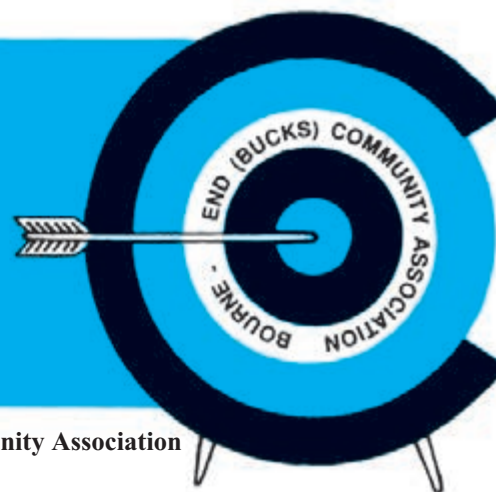




BOOSTS TO LOCAL BUSINESS AS NEW PROJECTS ARE LAUNCHED

Stylish new apartments, a top quality retail outlet, a riverside restaurant and more are among the signals which boost confidence and enthusiasm in the local community.

While restrictions and tiers have kept everyone following the rules and staying close to home there's a great deal happening in and around Bourne End.

There was great news as Renaissance Homes launched their Wharf Lane development of 21 luxury apartments. Then there's a boost for the outdoor/action enthusiasts as Emmett & Stone opened a huge shop at Little Marlow while, down alongside the River Thames, a new tapas bar is planned for the too-long vacant marina site.

It's all encouraging for everyone at a time when some businesses are forced to close, staff are still being furloughed and the future looks far from exciting. Seeing this faith in our community must make people feel happier about the future.

Renaissance Homes showed their community spirit by pledging support for *Target* magazine with whole page advertisements in both the last issue and this February/March edition.

Some of their apartments are already occupied and new residents are finding out more about their new home.

A stroll outdoors takes them down to the banks of the River Thames and a river view that is undoubtedly one of the best. Close to home are a wide range of shops, a choice of supermarkets, garages, library, community



Emmett & Stone staff at the new Little Marlow store. From left to right, Ryan Emmett, Katie Herbert, Sam Paine, Helen Nicholson, Corrine Morris and Tony Stone

centre with a cinema, churches and doctors surgeries.

A bonus for these new residents must be moving in at a time when the village centre looked sparkling, colourful and completely individual with a long array of personally designed Christmas lights.

With spring ahead their move must be one of the best they have ever made. Hopefully they will be encouraged to recommend Wharf Lane apartments to others.

It's taken a long time in construction but Emmett & Stone Country Sports at Little Marlow opened with a 'fanfare and bells' only to close soon after because of Tier 4 restrictions.

Their range for the sporting enthusiast

includes clothing and boots for all manner of outdoor pursuits with the knowledgeable staff willing to help. A huge car park in front of the shop makes it an easy place to visit.

The new tapas restaurant at the marina will be called Corazon del Rio. That translates to Heart of the River. Hopefully Tiers will be relaxed so river users, along with diners from around the villages, will be able to enjoy the wide range of tastes and flavours being created for this fabulous location that has been refurbished for alfresco dining.

And, if you didn't notice, those large white temporary structures down at Little Marlow are, we hear, a set for the new Disney+ series, *Star Wars: Andor* due to be released in 2022.

See page 32 for more on this. Information is hard to find and 'no-one is talking' but there have been light hearted suggestions that the site should now be called Spade Oakwood or Little Marlowville.



Juniper Hill School pupils Ronnie Gogol, 4, and Maddie Baker, 5, helped with the virtual ribbon cutting to welcome a very special storybook bench to their library. See the full story page 30



Lily Davidson switches on her 2020 Christmas light with lights organiser Nick Pink. See more page 4



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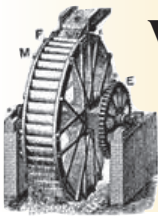
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TARGET COMPETITION (page 40)

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WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Margaret Amos
Secretary to the Association

A poignant moment as I create a new folder in the Wooburn Residents' Association file on my laptop entitled *Target 2021*.

I am sure we all hope our community organisations get back to more normal meetings this year. Above all we hope that all our readers stay well and in good spirits.

The association, like many organisations, has been meeting on Zoom, which is a great medium, but not the same as seeing friends at a meeting face-to-face and enjoying a bit of good old fashioned banter.

We welcomed many new faces at our November Zoom meeting. Guess why – yes you have guessed it: as mentioned in the last *Target* magazine there are strong feelings about a planning application at one of the pubs on Wooburn Green and an application for a street trading licence for a mobile takeaway along the main road by Tesco Express.

We warmly invite all Wooburn residents to our meetings. They take place on the second Monday of alternate months at 8pm. Check on our website or Facebook page for the Zoom link or venue. The next dates are: March 8 and May 10.

You will have noticed that the Christmas

lights remained on around The Green a little longer than usual. It was decided that a little ongoing 'warm winter' light display would be a good idea to keep some friendly warmth going during these challenging times.

As I have mentioned in previous editions of *Target* I am wanting to hang up my pen and notepad after 12 years as secretary to the association. No one has yet come forward to take on the role and I could not leave the post in the middle of the pandemic as I realise the secretary of the association, with all the relevant contacts to hand, is a good communication link for passing on information.

However, if there is anyone out there looking for a new challenge in 2021, I would be very pleased to hear from you. It really is not an onerous task and it is an opportunity to get to know loads of people, have some fun and contribute to the community.

Email me: margaretamos123@gmail.com and we can arrange a chat.

A reminder – If your community organisation would like to display a poster on one of the community notice boards on Wooburn Green opposite Tesco, you can email it to me and it will be displayed.

If you would like to know more about the association you can follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/wooburnresidents or take a look, at our website wooburnresidents.org

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Our pictures show Lily with her family – Mum Melanie, Dad Giles and brother Jack. Nick Pink – light organiser – helping Lily with the switch on and Lily's 2020 Christmas light.

Switch On!

Without an eager audience of hundreds there was still a good socially distanced crowd on The Parade to see Lily Davidson switch on her light for 2020.

An excited countdown set the scene before Lily 2020 lit up the night sky. It was just before Christmas on Saturday 5 December and a joyful and memorable occasion for Lily, her family, school friends from

Claytons, members of the Light Committee, Rotary Club and especially with members of Bourne End WI who had stepped forward to fund this special Bourne End light.

And Lily 2020 has shone among a long line of other special Christmas lights on The Parade. Seventeen years on from the first, individual, light design this idea has made Bourne End the

place to visit during the festive season. At a time when 'cancelled' notices were everywhere and there was no Fun Night – for all the right reasons – Lily's light said that Christmas was still happening in Bourne End.

The applause did Lily's design justice. Here was a traditional Christmas tree set in a world globe that glittered brightly against the night sky.

Let's make Bourne End shine

Back in November Nick Pink of the Fun Night Committee wrote to all of the shops and a number of businesses in the village outlining plans for a major project which would mean total refurbishment and replacement of the old Christmas lights that would see Bourne End shine for 2021.

Many of the lights in the village have been up for some years now and this year quite a bit of expense was taken up with keeping them in order to last another year. Some of these lights are older style and it is easy to see how much better LED is where it is used. An example is the tree and mistletoe on Penny's Corner which looks resplendent.

For 2021 Nick's plans would see a replacement of the wall lights and set a whole new theme in place. Needless to say this is not going to be cheap with the average light unit costing anything between £250 and £400 depending on its design. You only have to do a quick count around the village to see we are talking about a few thousand pounds.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions Nick has not been able to visit shops with many of them remaining closed. Then with Tier 4 he was not able to follow up on his letter asking for support. It is appreciated that, for whatever reason, the response so far has been disappointing. Hardly surprising as everyone in business is struggling through this time.

If the new theme is going to happen Nick needs the support of everyone; businesses, shops and members of the community. He has already written to the local authorities to try and tap into any available grants, but time will tell. If you work in a local business please try and convince your boss that supporting the village is crucial.

On the bright side, in the last year, that is the one for 2019 into 2020 there were some fantastic private donations from some of you within the community. These were so very welcome and very much appreciated - thank you. Bourne End's community has always been so responsive to appeals over the years so, again, thank you.

Shops, businesses, members of the public and visitors who

enjoy seeing what Bourne End has to offer will all see the benefit of your efforts this coming Christmas. There will be a return to a more normal life for everyone. Nick has praise for those who

have worked so hard to help those vulnerable villagers stay safe and well.

Finally Nick says: "Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year from both myself and from Bourne End Motor Company. If you can help please feel free to email me on sales@bemc.co.uk and I will let you have the Bourne End Fun Night Account details.

Pictured: Penny's Corner Christmas tree








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SMALL BUSINESS MATTERS with Sylvia Bourhill

Making use of the latest apps and cloud accounting is certainly the best way to analyse your books and forecast the future. But how good are the results?

In Britain, we can view weather forecasts which have improved to the point where a three-day forecast is quite reliable. Less reliable forecasts are provided for up to 14 days. Other countries have more stable climates and long-term forecasts can be more reliable.

In business, different enterprises also have to deal with different climates. You may provide services on a monthly long-term contract; you may depend on passing trade which ebbs and flows. The issue is how to forecast your finances to suit the circumstances. We can split current finances into three:

Fixed Costs (Overheads) – commitments such as marketing, rent, admin staff, asset depreciation. These are called fixed as they are difficult to alter in the short term. They can be forecast by careful analysis of prior expenditure.

Variables (Cost of Sales) – expenses for materials and workforce. These should be proportionate to the value of sales. In this case, they will increase or reduce to match sales. They can then be forecast by multiplying the average cost by the forecast sales.

Income (Sales) – the cash inflow depends on the value sold and the timings of payments. A reasonably accurate forecast for the sales pipeline for the next few months is crucial to a successful cash flow forecast.

Our next question is when will the effects of the Covid-19 diminish? We have a few months of uncertainty remaining before we can expect anything approaching normality. In the meantime, we still need to plan our finances.

Here are two suggested guidelines: You should make the best possible guess about the sales pipeline – both the timing of your workload and when payments will be received. You should avoid expenditure commitments which cannot be terminated if the expected sales do not materialise.

A recommendation would be that you make use of the latest available tools and advice then add in your own intuition to extrapolate your future cash flows. You need a good combination of human and mechanical processes to create the foundations for growth and prosperity.

Sylvia Bourhill

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BRIDGE PLAYER'S BIDDING QUIZ

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?

♠ K 5	W	N	E	S
♥ A Q	?			
♦ Q 9 6 4				
♣ Q 8 7 5 4				

Julian Pottage gives his answer on page 8

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If you enjoy your *Target* magazine and would like to see it continue, we ask for your support. There's an advert on page 16 explaining how you can help us by paying for your magazine.

Over the years we have gratefully received larger, one-off payments from satisfied readers and even benefitted from bequests in wills. These make all the difference.

Please consider us if your company makes a regular charitable contribution. The community association is a registered charity so you could donate to them and mark your donation for *Target*.

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A day in the life of the Parish Council, pre-Covid-19

The red light on the phone is blinking as the first person walks into the office, heralding a message. Play the message and log it on the spreadsheet for action. It's a street light in Wooburn which is flickering and this is relayed to our maintenance team to be included in their repair list. A second message reports a tree which has blown down and will be cleared by the parish groundsmen if it's a manageable size, otherwise one of the local tree surgeons will be called in to assess the situation.

The clerk is shuffling papers in readiness for a full council meeting the following evening. The agenda has been displayed three clear working days previously on the five parish noticeboards and on the website.

Members of the public can attend the meeting and may speak on any of the topics on the agenda for up to 10 minutes.

BRIDGE: Managing Trumps

The best strategy in most trump contracts is to draw trumps early to prevent your opponents ruffing your winners. But, timing is everything. Drawing all the trumps too early might prevent declarer making extra tricks by ruffing losers in the hand with the shorter trump suit (usually dummy). Once trumps have been drawn, the establishment of a long suit in dummy is another source of extra tricks.

