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FIGHT AGAINST LITTER

Local teams make sterling effort to tidy up our villages

Karen Savage is known for her fight against litter. In the past she organised two litter picks and made them village events for Bourne End and Wooburn.

"I know that many people locally, and all over the country, are trying to make where they live a bit cleaner and litter free, so in January I decided to set up a Facebook group to bring like-minded people together and also encourage other villagers to join in," Karen explained to *Target*: "There was no big commitment just the common aim to pick up litter as and when you can."

Overwhelmed by the number of contacts Karen organised a litter pick on a Sunday in April. Blessed with good weather, support from Buckinghamshire Council, Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council with 140 registered volunteers the end result was 87 full bags of litter at seven locations for collection by the parish council. Some volunteers took their rubbish home to put in their own bin.

Karen was delighted to see so many youngsters joining in and parents saying that they found the experience rewarding and promising to go out regularly and collect rubbish.

Many litter pickers were thanked by the public. Some reported larger items and these have been reported on Fix My Street for collection. The villages are definitely looking better, but will soon need doing again if people continue to drop litter and throw items out of car windows.

If you would like to help keep the villages litter free, just take a bag with you next time you go for a walk and put your litter collected in your own bin, or join the growing Facebook group @Litter Picking-Bourne End & Wooburn. Karen can be contacted by email on: savage.karen@btinternet.com



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Molly celebrates her 100th birthday (page 3)



All our regular features plus clubs and groups look forward to more sociable times ahead...



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TARGET COMPETITION (page 40)

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

100 year old super star

Eileen Braybrook is a real star. Not only does she look after herself, do all her own washing – by hand – and has a fund of local memories, but she also says simply that her 100 years (celebrated on May 3) “is just a number”.

Loving the picture of Her Majesty the Queen (see page 1), Eileen reminds you that, although royal “she is just a woman, a widow and a mother.”

Eileen’s family have Bourne End going right through their veins. Eileen can take you through street names – Highfield Road where she was born and then Furlong Road where she spent her childhood. At Bourne End School Eileen will point to herself in a class photo and future husband Dennis standing behind.

Prompted by the mention of a name or a family Eileen will recall them and enjoys nothing better than to reminisce over a cuppa. Neighbours support her and

love to hear her talk about a Bourne End that revolved around Jacksons Millboard and Paper Company where everyone worked after they left school. Eileen also remembers taking the train into High Wycombe when she attended the Technical Institute there.

For Eileen and Dennis it was a wonderfully long married life of 77 years. Dennis was a Burma Star veteran having already been plucked from the beaches of Dunkirk. Dennis died in 2019 just short of celebrating his 99 years. They married in 1942. A card from granddaughter Stephanie shows Dennis in the uniform of the Royal Artillery and Eileen remembers that the date of the wedding depended on Dennis getting leave.

Eileen’s stories delight neighbours who love to call in for a chat. “A bunch of watercress for 6d (old money) for Saturday tea” is a favourite along with “walking up the footpath that has become Blind Lane” in another story. Eileen remembers that Dennis used to cycle up to inspect the bungalow that would eventually become the family home for them with daughter Paula.

Eileen’s eyesight is bad so when *Target* arrives through her door she settles down with a lighted magnifying glass and reads it cover-to-cover.

Happy with her life Eileen has memories galore, names she recalls and enjoys getting on with her regular jobs. A neighbour says “She’s an absolute joy. She always cheers me up”. That will make Eileen smile.



WRA will be back with a bang when rules permit. Look forward to seeing you then. Meanwhile follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wooburnresidents

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UPDATE by Stuart Wilson

At the time of writing this report (end of April) we are still waiting for the publication of the Development Brief for Hollands Farm by

Buckinghamshire Council. You may recall that the public consultation ran from January 6 to February 17.

There was a large number of responses from the community, which is excellent, and we would like to thank everyone who took the time to email, complete the online survey or write a letter.

Once the consultation had closed, we approached Buckinghamshire Council to request a meeting with Cllr Warren Whyte, the Cabinet Member for Planning & Enforcement, and the planning officers to discuss our response and identify any common ground. We were very disappointed to be told that it was all too late. Given that the council had not even had time to review all the responses and that there is the small matter of the planning application process to be completed, it

illustrates the blatant disregard for the views of the community. This was confirmed by the council only publishing a 'summary' of responses, so we may not see what Transport for Bucks, the Environment Agency, Thames Water or other local government bodies said about the plans.

We followed up the need for a full Transport Assessment to accompany the Development Brief and to clarify the overall Spatial Strategy, the Sustainability Appraisal and specific site numbers. We were once again rebuffed and told to address matters to our local councillors rather than bother the council planning officials. We sometimes wonder who represents or works for who!

We have also responded to the Catesby Estates's public consultation for the southern part of the Hollands Farm site.

Again, there was a flagrant disregard for due process not waiting for the Development Brief to be finalised and published. Catesby Estates subsequently published a video on their website basically pushing back on all the feedback. More recently, Capreon launched a public consultation

for Jackson's Field, the most northerly field, with the briefest amount of notice and scant detail, again without regard to due process or consideration for the Development Brief. We will be submitting our own response and actively encouraging residents to do likewise.

Finally, our online survey, completed by nearly 700 residents, categorically shows that residents do not accept this level of development and that any planning application must be made in full and for the whole site.

Buckinghamshire Council and the land promoters have repeatedly stated that planning applications will be in outline only with all matters reserved. This means that planning approval could be given with consideration of all the major issues impacting the site, notably the safety and feasibility of access points, housing density and type, flooding and SuDs, sustainability and biodiversity, and other issues.

As ever, we remain committed to be a voice for the community and really appreciate all your support. Check our website www.keepbourneendgreen.org and our Facebook group for latest information.

Singing out for singers

Choirs have kept on singing and inspiring through lockdowns, but with no live concerts they now need new voices to swell their numbers. Here's just a couple readers might be encouraged to join now that live rehearsals and concerts in front of real audiences (with social distancing) are allowed.

In Flackwell there's the Heath Singers ladies choir who have sung for enjoyment and pleasure for more than 50 years. Musical directors Jan and Paul Churchouse (pictured below) now run the choir, originally founded by Peggy Woolhouse. Renowned for regular concerts especially at Christmas they also perform on occasions



with other ensembles including brass bands and male voice choirs, and, sometimes, they invite visiting voice experts to enrich the choir experience.

Profits go to local charities, including Wycombe Hospital Scannappeal, Air Ambulance, and others. To date they have raised and donated well over £50,000. They're a sociable group and enjoy gatherings and outings as well as attending workshops arranged by professional musicians. Above all they support one another through good and not-so-good times.

Rehearsals take place during term time on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in The Methodist Church Hall at Flackwell Heath. Ladies of all ages who would like to sing soprano or alto in a friendly female choir would be welcome. There's a strong emphasis on lighter music, sung in two to four parts; the ability to read music to some extent is an advantage, though not essential.

Rehearsals have continued via zoom and they will be hosting a free, informal musical evening on Thursday, July 8 at 7.30pm in Christ Church, Chapel Road, Flackwell Heath. If you wish to attend or require further information, please contact Jan or Paul Churchouse, 01628 523611 or 07791 500479.

Slightly further afield but with singers from the local area is the male voice choir Wycombe Orpheus. Their last performance before lockdown was in their annual Young Musicians Festival in March 2020 before lockdown scuppered plans for a spectacular concert in June.

In its place came weekly Wednesday Zoom rehearsals. No substitute for real singing, but still a way to meet and keep learning new music. In September the choir resumed live rehearsals until the second lockdown meant re-zooming online.

Charity projects continued as they linked with other male choirs raising money via an online performance of the Anthem from Chess. As soon as it was allowed, the choir held its first outdoor rehearsal in April at Wycombe Museum (pictured). Despite a real feel temperature of two degrees, there was a 100% turnout as choristers couldn't wait to get back to live singing, albeit socially distanced.

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If you are not eligible you should have been contacted in mid-April. You can appeal, and there are instructions in the email you received on how to do this.

If you are no longer eligible you may be able to claim for other support: Restart Grants, Recovery Loan Scheme, Business Rates relief among them. If you needed to amend an earlier tax return that was used to calculate your eligibility to the fourth or fifth grant then please check on gov.uk for how this will affect you.

Off-Payroll Working Rules - commonly called IR35: This is the big one for contractors. If you are a contractor working for a public body through your own limited company you will already be familiar with this.

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CIS Changes: Don't forget also the new reverse charge rules for VAT if you or your customers fall into the CIS regime.

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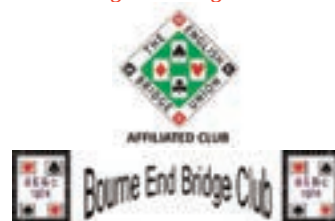
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Julian Pottage gives his answer on page 8

English Bridge is published by the English Bridge Union.



Bourne End & District

As we prepare to unlock and get ready for living, learning and laughing face to face in the near future, an up-to-date list of the many interest groups has been added to our website Bourneendu3a.org.uk

With close to 60 groups, ranging from languages, book groups, technology, visits and music, there is something for everyone.

Our membership is open to all who are not in full time work... so why not give us a go? Our monthly newsletter caused a bit of a stir recently when a member suggested pole dancing as a new activity and offered an article and photos. Minds were boggling until we realised that Maypole dancing was the topic being proposed. After all, we may be that bit older but we're always up for new experiences... and a laugh along the way.

Jane Burns

Braving the elements – and obeying the rules

Coffee morning friends in Bracken Way, Flackwell Heath, persevered through lockdown by meeting outdoors, taking their own coffee and chair, talking slightly louder to get through the social distancing and laughing. Laughing was essential.

As restrictions were removed the elements fought back. The other main essential of their outdoor coffee morning was an extra layer or two. They were undeterred, added the extra layer and still got together to hear family news, plan future events and think about a post Covid-19 world with all its implications.

Here they are now – still socially distanced and still smiling. Left to right are Jan, Pauline, Maria, Jane and Hilda.





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Open Spaces, Allotments and Burials were separate committees, but the parish hit a lean patch when potential councillors were hard to tempt into our team of volunteers.

Of necessity, the three committees were amalgamated into one which looked out for our precious open spaces, our highly prized allotments and the ongoing flow of burials.

All committees are guided by Terms of Reference. Working Parties can be set up if further detail is required, made up of councillors who can enlist the help of members of the public with expertise in the appropriate field.

Development and maintenance is planned by the councillors, ably chaired by Katie Lamb, and carried out by our groundsmen under the direction and control of the clerk. It accounts for a fair amount of time and budget spent on outdoor work. Six playgrounds, sports pitches, changing rooms and street furniture need a weather eye for repairs and replacement.

High profile places such as The Green and Wooburn Park have acres of grass to keep in trim, but there are also lots of other sites like Penny's Corner, Dinnie's Riverside and Bourne End Rec, and numerous verges and paths to look after.

Many people have lost relatives and friends to Covid-19, and new benches and trees in the park will be memorials to loved ones. The fairer sex among our readers will be delighted to know that a tree will be planted in Blind Lane Recreational Ground to commemorate the 100th birthday of Soroptimist International. Trees are always on the parish radar – we are lucky to have so many – and they are regularly surveyed, pruned and trimmed and felled if they are beyond saving.

The hanging baskets around The Green in Wooburn and The Parade in Bourne End prompt many calls throughout the summer in praise of these mini high-rise flower gardens which stay bright and colourful on the dullest day. You'll see the results of the wild flower planting programme sprinkled around the parish and our special 'thank you' to the NHS in the park.