This following hand played at Bourne End Bridge Club uses both these techniques (ruffing a loser in dummy & establishing a long suit in dummy):

♠ A872 ♥ AQ7652 ♦ 8 ♣ 86		Dealer: East Both sides vulnerable The bidding: North East South West 2♥ 1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass Pass Pass	
♠ J54 ♥ K4 ♦ K9 ♣ AQT532	N W S	♠ KQT93 ♥ 983 ♦ AT52 ♣ K	E
♠ 6 ♥ JT ♦ QJ7643 ♣ J974			

South dutifully leads the ♥. East takes stock. Two Heart losers and a Spade makes the contract somewhat tight. After North has taken his two Heart tricks, he leads his Diamond. East takes the trick in hand, carefully preserving his ♣ entry in Dummy. East plays a small trump to his Jack in Dummy, taken by North who exits with ♠. Winning in hand, East unblocks his ♠ and ruffs his last Heart in Dummy. After playing the ♠, East, mindful that the clubs are unlikely to split 3-3, (the chances are only 35%), plays a small club from Dummy. It matters not whether North ruffs because East can over-ruff. Ruffing the small Club in hand, East draws the last trumps, enters Dummy with a Diamond & plays the winning ♣. Contract made. Well managed East.

Article contributed By Bourne End Bridge Club.

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Answer to quiz on page 6

BRIDGE PLAYER'S BIDDING QUIZ

♠ K 5 W N E S
♥ A Q ?
♦ Q 9 6 4
♣ Q 8 7 5 4

1NT. With plenty of your values in your short suits, including tenace holdings, this is a much better opening than 1♠. You do not want to open and repeat a weak suit if you can help it. The 1NT opening also makes it harder for the opponents to overcall.

Julian Pottage.

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As the gavel hits the table the chairman begins the meeting. Budgets, reports, any notices from Buckinghamshire Council or other local bodies and emails from residents are discussed. The gavel descends again to declare the meeting over and informal chatter ensues. Decisions are minuted ready for the councillors and office staff to follow up.

Meanwhile, back in the office, the deputy clerk is on the phone talking to a recently bereaved resident who would like to arrange a burial in Wooburn Cemetery. This needs a sympathetic ear and Mark goes through the standard procedure for arranging an interment. It's straight forward if it's a new grave, but if it involves the re-opening of an existing plot, grave ownership must be established since only the Exclusive Rights holder has authority over it. This can be complicated when siblings and next of kin are distant, but it's a very necessary part of the preliminaries.

The councillors between them have many talents which are tapped into as they fight for the best deal for the inevitable Hollands Farm development and Neighbourhood Development Plan. The latter is in draft form and now approved for public consultation but thanks to the skillful and lengthy negotiations by the Working Party, this will register our preferred obligations up to 2033, with possible revisions in 2024.

An email to the office advises us that part of the climbing frame in Wooburn Park is broken and needs to be made safe. The groundsmen are on the case. A replacement is sourced and ordered.

Someone calls in with a pile of posters. Can they be displayed in our noticeboards? Better still, we'll put one on the website and Facebook as well.

Invoices are logged, approved by councillors at the next full council meeting and paid via BACS at the end of the following month. Quotes from suppliers are assembled with purchase orders and invoices to ensure transparency.

There's an enquiry about a memorial bench for a parishioner who loved to sit at Dinnie's Riverside. We have

a vacancy for another councillor in the Bourne End Ward and a caller asks for details of just what is entailed. An information pack is posted out giving a brief idea of life with the parish council and suggesting they attend a full council meeting before making a decision.

A resident emails in to compliment the council on how lovely the hanging baskets are looking around Wooburn Green. In the spring especially, there'll be enquiries that begin: "I'd like to go on the waiting list for an allotment at Peggs. How long will I have to wait?"

Life is never dull. We do our best to liaise with other local organisations and find solutions for any concerns people may have so everyone can feel comfortable in the beautiful area in which we live.

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On the first Sunday in November Magpie's Nest welcomed people into the community centre. Didn't it look good? Everyone obeyed the rules – lucky for the organiser Kevin and the stallholders. Then into the sudden, second, lockdown and no December Magpie's Nest. Add Tier 4 to the scenario and no January Magpies Nest.

For Kevin and others like him it's been like clutching a yoyo that swings one way and then another. OK go ahead – stop – when – or whenever – or if. Magpies Nest were lucky to come back on the right day and then unlucky to have their planned dates halted. And all those treasures are now gathering dust just waiting for luck to swing back in their direction and they can be set out for the next sale. Look out for the signs!



MEET THE MARKET TRADERS...



Refill Hub comes to Bourne End

Growing up in the 70s and 80s raised by parents from the post-war era, their 'waste not, want not' ethos was drummed into me and my siblings from the start - no meal went uneaten; no yoghurt pot went unsaved in our household. We even had washed out plastic bags hanging on the line.

Sure, back then the Squire household's minimal waste operation may have been more financially motivated and driven by that rationing spirit, but we were also a family who enjoyed nature and the great outdoors. And over time my love of nature and my despair at the widespread use of single use plastic, and its devastating impact on the environment, has given the zero waste cause a renewed sense of purpose for me.

I had dreams of opening up a refill shop 10 years ago when living overseas. However, what with moving halfway across the world, working and having children it was never the right time, until now...

I put a hold on my career in food product development at the end of 2019 to embark on the exciting new challenge of bringing a service closer to the customer. A mobile shop was the answer for me and Refill Hub was conceived.

Refill Hub is a mobile shop selling ethically sourced food, household cleaning products and toiletries, without the plastic packaging. I also stock some eco products. Simply come and visit me at the



community market, 10-1pm second Saturday of the month, bring any containers you have at home and I will fill them with the products. You pay by the gram and purchase what you need without the waste.

I work with selected suppliers to offer a range of organic and non-organic foods and many of the products are naturally vegan but I also offer some delicious vegan treats. I use suppliers who are ethically minded with sustainability, fair-trading, healthier eating and plastic reduction at the forefront of their ethos. I also ensure that no palm oil or genetically modified ingredients are used in any products.

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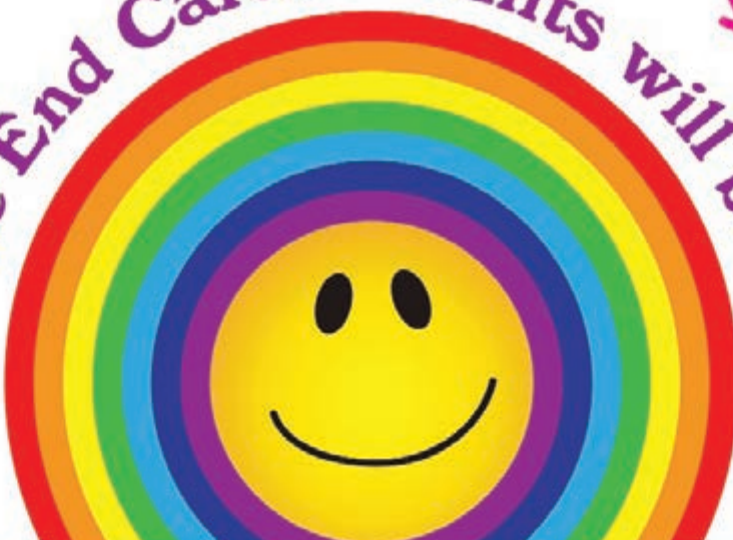
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Carol Bailey took to fund raising when her granddaughter was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes.

For her, supporting Diabetes UK was a way she could help both her family and others coping with the same health problem.

Carol became well known for her twice-yearly sales in her front garden on Blind Lane.

Over the years her persuasive manner resulted in a wide range of gifts being donated and then sold to raise funds for the charity.

2020 and Covid-19 changed all that. Carol joined other groups holding fundraising sales online and then she went one step further.

For the festive season Carol filled her front window with crackers, wrapping paper and all manner of must-have Christmassy things.

All people had to do was knock on the door,

say what they wanted and Carol served them with great delight. This was back to fundraising and Carol was in her element.

Now she is hopeful that 2021 will mean a return to the good old fundraising days.

And for Carol there was a celebration at the end of 2020. She donated her 100th pint of blood to help save lives in the future.

Being a blood donor is very important for Carol as she is aware how important every pint is to the health service.

"I'll carry on doing it for as long as I can," Carol says, "just like the fundraising for Diabetes UK."

Our picture shows Carol, happily showing off her fund raising window

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We have been lucky enough to find some amazing new staff members and our team continues to grow. We welcome new HCA Lorna, a new practice nurse Tracey, new GPs, Dr Sharp and Dr Ingham, as well as a paramedic Emma and new receptionist Pennie. In the next few months we will be welcoming a pharmacist, social prescribers, care coordinators, physicians associates and more.

Covid-19 has understandably made the year more difficult and we have been doing our utmost to provide the best service possible to the community.

Some days have been extremely busy and we have been working tirelessly to care for patients; dealing with staff sickness, shielding and increased demand.

2021 brought with it the roll out of the Covid-19 vaccination scheme in early January that we have implemented jointly with other surgeries in the area.

This was a HUGE challenge to set up and we are hopeful it will allow us all to eventually get some



normality back. Please be mindful this work is being done in addition to our usual day-to-day work and we will be learning as we go along, but we have every confidence in its success.

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Blithe Spirit is reincarnated in 2021

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This little bridge has history. In 1945 it was used as the final scene when four ghosts met together in the film of Blithe Spirit. This film was adapted from the Noel Coward play and starred Rex Harrison, Constance Cummings and Margaret Rutherford. Kay Hammond was the 'ghost' of Rex's first wife Elvira. It was a huge hit at the time and has long been considered a classic of its genre.

Light comedy, confusion, cross talk and the power of being able to bring someone from the past back to the present.

In this classic post-War movie they filmed at a large house in Denham. Then came out to Wooburn for that final bridge scene and the shots of Ms Rutherford on her bicycle.

Out now, and available to watch on Sky and Now TV, is a new version of the film starring Dan Stevens and Dame Judi Dench. Sadly not filmed locally and possibly not set to be a classic like the original.

Going back to the bridge it is worth a look as it recalls Wooburn Green's history. It provided a vital means of power in the days when countless mills ground corn later made paper and are now just a memory. Nothing remains except an occasional wall and a bright flowing clear river.



Madame Arcati (Margaret Rutherford), a local mystic, speeds her way to the evening event past The Green, Wooburn Green, Buckinghamshire. On her way she is overtaken by Dr. George Bradman (Hugh Wakefield) and his wife Violet Bradman (Joyce Carey) who have also been invited to the event.

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Sixty years of Flowerland memories...meet the action couple who made Bourne End floral

Flowers and turkeys, rowing and art – Sandra Carter reviews 60 action-packed years for Bryn and Libby Evans

Sixty years ago Bryn Evans was approached by the owner of a piece of land on Hedsor Road, Bourne End. Would he like to rent it?

The site had been run as watercress beds for decades, but a new drainage system in Bourne End had upset the natural springs and it was now unviable. Bryn took it on and over the decades turned it into the garden centre, Flowerland, which we know today.

With Bryn, it was never going to be a straight trajectory. By now 29, he had already showed himself willing to follow any interesting path that might be profitable or fun.

Leaving school at 14, Bryn seemed to have few prospects thanks to dyslexia which was little understood in the 40s. His first job was to hoe a four-acre field on a farm near Marlow, educating himself at night school so that he could read instructions on animal feed bags as he dealt with cows and then pigs.

He cycled to work in the day and to Marlow Rowing Club in the evenings, where he went for Olympic Trials in a pair in 1960. He also rowed in eights and fours in Germany, France and Holland.

Always ambitious, alongside his farming job Bryn rented an allotment to grow flowers in the summer and rear 50 turkeys for the Christmas market. He soon realised that if he cut out the middle man and cycled around to the houses himself, he would make more profit.