The Community Church is organising a barbecue with bar and music in Wooburn Park in August. The toilets attached to the pavilion are ready to flush and a hands-free drinking fountain will add to public convenience and refreshment. The funfairs will be making a welcome return to The Green in July, our popular Village Show is planned for September, and the football season is extended until the end of June. Life returns to a recognisable pattern.

If you fancy a piece of the action at Peggs allotments in New Road, Bourne End, or Wooburn Town at the top of Brookfield Road, give the office a call on 01628 522827. If there are no plots available, we can contact you when one becomes free.

The council charges a nominal annual rent and the plot is yours. Plot holders are very enthusiastic about growing their own, with an eye on the main chance of winning the allotment competition each summer, judged by the councillors.

As well as sharing seeds, advice and top tips, they're a sociable group of like-minded people. At Peggs, they have stood united where Muntjac deer have presented a problem. The Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials committee were approached for help, and a deer-proof fence was installed this year along the allotment boundary by the dismantled railway. We hope that will end dawn raids on their favourite corn cobs just as they're ready to harvest.

Sadly there is always a steady flow of burial enquiries. From 1923 when the old cemetery on the Thomas Road side of the River Wye was full, the current space was consecrated and made available, leaving the parish council to maintain the old cemetery as a nature reserve.

There are some interesting entries in the records from 100 years ago when occupation descriptions like 'mill hand' reflect our river's history. Wooburn cemetery is maintained to a high standard and understandably, as well as locals, attracts many who have moved away but wish to be laid to rest back in Wooburn. Grave plots cannot be reserved but, with the consent of the Exclusive Rights Holder, more than one person can be interred in the same plot.

The cemetery is laid out with three areas for ashes burials: the Lower, Middle and Upper Gardens of Remembrance, with full body graves in the remaining parts. The parish council takes care of the legalities when interments take place and the necessary papers are filed and sent off to the General Records Office. We liaise with families who would like to have their loved ones remembered and with the stonemasons for memorial plaques, headstones and inscriptions. Some simply appreciate a sympathetic ear and practical guidance on what needs to be done.

Suggestions come from the councillors and members of the public; they are discussed in committee and a vote is taken to set the way forward. The council is always ready to hear your ideas to enhance the beautiful area we live in so, if you think there's a gap in current plans, please email the clerk at clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk or call the office 01628 522827. clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk



the glasshouse temperatures took the edge off the chill wind on what was a lovely bright day.

Jamie told *Target* "We only had 27 on the coach so we could space out as necessary. Everyone wore a face covering getting on and off the coach. The vents were open so we had a free flow of fresh air. Everyone not only enjoyed the visit to Kew Gardens,

but being out and mixing with friends after such a long time. The team at Kew were very welcoming as we were their first group visit since re-opening. A good time was had by all".

Jamie has more day trips through the summer months – read all about them on page 16.

Our pictures show Janis Masson and Dave Croucher and a happy group outside the gates

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Take Your Target was requested and Jamie's Tours delivered on their first day trip in well over a year.

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Julian Pottage.

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Rachel is a professionally trained chef. She studied at Leith's School of Food and Wine and acquired her diploma in 2014. Rachel set up her own business *Rachel's Creative Cooking* in 2015 teaching cookery classes to children.

Natalie discovered she had a gluten intolerance about seven years ago and has dreamed of running a gluten-free cafe ever since. They came up with the idea of Cecoelia's in 2020 after their self-employed jobs were affected by the pandemic.

They say: "We offer classics such as Lemon Drizzle and Victoria Sandwich, treats such as Millionaire Shortbread and Bailey's Rocky Road as well as tailor made dairy free or vegan treats and

celebration cakes with chocolate drip decoration, gold glitter, sprinkles and cake toppers.

"Trust us when we say that we've been through a lot of trial and error to create gluten-free treats that don't taste gluten-free. Doughnuts are regularly requested and have somewhat been the bane of our lives... luckily we have lots of family to trial our creations.

"We've been brought up to eat everything in moderation. Our Dad worked at Mars throughout most of our childhood. A Mars bar as an after-school snack everyday is healthy... right? And eating chocolate cake until it comes out of your nose, like the boy from *Matilda* is an experience in everyone's childhood isn't it? We hope our chocolate cake tastes that good. Memories feature a lot in our bakes. Our Party Traybake is something we can image that as a child we'd stomp our feet for in a shop. Fast forward 20 years and we have our Pina Colada cake to make us dream of sipping a cocktail on the beach. We hope everyone who tastes our treats can take journeys like these."



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More great wine ideas

Now we can socialise a bit more and invite some friends to sit in the garden, our online wine tastings have a new perspective. People are getting entertainment for the evening with the hour long wine and food pairings and the chats with the winemakers. One customer even suggested that Penny and Steve enter *Britain's Got Talent* as a comedy duo, a latter day Morecambe and Wise.

And now, opening three bottles of wine to taste is easier as there are more people to share it.

Corporate events are still popular as companies offer their home workers a 'wellbeing' session, when they can all do something together. We are also running cheese tastings, chocolate tastings and gin tastings now as well as wine tastings.

Our podcast went live in April so you can catch up with our interviews with winemakers, listen to some of our tasting events, and to the chat about which wines to drink with which foods.

<https://greatwineonline.co.uk/category/podcast/>

In May we had a very interesting look at German wines - and debunked the myth that they are all sweet. Chatting with our friends from Fonseca introduced us to spring ports, including a rose, and talked us through how to use port as a cocktail ingredient...fascinating.

There is more to come through the summer - so invite some friends over and join Penny and her winemaker colleagues for virtual tours around the vineyards of the world.

Our schedule for June and July is below.

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Austria: meet Christophe Hoepler June 3 at 7pm
Sparkling Summer: bubbles with a difference June 17 at 7pm.

Father's Day lunchtime treat June 20 at noon
Unknown wine regions of France July 15 at 7pm.

When booking your place (by ordering the tasting cases of wines) remember to use your promotional discount coupon: enter TARGET in the coupon section of the order form for a 7% discount.

Drinking choices have shifted in the past year with cava and crémant favoured over the likes of prosecco and many customers are now starting to recognise English sparkling wines such as Nyetimber.

Phil's fab photos feature in fundraising calendar

The fabulous local photography of Phil Laybourne has already grabbed the attention of many of us through local social media. Now Phil's work is to raise money for a cause close to his heart. He tells *Target*:

"I'm delighted to announce that my calendar, *Wooburn and Bourne End in colour 2022* is going ahead thanks to very generous sponsorship from ALS, Furlong Road and



Bourne End and Cookham Rotary Club.

"The calendar depicts six seasonal images from Wooburn and

six from Bourne End. It goes on sale from August 1 and will be available to purchase from the following outlets:

The Falcon, Watery Lane
Grays Inn, Wooburn Green
The Old Bell, Town Lane
ALS Presentation, Furlong Road
Bourne End Motor Company, Wakeman Road
Bourne End Community Market, from August to December
Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council Village Show in September.

"The initial print run will be 400 calendars. The price will be £10 per calendar with 100% of all proceeds going to Thames Hospice in memory of my late wife Gail.

"There will also be the option on each calendar to donate Gift Aid. Please use this option if you can to help raise more money for this very worthy cause.

"This project is running in conjunction with my website:

www.phillaybournephotography.myshopify.com which, from picture sales and other donations, has already raised in excess of £3,000.

"To everyone who has purchased my pictures or donated to the hospice, a very big Thank You."



Bourne End Community Library Update

Once again we were delighted to open our doors to receive old and new library members after Lockdown.

Our regulars were pleased to see the new layout with all our books back out in the main library area, and a pleasant open feel with spaces for seating.

We are very much hoping to be able to welcome group activities back into the library as soon as possible.

We are busy planning regular activities for children, including weekly Bounce and Rhyme and Story-Time, and also workshops in the school

holidays such as an introduction to very simple programming and simple crafts.

We will be advertising these on our Facebook page so do keep an eye out for this information.

We're very excited to announce that The Summer Reading Challenge will be operating from local



libraries again this year. *Wild World Heroes* will feature amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for taking care of our environment.

Are you excited to join the #WildWorldHeroes this summer? Collect your pack from Bourne End library from July 10.

Along with other public places we are currently still asking customers to wear masks, and sanitise their hands on entry to the library. You can find up-to-date details on the library service offering and Covid-19 guidance on the Bucks libraries website: www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/libraries

Our current opening hours are:

Tuesday 10am – 6pm
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Postcards, pictures and memories...

In the April/May issue of *Target* Paul Bambrick explained how his visualisation of Bourne End Station from 65 years ago was progressing. In his words it is "a window into the past" seen from just south of the station yard and surrounded by the homes, shops and buildings that were there in 1955 – many seen from the rear of course.

Bringing it all to life will be the model trains that will run into the station from Maidenhead, Marlow and High Wycombe (this was before that branch line closed in 1972). Level crossings have become just a memory and their absence has changed road lines. Sidings in 1955 have been incorporated into the creation of our modern village.

And being accurate is an essential part of this



type of visualisation. It doesn't happen without a great deal of research into how things looked – both from the front and, more importantly, from behind. Books of old photographs have proved useful where roads have been transformed by modern development. Postcards in the SWOP (Sharing Wycombe's Old Photographs) collection run by the Bucks Free Press have been another essential reference and some local people have been able to say where and how things used to look.

Paul sent *Target* a couple of photos of the Wharf Lane house facades being done by a contractor. Look at these against the old postcard from the SWOP collection.

Paul said "Have a look at the reference picture to see the different barge boards at the gables and other small differences".

Using current technology they are drawn down to each brick in 'Autocad', then laser cut.

Looking out over the station a visual continuity of landscape is required to complete the picture with a view to distance.

Many green spaces, allotments and small clumps of woodland have disappeared with development. However research will try to accurately recreate these. The foliage will be shown in late Autumn so there will be a variety of foliage colours, with some of the trees nearly bare, and the last few leaves of the year clinging onto the branches.

Paul's appeal is for more information from anyone with memories of those days. So please contact

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Far left: Creating the Wharf Lane houses
Middle top: SWOP postcard of Wharf Lane
Below: Properties perfectly recreated



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TALES FROM A BOURNE END B&B By Jenny Stacey

and friend

One of the best things that came out of the 10 years we did B&B were the friends that we made. We had many repeat visitors and looked forward to them coming back and filling us in on what had gone on in their lives in the intervening months.

We often now wonder how these people are and how they are all getting on. There were several 'regulars' and one in particular has become a very good friend.

Living near Manchester the head office of his company was in Marlow and he first came to stay only a couple of months after we started. Then continued to do so every week until we stopped, sometimes only for one night, but often two or three. As a rule, we never offered evening meals to guests, but one evening he and I had been chatting in the kitchen and it just seemed right to ask him to join us for supper which he then did whenever he stayed, often contributing a delicious dessert from M&S which he picked up on his way back from work.

More importantly he was very happy to stay even if we were away and often did so, looking after our cat, Tilly, while he was here.

We had another 'regular' who came each week – he was a rather mysterious character, who we got on well with, but we never quite discovered what he did for a living. He didn't seem to own a suitcase as he always arrived with his belongings in carrier bags, which puzzled us. However, he too was happy to stay when we were away, and keep an eye

on Tilly. Of course, there were many occasions when we needed someone else to feed the cat and this is where our lovely neighbour June comes in.

The following is an account written by her of one occasion when she was in charge.

"I often looked after Jenny and Graham's cat Tilly when they went away and generally kept an eye on the place for them. I would pop in early morning and early evening and would always call for Tilly as I walked in.

"She would often be cosied up on her cushion on the landing and would come sleepily down the stairs to greet me. Sometimes she would have gone outside through the cat-flap, but would come running as I called her from the back door. She would eat up all her food and I would stay a while to give her a fuss and would leave her curled up on her cushion again, purring contentedly.

"On one particular day, she didn't come in the morning when I called her, so I left her food and assumed I would see her later. But she didn't come early evening either and she hadn't eaten her food. I was quite worried about her, but was going out that evening so decided to call in when I came home.

"When I returned about 11pm, I popped in again to make sure she was OK. She still didn't come when I called her, which was then very worrying. I then thought perhaps she had somehow got into one of the bedrooms and was locked in so I decided to check the bedrooms.

"On opening one of them, a man sat bolt upright in the bed, Tilly sprang off it and out of the door and I shouted in horror 'Who the hell are you?' to which he replied 'Who the hell are YOU?'

"I should explain that occasionally, one or two of the very regular B&B guests would stay an odd night during Jenny and Graham's absence. They would, of course, let me have those dates but I had obviously forgotten!"

"Anyway, the guest and I laughed about it the next day and, more importantly, Tilly was perfectly OK, cosied up on her bed!"

This reminds me of another occasion when we had a wedding guest staying and I had gone out leaving the young man to get ready before his taxi came. However, he obviously decided he needed to iron his shirt and had no way of knowing where I kept the iron (had he asked, I would have left it out for him) so he apparently knocked on a few neighbouring doors and lovely June ended up ironing it for him.

Many of our guests came from some far flung places throughout the world - but not always. When June and her long-term partner, Roger, decided to get married a few years ago, with a reception in their garden, they asked if they could spend their wedding night in the 'B&B next door', as their own house was full of family. This they did and we were pleased to be able to do something for them for a change.

Jenny Stacey (left) with next door neighbour June Robinson – also occasional cat sitter



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Laura's virtual challenge

What does a runner do when there's nowhere to go? For Laura Manning from Bourne End the challenge was to go virtually from Land's End to John O'Groats.

The variety came from choosing to cycle, run or walk and eventually, after eight months, Laura reached her destination.

With a place on the 2020 London Marathon – that was cancelled due to Covid-19 – Laura decided to do the virtual marathon for Child Bereavement UK. She raised £500 for the charity as they supported her schoolfriend's family when she died last year from cancer.

Laura still has a London Marathon place should the event go ahead in October. If it is virtual again Laura plans to run it for Great Ormond Street Hospital who have done lots of heart procedures on her nephew. What has helped is the fact that Laura knows the roads and footpaths around her home – and she loves them.

Look out for her through the summer as she keeps training for challenges and marathons ahead. Out walking Laura will have husband and children to keep track of her miles but often, when running, Laura will be alongside her mum. "Nothing like keeping it in the family" Laura laughs as she runs off.



A happy atmosphere at Bourne End Community Market

Having waited months for the community market to pitch up in and around the community centre, it was the weather that had the last laugh.

It didn't win though as, with a shuffle, a twist here and a turn there more stalls spread through the community centre and some stallholders either braved the weather or found protection under a garden gazebo.

Saturday May 8 was a day of celebration and nothing could dampen the spirits of the 34 stallholders.

Smiles galore – above face masks – greeted customers and there was a lovely warm atmosphere.

Bourne End resident Heather Wilde said: "I've been to many a craft market over the years and this one just gets better and better. It's grown from a hobbyist event to an upmarket artisan hub - showcasing all manner of quality local crafts and produce matched by its friendly community atmosphere.

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The parish council elections were held on Thursday May 6. In Little Marlow it was an uncontested election as the number of candidates was less than the number of places available for election, so all candidates were guaranteed to be elected.

Following the resignation of one of our long-standing councillors a casual vacancy will be advertised and details can be found on the parish council website.

What is a parish councillor?

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If you would like to represent your community please get in touch or visit the website to find out more.

Meeting dates 2021

Parish council meeting: July 6.

Parish councillors will return to meeting in person, following strict Covid-19 guidelines. However, our village hall will not allow for any further attendees.

Public participation will be carried out via a Microsoft Teams link which will be included in the

parish council meeting agenda.

To keep up with parish council news and the introduction of the governmental roadmap please visit our website:

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Bourne End

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

By Parish Councillor
Katie Lamb

The history of Swan Upping dates back to the 12th century when both swans and swan-meat were highly valuable. The centrepiece of any great fest or banquet was a grand swan often served in full plumage alongside other exotic birds like peacock, heron and blackbirds — yes like the nursery rhyme when they were baked in a pie.

Today, unless you are the Queen or a fellow of St John's College Cambridge, it is illegal to eat them. I am told on good authority that we mere mortals are not missing much and the slightly fishy meat is tough.

The marking of swans was important as the monarch granted the rights of ownership to people and organisations in their favour and the taking, injuring or even stealing eggs carried severe penalties back then including imprisonment. In contrast under today's laws taking wild eggs from some of our most endangered birds only carries a maximum six-month custodial sentence.

Today split ownership of all the mute swans (they are the ones with orange bills with the black tip at the end, named mute because they are quieter than other swans) is between the Queen and two of London's livery companies — the Worshipful Company of Vintners and the Worshipful Company of Dyers. Both especially important in history with the Vintners signing a medieval charter in 1363 to have the monopoly for importing the wines of Gascony which, no doubt, were served at the top tables alongside the poor swans. Today both companies do mainly charity work, although the Vintners can still sell

wine within the City of London without the need of a licence.

Swan Upping is for conservation and education, entwined

with all the flags and pageantry of tradition. The role of the Queen's Master Keeper was changed in 1993 to the Queen's Swan Marker.

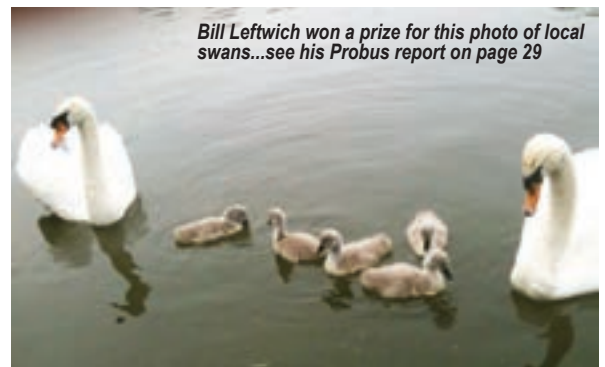
The swan marker is involved in swan rescue throughout the year working closely with swan and wildlife organisations. He also advises and organises the removal and re-release of swans on the River Thames at the time of races and regattas to protect them against injury.

Every year on the third week of July the swan marker leads a team made up from the Queen's Swan Uppers who dress in scarlet uniforms with the marker donning a swan's feather in his hat.

Members of the Vintners wearing white and black and the Dyers who wear dark blue, set off from Sunbury Lock in a flotilla of skiffs — small open-topped rowing boats. When a swan or cygnet is found, it is lifted onto the boat, weighed and health checked. A lightweight numbered ring is put on its leg and this number is linked to the British Trust for Ornithology's database so numbers and health can be monitored. Before the rings were used the swan's bills were marked with small nicks to determine who they belonged to. Hence the old pub name 'Swan with two necks' started off as the 'Swan with two nicks' but such invasive marking was stopped a long time ago.

Over a period of five days the flotilla travels upstream to Abingdon Bridge in Oxfordshire gathering all the information they can. In 2020 Swan Upping was cancelled due to Covid-19, but recent data suggests swan numbers are up from 20/30 years ago, mainly due to the banning of lead fishing weights which were poisonous to swans.

There are around 1,000 swans on the 76 miles of the River Thames which is about the same as 100 years ago — but let's see what this year's data shows.



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The May Woollerton Hall acknowledges the huge contribution made by a lady who was the leading light behind the creation of a community centre. And it all happened back in the 1960s. Few would remember her but those who knew of her achievements would smile at the name and delight that she was remembered.

May Gertrude Maddock was born in Yorkshire in 1890 but lost her father, a local vicar, when s was just nine years old. She moved to India with her brother in 1911 and it was Colonel Maddo of the India Medical Service who Mahatma Gandhi requested to perform the operation when he suffered appendicitis.

Her first husband, who she married in India, died in 1923. She moved to Bourne End with her second husband, Captain Robert Woollerton RN in 1936. During the Second World War she was an energetic organiser of the local Womens Volunteer Service (WVS) sending members from door to door in search of aluminium, an essential component for making aircraft. Afterwards she turned her attention to the care of the elderly and was instrumental in forming the local 'Meals on Wheels' service run by the WVS.

May Woollerton served as chairman of Wycombe Rural District Council's Housing Committee from 1948 to 1969. She also served on Bucks County Council between 1949 and 1953 and was chairman of the Rural District Council for two years in the early 1950s. Woollerton Court, flats for the elderly, in Princes Risborough, is named after her.

Behind the construction of the Bourne End building lay a combination of forces in which the vision of May Woollerton (aptly known as 'The Dragon') was welded together with the aspirations of people moving into the village.

In September 1962 a small working party began planning for a community centre in Bourne End. She had conceived the idea before the war and she never ceased trying to bring it to fruition. When she heard that a library was proposed for the village she knew this was the chance and she pressed for a community centre to be built on the same site.

May became the association's first chairman in 1964 and in 1968 the community centre was officially opened. Even then she continued cajoling, inspiring and leading by example. In 1969 she also formed the Bourne End Horticultural Society. She later became the community association President - an honour she held until she died 1978.

ANGLING CLUB FROM THE WATER'S EDGE

These weeks certainly do gallop away and I hope all our followers are keeping well. As we draw the fishing season, the rivers are already into the closed season, I reflect on what an extraordinary year has been for everyone. Including for us anglers.

We had a friendly match in March on another, this time dry but cold day. The venue was Royal Wootton Bassett. The top weight was Graham Kaufman with 13lb (one carp being 10lb). Second was Anthony Coleborn with 11lb 8oz. John Taylor with 3lb 8oz. The fish appeared to be in lockdown too.

Our friendly match in May, and the last of this season, was at Iwer Heath fishery. It was so good, a warm dry day, but although the carp were jumping out the water like dolphins, we struggled a little in the cold for the time of year.

Anthony Coleborn came first with 13lb and yay, yours truly came second with 5lb. I caught a 1lb before the end of the match, so jammy. John Taylor came third with 4lb, he also caught a large fish with fish, it's just catching the critters.

As vaccinations have rolled out and we have had a whole year to practise (and I certainly need to learn how we can do matches safely and within government guidelines. So we intend to start the next season starts in June. That will be fantastic to get back to normality or near normality.

Unfortunately as restrictions are still in place our AGM will not be taking place as planned and existing members about renewal personally and once again have to take advantage of our postcard.

If you are not a member and would like to join please contact me on the number below and we will be happy to have you come along. If you just wish to pleasure fish and take advantage of our affiliation with Thames Valley Angling Association and use their waters for free you need to belong to a club to do that. We are one of many clubs and we would be pleased to hear from you.

In the meantime wishing everyone better and safer times and until my next report....tight lines and

Michele Smith, Secretary Bourne End



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Thurs 17th June 20:00

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Mrs Woollerton (centre) at Tessa's Restaurant, High Wycombe on 20th May 1954. This reception was given by her following her re-election as chairman of Wycombe Rural District Council
Photograph courtesy of the Bucks Free Press and S.W.O.P

BAR QUIZ

The community centre Bar Quiz will be held on June 3 and July 1, Please arrive at 7.30 to 7.45pm for a prompt 8pm start. For more information and to book a table, please call Diane on 07521 656413.