By the age of 20 Bryn was renting land on Hedsor Turn and running his own business, growing flowers and selling them in a shop opposite Bourne End station.

Then came the offer to rent the old cress beds, where he was soon joined by his wife Libby, a talented artist.

These four acres were full of natural springs. It was a 10-year project to reclaim the land, direct springs to a stream at the side, fill in craters and level the area. The springs were never tamed

completely and would appear from under the garden centre floor when the water table rose during extreme wet weather.

Libby recalls: "With poly-tunnels, a new greenhouse, three staff and a new wife (me), we were almost ready to open. As an artist one of my jobs was to paint Bourne End Nurseries on the side of our van, but I could only get as far as Bourne End Nurse due to small children at home."

Turkeys were a focus in the early years. "Right up until 1990 we were still rearing about 2,000 turkeys a year," Libby says. "They came from a Norfolk farm by train as day-old chicks. They would be cheeping in boxes on the platform when we collected them from Bourne End station. Our day staff became turkey pluckers in the evenings and I fed them all supper.

"Turkeys are the silliest birds. If they felt unsafe they would huddle in a corner smothering the ones underneath; any sudden noise or the fox sniffing around would cause this. Sometimes a bird would eat bits of string, getting it stuck in the crop. Bryn learnt how to do a tracheotomy with his penknife and then the bird would recover in my kitchen. They were only scrawny teenagers at that stage.

"Bryn had an idea to raise his own by keeping back a big male bird and several female birds after Christmas. He got very friendly with the male bird, caught its semen and inseminated the females. We got lots of eggs, incubated them to no avail and ate lots of omelettes."

The days of the bailiff at the door, the struggle with the land and the hard graft to create a business were finally eased in the 1970s when they put up a sales area and large greenhouse.

They also put in proper amenities. "Previously if someone had needed the loo, they were sent over the road to our house. It was usually a worker or Bryn. On one occasion I thought the person in the loo was never coming out, it must be Bryn. So I slipped a note under the door, 'Come out, the war's over', and out came a vicar."

In 1980 they bought part of a nursery at Iwer for cathedral-like greenhouses for growing plants and shrubs, followed soon after by nurseries in Windsor, West Wycombe, Reading and Surrey.

But Bryn's stroke in 2007 brought time for a rethink and their three children Hugh (a chartered accountant), Matthew (a horticulturist) and Beth (in fashion) took over.

They concentrated the business on the Flowerland centres in Bourne End and Iwer and introduced modern technology.

A year off from age 90, today Bryn still sits on board meetings and offers valuable advice. His interest in rowing remains undimmed.

Libby was a commercial artist and while supporting Bryn with the business, continued to paint, sculpt and draw for pleasure and for commissions. She still teaches art to two groups.

Their home on Hedsor Road has walls lined with a large collection of Bryn's rowing trophies and Libby's paintings – and of course a colourful garden.



Pictures from top to bottom: Bryn and Libby at home, one of Libby's cartoons of an art class in lockdown, Libby's sculpture of Bryn in their garden, a cartoon of Libby trying to help a young man stuck in a wet suit he was trying on. She says "It comes with a funny story (everything fell out)."

Left; a self portrait.





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By Jo Murray, parish clerk

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chairman of the parish council from 1975 to 1980.

In previous years, nominations have been made by Councillors and the person with the most votes has been awarded the bowl. However, we would like to cast the net widely. We are sure that there are a number of Little Marlow residents who are giving outstanding service to the community, but are just not known to them. Councillors therefore decided that we need to recruit the help of residents in finding deserving candidates.

Who do you think would be a worthy recipient of

the rose-bowl and why? Nominations must be received by Monday March 1, 2021 via email to: clerk@littlemarlowparishcouncil.org.uk

Elections – parish council – May 6, 2021

These elections were postponed from May 2019 to May 2021. If you have ever thought of becoming a parish councillor – or even if you haven't considered it before now – this is your opportunity.

The role and responsibilities of parish councils will evolve over the next few years as the new Buckinghamshire Council beds in. This is therefore a great time to join and 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.

Our current councillors live in Little Marlow village, Westhorpe, Winchbottom Lane, Fern Lane, Coldmoorholme Lane and Abbotsbrook. A number are planning to stand for re-election, but it would be really good to have candidates from all parts of the parish. Training is provided.

The deadline for the submission of nomination papers will be in early April 2021, but I would encourage you to start giving 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 in the elections in 2021.

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Here we are again in a full lockdown, who would have thought 12 months from first hearing the word Covid-19 we would be in our third national lockdown.

I, as many of us who are lucky enough to have gardens did, spent much of last time sitting outside watching the world go by. Well I say world. What I mean is the animal world as the roads and skies were eerily quiet.

Although it was nice to see lots of people out walking and cycling, it was these 'hellos' and over the fence chats that helped keep me sane.

Montague (my dog) is great, but his conversation really isn't up to much. I know it's cold and the idea of going out for a walk isn't as appealing as it was in the spring, but being out even for a short walk does refresh the soul and the 'hellos' and 'good afternoons' warm the heart.

If you do decide to go out and about, please stay on the footpaths and in the middle of footpaths, especially through crop fields as the widening of them has a cost to the farmer in lost yields. One I have seen started off at five foot and is now 25 feet wide.

The only members of my household who can't enjoy the outside at the moment are the hens. With bird flu outbreaks in various areas in England all poultry, ducks and geese must be kept inside or in pens that wild birds can't get into. So far the bird flu in the UK is not the human

strain (that would be all we need), but it can be serious with many birds already having had to be culled. So if you are like me and a backyard chicken keeper please keep them inside just for a bit longer.

Unfortunately, we have had to close the local play areas again. This decision wasn't taken lightly, but we have a duty of care to you the public and to the rangers.

We were disinfecting the play equipment every day in all five parks. But to stay open we would have to disinfect every hour and have a queuing system in place to make sure social distancing happened. Unfortunately, it was felt that we could not adhere to these regulations, so we had to close them for now.

But on a more positive note, we decided to join many of you and leave the lights on Wooburn Green up and on until Candlemas.

All the Christmas decorations have been taken down, but the tradition of Candlemas (or the Christian festival of lights) dates way back to pagan times. It is on the 2 February and marks the midpoint of winter halfway between the shortest day and the spring equinox.

I think it is quite a nice tradition and the lights do brighten up the dark evenings.

I wish everyone well and please stay safe. Let's hope by the next edition of *Target* we have no restrictions.



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As I write at the beginning of January we have all re-entered a national lockdown after a rapid move through Tiers 3 and 4 in December. Before the November lockdown we did see more hirers return and we were able to hold one screening at The New Royalty Cinema. The 22 people who attended thoroughly enjoyed *Downton Abbey*.

It was good to see a centre event being run again albeit with social distancing in place and restricted numbers. Screenings of *42nd Street* (the West End show) and *Emma* will be rescheduled when the restrictions are eased. We also managed to hold a bar quiz in the May Woollerton Hall followed by an online quiz in the run up to Christmas. CentreTalks continue online.

If you haven't tried it, Zoom is really easy to use, why not give it a try? There are details on the next page of our February and March talks, *Using Picture Postcards as a Source for Local History* and the Muddy Archaeologist talking about life in pre-volcanic eruption Pompeii – variety is the spice of life.

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Chairman's update continued

Like many businesses and small charities, the community association has been financially impacted by Covid-19. The good news is that, even though we are projecting taking a hit of around £90k in 2020 and 2021, we remain financially sound. This will mean that future investments in the community centre will have to be deferred. One short-term impact is that the office will be closed much of the time even after we move back to Tier 2 or Tier 1. This is to save on costs as much as we can.

The community centre is ready for groups to return when restrictions permit and their members will be comfortable. Although under lockdown as the new year starts, let's hope that 2021 will start to see better and people can socialise again with social distancing requirements gradually easing.

Looking forward to seeing you again.

David

Chairman, Bourne End Community Association

Community Centre Opening

While we are in national lockdown or Tier-4 the community centre office will remain closed. When the centre re-opens (Tier-3 or better) the office will only be open part-time.

Please phone 01628 522604 and leave a message or email office@bebca.org.uk

Inevitably there will be a delay in responding.



ANGLING CLUB FROM THE WATER'S EDGE

A Happy New Year to everyone. Difficult times at the moment, but we will overcome this. Just hang in there.

Bourne End Anglers managed to get out for a friendly match in December while observing social distancing at all times. We went to Royal Berkshire Fisheries. The weather was unkind once more as it is the winter. It rained and was so windy that three of the guys had broken umbrellas on the way.

The fish had decided to distance themselves like the rest of the country. Eight of us turned up and four caught a few fish. However we enjoyed the usual camaraderie that we all share with the club banter.

We will be taking our winter break for February which is fortunate as there is no fishing allowed at the moment while in another lockdown. We shall see what March brings as we have a day planned and hope things will be much better by then for everyone, with vaccines on the horizon. But we will have to wait and see. For now we all need to observe the rules to save lives.

It is with great sadness that we lost one of our older members in November. Trevor Beales was a real character and always supported the club and he will be greatly missed.

As always we are looking for new members. When everything resumes, if you fancy coming along and meeting us all while having a friendly fish, do get in touch. In the meantime stay safe and happy wishing everyone better times.

Our rejoining night is planned for May, but in these uncertain times we will have to wait and see and adjust as necessary as we did in 2020. Stay safe and tight lines. Warmest wishes.

Michele Smith, Secretary 07802 7



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Forum Players panto challenge

What a colourful display our panto pictures made in the December/January issue. What memories they recalled of great shows, frantic dress rehearsals, urging our chorus to 'SMILE' and 'SING'.

Then there were the beards that slipped, the costumes that were too large – or too small, not forgetting the dead chicken making its sudden appearance when you least expected.

Those were the days, remember them? When Forum Players made its annual pantomime a special experience for everyone.

The answers to our picture challenge are:

- 1 Aladdin 2007
- 2 Humpty Dumpty 2009
- 3 Ali Baba 2014
- 4 Puss in Boots 2005
- 5 Owl and the Pussycat 2010
- 6 Snow White 2010
- 7 Witches of Bourne End 2008
- 8 Peter Pan 2018

- 9 Wizard of Oz 2007
- 10 Tooth Fairy 2012
- 11 Witches of Bourne End 2008

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NEWSLETTER

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

WARM GREETINGS FOR 2021

We to wish all our members, families and volunteers a new beginning in 2021 and hope this will be a more enjoyable 12 months than the previous year – and with no interruptions to our many activities. At the time of writing we are still shut down, but check our website for information.



SWIMMING SECTION

Some really great news from this section. Congratulations to Andrew Partridge (pictured above) on his great achievements, and to his sister Zoe (right) who is following in his footsteps.

Andrew has kindly written his story: *I have been a part of Bourne End for about five years now. I joined the club from a local learn to swim programme and was not considered a 'sporty' child. However the club has played a major part in changing my sporting career and opportunities.*

Alongside my swimming, I also joined a local athletics club which led to me competing in a Modern Biathlon (swimming and running), reaching the National Finals. Over the past few years I added shooting and fencing and I am now part of the athlete development programme for Modern Pentathlon, a



combination of five different sports (although four for my age group, these being swimming, athletics, shooting and fencing) all being merged into one competition.

The club has been brilliant at supporting me in the swimming element of the Modern Pentathlon having the flexibility to swim up to three sessions a week or just the one depending on what other sporting commitments I have.

The coaches are able to give individual attention to helping me improve and the club offers the perfect balance of a friendly environment with competitive opportunities through local galas and club championships.

My younger sister Zoe has also joined the club over the last year and has started competing in Modern Biathlon competitions.

The club has supported her in the early stages of her club swimming by developing her technique to match her natural competitiveness. Bourne End is a great club for anyone of all ages and standards who want to swim either as a social or competitive swimmer.

Wonderful news and we wish them both continuing success.