BOURNE END COMMUNITY MARKET

Will be held on Saturday June 12 and Saturday July 10 from 10am to 1pm around the car park and inside the community centre.

centreJAZZ in the bar

Tuesday July 6 marks the start of centreJAZZ with the Dixieland Swing Kings.
Music starts at 8pm in the May Woollerton Hall with the bar open for drinks. Entrance is £7 and tickets should be bought via the website
www.bourneendcommunitycentre.org.uk or from the community centre office when it is open. Alternatively call 01628 522604 to make a credit card payment.
Card payments only – no cash please.

RIP Mo Hazael 1935-2021 – the inspiration and co-founder of centreJAZZ.
She will be sadly missed. Tribute in August/September issue of Target



NEW ROYALTY CINEMA

The films showing at the community centre in June and July, 42nd Street and Emma, are both held over from 2020 when lockdown restrictions resulted in cancellation. Ticket holders from 2020 can use these for the new showings. Check the community centre website for details.

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BOURNE END JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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

SWIMMING POOL

As you will be aware we have been operating in the village providing sport and recreation to many hundreds of children and young people for more than 50 years, since 1970.

Our multi-sport centre in New Road offers a wide range of facilities to deliver our aims as well as serving many adults in the community. It has become a true community asset.

However, the one thing that has always been missing is a swimming pool to serve our large number of swimmers.

Pools have been hired in High Wycombe and Marlow over the years at considerable cost. In addition the Swimming Section is having increasing difficulty in hiring the WDC pools at times convenient for our local children, and our agreed dates sometimes get changed at short notice.

In addition we are aware of many local adults who would benefit from a local facility. We are now in a position to consider building our own pool working in partnership with Neil Bailey Swimming.

The project is called Project Thunderbirds and is in full swing. The new website is live, showing all information and updates relating to the planning process and build.

We are holding a public consultation at <https://bejsc-swimmingpool.co.uk/comments-faq/> and we welcome any feedback you have about the project prior to us making the planning application. The pool will be built on Bucks Council land at Bourne End Academy and alongside our existing Sports Hall.

This is an ambitious, three-year project, with the aim to produce a state-of-the-art, inclusive swimming pool complex in the heart of the local community.

The facility will be a Bourne End Junior Sports Club building, in collaboration with a local recognised swim school, Neil Bailey Swimming, and will offer a space for use by the Bourne End Junior



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Swimming Club, Neil Bailey Swimming and other sports club factions.

The facility will include two swimming pools, the main pool will be 25 metres, with six lanes, and a depth of 2m at one end and 1.1m at the other. Diving blocks will be positioned at the deep end and there will be a thermal range of 28-30°C.

The second pool will be for 'learn to swim' programmes and additional elite training. Ten metres in length, 3-4 lanes wide, and with a depth of 1-2m and a moving water system. There will be an inclusive changing facility, separate staff changing rooms, small seating area/café for parents/carers, dry-side studio(s) and coach and car parking facilities.

The building itself will feature a green roof and be low level, with efficiency at the heart of its construction and operation. We are also intending to ensure it is the most inclusive pool in the area with the ability to change lighting to fit those with sensory triggers.

The entire facility will have geometric trigger and colour considerations to suppress negative distractions/mood changes. In addition, the building will be carbon neutral. The picture above is

an artistic impression of what the new building will look like. The key focus of the project will be accessibility, offering a swimming pool fit for users' needs, with design sensitivity for those with disabilities. This complex will be a facility built for specific swimming use, both carbon neutral and aesthetically sympathetic to the local landscape.

MORE GOOD NEWS

We have started using a new online booking system and we've been delighted at the number of members and new children coming back. Classes in all sections are filling up rapidly, with over 60% of them already full at the time of writing. You can go online to look at what's available, but now the auto booking system is closed as term has started, you will need to contact Sally at office@bejsc.co.uk on how to book into a Section or class.

50th CELEBRATIONS

Gala Dinner which was deferred to June has now had to be moved again to Saturday 16th October 2021 so save the date. Hopefully third time lucky -- more details to follow but keeping fingers crossed.

**For information on clubs using our premises please contact the sports hall www.bejsc.co.uk
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Don's keeping crooning in style



You thought Dean, Bing and Frank were totally forgotten? Not a bit. A Bourne End 26-year-old is sharing his love of swing and easy-listening jazz not only with older audiences, but with young people who soon get toe-tapping to his music.

Don McDermott says: "My parents used to play Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and the pop greats of the 40s and 50s when I was young, and I loved to sing along. Although I learnt classical piano as a child, I never lost my enjoyment of swing, jazz and blues."

Born in Alabama, Don came to the UK in 2000 when his father was posted to the US Air Force base at Daws Hill. He moved

to and fro from the US before the family settled in Bourne End seven years ago.

With a degree in sports journalism behind him — "it means I am very comfortable behind a mic" — Don is now developing a career as singer-songwriter, performing wherever people enjoy his music.

"Gigs may be at family parties, corporate events, seniors groups, country fayres, summer festivals — it's really varied." His album, *Somebody Loves You*, showcases his easy-listening style.

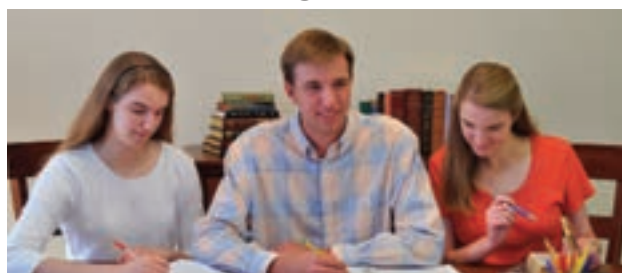
2020 was largely a lost year for gigs — particularly disappointing as many VE celebrations were cancelled — but now bookings are in place for when lockdown eases. And he is just now putting together a swing quartet.

Lockdown didn't impact on Don's regular weekly show with the online radio station 1940sradio.com where he presents *The Crooner Years*. And in December he released a new song written jointly with his mum Anne, called *Looking Up*.

Don is not the only arty member of the family. He and his two sisters (pictured below with Don) form The Sibling Writery (thesiblingwritery.com).

Cate writes medieval fantasy and C S Lewis study guides, Alexandra writes historical crime and cookbooks (she's also a pastry chef and often runs a stall at Bourne End market), and Don is writing a comic mystery series.

Meanwhile he continues to keep those 40s and 50s melodies alive. "So many of my generation don't realise what they're missing out on," Don says. But he is doing his best to let them know. To find out more or make a booking, visit don-mcdermott.com or email don.mcd74@hotmail.com



John Bowerman Spokes 1927 - 2021



John was born at the Radcliffe Hospital on 27 March 1927, which happened to be Mother's Day. At the time the family lived in Abingdon where his father worked for the Air Ministry, so the family moved about quite a bit. When John was a few months old and sister, Audrey was four and a half years, they moved to South East London. Later, when brother David was born, the family stayed in Kidderminster while his father travelled.

John attended King Charles Grammar School in Kidderminster until he was 17, after which he joined GEC on a trainee apprenticeship. He was very popular with the girls at the high school, being a good-looking lad. He was called up for National Service in 1945, just before the war

ended. Ordered to report to Alexandria and he was ready to sail to Egypt, only to find out that it was Alexandria in Scotland! Then the rest of his army career was spent at Norton Barracks in Worcester, only 17 miles from Kidderminster.

After demob, in 1948, he resumed his career at GEC Birmingham, travelling daily by train from Kidderminster to Snowhill. During his first week he met his wife, Diana, who also travelled daily. They married at St Mary's Church in 1950 and moved to start married life in Colchester and Kirby Cross. John was working for Woods of Colchester by then. While living in Kirby Cross, their son Alan was born. John was later moved back to the Birmingham office so Diana and baby Alan travelled by train from Colchester to Kidderminster, via London.

By this time John had acquired a 1927 Austin 7 which he sprayed sugar bag blue. They lived in Kidderminster for the next six years, where their daughter, Rosemary was

born. Promotion to the London office in 1959 meant the family went house hunting where property was affordable. Bourne End became home and stayed that way.

In the early days John was involved with Bourne End Carnival. When TV personality Michael Aspel opened the event John was chauffeur in Diana's open top car.

After John left Woods he worked as sales manager for various companies before setting up his own air conditioning service company. He retired in 1996, aged 69. Over the years, John and Diana worked hard fundraising for the RNLI and were recognised for their efforts with many awards from the charity. They were both made Honorary Life Governors for their 40 years of dedication.

John was a founder member of Cookham Bridge Rotary Club, and past president, being involved in many fundraising activities. Both he and Diana were awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship.

In 2020, John and Diana celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

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Upper Thames Sailing Club By Tony Ketley

I started last month's article with, 'I had hoped'. I have to use that those words again when referring to the club's Open Day. We still intend to have one but in the current environment, when there is no real certainty, we are unable to put a date to the event.

However, if you think sailing might be your thing and want to find out before you invest in a boat, please come and see us or send an email expressing your interest, we'll get you in a boat one way or another.

A lot of sailors are skiers too, I'm sure it has something to do with playing with the elements, something for nothing. Upper Thames enjoys wind conditions that suit everyone's taste, from blowing a hooley when adrenalin junkies get on the water to light airs when beginners discover the



techniques of making progress when nature is being mean with the wind.

Come and experience the pleasure of being afloat, our website has details of the training we offer, the classes of boats that are sailed, social membership too, if you just want to be involved with an exciting sport.

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There is some good news, rare these days but it's true. In the wake of Rail Track's upgrade of their track running past the club, they are fulfilling their agreement to restore the grounds that they had used to store plant and materials while the work was carried out.

Convenient timing, as the club looked for a solution to the problem of storing the increasing number of boats caused by a growing membership.

The club approached the council, who understood the problem and have allowed the club to use part of our camping field, to store boats on a new hard standing area. More good news.

Because of the damage done to Upper Thames Way by the heavy vehicles constantly bringing in materials, repairs were needed, and a quality job of this has been made. It is now a much smoother ride along Upper Thames Way. Find out for yourselves, come and join us.

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Looking forward to the Bourne End Junior Craft Show 2021

Ah, the start of summer, the warmer weather and long sunny days (hopefully). Now is the time to get photographing, sketching or painting in readiness for the ninth annual Bourne End Junior Craft Show.

With so much natural beauty all around us you are sure to find some inspiration somewhere.

The subject doesn't have to be nature though, there are some very interesting buildings too or you could do a portrait or a still life. If sewing, Origami or model making are more your cup of tea we have classes for all of those too so don't hold back. Please note though, we are unable to accept models made from Lego, K'nex, Meccano, Airfix kits or similar.

It is currently a little too early to say for sure whether we will be able to run a live event this year, but we certainly hope to and are cautiously optimistic.

However, if this is not possible then we will run online just as we did in 2020.

"But when is it?" I hear you cry? The date for this year's show, whether live or online, is Saturday October 2.

Further news will appear in the next issue of *Target* but in the meantime any updates will appear on our website www.bejuniorcraftshow.co.uk and our Facebook page.

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Bourne End and Cookham Probosc Club by Bill Leftwich

Our first meeting for 15 months was planned for Wednesday June 30 to regroup and enjoy the friendship once again.

As well as our monthly lunches with speakers we look forward to a September River Thames boat trip and lunch at the famous Foreman's Salmon Smokehouse in London.

While waiting patiently for second jobs and for these events to unfold, our keen photographer, Trevor Jones, organised a "Nature" competition for members.

Photos were to be taken during permitted outdoor walks or in the garden during the lockdowns in two categories, birds and nature, and entries were of high standard. Winning entries were this writer's 'A Family of Swans' (see page 18) and Mike Hill's 'A Blazing Sunset' (actually taken by his wife Pearl!) If you are interested in joining our marvellous club, contact 01628 529647.