TABLE TENNIS

During the pandemic we managed to continue periodically with the three groups on a Saturday and the Tuesday session.

Allowing for absentees due to health and safety reasons we still had

50+ players attending the sessions.

The picture above shows some of the players from our advanced group who attended Saturday December 19, prior to Tier 4 lockdown, with coach Tony Jackson.

Fourth from the left is Jason Andrei who is currently ranked 20 in the England Under 12 age group. Well done Jason.

To enable us to hold junior tournaments at the sports hall we have purchased 22 surrounds to separate the tables during play. Competitions against other clubs are scheduled for 2021 once the Government restrictions are lifted.

We are looking forward to that happening soon. If there are any budding table tennis players out there we have a few places available

50TH CELEBRATIONS

Our Gala Dinner is scheduled for Saturday 19th June 2021 - more details to follow!

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TALES FROM A BOURNE END B&B By Jenny Stacey

Jenny Stacey and her husband, Graham, ran their home in Hedsor Road as a B&B for 10 years. That phase of their lives came to an end in 2020, but Jenny has fond memories of her days as a landlady and shares more of her stories here...

In the ten years we ran the B&B a good proportion of our guests were attending weddings locally which you would think were the easiest, happiest and most stress-free guests – and generally they were but there are always exceptions.

In the early days I had a request from a groom for his bride to stay the night before, along with her parents. In my innocence I thought this would be lovely – a bride leaving from our house. Little did I know what I was letting myself in for.

All morning the house was full of people coming in and out (I had originally thought I would go out and leave them to it but there was no way I could do that as I acted as doorman and general dogsbody).

We had visits from the hairdresser, manicurist, make-up artist and florist – not to mention the photographer popping up all over the place.

The bride's father was getting very grumpy and complained that it was all too hectic ... I had to agree.

The final straw was when a couple of bridesmaids turned up with a bottle of champagne, but no glasses, so I provided these and wasn't even offered a drink.

In the end I had no choice but to leave the bride and her father to wait for their car as I had to get to the church before them as I am the resident wedding bell ringer at St Nicholas', Hedsor.

That wedding turned out to be an unusual situation, but whenever I was asked to accommodate a bride after that I was careful to ask what their plans were for the following morning.

Usually they were having their reception at Hedsor House where they would be staying after the wedding and, as they

were able to access the rooms there at 11am, along with the accompanying retinue of beauty therapists, they left us after breakfast and I never saw them again – unless I was ringing the bells of course.

One happy occasion was the day of Harry and Megan's wedding when we had a lovely family here for their son's wedding the same day.

They stayed the night before but had to be out of their rooms (we had others coming) by 10.30am. This meant, of course, that they then had nowhere to change. It was all very chaotic as we let them use our room for that purpose. They were such fun and we all drank champagne and watched the Royal Wedding together before they went off to Hedsor House for their son's. They kindly sent a huge bouquet of flowers the following week to thank us.

On another occasion a family of five from Norway came on a Saturday to attend a wedding at Cliveden on the Sunday evening.

It rained the entire weekend and, apart from going out for one meal on the Saturday, they spent all of it in their rooms getting ready. By the time we realised what was going on it was a bit late to ask them to go out and leave us in peace.

We also had one bride and groom who chose to spend their wedding night here – they were a sweet couple and, as they were the only guests, we took great pleasure in making their stay extra special.

As mentioned, the majority of guests were attending weddings at Hedsor House which isn't far as the crow flies, but definitely too far for anyone to walk so we frequently found ourselves offering lifts which we were more than happy to do (although we were careful never to offer to pick them up at the end).

One day we had agreed to take four guests to the wedding so I was rather surprised to find a stranger in the kitchen helping himself to a glass of water.

When I queried this he casually mentioned that there were a couple more outside and, as they were friends of the people staying here, he thought they could all have a lift. Perhaps he thought we were an actual taxi service.

Anyway, we did it but it meant that we had to take two cars. I made sure that this very tall stranger sat in the back of my very small Fiat 500.



Jenny bellringing at St Nicholas' Church, Hedsor. She says: "As you can see, they are quite unusual as all you can see are the eight 'sallies' (the ropes) which is an octave. The actual bells are up in the roof. I believe there is only one other church locally with the same arrangement, in Holmer Green."

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Anyone living alone, maybe with health problems, or just following the rules for the elderly, really needed a lift for Christmas. With no festive Good Neighbours Luncheon possible those at Wye Valley Volunteers had to think about what they could do to give these people a treat.

They came up with the idea of Christmas baskets packed with tasty treats, bells, red ribbon, sparkly wrapping and a plant to tend into 2021. The organising team sprang into action to make it work and provide a memorable Christmas for the vulnerable they had cared for so kindly during the year.

Volunteer drivers agreed to deliver the baskets and good wishes. Willing hands made mince pies, truffles and other treats. Baskets and boxes were found, individual Christmas greetings written inside cards, bells, red ribbon and shiny wrapping collected together for the Saturday before Christmas.

It was all systems go as an assembly line went into motion. Basket, tissue, mince pie, truffle, cakes and mints were hand picked and then brightly packed. The end result was lovely. Then the baskets went into trays, along with the plants, for the volunteer drivers to collect.

After ringing the bell it took some time for Mo Hazael to answer the door to driver Margot Barkes. Mo was thrilled with the gifts, loved the plant and happily posed for the photograph. She had Christmas plans but knew that these could change. As always Mo was full of fun and hoping to be back at the community centre when jazz is able to make a return.

Close by Ann Arton was delighted to meet Margot and said she would enjoy the treats. Her thanks and thoughts were for those who have helped through the year so she could eat well and not worry about anything. It was a very special moment when Ann smiled for the camera.

Then it was time for Margot to set off further afield with the rest of her deliveries. At the same time other members of the driver team were doing the same throughout the villages. The message was clear "Really sorry there is no Christmas Luncheon, but please enjoy a treat over the festive season".



Top row (l to r), putting the baskets together Jan Harrison, Sandra Garey and Pip Williams



Left: Ann Arton was thrilled with her delivery
Far left: Mo Hazael welcomes Margot and poses for a picture

UPDATE SOS and Wye Valley Volunteers

We continue to support our wonderful villages during Covid-19. SOS by delivering prescriptions, essential shopping, dog walking, gardening, befriending and much much more. Wye Valley Volunteers continue to provide the best possible, Covid-19 guidelines secure, medical transport and home visits. Here are just some of the highlights since the previous Target reports.

Yet again both organisations wish to thank the many volunteers who have continued to work tirelessly to ensure the elderly, isolated and vulnerable remain safe and receive crucial assistance, particularly since our area entered the latest, and strongest, restrictions.

* SOS received a Covid-19 Heroes Service Recognition Award from Rotary

* SOS continue to serve many of their 750+ customers

* Wye Valley Volunteer office remained open with a sterling group of volunteer drivers continuing to drive clients to medical appointments despite the restrictions. SOS volunteers are on standby to cover if required.

* Drivers delivered, just prior to Christmas, 57 beautiful baskets filled with cakes,

mince pies and biscuits, all hand baked by our volunteers (see story this page).

* SOS volunteers organised the delivery of a significant number of hot Christmas lunches on Christmas Day throughout the villages

* An SOS team of volunteers recently assisted as marshals on the flu jab weekends. And together with Wye Valley Volunteers are providing transport for the medical centres for Covid-19 vaccinations

* Volunteers continue befriending services by telephone and doorstep calls to isolated clients

* Poinsettias went to the NHS staff at the three surgeries and both chemists to thank them for their amazing work. Vulnerable and isolated clients also received poinsettias to provide some festive cheer

* SOS would like to thank the many local residents who kindly made donations and some of these funds received were used to purchase the poinsettias

* SOS sent text messages to all clients with mobile telephones on Christmas Day morning plus called many others just to wish them a happy day.

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Upper Thames Sailing Club By Tony Ketley

Upper Thames Sailing Club member, Jude Armstrong (13), is one of ten youngsters from across the UK given a huge boost to their sailing ambitions thanks to the John Merricks Sailing Trust.

The trust supports youngsters who display enthusiasm, drive, talent and commitment to the sport and who may not ordinarily have the opportunity or financial backing to achieve their goals.

The delighted sailors have been awarded exclusive use of their own boat for the next two years through the on-going partnership between the John Merricks Sailing Trust (JMST) and RYA OnBoard.

Launched in 2013, the JMST was set up in the memory of 1996 Olympic silver medalist, John Merricks, and it seeks to help young sailors and youth sailing organisations to achieve their goals.

Jude will receive a Topper dinghy. He says: "Having my own Topper means I can go to lots more competitions and attend area training, which I could not do before. This will help me become a better sailor, I am really looking forward to sailing my new boat – thank you!"

"I really enjoyed the RYA Regional Youth Championships at Datchet this year and last year. In two years' time I would like to join the RYA zone training squads and be competing in national and international competitions. Having my own boat will mean I can sail in more regional events."

Jude's dad Barry was diagnosed with an incurable brain tumour in April 2019. While mum Jo has been caring for Barry, Jude has continued sailing with help from family and friends. Barry sailed as a child and Jude has been keen to follow in his father's footsteps and compete nationally and internationally.

Jo says of her son: "Jude has been interested in sailing from a young child; a favourite activity was to go to



the local river and watch boats going in and out of the lock, and this interest has continued to grow. He has made the most of all opportunities to sail both through his club and when visiting his grandparents in Northern Ireland each summer.

"Jude has completed the RYA stages and this summer did Start Racing and Intermediate Racing courses through the sailing club and in Bangor while visiting family."

"We are grateful for support from the sailing club which loaned Jude a boat for events. The club runs an active youth programme with regular monthly coached sessions, fun sailing, cadet races and wider club racing. John Meadowcroft in particular has been very helpful in supporting Jude with coaching and advice. Jude would very much like to progress onto other racing and training opportunities in the region, and the boat from JMST will enable this."

The sailing club responded: "We were delighted to be able to support Jude's application. He stands out as the keenest young sailor in our group, with a steely determination to succeed, which he frequently does, winning more than half of our junior races last year."

"The lack of his own boat has been telling as we have had to restrict access to our club boat fleet to meet Covid-19 restrictions. Jude's new boat will enable him to take the next steps."

After two years in Jude's care the new boat will pass to his club for other youngsters to use. Hannah Cackle, RYA OnBoard Operations Officer, said: "We cannot thank the trust enough for continuing to support the programme. Over the next three years, £110,000 worth of funding will be going into junior sailing. This money will have a direct impact to the recipients lucky enough to be awarded a boat - they can now feel confident that they will be able to continue their progression in the sport."

"OnBoard is all about making it easier and affordable to get more young people aged 8-18 on the water regularly and that is what the JMST partnership helps us to achieve".

As OnBoard's official charity partner, the trust has so far donated 86 boats and boards with some remarkable success stories. The RYA is delighted to announce that the partnership will continue for another three years.

Run by the RYA, OnBoard is a grass roots programme which introduces sailing and windsurfing to young people aged 8 to 18, through schools, youth groups and training centres.

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The club likes to showcase what it has to offer and give our visitors the chance to experience sailing on the River Thames. Also, providing Covid-19 rules permit, Tea by the Thames, a fund raiser for the charity Sail For Cancer.

For a number of years, the club has supported this charity by opening its doors to all those who fancy a nice cup of tea and some

lovely cake. Open Day seems an appropriate time for this when the club is buzzing and there are lots of members about to talk about the club and what it offers if folks wish.

One young enthusiastic member proved himself to the John Merricks Sailing Trust who in partnership with RYA OnBoard run a scheme which promotes sailing for the 8 to 18 age group. See his story opposite. The training that the club provides for young and older members is a key factor in helping the club survive during these challenging times and long into the future.

Looking back in time into the club's history, some members have been recording and cataloguing the club's documents and photographs; quite a task but very rewarding. These documents and photographs are giving a view of how the world used to be, when sailing was a pastime for the wealthy, when the results of a Sunday afternoon's racing were reported in The Times newspaper on a Monday. How the world has changed.