Cookham Bridge Rotary Club By Terry Whall

Our club continues to provide volunteer stewards at the Adams Park Vaccination Centre in High Wycombe.

In addition, we have been litter picking. The photo shows members at a recent outing, in which they retrieved a significant amount of discarded industrial waste, which has been cropped out of the picture.



In recognition of the significant contributions he has made to Cookham Bridge Rotary Club's fundraising and community support initiatives over many years, Nick Pink has been named a 'Paul Harris Fellow'.

He is shown, below left, being presented with a certificate and pin by our current president Derek Tyler, in a socially distanced way of course. (Paul Harris was a Chicago attorney who founded the club that became the humanitarian organisation Rotary International in 1905.)

Regular zoom meetings have included enjoyable talks on *Butlins*, *Wildlife on your Doorstep*, *My*



Career in Horticulture and the Media and *You have never had it so good*.

Informal picnics and drinks parties are becoming a regular feature as the lockdown eases. The President's Night Dinner and Dance is scheduled on June 25 and the Regatta on September 4.

Bourne End & Cookham Rotary Club By John Dunsterville

Our club goes from strength to strength, but we still need the community to help us keep these valuable projects going.

Locally, schools and the young will benefit from wide ranging environmental projects set up by Rotary Clubs of Great Britain and Ireland.

We continue to help The Upper Thames Sailing Club juniors and Westfield Sailing Days, and the formation of Rotakids and Interact Clubs in Schools will become exciting when the lockdown eases.

The many Rotary clubs in the Thames Valley district are heavily involved in food bank deliveries, and we also assist in marshalling at immunisation centres in High Wycombe and Marlow.

Globally we have assisted with projects in Nepal, India, Africa and the Philippines and we have also provided Shelter Boxes and water aid for disaster areas.

On the more fun side of things, we are assisting the excellent local photographer Phil Laybourne along with ALS Presentation Ltd of Bourne End to create a beautiful Calendar for 2022 with local landscapes around the River Thames area.

We have sponsored litter-picking events in Bourne End and Flackwell Heath, but we will need help in our new project on the Day Centre easy access garden too.

In our Zoom meetings we had entertaining talks by Swan Lifeline, Medical Detection Dogs and Rivertime Boat Trust.

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Little Marlow & Well End WI By Pauline Clitheroe

Where would we be without the Zoom facility? In April Murray Jacobs, a Cambridge Green Badge Guide, introduced us to *The Must-Sees of Cambridge*. These included stories of a rather eventful visit by a monarch, student antics that hit the front pages, and intriguing details of King's College Chapel to name but a few.

Two of our members, Glenda Barrett and Carole Kirkland, gained 1st Prize in their respective classes in the federation Virtual Spring Show.

The Inheritance Tracks have become a popular feature of the monthly meeting. They bring back so many happy memories and generate lots of enthusiastic chat.

In May Jeff Rozelaar gave us an insight into *The life of Lawrence of Arabia, the Enigmatic Englishman*. Jane Statham presented the first of two workshops demonstrating the art of Ribbon Bows.

It was proposed that we have a

picnic lunch or afternoon tea on July 13. The Summer Show will be on August 3.

Bourne End WI By Chrissy Hayes

In May we were treated to a Zoom talk on *Hollywood Jewellery* by Rachel Hutchinson, from Dawson's Antiques in Maidenhead. Rachel showed us pictures of movie stars and their jewellery in the heyday of Hollywood.

On June 17 we will hear Mark Francis, favourite of *The Great British Sewing Bee*.

On July 1 we plan to hold our annual garden party. We are hoping for a fine evening, but rain or shine, we will have a circus-themed party.

On July 17 Mikron are performing *A Dog's Tale* based on the history of Crufts. Tickets are limited due to current restrictions.

Our book club, on the second Tuesday of the month, is still on Zoom, but in June we might be able to meet in a garden. Likewise our fortnightly coffee and chat might soon be having garden meetings.

At craft and chat on Zoom this month we are making colourful shopping bags.

Walking Netball has restarted, outside only, and our walking group is hoping to start again soon. For any information on the WI email Wendy on bournendwi@yahoo.com or call 01628 526309.

Inner Wheel Club of Bourne End & Cookham By Liz Yeeles



As restrictions ease we have lunches booked, gardens to visit and hope to be able to catch up with the ancient tradition of Swan Upping in July.

A project thought up by a member to raise money for our many worthwhile charities, was to knit little yellow chicks and place a crème egg inside each one; they sold like hot cakes and many breakfast tables were adorned with these delightful little additions on the morning of Easter Sunday.

We celebrate the anniversary of the founding of our club every February, with a Sunday lunch at a local golf club. Needless to say, it was postponed due to 'you know what', so we are now delighted that we have been able to get a date in the diary to celebrate our 'birthday'.

Can you imagine the cacophony of noise when all these ladies get together for the first time in many months.

In April we split into groups of six to enjoy afternoon tea in members' gardens. It was lovely to meet face to face even in such small groups. See photo.



NEW LOOK FOR DAY CARE CENTRE

As the Princes Centre has received awards for both its day centre in Princes Risborough and the quality of its care service, everyone thought that that it was about time that the Bourne End Day Care Centre should also look like an award winner.

Kim and Mags, who run the Bourne End centre, got together with the Princes Centre trustees to make plans for a full refurbishment.

In early January 2020 the planning and refurbishment started with the main kitchen. This was completely stripped out, with new flooring, kitchen units, work surfaces and small appliances, bringing it up to date with a fresh new look.

While all this was being done the staff worked together to make sure clients still received a hot nutritious two-course luncheon.

In early October 2020 the final planning to refurbish the rest of the client support spaces took place. This included a whole new area designed for clients. By turning an unused area into a small client friendly kitchen space, and what was the tea making area into a small utility area, both are now accessible for our clients to use and it

promotes independence and offers baking and home activities that some are no longer able to do unaided at home.

It is really popular with everyone using the day care centre.

Colour schemes were put together, new furniture sourced and with a lot of hard work and late evenings the day care centre in Bourne End was transformed.

It now has a fresh inviting reception area and the main area is airy and spacious. There has been a full lick of paint throughout with new artwork. They now not only offer award-winning care, but look the part too.

It does feel like a long time since this was all done with 2020 being a hard year for all.

During the first lockdown they continued to support their clients with weekly telephone calls reaching out remotely, offering their services where they could.

It was great to welcome those that were not shielding back during the tier system and take full advantage of the airy spacious environment that the refurbishment had provided.

During the last lockdown, yet again, the

centre resorted to remotely looking after clients but they were over the moon to be able to re-open on March 15 and do what they do best, if not just a little differently.

Mags says: "As the deputy manager, and I think I also talk for the staff at our centres, having to social distance and wear PPE has been hard for us all. As humans it is only natural to support our elderly with smiles and a comforting arm.

"We like many organisations have had to change our ways. The pandemic has been hard on us all, but it has also highlighted how important the service we offer is to our community.

"We currently still have availability on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and can help with transport to and from the Bourne End care centre."

If you would like any details, please contact Deputy Manager Mags on 01628 527024.



Cricket memories

Twelve months ago my contribution to the spring edition of Target included a few paragraphs about Little Marlow cricket in the 1840s. At the time of writing we were all hoping for a full season, played in as near to normal conditions as could be permitted. Sadly, that did not, of course, happen.

Indeed, we were fortunate to be able to complete half the fixtures, albeit without the use of changing rooms, everybody having to bring their own tea and with regular 'sanitation breaks'. All

very strange, but we got used to it and, at the end of the day, it was just good to get out on to the field.

Target, too, was affected, being restricted to online copies. For that reason the editor kindly offered to reproduce the following:-

Thanks to the wonderful website 'british newspapers on line' it has now been possible to trace the history of Little Marlow

cricket back to 1841. At the end of that summer three matches were played against Great Marlow, and another against Bone End (sic) and Hedsor.

Bone End was, of course, Bourne End, the original name having become corrupted.

Rev Francis Ashley, vicar of Wooburn, exposed the error in 1858 before drawing up and publishing a new map.

Reports on the matches were published in *Bells Life In London and Sporting Chronicle*. It is likely that at least one of them was played in Little Marlow, although the precise location is unknown.

The following season included three fixtures against Taplow, with the *Berkshire Chronicle* printing details of the third, a home match on Spade Oak Meadow. That was the name given to a long strip of land on the north bank of the River Thames, running from Spade Oak Wharf, at the bottom of Coldmoorholm Lane, to roughly where Marlow Rugby Club is now situated.

Given decent weather, it must have been a very pleasant place to play, although the ground preparations, if any, would undoubtedly have been extremely limited. The hosts were dismissed for just 11 in their first innings, to which Taplow replied with 35.

The village fared a lot better at the second attempt, thanks largely to gifted all-rounder Charles Nugent, the younger son of Little Marlow Estate owners, Sir George and Lady Nugent. He contributed 58, a huge score at the time, towards a total of 105. Sadly, due to a dinner engagement in London, he wasn't

available to bowl during Taplow's run chase.

It proved to be costly as the visitors reached their target of 82 for the loss of five wickets. All then adjourned to The King's Head.

The scores of just one other 1840s match have survived, a defeat at the hands of West Wycombe in 1848, the game being played in Westhorpe Park, now a mobile and park home site.

That continued to be the venue for Little Marlow cricket matches into the 1850s and 1860s.

The current site has been in use since at least the 1890s, and possibly earlier than that.

The 2021 season started on time, although the restrictions mentioned remain in place.

Hopefully they'll be lifted in due course. We'll have our usual two Saturdays' elevens in the Chilterns League and a Sunday team playing 'friendlies' against local opposition.

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Smart new buildings for a very special school

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There have been many changes since Westfield School first opened in 1996. Still a primary age special school, but following significant building works to expand the number of pupils, Westfield now works with children and families with special educational needs related to communication and interaction difficulties.

This means that the majority of children have diagnoses related to the Autism Spectrum Continuum and/or significant speech and language difficulties alongside delayed development. The school is accredited by the National Autistic Society and recipient of the National Children's Bureau Wellbeing Award.

Now building works are completed, there will be 70 children on the school role after April 2021, between rising five and 11 years old. The building works have included new classrooms and also a seminar room which will be used to host and deliver training and

support sessions to other schools, parents and the local community. Situated centrally in Bourne End pupils will enjoy visiting the community and river. Visits and trips out to the library, local shops and Upper Thames Sailing Club will give the children the chance to practice their communication skills, understanding of the local community and boost confidence.

Under headteacher Tara Deakes and her team the school has gained a steadily growing reputation for its innovative specialist curriculum and it is one of only a few Local Authority schools in the country to be awarded accreditation by the National Autistic Society.

The school is now participating in accreditation for the Advanced NAS award. In response to this exciting development they are looking to recruit new governors to add to its currently small, but effective, governing body.

Governors carry out their role by means of a programmes of focused school visits and termly governor meetings where they receive and discuss reports from the headteacher on all aspects of the work of the school, as well as ensuring future developments are based on sound financial planning.

Chair of Governors Paul Roper says: "We are looking for volunteers from the community who have a genuine interest in education. We would like to hear from anyone who can give up some time to make a positive contribution to the successful development of a local school.

"Governors are not school inspectors, nor are they educational 'experts', but they play a responsible and rewarding role in ensuring the school is efficiently run, providing a safe and positive learning environment for pupils and staff alike. Enthusiasm and commitment are more important than prior knowledge, as a full training programme is available for all new governors."

An area at the far end of the school had originally been used as a 'control area' and was left to grow wild and was unused by the pupils. It was used to measure the impact the school was having on the other areas of the site. With the new development the school was extended and the area had to be dug up to make a drainage soak-away.