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Roger Carter took his copy of Target on a favourite walk by the river at Spade Oak. He says: "Lockdown has meant lots more time to explore the wonderful countryside around Bourne End. Aren't we lucky to live where we do?"

Roger and his wife Sandra moved to Bourne End five years ago and helped set up the Bourne End & District U3A, where they are involved in several groups, including a thriving walking group - when lockdown allows. In between Covid-19 restricted walks he has kept busy writing two computer ebooks.



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We continue to go from strength to strength despite the various shades of lockdown. Over half of our interest groups are still running (full details can be found on our website – www.bourneendu3a.org.uk) and groups continue to find innovative ways of keeping in touch.

In addition to the monthly speaker we have now added a monthly quiz. At our last virtual get together 38 members competed for the quizzing crown.

Work is underway to introduce new activities and short courses to keep us engaged through to the spring.

At a national and regional level there are dozens of events and activities underway. A murder mystery event on January 21 was fully subscribed within days of being open for bookings.

It's no great surprise, because at £12 a year for membership, it's fabulous value for money. If you are no longer in full time work, then why not consider joining us to explore new ideas, skills and interests.

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Bourne End & Cookham Probus Club **By Bill Leftwich**

In this dispiriting year our committee has been meeting by Zoom and maintaining contact with all our members to ensure that they all were safe and well.

Our editor, Trevor Jones, produced a superb Christmas edition of our regular Probus Times with updates on Probus activities, articles from members on their travel anecdotes and festive jokes to raise our spirits. Trevor also organised a wildlife photography competition, with judging and prizes in the coming months.

Our new, updated Probus Club website is now up and running, thanks to current chairman, Peter Rogers. With modern design and easy to navigate, it is packed with information and photographs on our meetings, interesting talks and fun outings. Current and future members can find us on www.bourne-end-probus.org

Anyone wishing to join should contact Bill Leftwich on 01628 529647.

Bourne End WI **By Chrissy Hayes**

In January Pepe Martinez, a Blue Badge Guide, led us around Marylebone from the comfort of our homes. The colourful history of this part of London was brought to life by his pictures and commentary. The meeting was well attended, with over half our members tuning in on Zoom.

In our Book Club we are currently reading *The Salt Path* by Raynor Winn. Next month it will be *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. We like variety and these two books could not be more different. I thoroughly enjoyed both.

Our Craft and Chat Club is still going strong and huge fun. Currently we are sewing hearts as Valentine's Day is on the horizon. Heidi is sending out kits so we can all work together via our screens.

Our lively Friday afternoon coffee meetings are proving very popular. As the meetings are virtual we have to provide our own coffee and cake. A good excuse, if any were needed, to bake for the weekend.

For any information on the WI contact Wendy on bourneendwi@yahoo.com or call 01628 526309.

Little Marlow & Well End WI **By Pauline Clitheroe**

Members were reminded of the support they could expect from their WI in these unprecedented times. Committee members will continue their 'phone buddy' scheme and it is encouraging to know that even more members are joining us on the twice-monthly Zoom meetings.

At the Christmas Zoom meeting members wore festive attire and enjoyed the obligatory mince pie and drink. They were entertained by Siobhan Clarke, who has worked for Historic Royal Houses for 20 years and is based at Hampton Court. Her illustrated talk, entitled *Royal Christmas*, included the customs and fashions from pagan beginnings to the present day.

Once again the WI sewing bees have been requested to make items for a local hospital. Tote bags are required to replace the plastic bags which patients fill with their personal effects.

There was unanimous approval to purchase a copy of *The Buckinghamshire Villages Book* (which contains an entry for Little Marlow written by Barbara Wallis).

Members were made aware at the January meeting of the various scams they may inadvertently become involved in and how to avoid them and report them. The speaker, Geoffrey Pegg, recommended that members install BT Call Protect, Talk Talk Call Safe or Sky Shield to deter unwanted scam calls; that they delete their credit card details after making an online purchase; and use a different phone when checking a suspicious call.

Members were asked to submit their inheritance tracks – a piece of music they cherish and would like to bestow on future generations or just share with the members themselves. Each piece of music will be played at meetings with an explanation from the contributor.

Rotary Club of Cookham Bridge **By Terry Whall**

Cookham Bridge Rotary Club has so far contributed £5,000 to support the new Thames Hospice, recently opened in Bray. Phase 1 has been completed with the provision of £14,500 from local Rotary Clubs to cover the cost of outdoor furniture in and around the gardens.

Phase 2 has now commenced with the target of raising the total amount provided by local Rotary Clubs to £65,000. Phase 2 also includes support for the Bereavement Garden and the Family Courtyard Garden.

We were pleased to attend the Bourne End Christmas Light switch-on – something we love to support as it is a great community event, and the lights help to brighten up The Parade during the dark winter nights.

This year the event was muted with minimal attendance and social distancing, but it was worth it to see the amazing winning design by nine-year-old Lily Davidson, from Clayton's School. Lily is seen in the picture with our members, President Derek Tyler on the left and George Molyneux.

Our (Zoom) Christmas spectacular was a great success. The thespians among us put on some great shows. We continue to find plenty of Zoom activities. Talks promised for the near future include Renewable Energy, Global Sight Solutions, Butlins, and Wildlife on your Doorstep.

Bourne End & Cookham Inner Wheel **By Liz Yeeles**



We kept our wheel turning by making and selling various Christmas items, raising nearly £2,000 for our charity account. Funds were also boosted by some members offering a donation in lieu of sending Christmas cards.

Having sent our good wishes to Her Majesty on the occasion of her 73rd anniversary with Prince Philip, we received a delightful acknowledgment from Buckingham Palace.

On a more local level two members delivered Christmas cards to the residents of an 'assisted

living' accommodation in Cookham which were gratefully received (see photo).

As part of the Rotary 'family', we meet regularly (in normal times), enjoying speakers, outings and meals out together, and at the same time we raise money for national and local charities. We are a mixture of ladies from all walks of life who are keen to form friendships and foster international understanding, while encouraging the ideals of personal service. All are welcome to join us, visit www.innerwheeldistrict9.org.uk.

Bourne End & Cookham Rotary Club **by John Dunsterville**

The New Year crept around the corner, hardly noticed by all in serious lockdown: what times we do live in. But there are signs everywhere of regrowth and optimism, as the days get longer.

Now is the time, more than ever, to help those less fortunate than ourselves. All clubs and societies have been hit hard and many have 'shut up shop' for a while, and Rotary clubs are no exception in feeling the pressure, so we have been learning to Zoom, helping each other with the techie problems. Help comes from the most unexpected sources.

So why not make a point of reaching out to others? Rotary Clubs have an amazing diversity of involvement in communities locally and world-wide. In these lockdown times though it is good to remember that the old-fashioned telephone also has two ends.

How about putting pen to paper and a small note to those who sent Christmas cards? Make it a new year's resolution to stay in touch.

We extend a genuine hand of fellowship to all, whether you want to help or need to air your views. Contact John on www.beac-rotary.org.uk and see what we do at www.facebook.com/beacrotary



Spring Litter Blitz **planned**

LitterBlitz is the brainchild of Caroline and Barry Cross (Caz & Baz) set up in January 2021 to spread their passion for litter picking. Joined by Karen Savage they have set up a WhatsApp group and Facebook page LitterBlitz Bourne End & Wooburn and are hoping to have a big Spring Clean event in late spring (Covid-19 permitting). In the meantime please join in and collect litter on your daily walk. Keep safe by wearing gloves and washing your hands thoroughly afterwards. Look out for details in the April/May issue



Ronnie Gogol, 4, and Maddie Baker, 5, are both in Reception at Juniper Hill School. They helped with the virtual ribbon cutting to welcome the storybook bench to their library.

WI storybook bench finds a home

Anyone who read the issue of *Target* for April/May on the website will know that Bourne WI created a hand painted bench intended to go into the library. It was within hours of being completed with a protective coat of varnish which would have then seen it transported to its intended destination. Lockdown put paid to those plans.

After lockdown these plans had to be changed as the library could not accept the bench because of Covid-19 restrictions. Undeterred the WI set about finishing the painting and varnishing. The storybook bench was ready, but had nowhere to go. That's where Juniper Hill School stepped in and offered a temporary home in their library. It meant the children could enjoy the pictures and relate them to the books.

Its arrival was given a special assembly on Friday November 20 in front of a 100-strong Zoom audience of parents along with all the youngsters and their teachers. Headteacher Claire Garnett told everyone "Now, what is so unique and special about this bench is that it is the only one in the world! You can't buy one, no-one has a bench like this. It is what we would call a one off."

Children across the school years read excerpts from some of the books featured on the storybook bench. Then Jane Clark, who had done most of the painting assisted by her family, explained how the idea of a storybook bench had come about and the enthusiasm there was among WI members to see children enjoying the pictures – front to back – upside down – side to side.

Jane told the children that there were local landmarks on the bench including Bourne End railway bridge – not with the Marlow Donkey train rumbling over it though – can you see which train has taken its place? There's the sailing club and Spade Oak Reach – where the WI have pop-up cafes. The willow tree is there, where the WI often hang imaginatively handcrafted items.

Lastly there's the clock tower in the middle of Bourne End - can anyone guess why the clock says 7.30?

Jane told the children that the more they looked the more they would see and the more they'd be inspired to read and enjoy books. She finished with some quotes:

- *The more that you read - the more things you will know.*
- *The more that you know - the more places you'll go.* (Dr Seuss)
- *Roald Dahl's Matilda said books transported her into new worlds and introduced her to amazing people who lived exciting lives.*
- *Reading is dreaming with your eyes open.*
- *Books give us places to go when we have to stay where we are.*

Then it was time to introduce the local author who would cut the virtual ribbon on the storybook bench to mark its arrival at Juniper Hill School.

Keith Chatfield had been deputy headteacher at Juniper Hill and is also the author of stories about the character Issi Noho. He was delighted to cut the ribbon – and even brought his own scissors – before talking to the children about the joy of reading and the boost to the imagination that comes from turning every page of a good story.

Finally headteacher Claire Garnett reflected on the power of books and stories and how they enrich our lives: "Maybe one of you might become a famous author one day" she told the children. "We hope you will return to visit the school to show the children of the future how books have created the adult life you have enjoyed."

Look out for future news about the storybook bench in *Target* and Bourne End WI hope it will eventually have a more official opening ceremony when it can one day be in the children's section of Bourne End Library.

A message from Carrington Infant School

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If you would like to speak to the head teacher, Mrs Kate Cliffe, about your child joining our school, please contact the school office to book a virtual meeting Office@carrington-inf.bucks.sch.uk.

You can also see more about our school on our website <https://www.carrington-inf.bucks.sch.uk/>

We look forward to welcoming you.

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Headway South Bucks... Calling for trustees

Even though we aren't yet able to welcome our members back to our Resource Centre – we are offering support virtually through our activity sessions and 'keeping in touch' via zoom, in addition to our welfare telephone calls.

Equally, the 'behind the scenes' work of keeping the charity running, still goes on: making sure we are going to be ready to open up again as soon as it is safe; ensuring we have enough money coming in; having the most up to date processes in place, and planning what to provide for our members when they return.

As the 'behind the scene' team, we recognise that we might not have all the skills such work needs to help us come back fitter and stronger and even more resilient.

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Lockdown thoughts...

Pat Cordingley was called 'Postman Pat' for most of his adult life. Appropriate as he started work as a postman and was still part of the postal service when he retired ten years ago. Since then he has kept up the tradition by becoming a regular Target distributor and also takes bundles of magazines to other distributors from Bourne End to Little Marlow.

Pat personally delivers to Oakfield Road in Bourne End and then around his home estate at Westhorpe towards the end of Little Marlow. And he hasn't changed through the years as he greets people and their dogs with a smile – and a treat for the dogs. Occasionally he now gets referred to as 'Mr Target' instead of 'Postman Pat' but he answers to both.

As Covid-19 continued Pat found the following words when he was having a clear-out and tidy-up to keep occupied. As he read the words he thought them very appropriate for the present time and decided to send the poem to the *Target* editor to share with readers. Thank you Pat.

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A massive film set on a site at Little Marlow is believed to be for a Disney+ series *Star Wars: Andor*.

The huge production is currently being developed by Lucasfilm and is set to be released in 2022. There has been lots of Facebook speculation about the set and these photos were sent to *Target* by an eye in the sky.

Walkers near the Spade Oak nature reserve can clearly see the huge, temporary, white buildings which are believed to be the production's preparation areas and on the second photo what looks like a set.

Fans can already check out a trailer for the series on YouTube

www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXPEKJoAf90&feature=youtu.be

The series is a spy thriller starring Diego Luna, reprising his role as Cassian Andor from the film *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*.

According to the *Bucks Free Press* some Marlow nature groups have expressed concern for local wildlife because of the impact of the buildings and activity on site citing "light, noise and vibration disturbance" as worrying.

Nevertheless it is believed the film set could be here for many months and more structures, albeit temporary, will be built. What do you think about *Star Wars* on our doorstep? Email the editor with your comments editor@targetmagazine.org.uk

A MESSAGE FROM TARGET

Here we are at the beginning of February and we might, or we might not, be able to look forward to a lifting of restrictions. Patience is indeed a virtue and here at *Target* we find it difficult to be patient. So far planning each issue usually results in some events being cancelled while some advertisers have to put up 'closed' notices.

We're tempted to apologise, but we won't. *Target* will continue to provide readers with interesting stories and good reading. That's along with details of local businesses who are happy to help – if they can. When production of *Target* restarted with the August/September issue the community magazine was definitely back.

Readers were delighted to see it return. Advertisers were happy to support. Distributing volunteers pledged to get the magazine into homes – just as they have always done. Just a small contribution to creating a normal situation for everyone while keeping readers entertained. And there was unqualified support from the community association.

Target will continue the policy of providing interesting and entertaining reading. Thank you to all advertisers, volunteers and everyone who delights in getting each new copy. This is for you with grateful thanks for the phone calls, ideas for articles, willingness to set up photos in facemasks and generally support the magazine.

Special thanks to those who donate to keep the magazine going. There are so many of you that thanking each one would be impossible. A glance at the donations shows the level of support and it really is appreciated. And there is a light at the end of the tunnel. It's called a vaccine and eventually everyone can have the chance to protect themselves.

So, keep your support going. *Target* will do the same. Rules and restrictions will be – like Covid-19, just a memory. Your community magazine is for every home in Bourne End, Wooburn Green and the surrounding villages. We believe that and our aim is to keep *Target* as a big positive into 2021.

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Blast from the past found at Westfield School

Builders knocking down a wall during alterations at Westfield School in Highfield Road, Bourne End, opened up a glimpse of the past for pupils. It also inspired leaving a legacy of today for pupils at some stage in the future.

This came about during building works to add extra rooms to the site. They found a scruffy cigarette packet tucked inside some brickwork. Inside the decaying Park Lane wrapper were written three names and the date, 1964, along with two old pennies.

Intrigued, the pupils started investigating the history of the site, helped significantly by local resident Mike Ware, now Westfield deputy chair of governors but who, back in 1964, was among the first children to be taught when the school opened. They discovered that leaving a memento in the brickwork was a builders' tradition still sometimes followed today.

Mike's insights helped them understand not only what life was like as a pupil in the 60s, but also how many things had changed. Health and safety on site was certainly not what they expected, hearing Mike's tales of climbing over piles of sand and playing on diggers. They were also perplexed by the idea that a dial telephone was the only technology at the time.

From looking at the past, they turned to the future and considered what life in Bourne End could be like in 50 years' time. To help children in years to come learn more about the school in 2020 and also the extraordinary times in which they currently live, the pupils wrote letters and prepared a time capsule, including a copy of the Christmas Argos catalogue.

Now buried in new groundwork on the edge of the school site, the capsule should hopefully prove as interesting to future pupils as the little package carefully prepared when the school first opened. And if this little blast from the past were to remind someone that they were one of the building team – please get in touch with the school or with Target who would love to hear from you.

By Helen Gleave



Pupils dig to bury their 2020 time capsule and below left, their capsule and right, what the builders found



Lorraine Kelly leads the praise for village lights

On page 2 of this issue we have coverage of the latest Bourne End Christmas Light and its designer, Lily Davidson. We also have an appeal from lights organiser Nick Pink for support to make next years' lights bigger and better than ever. We thought you'd enjoy reading some of the comments we received about Bourne End's festive features and we kick these off with a lovely comment from local resident and TV favourite Lorraine Kelly...



The idea of making our beautiful Bourne End SHINE is completely brilliant and so symbolic as we all want to come out of this pandemic stronger and brighter.

Our whole family had such a warm welcome from everyone when we moved into the village just over three years ago, and we felt right at home from the very start.

So I was so delighted to be asked to switch on the Christmas Light in 2018 and to experience such a happy evening where the whole community came together and had such a lot of fun.

Nick and his team work so hard to make the celebrations extra special, especially for all the children, and it really is a magical time.

It was even better to be asked back in 2019 to do the honours again, (although it really was my little border terrier Angus who was the star of the show) and to meet up with old friends and enjoy such a good time.

Of course Christmas 2020 meant everything had to be cancelled which was really disappointing for us all, although it was lovely to see the special 2020 light in The Parade as it gave us all a feeling of normality.

I've also been so impressed and heartened at the way our community has come together and helped each other during these tough times.

Hopefully by Christmas 2021 we will all be in a much better place and unlike this year we can properly celebrate and see Bourne End lit up in style.

LORRAINE KELLY

Well like so many I am pleased to see the back of 2020 and with the vaccine being rolled out, hopefully 2021 might just have a little bit of normality to it.

While we had to cancel Late Night Shopping and Fun Night, Bourne End did have the benefit of being lit up with the Christmas Lights around the village and the children's light winner Lily managed to switch on her light in a very much downgraded ceremony.

Over Christmas and New Year the lights on the South side of The Parade have raised questions and interest on social media from visitors to Bourne End all of which have been favourable.

NICK PINK

Cookham Bridge Rotary Club were pleased to be invited to attend the Bourne End Christmas Light switch on – this is something we love to support as it is a great community event and the lights help to brighten up The Parade during the dull winter nights. This time the event had to be very muted with minimal attendance and social distancing, but it was worth it to see the amazing winning design by Lily lit up.

We are looking forward to December 2021 when hopefully we can support a more traditional Christmas Light switch on with crowds, mulled wine, hot dogs and Father Christmas.

ROTARY

It's great to see Lily's spectacular Christmas Light sparkling in The Parade.

We have experienced Christmas at our local schools then at the UK light manufacturer because of Covid-19 restrictions and the lockdown, followed by a final blow when the light went missing for three days during delivery.

However, thanks to everyone's last minute efforts, we were delighted that Lily could switch on her light watched by her family and friends.

Lily's design is a credit to her and we were so pleased to see her beautiful light shining brightly with the other children's lights from previous Christmases.

DAVID DAVIS

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River Life

with Peter Osborne



Well, we have thankfully seen the back of 2020 and look forward with hope to 2021. Having said that, over Christmas the river was in flood and now we are in lockdown three. But on a positive note, the Covid-19 vaccinations are beginning to be pumped into the arms of the population.

Knowing me I'll be last in line to get mine, I always am. When I was in the army and they issued rifles I was at the back of the queue and they issued me a broomstick as they had run out.

Also, Brexit has concluded, love it or hate it, at least we have certainty on this issue. Thankfully the Rebellion Brewery is in the UK.

I'm beginning to wonder if our maker is a boater. The boating season traditionally begins at Easter and it could be that things will begin to open up about then, fingers crossed.

The current lockdown is happening during the quieter period of the year although there is still much going on in respect of preparing boats and facilities for the forthcoming season. All these works are being conducted in Covid-safe conditions.

Personally, I have been working on a boat at a marina downstream from Windsor, due to the fact that the river does not flow through my living room.

The marina where the boat is currently based publish all the updated rules on their website/social media and change the rules immediately following any changes implemented by the government, so we know exactly what we can/cannot do.

There seems to have been activity down at Bourne End Marina. Boats are out of the water and preparations for the April opening (we hope) of the restaurant are underway. I'm looking forward to trying it.

Chaos must have been busy this winter; one aspect that frustrates him is the number of coffee cups that find their way from The Parade and deposit themselves in the marina bins and when these are full mountains appear around the bins, often to be blown away and scattered all around.

Chaos would appreciate it if the walkers/visitors to the marina please make an effort to take cups home with them to deposit in their own bin.

He welcomes people coming to the marina

and understands why people walk through in the current conditions, but he would appreciate a bit more understanding, especially when the bins are full. I must dash, just off to buy some shares in a certain coffee chain.

Marinas have been inundated with mooring requests during these troubled times and it is becoming difficult to find a mooring so it will be interesting to see what happens in April when the mooring contracts tend to renew.

I am aware that Harleyford Marina has written to all those on their waiting list that they will not be able to take anyone new in this year. I know this for a fact as I am looking to find a mooring for someone at the moment and it would appear that it's easier to travel to the moon for lunch than find a local mooring.

I hope that this is a sign that the river will become a busier place and benefit the marine industry as well as the environs such as Bourne End.

Obviously, many businesses have suffered on the river; last year we did not see the steamer *Alaska* operating. Let's hope she will be back this year and recommence some tripping days operating out of the marina. As many of you are aware she was built at the Bourne End Marina and is part of the local heritage. For further information and for private hire you can contact Peter the skipper on 07774 925323.

I recently visited Woottens Boatyard further up the reach in Cookham Dean and was surprised to see the most boats out of the water there than I have seen before.

Last year they enhanced their boat moving ability which means that they can store the boats in a more efficient manner.

Woottens specialise in building, maintaining and repairing wooden boats and offer storage over the winter months. They also offer moorings to rent.

Currently, their order book is looking very healthy. I feel that I have contributed to their repair work as I had delivered quite a few wooden boats from other marinas or homes of the owners to Woottens for maintenance and/or winter storage etc. At times it is not always easy to lock a boat on your own without a lockkeeper on duty and preserve the highly varnished woodwork.

I think I should be paid a bonus. I don't think

I did damage any varnish, but an engine packed up on me coming out for Hambleden Lock on one occasion.

Somehow I managed to get alongside the mooring for the Flowerpot some 300 yards away. I enjoyed a nice pint while the mechanic came to repair it, what a wonderful life.

It has been mentioned to me that while the river was flooding and had a strong flow, paddle boarders were seen on the water.

The river should be respected when it is red boarded and if someone enters the water it will be a struggle to get to safety and can lead to a person drowning.

It is my recommendation that you should not be on the river under red board conditions. Should you go onto the river and get into difficulties you could also put other people in danger trying to get you out. Think before you sink.

If you'd like to check the Environment Agency guidelines for using the river under Covid-19 conditions, you can follow this link for their rules:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environment-agency-waterways-coronavirus-covid-19-update>

We all hope that the lockdown rules begin to ease in time for the beginning of the boating season and the river is allowed to bustle back into life, not just for leisure usage but commercial entities as well.

I feel the closer we adhere to the rules, the faster we get the shot in the arm the sooner we can expect to get nearer to normality.

We need pubs and restaurants to reopen, boat users to be able to use their boats and get the humour back into our lives. It's a fact, the more boats get used, the more they breakdown, the more they breakdown the busier the marina becomes and the more they spend in Bourne End's retail outlets, sad but true.

Let's hope we all stay safe and can begin to turn our backs on the virus. Here's to a better 2021.