Determined not to waste the area it was redesigned as a new space with potential for different types of Forest School play and a new natural habitats area.

The trees were carefully dug up and replanted in a copse and the path was replaced. A bank has been built up which the school hopes will be suitable for installing a 'glacial stream' with boulders and pumped water, great for the children. Hopefully there won't be too much rain so the area is not underwater for much of the year.

Children at Westfield always enjoy working in a natural environment and finding out about local wildlife. Many are members of Rotakids through the local Rotary Club and place an emphasis on developing the children's understanding of how to protect and value the natural world.

For Westfield the future, after all the restrictions created by Covid-19, is inspiring and will be rewarding as they move onwards into further education.



*Clockwise from top left:
Head teacher Tara Deakes, new classrooms at rear of building, new meeting rooms and reception at front of building and the Forest School area*

DECLARING WAR ON THE VIRUS

It was so easy. One minute there was the fear of catching Covid-19, the next the temptation was to look it straight in the eye and say: "You won't succeed". And the reason – the first dose of vaccine – unbelievable that it could be so simple. And there are millions of people feeling equally empowered.

Declaring war on Covid-19 is empowering. Yes, follow the rules. No, ditch the fear. There's something stronger and it's starting to sweep across the country. Does everyone feel the same way? It would be good if they did. Suddenly all the restrictions are a means to an end.

The vaccine will sweep away the hold the virus has on the local area and the country. Eventually it will be right across the world. And everywhere the story has been the same.

It is well organised, efficient and everyone from volunteers saying: "Park there and go in that door" to the smiling person wielding the needle - all just lovely. They believe in the solution.

And, as for the second dose, that just adds the icing to the cake. We can cope with Covid-19 and we can beat it. Just don't do anything extreme.

Don't be afraid to make plans for a near normal life in the future. Yes, you will be able to wander around shops and not have to follow the arrows. Yes, you can plan a party to celebrate a birthday or anniversary. Yes, you can book a holiday and mark it with confidence in the diary. Yes, you can catch a cold and not worry that it could be something more sinister.

Grandparents will be able to wrap their arms around little ones and deposit a big kiss on a smiley face. Friends will be able to hug when they meet. Lonely keep fitters will be among mates in the gym and, joy-of-joy, you will be able to share events with others. But keep up the daily walks – something good has to come out of this year of restrictions.

Life might have changed drastically for some. Having become used to deliveries they might just continue the idea. Saves all the carrying. Some might feel that using the pub for a takeaway adds variety so they continue to do that. While friendships created during lockdown develop into buddies for life.

But spare a thought for the consequences of lockdown. Lovely people have died and word has not got around to those who would have liked the chance to say 'I am dreadfully sorry'.

Others with health problems have had to move into a nursing home or residential care. You won't meet them in the shops or on a walk to say: 'Hi, how are you doing'. Their going will leave you with just memories to recall a face and a smile. People have moved house and not been able to plan a farewell party for friends and neighbours. Just remember to remember.

Our new normal should become very much like the old normal eventually, but hopefully we might say 'thank you' more often or even 'sorry' and mean it.

But with the vaccine we have declared war on the virus. Winning the war is important and then enjoying a satisfying peace is even more important.

By Barrie Penfold



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John Timewell looks at 'lockdown' Shakespeare

What can you do when you have been asked to direct Shakespeare's *The Merry Wives of Windsor* on an open-air stage with a live audience, but rehearsing with Covid-19 restrictions in place? Zoom, our new favourite form of communication, has proved to be the answer.

Holding auditions was the first challenge. It is easy enough if you know the players well and have worked with them before, but new members present more of a problem. It is possible to hear how well they read a part, but what do they look like? The answer can only be to ask them.

An email was sent to every potential cast member asking three questions: to what age range do you belong; what is your height in feet and inches, and how would you describe your shape on a scale 'stocky/standard/slender'?

I had some interesting answers to the first question, challenging veracity in some cases ('I am 56 but look about 25'); most people, though, were prepared to be honest about their height, but it was the final question that gave me the most entertaining answers. One couple replied that he is on the 'stocky side of standard', while she is apparently 'standard on the top and stocky on the bottom'!

Zoom rehearsals are also proving interesting. Up to 18 people can be involved, but their presence or absence can sometimes be confusing. At a recent rehearsal, my computer recorded everyone required for the scene as present, though for some of the participants only their name appeared on screen rather than the actual person. When one of the



characters was required to say their first lines, nothing happened. I enquired as to what was wrong and got the reply 'I am happy enough to attend rehearsals, but if you expect me to pick up my book and read my lines when driving on the M40 - forget it.' Rehearsing can be trying.

Shortly we will have our first rehearsal with 'no books' although I am not sure how to monitor this.

Anyone can simply remove their image from the screen leaving only their name visible. They could have a copy of the script right in front of them with no-one knowing. This also poses another interesting problem; how will the prompter know whether the cast member has forgotten his or her lines or whether the internet is playing up?

It will be good to get back to rehearsing face to face. Hang on, though. Imagine trying to direct an intimate scene when everyone is socially distanced and masked. Maybe Zoom is easier.

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The Merry Wives of Windsor will be performed in the grounds of Stubbings House, Maidenhead on 27 – 31 July 2021 at 7.30 pm.

Members of the company are drawn from our local area: Bourne End, Flackwell Heath, Wooburn and Cookham as well as Beaconsfield, Marlow and Henley.

All performances are in aid of the Child Bereavement charity. For tickets and information please phone Judith Timewell on 01628 522854.



A film talent to remember...

Local author, Quentin Falk, tells *Target* about his latest work which he completed during lockdown.

Researching and writing a new biography before and during the Covid-19 lockdowns, has been easily the most challenging commission I've ever undertaken.

That my subject, the brilliant but mostly long-forgotten British filmmaker Charles Crichton, died more than 20 years ago on the cusp of 90 also posed its own set of singular problems. Would there, for instance, be anyone still around to provide some original testimony?

Crichton, 'schooled' in the cutting rooms at Alexander Korda's Denham Studios in the 30s, went on to become one of the most prolific directors at Ealing Studios in the 40s and 50s, with films like *Hue and Cry*, *The Lavender Hill Mob*, and *The Titfield Thunderbolt*.

Then, like a number of other ageing filmmakers, he was ignored as the 60s began seriously to swing so turned his attention instead to TV with series such as *The Avengers*, *The Adventures of Black Beauty*, *Dick Turpin* and *Space:1999*.

But, remarkably, at the age of 77, Crichton made an astonishing comeback to cinema with what would prove to be his final film, the smash hit comedy, *A Fish Called Wanda*, which won Academy Awards on both sides of the Atlantic.

Although his last credit was more than 30 years ago, two of the *Wanda* principals, John Cleese, who had been personally responsible for bringing Crichton back into

the mainstream, and Sir Michael Palin, are, happily, still around and were only too delighted to contribute to my book as they remain die-hard fans of the late filmmaker.

In fact, it was on the set of *Wanda* in 1987, while it was shooting in Oxford, I interviewed Crichton for *The Guardian*, a precious resource as I started out on my latest biography.

I was also blessed to have fresh input from two of Britain's greatest women performers, now, respectively, 86 and 88: Dame Judi Dench's first two films – *The Third Secret* and *He Who Rides a Tiger* – were with Crichton, while Petula Clark co-starred in Ealing's *Dance Hall* as a 17-year-old more than 70 years ago.

Despite a spotty broadband connection at home in Little Marlow (where I have lived for more than 50 years), Zoom, and the internet generally, facilitated crucial further interviews and much archive material which was then supplemented with some revealing personal letters by a young Crichton. These were kindly provided by his surviving son, David, who lives in Cadmore End.

After books on, among others, Anthony Hopkins, Albert Finney, Alfred Hitchcock and Graham Greene over the past 30 years or so, it was a particular pleasure to try and bring back to life, on the page at least, the life and career of a less starry artist who, nevertheless, provided – and still does for television audiences via endless repeats – hours of pleasure for cinemagoers.

Charles Crichton (Manchester University Press, £80), published June 29. The code OTH867 can be used to get a 40% discount when purchasing the book on MUP's website. It expires on the 31/12/2021.



Quentin Falk



River Life

with Peter Osborne



What a difference a year makes. This time last year we were in full lockdown, we were having a heat wave and the river was closed due to the pandemic and so was very quiet.

This year we're coming out of a lockdown, we are suffering winter weather and the river is open for business, but quiet because of the wintery conditions. It's been a rollercoaster of a year.

People working on the river are expecting it to be a bumper year this year due to fewer people going abroad for a holiday. This, I think, has been reflected in the amount of maintenance work being undertaken by boat owners, some of who are willing to spend more than in previous years to improve their boats.

I have been working in various marinas and I have never been so busy. Some marinas have had higher usage from their cranes due to the number of boats being sold/bought and moving to the river. My wife, Gerry, used to question the hours I put in at the marina when I worked there, but she is seeing even less of me currently. Wish me luck.

I'm not sure what is happening with the lock staff on the river. I have been out on the river a great deal so far this year and I cannot understand why so many of the lock transits I've made have entailed operating the locks myself.

Where are the lock keepers and their staff? It's not that easy transiting some locks with a Dutch barge on your own without the assistance of a lock keeper.

I would like to say the exception to the general comment is Cookham Lock. They are well staffed and extremely helpful. On one transit through their lock I was instructing a client how to go through the lock at a time when the 'Self Service' sign was showing. The lock keeper was attending to a maintenance issue some way off.

When the keeper saw us he came over and said: "It's ok I'll see you through if you'd like to get back on your boat," to which I replied, "I'm actually teaching the gentleman how to use the lock when it's unattended so I'd prefer if we continued on our own".

The lock keeper looked confused at first and

muttered: "It's the first time someone has declined my help to get through the lock," as he went back to his other duty.

Thank you, Cookham Lock, for maintaining the high standards all locks should aim to achieve.

I receive many comments about the colour of the river, sometimes it's quite clear and other times it can be a muddy brown colour.

The colour of the river can change when it's been raining and due to a rise in the level it can stir up the mud as it washes the bank, the speed of the flow can also stir up the riverbed and disturb the silt etc.

The water can also sometimes appear brown due to algae; the weather and water temperature can affect its growth.

So don't be alarmed, it's not necessarily as a result of the Little Marlow Water Treatment Plant. Mind you when I see an open water swimmer downstream of the sewage outlet I think 'you're brave' or maybe they're part of some sort of ecological experiment, who knows?

Chaos has been busy down at the marina, it can't be easy operating it on his own. Most days, his feet hardly touch the ground, however, he is just managing.

When I have work down there, he will sometimes ask for my help to crane a boat. I do help him as you cannot crane a boat on your own.

My involvement leads to many comments from people passing though, I would just like to emphasise that I am not working back at the marina, I just give Chaos a hand every now and then when I am on a job there.

He has also asked me to remind people that the marina car park is only for customers of the marina, the restaurant or a tenant of the marina.

The car park is now protected by a number plate recognition camera; if your number is not an accepted number you will receive a fine, as some people have found out to their cost.

The new restaurant in the marina, Corazon del Rio, will be open when you read this

missive. I'm sure we all wish Katrina all the best of luck with this new venture and, personally, I look forward to sampling their tapas.

It's about time that there was a successful quality restaurant down there. What a location to enjoy a meal. I'll see you there soon.

I had an unusual mission recently, I had to drive to a marina at Bourne End, put a boat on the trailer and then drive to Bourne End. This was the other Bourne End, near Hemel Hempstead. It's on a river, the Bulbourne, it has a railway line, it has a railway bridge and it also has level crossing style barriers, albeit on a bridge over the river; and what's more, it has a pub on the river bank as well. How weird is that?

I have to say, it's not as attractive as our Bourne End though.

I know what some of you are thinking, no, I didn't try the pub, nor is there any way it could compare it with the Bounty.

Quite often I am asked where one can hire a day boat on the river locally.

The National Trust at Cliveden have boats for hire, they have canoes, rowing boats and motorboats. To hire these craft, you need to book online, just Google Boating at Cliveden.

You can also hire motorboats at Higginson Park, Marlow, from the Little Green Boat Company.

You can just turn up or you can book online just Google The Little Green Boat Company.

I am sure that we all hope that we continue make inroads with the Covid-19 recovery and that we can fully open in due course and control the virus in the coming months/years.

I'm sure the weather will improve and the river will burst into life.

It will be a good year.

Until the next time

Peter Osborne, River Thames correspondent

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Past times by Barrie Penfold

Mill House — at the centre of American war time activities

In the last issue we promised more about the Lower Mill site where the River Wye meets the River Thames. While nothing remains of the mill there's a fascinating story about senior American military personnel at Mill House – the former mill manager's home. This remained after the mill disappeared and had many owners over the years.

One worth mentioning, if only for the mainly female connection mentioned in the Lower Mill history, was Olivia Gertrude Bastard, Mrs, described as the Head of the house. The 1901 census records her as being born in Paris and living on own means. Her staff included a butler, ladies maid, housekeeper, cook and two housemaids. Presumably the gardeners were non-resident.

The 1913 census records another female occupying Mill House. It was Elizabeth Bennett and her estate covered ten acres described as 'splendid position, reception rooms very small, servants accommodation very fine, no billiard room, grounds liable to flood but water does not reach house'. In addition she had a good boathouse, tea house, lodge, dairy and very good, large, glasshouses.

Let's move swiftly onto the 1940s and the fateful day in 1941 when Pearl Harbour was bombed and moved America into the Second World War. The might of the American war machine descended to join the Allied war effort. Earth moving equipment dug out vast quantities of soil to create underground bunkers at Daws Hill which became the headquarters of the United States Eighth Army Air Force.

Wycombe Abbey School was immediately requisitioned by the Government and at the same time Mill House was commandeered and the then owner, Bernard Frost and his family, were made to vacate at short notice and were

rehoused at The Lodge, facing Hedsor Corner.

Mill House was taken over and two military policemen (known as 'snowdrops' because of their white helmets) were on permanent guard. News soon got around that they were guarding the personal headquarters of an American General.

James Harold 'Jimmy' Doolittle had already proved to be an outstanding aviator in other war situations. He was that general and on 31 January 1944 he became Commander of the US Eighth Army Air Force. Suddenly the village became the centre for high-ranking officers in military vehicles to be seen before entering through the gates up to Mill House. Thanks to some great research by John Lunnon (RIP) *Target* has pictures from the time along with some very personal comments from those who were around then.

Corporal Alan Hayes became the general's driver and found him considerate and kindly. Having discovered that Alan's wife was still working in London making parachutes the general found her a job on the domestic staff at Mill House. Then he found them a house in Bourne End so they could enjoy married life together. Also on the staff was a Chinese houseboy called Yikki who was adept at scavenging the well stocked kitchen garden to produce Oriental salads.

Plenty of military personnel along with personalities from the world of entertainment came to Mill House during those days. General Doolittle's son, also an aviator, was a frequent flying visitor who landed his light aircraft on Cockmarsh. Although he proved less than useful manoeuvring a rowing boat across the River Thames. It caused his father to berate junior with "Having learnt to fly how is it that you can't handle a simple boat?"

Bernard Frost's daughter Mary told John Lunnon that Mill House was very much the headquarters with staff coming and going



constantly. As a family they would try to put names to the people in the back of the big black cars. Rumour has it that, after a visit to Bomber Command at Walters Ash, the general was heard to ask his guards on the gate "Why can't you guys stand to attention like the RAF sentries?" However the snowdrops were always a great source of sweets, chocolates and chewing gum they were happy to hand out to local children. And they were great supporters of local pubs.

At the end of hostilities General Doolittle resumed his military career in America and it is well chronicled. He died aged 96 in 1993 and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honours. But for a short period towards the end of the Second World War he was the general behind the gates of Mill House – a former mill manager's house.

Our pictures show: Top 'Snowdrops', or military policemen, guarding outside the gates of Mill House.

Below, l to r, an historic meeting at Mill House with (l-r) General Doolittle, General Ira Eaker, Ruth Eaker and Air Marshall 'Bomber' Harris.

Yet another military visitor in a smart black car being dropped outside Mill House General James 'Jimmy' Doolittle



OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

Cores End United Reformed Church

The church was able to gather in the building for worship on Easter Sunday to celebrate Christ risen — the first time since Christmas. Since then a short weekly service has been held, with people booking a place. Hopefully restrictions will be eased soon, for up-to-date information check Terry Hinks on 01628 525076 or email minister.trinity.coresend@gmail.com

Online worship continues on YouTube: bit.ly/coresendurc

Collections for WaterAid, Christian Aid and the local One Can food bank have taken place in recent months.

At Easter we provided 'prayer stations' around the church grounds to help people reflect on the Easter story. This included the main cross at the front of church (decorated with flowers for Easter), seats for reflecting in the churchyard and an Easter garden in the 'Link up Garden'.

Church members have been working hard on the grounds over this last year, improving them for the enjoyment of anyone who wants somewhere to walk or sit and reflect. Planning permission for a gateway has now been granted to make it accessible for all.

We are grateful for the donations we have received (both in money and kind) to help us plant trees and native hedging. Regular work parties are held on the meadow; do contact the minister if you would like to help.

We have been delighted to start welcoming back community groups to use the halls, alongside people returning for Sunday worship. It has been a long time since the church has hosted a wedding, but we always welcome enquiries on this or any other way we can help and support people in their lives today.

The Community Church

During this Covid-19 pandemic we've partnered with schools and other organisations to support households and businesses who have suffered in different ways.

We've also been able to facilitate some brilliant community events such as Coffee Giveaways and a HUGE Easter Egg hunt.

As a church we continue to meet online (thecomunitychurch.online) but from June 21 we will be gathering in-person at The Chapel on the Green as well as online. You are most welcome to join us in-person or online as we learn to follow the teachings of Jesus.

St Dunstan's Church

The continued easing of lockdown rules has seen a steady increase of parishioners returning to Sunday worship, even though strict social distancing guidelines are still being practised.

With the eve of the final easing of lockdown, it was encouraging to receive many enquiries from families planning to have their children baptised.

The popular four-week Catholic Basics course which focuses on unpacking four key areas of the faith, starts again in June.

Young children moved from their Zoom online classes for their First Sacraments preparation and

enjoyed live sessions with much enthusiasm. They will receive these Sacraments on Saturday June 26.

We celebrate three masses on the day to practise safe social distancing, which allows the children to invite extended families and friends to this happy celebration.

NYMO, the Northampton Youth Ministry, continue to provide very engaging material for the youth of our diocese, including their newly launched YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNfpZFbsLvLKJbzzk8Y5JQ>.

St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

Planning ahead continues to be a challenge as we await directions from the Government and Church of England.

It's wonderful to be back in church for services and we have welcomed back our regular worshippers and visitors. We

continue to make the service available online: www.4u-team.org/digitalchurch

Our Easter trail was great fun and a lot of families took part in the quiz, although there were not many Easter bonnets in evidence, maybe because of the weather.

Our Patronal Service will be on June 27 at 11am and although we will not have a themed flower festival, the church will be beautifully decorated. We very much hope that we will be able to serve teas over the weekend in the afternoon when the flowers can be seen.

All being well our annual Music in the Manor will take place on Saturday August 28.

Finally, a plea: Two octogenarians would like some younger members to join the bell ringing roster for services. The three bells are fixed in position (hung dead) with a rope attached to each clapper, enabling one person, seated, to operate all three bells.

No previous experience needed and tuition will be available. If you are physically fit and interested please contact Douglas Fergusson on 01628 482103.

Visit www.4u-tam.org/StJohntheBaptist for up-to-date information.

Photo (below) taken on Mothering Sunday at St John the Baptist Church



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

It was so lovely to be able to welcome everyone back into our church building in April. With Paul our new Vicar established, our Sunday 9.30am service at St Paul's, with Sunday Club for ages 0-12, is now firmly back in place. We are working towards being



able to livestream our Services via Facebook, enabling people to access them in their own time.

Our 10 to 16 age group is also starting to meet again with an exciting programme lined up for the summer including pizza and sessions

in the church grounds. If you have children who would be interested in joining, please email stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com

We are open 11am to noon each week for private prayer, on June 23 and July 28 there will also be a short communion service at this time. Our Friday communion will also resume at St Mary's, with the first service at noon on June 11. Bring a packed lunch to join us for an informal lunch after the service.

For up-to-date information on all events visit <https://www.stpaulswooburn.org> or FaceBook page St Paul's with St Mary's Wooburn. If you would like to talk to Paul, our vicar, please contact him at Paul.Cudby@yahoo.com

Parishes of Hedsor and Bourne End

It's great to be able to worship in the church buildings once more. Our Sunday services are 9am at St Nicholas and 10.30am at St Mark's with Holy Communion on the first, third and fourth Sundays.

Pathway our family service takes place on the second Sunday of the month.

As a way of reaching out to our local community we have started a monthly service of healing and wholeness which instead of Holy Communion takes place on the fourth Sunday at St Mark's.

To support those unable to come to church, all services at St Mark's are live streamed to our YouTube channel Parishes of Hedsor and Bourne End. Our midweek service is every Thursday at 12.30pm in the church at St Mark's and on Zoom (contact us for the login details). For a quiet space in our busy lives there is meditation at St Nicholas every Wednesday at 1.30pm, for details ring 01628 530181.

We are pleased that Puffins our toddler group has returned every Wednesday (10am-11.30am) during term time.

For our Summer Sale on Saturday July 10, donations of cakes, preserves, books and nearly new items are needed. Do come along with friends and family to support this event to raise much needed funds for the church. Our contact for this is june.grierson@sky.com

A big thank you to everyone for your continued generous donations to OneCan the local food bank.

For details of all activities visit www.parishesofhedsorandbourneend.co.uk and www.achurchnearyou.com. See also our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

To hire the hall, contact Glen Binns 01628 523046 or visit www.hallshire.com. For weddings, funerals and baptisms contact the Rev Janet Binns on 01628 523046.

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. Check our website www.caqm.org.uk

Please call into the centre and pay £1 for your copy of Target

OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

1st Wooburn Scout Group

We are excited to be back to scouting as we head into the summer, with lots of fun-filled, outdoor activities.

As we continue to provide a safe environment for the young people, leaders and volunteers, many of the sessions will be outside, so fingers crossed for warm, dry days.

The Beavers will be building dens, hiking, playing wide games, and partaking in their very own orienteering course, a photo scavenger hunt and crate stacking (whoever can stack and climb the highest wins).

The Cubs will be focusing on life skills such as fire lighting, cooking and knife skills. Also, in true scouting style, they will be doing a hike as well as axe throwing (supervised by the very brave organisers).

Meanwhile, the Scouts will be brushing up on their basic core skills, like knotting, map and compass reading and knife skills. They will also be doing community work: a litter picking hike with a well-deserved chip shop tea at the end.

To end the summer term, the Scouts will be getting competitive in an Egg Catapult when they have to wrap their egg to protect it from breaking after being flung across the garden using our very own miniature trebuchet. The last egg standing, or in event of a tie-break, the furthest away, wins.