Until the next time

Peter Osborne, River Thames correspondent

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Past times

Alfred Fane

Hedsor's motoring hero

Alfred Fane Peers Agabeg was born in India, the son of a mining engineer, in 1911. As usual in those days he came back to England for his education at Harrow and Cambridge.

Alfred liked to live life to the full and his academic studies suffered as a result. While at Cambridge he proposed to Evelyn, sister of his old school friend Geoffrey Marriott. Hedsor Priory was the couple's home and his memorial stone rests in Hedsor Churchyard.

Alfred was a great sportsman listing skiing, golf, tennis, cricket and shooting among his skills. He played the saxophone and he loved to sing. He was also a keen and very talented photographer.

But motoring racing became his passion as he was interested in engines and loved the thrill that came from pitting one man's driving skills against a difficult racetrack.

In 1931 he entered the March Mountain Speed Handicap at Brooklands coming second. His next outing at Brooklands saw him win and he truly had the racing bug.

In 1932 he ordered a Fraser Nash chassis and designed his own racing body for it. Naming it 'Nurburg', he raced it that same year at the German Grand Prix.

Alfred became a shareholder in Frazer Nash in 1935 and he raced at Le Mans and at Shelsley Walsh. Obtaining race wins at Donington in 1936, he won the Bucharest Grand Prix as well as the Tourist Trophy team prize in Belfast driving a BMW 328 in the same year.

In 1937, as well as setting a number of speed records, he took on the German 328s at the Nürburgring, beating them, as well as racing the BMW 328 Mille Miglia 'Büegelfalte' at Le Mans.

In 1938, again he raced a 328 in the Mille Miglia winning the two litre class. He also set the fastest time on the Grossglockner hillclimb and won at Crystal Palace.

When World War II broke out he became a member of the RAF Volunteer Reserve, however this debonair individual was considered too old to be a fighter pilot and so, after a time on the ground and as a flying instructor, he became a pilot in the Photographic Reconnaissance Unit at Benson in Oxfordshire.

It was Alfred Fane who discovered the location of Tirpitz in January 1942 earning him praise from the highest level. In his words: "I saw something like a ship hidden in the shadow at the far end of the fiord. Thought it must be a small island, but better make sure. I rolled on my side to have a good look and remember saying out loud: "My God I believe I've found it."

Alfred continued to fly reconnaissance and photograph situations that proved to

be of benefit to the war effort. He enjoyed the skill of combining flying with photography after initially seeking out hiding places that could be used by the enemy.

He never lost his energy and the great sense of achievement when he found, and photographed, an enemy battleship.

Living at Hedsor Priory was just a drive away from Benson and perfectly situated so he could escape from the war effort before he was asked to fly, and photograph, again.

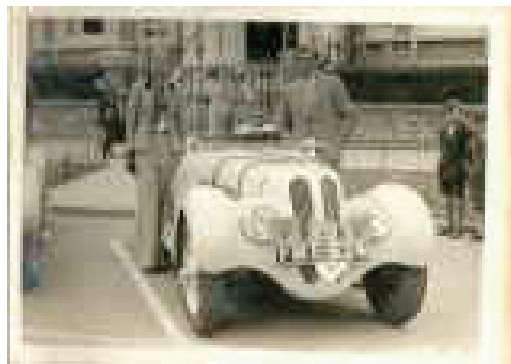
As Flight Lieutenant Alfred Fane continued with the Photographic Reconnaissance Unit, successfully photographing the Tirpitz again on the 28 March 1942.

He happily instructed other airmen and his skills became vitally important for the unit. Today his flying diary is in the Imperial War Museum.

On the 18 July 1942 he was tasked with photographing the U-Boat yards at Flensburg, however he encountered bad weather en route and aborted. He landed his Spitfire BP921 at RAF Coltishall, but keen to return to Benson he took off again into low cloud.

Following the railway line at extreme low level Alfred searched for a suitable place to put down, knowing he was in the immediate vicinity of RAF Duxford.

With the weather



worsening he lowered the landing gear and turned towards a large field next to the railway line.

Sadly his wingtip clipped a telegraph pole and his Spitfire crashed into the side of the railway embankment near Great Shelford railway station just south of Cambridge.

Although the crash threw him clear of the wreckage, the impact killed him instantly.



He had flown 25 operational missions over enemy territory and had totalled 98 hours and 50 minutes of operational flying time.

Following his cremation his ashes were scattered in the grounds of Hedsor Priory.

His widow Evelyn commissioned a stone seat to be designed and placed there.

When she moved away Evelyn returned each year to check on the seat and organise any maintenance.

With her death it was decided to move the seat to one of Alfred Fane's favoured motoring locations at Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb in Worcestershire in 1992.

Shelsley Walsh is the oldest motorsport location in the world and Alfred Fane's stone seat sits there – at the bottom of the S bend.

His memorial stone is in the churchyard at St Nicholas' Church at Hedsor.

Grateful thanks to Chris Chacksfield for this article and for inspiring further research into this all round action man, pilot and photographer, who made Hedsor his home.

Our pictures show Alfred in uniform (probably taken at Hedsor) and Alfred the sportsman

OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

Saint Dunstan's Church

Christmas celebrations started early on Christmas Eve with the children doing Bible readings about the Nativity.

A few families were in attendance, and this was also live streamed so that everyone could get into the Christmas spirit to welcome and celebrate the birth of Jesus. This was followed by a Children's Mass.

Given the number of limitations due to social distancing, we added an extra Mass on Christmas Day, and also streamed the Mass to the church hall to allow more people to attend due to the encouraging number of online bookings received ahead of time.

Our Giving Tree was once again overwhelmingly successful with parishioners contributing biscuits, chocolates and boxes of sweets which were distributed to those in less fortunate circumstances.

The One Can Trust kept tummies full this Christmas and continues to be very generously supported every week.

Registrations for Confirmation classes have opened. This will start with a revised programme to cater for online sessions that will include learning the fundamentals of the Catholic Faith and online gatherings with other candidates across the diocese with programmes linked to the Diocese Youth Ministry NYMO <https://nymo.org/>

Last year, the Catholic Church in England and Wales launched 'The God Who Speaks: The Year of the Word' in partnership with the Bible Society.

Due to the pandemic and restrictions on community gatherings, many of the events had to be cancelled or postponed. However, due to the enthusiastic response to the online material at <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk> it was decided to extend it through 2021.

St John the Baptist Church, Little Marlow

At the time of writing we are unsure what the next few weeks hold for us, and are having to rethink again how we continue reaching out to all our congregation and beyond.

Our 'tech team' had a lot of practice over Christmas, with an online interactive children's service, a Midnight Eucharist and an I I am family Communion Service on Christmas Day.

They enabled all to either be there in person or take part in the service from home.

The latest advice means that the church will be closed for public worship until further notice, but a service will be streamed from the church.

Please look at our website 4u-team.org, scroll down to St John the Baptist and go to calendar to see the service information.

Also 4u-team.org/smallgroups to see the spring groups open to all, Bible study, Lent courses, Alpha courses and much more.

If you need someone to talk to or any other support please contact 07775 957090 or 07985 619780 and we will try and help or put you in touch with someone who can.

Or see peace4u-team.org and a member of the

clergy or pastoral care team will contact you.

By the time the next issue of *Target* is published we will be looking forward to spring, longer days and better news worldwide and of course Easter and the hope that brings.

Cores End United Reformed Church

Working with Trinity Church High Wycombe, we continue to offer Sunday worship online, streamed at 10.30am and available then or anytime later on the joint youtube channel at bit.ly/coresendurc.

We are very grateful for the technical team there for all their hard work.

Christmas was celebrated both online and in church, but with the move into Tier 4 and the spike in coronavirus cases it was decided to suspend the midday Sunday prayer service in church in January. We hope to restart this when appropriate.

At Christmas church members distributed a host of knitted angels and bells (containing chocolates) to people who were isolated and housebound. We want very much to support people who are feeling sad or lonely or anxious at this difficult time, and requests for prayer are very welcome.

Our fundraising for charity was more

challenging this Christmas. We were able to raise funds to purchase toys that were then taken to local children and families in real difficulty at present.

We also collected for Christian Aid's work across the world and sold a quiz in aid of Commitment for Life projects in the Palestinian territories. Collections of produce for the One Can Trust Foodbank have also continued.

We hope to get back out on 'the Meadow' – the church's Eco Project nature area – in March to plant some hedging and to prepare for the gateway into the area and we are grateful to all who have been supporting our efforts there.

Lent begins on February 17, a season of preparation for Easter (on Sunday April 4). That will be a time of real celebration and joy, whatever form it takes.

St Paul's and St Mary's Church Wooburn

After prayerful consideration and taking external advice, we have suspended public worship and private prayer at St Paul's until February 17 in line with the latest national lockdown.

We will continue with our weekly service sheet which can be found on our website <https://www.stpaulswooburn.org>, where there will also be Bible stories from our Sunday Club. Please keep an eye out on our website or Facebook page 'St Paul's with St Mary's Wooburn' for up-to-date details of changes.

Our Wednesday evening Zoom prayer service is continuing. Please enquire with the office (stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com) for access.



We are delighted to announce that a new vicar has been selected. Paul Cudby and his wife Alison come to us from Tanworth in Arden, a rural outpost of Birmingham diocese. He should be with us to celebrate Easter.

Parishes of Hedsor and Bourne End

In the light of the current Covid-19 infection rate we have taken the decision not to meet in our buildings for the time being. However Online Church takes place 10am every Sunday morning on YouTube and can be found at Parishes of Hedsor and Bourne End.

We are very blessed to be able to meet in this way. Do check out our facebook page for the link each week that takes you direct to the service or subscribe to be notified when we go live.

The theme each week takes on a very topical flavour and children are encouraged to participate in some way. Our midweek Communion service is every Thursday at 12.30pm on Zoom and provides a lovely time to catch up and share stories with each other.

While meeting online our healing and wholeness service takes place on the fourth Sunday monthly within the Communion service. No doubt there will be a Lent course on Zoom, details will be posted on facebook and on our website.

We recently secured additional funding for rebuilding the church hall and would like to press on with this. If you have project management skills or work in the building trade we would love to hear from you.

For information about baptism, weddings or funerals please contact the Rev Janet Binns 01628 523046 or our Administrator Sue Smithin admin@parishesofhedsorandbourneend.co.uk. For hall hire and information contact Glen Binns glenbinns@gmail.com.

The Community Church

As we journey through our third national lockdown The Community Church is working hard to support households who need additional help at this time.

We are providing food parcels (Boxes of Hope) to local families and have been partnering with local schools to ensure children have the devices they need to access online learning.

If you need additional support at this time, be that a friendly chat, food provision or prayer support, we're here to help so don't hesitate to contact office@thecomunitychurch.online. If you'd like to financially contribute to help support local families, you can do this at <https://thecomunitychurch.online/give/>

For further information about the church go to <https://thecomunitychurch.online/>

Bourne End Quaker Meeting

A Quaker Meeting for Worship usually 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 after the meeting. We hope to be back for March but check our website www.caqm.org.uk



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OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

Bourne End Film Makers

Like most people, club members have been meeting online only. Film production has not proved possible and now that there is a second strain of the Covid-19 virus more restrictions rather than fewer are likely at the time of writing.

As a result, estimates of when we might return to normality have had to be revised and now appear to rest on how quickly the population can be vaccinated. The planned increase in mass testing will also help.

Meanwhile we have scripts for three short films and are looking forward to putting them into production as soon as possible.

Should you be interested in any aspect of film production, including script writing, make-up, planning, storyboarding, please contact Geoff Bourne 07943 350 398 or Vidas Kalibatas 07521 408 161. We would love to hear from you.

Marlow & Maidenhead Passenger Association

We are pleased to report that the track between Bourne End and Marlow was successfully relaid in November, hopefully making journeys to Marlow much smoother.

RNLI South Bucks and Thames Branch

Unsurprisingly we are massively down on last year's income (at just over £6,500) having conducted no more than a couple of minor collections through the year.