During the time we've been on pause, some members have outgrown us. So we are now taking applications for youngsters to join each of our sections: Beavers (ages six to eight and a half), Cubs (up to 10), and Scouts (10 to 14). If you have any youngsters who are keen to get back to socialising and learning new skills, please get in touch and we can get you started (or on our waiting list):
wooburngreengsl@gmail.com.

Apparently many people tried out volunteering during the lockdown periods. If this was you and you decided you liked giving back to the local community, please do get in touch.

We are always looking for adults to join our team whether for hands-on Scouting or a background role. In fact our need at the moment is for someone who is happy to cut the grass at the Scout HQ building every couple of weeks through the summer. Let us know if you can help - we love adding new members to our adult team too.

1st Bourne End Scouts

We are excited to be back to weekly meetings at the Scout hut in person, instead of on Zoom.

With more than 140 children in our group, we are very busy and are looking forward to activities such as hiking, cycling, camping and generally having lots of fun.

We are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please get in touch. We are on Facebook or email Sam on besg.groupscoutleader@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you.

1st Bourne End Scout Group is very pleased to have been chosen as one of Co-op's Local Causes for this year.

Bourne End and Wooburn Guides

Spring has sprung. Girlguiding in Bourne End and Wooburn is now back face to face – it's been a long winter but we are very thankful to Zoom and our dedicated volunteer leaders for keeping the weekly meetings going online – providing sleepovers, cooking, crafts and adapting so many activities to do virtually.

Now we are back you'll see us out and about in the local parks this summer. We are also extremely grateful to St Mark's Church who have provided a new base to Bourne End Guides and Brownies so we hope to make this a permanent home for Girlguiding and support the church with our activities and young members.

As always your community needs you so please could you consider helping girls achieve their potential while volunteering with Girlguiding. Our Rainbows, Brownies and Guides all need helpers and can also take DoF volunteers. You can contact us on beguidingenquiries@gmail.com, or online at <https://go.girlguiding.org.uk/join-us/join-as-volunteer/>.

Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association

Our online AGM went well. Our thanks to Dominic Grieve for a most interesting talk ranging over what he has been doing since leaving Parliament, and current and future relations between France and the UK.

We foster links and friendships between the Bourne End area and Octeville-sur-Mer (near Le Havre in Normandy). We keep in touch and look forward to welcoming our friends to Bourne End in 2022, as well as running our local events normally again.

In these stressful times French members appreciate even more our contacts by email, card or phone and they would love more of us to join their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/jumelageocteville/. Write in English or French.

Here is part of their latest message on May 1, the Fête du Travail (Labour Day) which is also a day to show friendship: "Le CJO offre à tous ses amis ces quelques brins de muguet qui, nous l'espérons, vous apporteront un peu de bonheur dans ces temps difficiles." (*The CJO offers all its friends these few sprigs of lily of the valley, which we hope will bring you some happiness/good fortune in these difficult times.*)

In France, if you want to sell lily of the valley, "le muguet" (mew-gay), on the street you do not need a licence on May 1, though you must be 40 metres clear of any florists' shops. Everyone wants to wish their friends happiness by giving the sweet-smelling flowers – a lovely custom, especially this

year. Perhaps we should all celebrate friendship more.

Our online social on April 15 was shared by more than 20 people. We discussed national and personal news, and then (thanks to the Zoom expertise of Liz Yeeles) went into random 'rooms' to chat with the two or three people we found there. Reunited, we sang some of the songs on a sheet compiled by Barrie Reece – we hope to have him at the keyboard for a proper singsong later in the year.

There will be another Zoom meeting in June. Are you not receiving our emails? Maybe in the chaos of early 2020 you forgot to pay your subscription (which also covers 2021) and your name is not on Jan's crucial membership list. Easily put right.

Apologies to our much-missed members who are not online, but remember you can attend by phone, as two enterprising members did for the AGM. Call us for more details, and of course we shall get together again as soon as we can.

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

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

Bourne End Horticultural Society

We are delighted to inform you that we are now in a position to invite members and visitors to our first meeting this year on Thursday July 15 at 8pm at St Dunstons Hall.

Our speaker will be Andrew Mikolajski who will be telling us where to put the right plant in the right place. We look forward to seeing all our members again and will be delighted to welcome prospective new members too. Please contact Penny Hampson at pennyhampson@hotmail.com for further details.

Wye Valley Volunteers

Thank you to all our drivers and office team for keeping the voluntary transport service going despite all the fluctuations caused by the high number of trips to the vaccine centres at Wycombe and Marlow.

Behind the scenes our other volunteers, such as home visitors and the lunch club teams, have been keeping in touch with clients to try to combat loneliness.

We are planning to re-open other services — coffee mornings, lunch club, shopping trips — as soon as allowed.

We know how much clients have missed these social events and, although we cannot realistically restart the lunch club until July, we are planning a series of afternoon teas in people's gardens to help bridge the gap.

If you would like help from any of these services, or would be interested in finding out about volunteering in any of them, do please contact us on 01628 521027, email enquiries@wyevalleyvolunteers.org.uk, or call in to see us between 10am and midday

on weekdays at the Community Volunteer Office (portacabin to the right of the Community Centre). Do look out for us on Facebook too (we're coming rather late to the party.)

Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

These lovely flowers celebrated National Flower Arranging Day on May 7 and Sherry Smith was the skilful arranger.

Many of our committee and members placed flowers outside their homes. Sherry's neighbour was delighted to have these flowers in her garden and received a lot of comments from people walking by.

The Flower Club still has no re-opening date but when we can we will be having loads of flowers and a fun celebration and



will be sure to publicise the occasion. We welcome visitors. In the meantime there is lots of info online with

demonstrations and photos on bbandoflowers.org.uk and the www.nafas.org.uk YouTube channel. Susie Barwick, a long-time member, was awarded a highly commended at the recent Virtual National Flower Show.

RNLI South Bucks & Thames Branch

The committee and supporters of the branch offer their condolences to the family of John Spokes who passed away in April. To say that John was a bit of a character would be something of an understatement but he was more than that.

Much of the success that this branch has enjoyed in recent years is built upon the hard work of John and Di Spokes.

Branch members are keen to resume collecting and currently await approval to collect at supermarkets and street collection points later this year.

SOS

This is the last report, as the management team of the Bourne End & Wooburn SOS have agreed to close the full service as of the 21 June when all Covid-19 restrictions are due to be lifted in the UK.

SOS has served the local community non-stop for 15 months and on occasion were handling more than 100 transactions daily for the local residents. We also operated a medical transport service on behalf of Wye Valley Volunteers for five months.

Although the full service operation will close, and we have advised all customers to prepare to return to how they operated

CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

JUNE

- 3 Thurs Community Centre Quiz starts at 8pm. It's a £1 per person and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night
- 6 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm
- 12 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am to 1pm in and around the community centre
- 13 Sun New Royalty Cinema at the community centre showing a West End performance of the dazzling show 42nd Street. See page 21
- 17 Thur Centre Talks presents Gill Hodgekinson-Price on Palace of Westminster. See page 20
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JULY

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- 4 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm
- 6 Tue CentreJazz presents The Dixieland Swing Kings at the community centre. See page 20
- 10 Sat Cookham Bridge Rotary Club holding a childrens' Scarecrow Trail competition between 11am and 2.30pm at Marsh Meadow and Cock Marsh with prizes and refreshments. Email scarecrow@cookhamrotary.co.uk or call 01628 525161 for more information
- 10 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am to 1pm in and around the community centre
- 15 Thur CentreTalks, Steve Tonkin, Time & Calendars. See poster page 20
- 18 Sun New Royalty Cinema at the community centre showing *Emma*. See page 21

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pre Covid-19 by using friends, family, neighbours or by using the many excellent delivery services available, we have made plans to assist the very few residents who will still require help for the foreseeable future by ensuring the hugely successful SOS 'buddy' system is in place and the eligible residents are fully aware. Nobody will be left without support. In the meantime SOS will continue the service for those unable to return to pre Covid-19 arrangements until the 21 June.

The system is in place to reopen the service at short notice if there should be any further lockdowns.

SOS continues to work closely with Wye Valley Volunteers and Bourne End and Wooburn Green Medical Centre to ensure that all elderly and/or vulnerable residents are transported to the two vaccination centres at Marlow and Wycombe. Through the 'buddy' system a large number of volunteers have taken SOS clients to the two centres free of charge. The remainder are always referred to Wye Valley Volunteers.

SOS believe that much of the very low levels of Covid-19 in our villages is partially due to their work in ensuring as many residents as possible remained in lockdown with their support. However, as the rules begin to relax, Dipesh and Fiona at Lloyds and Raj at Woburn Green and their teams are all delighted to be able to greet their customers again in person, as are the many superb businesses in our villages.

Finally, we wanted to pass on our heartfelt thanks to the SOS Management Team, the

truly amazing group of volunteers who have worked tirelessly for 15 months and equally importantly the residents who remained isolated to ensure the least possible transmission of Covid-19. Our villages should be very proud how our community reacted at very short notice and ensured that everyone who needed help of any kind were assisted, often seven days a week.

EDITOR: Very many thanks to every one of your volunteers who did so much to help through this unbelievable year. You made such a difference to so many lives and it is hugely appreciated.

Community Board

Community Boards have been set up across the County, by Bucks Council, to engage local people and parish councils.

There are 16 in the county and ours is South West Chilterns, covering Bourne End, Wooburn Green, Hedsor, Little Marlow, Marlow and the other six parishes south of the M40.

The board works through a number of working groups (WG) and membership is largely open to anybody who wishes to give up their time to consider changes in a particular issue.

Currently we have a Transport, Infrastructure and Roads group (TIR). It is looking at broadband in the area.

We are also progressing road improvements in New Road and Boundary Road, both supported by the parish council.

For further information contact the Administrator at – makyla.devlin@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

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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 (or a takeaway) 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 July 5. Have a go... if nobody gets all the answers the winner will be the person with the most correct answers. All these clues relate to birds. Good Luck!

- 1) Which TV show centres around two sisters and nosy neighbour Dorian?
- 2) What is the name of Looney Tunes' Tweety's nemesis?
- 3) The Goldcrest is Britain's what?
- 4) True or false a baby puffin is called a Puffling?
- 5) Fawkes, a phoenix, appears in which series of books and films?
- 6) Which group sang the song *Hotel California*?
- 7) Who has nephews named Huey, Dewy and Louie?
- 8) Which bird is symbolic of Christmas?
- 9) In Winnie-the-Pooh who is the know-it-all character?
- 10) According to the poem *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* which bird should you never kill?
- 11) Which is the only bird that can fly backward without the help of the wind?
- 12) Wile E Coyote could never keep up with this bird?
- 13) What does RSPB stand for in the bird world?
- 14) Polly James and Nerys Hughes starred in which TV show about two Liverpoolian flat sharers?
- 15) Who wrote and performed the song *When Doves Cry*?
- 16) Which British coin features a wren?
- 17) According to fact, film and song which bird can you hear singing in Berkeley Square?
- 18) The egg of which bird can weigh up to four pounds?
- 19) Which bird did Dick Dastardly and Muttley always try to catch in Wacky Races?
- 20) Which pub's food will you be eating if you win this quiz?

ANSWERS TO THE APRIL/MAY QUIZ

1 Easter bunny 2 Lent 3 Easter Sunday 4 Lamb 5 Eggs 6 Simnel 7 Chile 8 Fred Astaire 9 Gives out money
10 Crucifixion 11 Birds nest 12 40 days 13 Painting eggs 14 Easter Bunny 15 Faberge 16 Hot Cross buns
17 full moon 18 Rebirth 19 Pancakes 20 Daffodil
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