Given that by this time in 2019 we had collected over £22,000, you don't need me to do the maths to indicate the effect that Covid-19 has had on contributions to the RNLI.

That said we were fortunate to receive a significant sum as an In Memoriam donation from a family member of one of our supporters as well as some very welcome donations from various members, their families and friends. Thank you to all of those.

In addition, we also sold £896.50 worth of Christmas cards and calendars. We also ran two collections, one in High Wycombe town centre in June and the other at Flowerland in Bourne End, as much to test the reaction of the public to our shaking buckets as to try out our new contactless terminal for cashless donations. I'm happy to say both were really well supported.

In both locations all collectors were fully masked or visored up, had sanitiser visibly on hand to clean buckets and maintained a full two metre social distance by placing buckets on small tables bought for the purpose. Our collection run rate matched our usual performance and the reaction of the public was 'good to see you lot again', rather than 'what are you doing here?' At Flowerland more than 20 per cent of our take was contactless.

The RNLI is some £31 million in a hole from Covid-19 preventing revenue raising while maintaining the service throughout the

year. Ironically summer 2020 was one of our busiest as most of us didn't travel overseas and proportionately got into trouble in our coastal and inland waters.

We've been wondering how we can make up what we lost for the service this year and we're going for it big time.

In brief we plan to launch a campaign to get 1,000 paddlers – that's kayakers – to paddle the 6.5 miles from Cookham Bridge to Marlow Lock lower entry and back.

That would take us the 3,240 miles across the Atlantic from Bourne End to Boston and back and if every one of them raises £100 in sponsorship it would raise £100,000 to help fill the financial hole we're in.

We've formed a partnership with Longridge on Thames to provide kayaks, personal equipment and launch/landing facilities and we'll be looking for lots of support both running the event, which will start in April – Covid-19 restrictions allowing – and with recruitment of paddlers and fundraising which will start in January.

The RNLI corporate support us in this and we hope to make a big, metaphorical, splash with it. We'll be asking for lots of help in our usual two person shifts, but this time to help out with kayak launch and landings from Longridge through the summer and in fundraising and sponsorship.

If you want to paddle the course then you are of course welcome; £25 entry fee to cover all kit, boats, training and on the day support, plus £100 or more in sponsorship. Please do tell all your friends about this.

A new website page for further information www.rnli.org.uk/rowtheatlantic is coming soon.

We'd like to wish a massive happy 18th birthday to Luke Jenkins (right). Luke never misses an opportunity to raise funds and awareness of the RNLI.

His mother Aisling bought RNLI Christmas cards, diaries and calendars that Luke distributed to his friends to raise awareness of the charity. Luke has a lifeboat awareness project going well and he recently had a plug from Marlow FM. This awareness created much interest and subsequently the RNLI received donations along with increased sales. Saying thank you is never enough for such a kind, inspirational young person.



Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association

This year many French families were unable to share the Galette des Rois (Galette Parisienne) around January 6 to end the Christmas festivities. Our Galette Afternoon was also a casualty of the pandemic, but you can enjoy the frangipane pie whenever you like, so there's a recipe below. Do send us a photo if you have a go!

We have a 17-year history of fostering links and friendships between the Bourne End area and Ouveville-sur-Mer (a little town near Le Havre in Normandy), and no pandemic is going to stop that.

Could you help your French friends get through this hard time? Contacts are greatly appreciated, whether by email, card, or phone call. If you are not yet a member, phone Wilma or Wendy for details and join now to keep up with the news. (See below.)

We plan to hold our AGM on Saturday March 6 by one means or another; and subject to conditions at the time, the long weekend of fun and friendship hosting our Ouveville friends is on Thursday June 4 to Monday June 8.

For information contact Chairman Wilma Johnston Ball on 01628 473872, will6j@virginmedia.com or Wendy Langford 01628 520065, langford@thamesinternet.com

Our £5pa membership (£10 for a family) covers information on all events. Our website is www.bebta.co.uk and our twin is Ouveville-sur-Mer, Normandy, at www.cjo.fr



RECIPÉ Galette des Rois (Galette parisienne)

You need: 100g ground almonds, 1 lightly-beaten egg, 60g melted

butter, 60g caster sugar, 1 tsp kirsch (optional). Combine these smoothly and leave to cool in fridge (if you cannot eat nuts, fill with thinly-sliced dessert apples.)

500-600g ready-made puff pastry, 1 lightly-beaten egg for sealing and glazing (If using ready-rolled pastry, you could make a non-traditional rectangle, but trim the corners to avoid a large chunk of unfilled pastry.)

Method:

* Divide and roll out into 2 identical circles.

Place one on a baking tray. Spread on the cooled filling, leaving a 1cm border.

Paint border with egg.

* Add the second disc of pastry, sealing down the edges very thoroughly (the almond cream will try to escape), curling them up and making little cuts into them.

* With a serrated knife make diagonal cuts across the top in two directions to create the traditional lozenge pattern, but not too deep (again, to prevent filling leaking out). Make 2-3 holes for steam to escape. Glaze top with remaining egg mixture.

* Cook 35-40 minutes, Gas Mk 6/170°C (fan oven)/180°C till golden. Eat warm or cold. Bon appétit!

This frangipane pie, usually from the bakery, is enjoyed across much of France, as well as in Quebec, Switzerland and Belgium, but in the Midi (south of France) they prefer a ring-shaped cake, le Gâteau des Rois, often decorated with crystallised fruits.

Bourne End Horticultural Society

We have been forced to put all meetings and trips on hold until government guidelines allow us to resume our usual programme.

In the meantime, if you would like details concerning membership and meetings please do not hesitate to contact Penny Hampson on 01628 521482 or pennyhampson@hotmail.com or follow our Facebook page.

Bucks Family History Society

In December we had an interesting talk from Sarah Doig about *Apprentices and Guilds*. This was delivered via Zoom and online talks will continue for the next few months.

This does give an opportunity to engage speakers from further afield like Sarah.

Next talks are on February 26 when Denise Bates discusses *Newspapers as Historical Sources* and on March 26 when Laurie Page will be deciphering old wills.

These talks are free for members and our online membership is only £6pa. Membership details can be found at <https://bucksfhs.org.uk>. We are reviewing the Covid-19 situation for when we will be able to restart our monthly meetings at the community centre. This will be in April at the earliest.

Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

As I write, we are entering our third lockdown and the possibility of meeting up to see all of our amazing floral community seems even further away. However we remain positive that 'we'll meet again'.

The tentative plans we had in place for our monthly demonstrations are currently on hold in line with the government guidelines, but we continue to keep our flower arranging skills honed with the monthly Chairman's Challenge.

Our January challenge, *Looking on the bright side of life*, certainly provided us all with some much-needed colour as sunshine yellows, acid greens and dazzling whites were put to good use.

If you have yet to embrace the joy of flower arranging, but don't know how to get started, we are running a Back-to-Basics week on our Facebook page @BourneEndFAS starting on February 7.

Each day we will have an online demonstration giving you a step-by-step guide on creating different styles and how to best display them. Put the date in your diary.

If you would like to become a member please contact Val O'Brien on 07885 366202 / 01628 628758 or email Val at BourneEndFAS@hotmail.com.



A truly stunning arrangement from member Janet Atkinson for the January Chairman's Challenge

LOCKDOWN JOYS

We may not have enough events going on to fill a calendar in the issue... and we may all be feeling a little deflated, but *Target's* managing editor, Barrie Penfold, says there's still much joy to be found in lockdown...

As soon as I typed that headline I thought "how silly". What joy could there be with all the restrictions everyone is experiencing? But I've persevered because there have been things that lifted my spirits – and believe it – my spirits have been low on occasion.

For a start, I have found delivering *Target* a real joy. Because it was a week late and into December most houses had put up outside decorations with wreaths on their front doors. And every wreath was different. Big, small, natural, John Lewis splendid or ASDA regular, each one said "Hi – welcome – we're ready for Christmas". And I had to smile.

And the other outside decorations looked great and every one was different – apart from two homes with outdoor pillars where they were decorated exactly the same. Like a totem pole, but festive and round the corner from each other – I suspect that these might not appear again next year when they tire of hearing "Oh I've just seen these decorations round the corner." Maybe it was a bogof deal?

Then there were the people working from home. Instead of still, empty offices in homes, they were well lit, with computers awake and desks packed with files and paperwork. And they had a smile if you happened to catch the eye walking past. Will they still be the same for the February/March issue? They probably welcomed the arrival of *Target* as a change from buying, selling, high finance, order processing and the like.

Further joy came when people in business told you, with great delight, that they were surviving and helping others to survive. If they needed something a phone call produced someone who had just the thing. So the money moved around, stayed in the business and kept everyone happy. This tale was told with a smile so you knew, suddenly, that they really had something to smile about.

Talking *Target*, and I frequently talk *Target*, it was great to hear that the magazine printers had worked right the way through and had been kept busy. Maybe some of the work was for Covid-19 requirements, but they wouldn't have been able to say 'yes' to jobs if they hadn't been open and ready for business. Thank you for producing *Target* which keeps our community informed and together.

One joy that hasn't been invented yet is the magic facemask that appears, miraculously, in your hand when you realise that yours is neither in your bag, pocket or actually on your face. And maybe one that says 'look at my happy eyes and ignore the facemask – I am smiling'. So far, so good, on joys with, hopefully, more to come.

Ooops forgot – the joy of watching live football, just once, from the best ground in the country. That's Adams Park in High Wycombe for the uninitiated. Now in the Championship – where they had never ventured before – it is indeed a world of smiles at just being there and being able to attend a live game. Don't mention the results and the league position – everything can change before the end of the football season. But feel the joy and just smile.

BOURNE END (BUCKS) COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Membership costs and application form

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP over 18 years of age	£5
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LIFE MEMBERSHIP husband/wife/children of school age	£60
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APPLICATION FORM

Cut out and send or hand at the community centre, Wakeman Road,
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ADDRESS.....

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THE FALCON QUIZ

Set and sponsored by The Falcon Pub, Wooburn Moor

Landlady, Katie Lamb, set this quiz and generously offers a meal for two at the pub as a prize for the winner. For your chance to win, send in your answers to the questions below by email to editor@targetmagazine.org.uk (with the subject line Falcon Quiz) or write down your answers and drop them in at the community centre. Don't forget to include your contact details. The winner will be picked at random from all the correct entries on the closing date Monday March 1. Have a go... if nobody gets all the answers the winner will be the person with the most correct answers. All these clues are for types of biscuits. Good Luck!

- 1 Well off afternoon cakes and sandwiches
- 2 To talk and socialise
- 3 Holiday resort in the South of France
- 4 A type of American Whiskey
- 5 A famous Italian General, patriot and republican
- 6 Coco phalanx
- 7 Flightless, aquatic bird from the southern hemisphere
- 8 Red heads
- 9 Frozen jewels
- 10 Ficus Carica with bread buns
- 11 Vertically challenged money slang
- 12 Capital of Austria quickly going round and round
- 13 The breaking down of food in the body
- 14 Fruit preserve and a favourite fairground attraction
- 15 You need four of these to move a cart
- 16 A Sesame Street Monster loved these
- 17 Celebrate with friends in a circle
- 18 Sweet sauce with a 1966 band with Eric Clapton, Ginger Baker, Jack Bruce
- 19 Girly coloured thins
- 20 An English cathedral city with a medieval castle

ANSWERS TO THE DECEMBER/JANUARY QUIZ

1 Cinderella 2 Beauty and the beast 3 Puss in Boots 4 Snow White and the seven Dwarfs 5 Peter Pan 6 Jack and the Beanstalk 7 Dick Whittington 8 Aladdin 9 Sleeping Beauty 10 Mother Goose 11 Mary Poppins 12 Die Hard 13 Miracle on 34th Street 14 Gremlins 15 White Christmas 16 Oliver 17 The Grinch 18 Love Actually 19 Elf 20 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
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