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Henry with his light design

Henry's musical robin will light up The Parade

Here's Henry with his chirpy winning design.

Henry, who goes to St Paul's School in Wooburn Green and will be 10 years old two days after Christmas, will turn on his light outside No25 on The Parade on Fun Night, Friday December 10.

He'll be surrounded by Bourne End VI supporters, family and friends who will count down to zero for the big switch-on.

Read about the determination that resulted in Bourne End VI financing and organising the 2021 light on page 27.

Go into the library and see all the light designs from the local schools. All good designs, but the judge's favourite was Henry's singing robin.

Well done Henry.

COUNTDOWN TO FUN NIGHT



*Bourne End village to enjoy
Christmas spirit again*



The countdown has started for Bourne End's Christmas Fun Night on Friday December 10 from 5pm with free parking at the Wakeman Road car park courtesy of the parish council.

There'll be lots of attractions, old and new, with the main road closed to cars for the evening giving more room to spread out and wander round the lovely stalls and food vendors or watch the great feast of entertainment.

At 5pm everyone can gather round a stage outside McColls to join the 'BIG SING'. Children from Claytons, St Paul's and Year 7s at Bourne End Academy, along with any other children and adults who wish to join in, will be singing together to start the evening.

Together they start off the Christmas season with a fantastic festive feeling. Songs chosen for the 'BIG SING' will be *Jingle Bells*, *Santa Claus is coming to town* and *All I want for Christmas is you*. Please arrive in plenty of time to make your way there and join in.

Following on immediately from this will be the Children's Light switch on. Children from seven local schools entered this traditional local competition with the winning design being made into this year's new village light. Henry will be invited to switch on his design in the village centre.

From 5.15pm there will be further entertainment here including dancers, performers and singers. Afterwards you can wander around the surrounding stalls, play games organised by local school PTAs and other organisations.

Across the road (which will also be closed to traffic) you will find a scrumptious array of food vendors to tempt your taste buds so have your meal out that night and support some local businesses.

Further along you can stop to take your chance on the tombola in its familiar place at Bourne End Motor Company then continue to the library for more small stalls and have a look at the lovely display of entries for the Children's Light competition.

The library will also host a First Aid area and a lost child point (plus it's a lovely place to potter if you just want to get in from the cold).

Head on to the community centre and stop on the way to see the reindeer and Santa who will have flown in for the evening to visit and is very excited about meeting all the local children.

Finally head into the community centre where you will find the Christmas Market. Get unique gifts from local vendors who will have a fantastic range of goods on offer to help you finish off (or start) your Christmas shopping.

Organisers can't wait to see your happy faces at Fun Night. Special thanks to those who sponsored or partially funded elements of the evening which made it all possible. They include Buckinghamshire Council's South West Chilterns Community Board and the Welcome Back Fund, Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council and Robertsons Estate Agents. Grateful thanks to everyone involved and extreme gratitude for the guidance from David Davis, Nick Pink and Kath Acres. Their advice on Fun Night organisation was invaluable.



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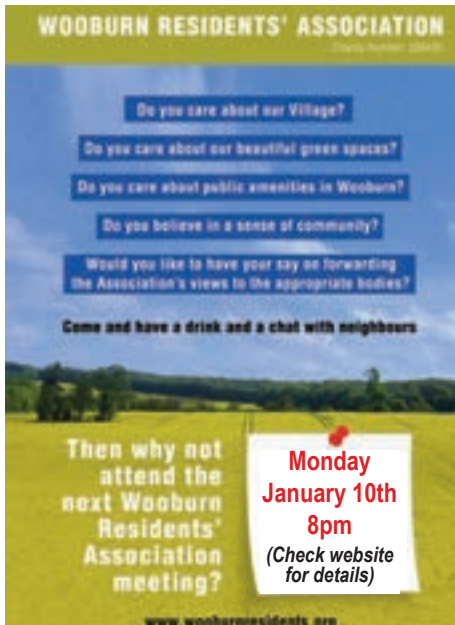
TARGET COMPETITION (page 40)

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WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Margaret Amos, Secretary
& Simon Coles, Chairman



It is with mixed feelings I write this article as my last for *Target* after some 12 years as secretary to the association. It is time to hand over the secretarial duties; though it is sad to recognise that seniority of years is approaching I am delighted to see the association is in such a strong position for going forward.

Alison Grinter, who joined us for our Zoom

meetings this year during the pandemic, has agreed to become the association's secretary. Alison has already enthusiastically thrown herself into life in the community by arranging the very successful Duck Race at the Parish Show in September and is having a hand in the Christmas lights event on Wooburn Green. Thank you Alison and I wish you much enjoyment in your new role.

Christmas Lights

Wooburn Residents' Association, with the massive support of Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council is delighted to bring you some seasonal 'Glitter on The Green'. This has rolled out in two stages. Firstly, from November 1, as the clocks changed and things became damper and darker, the lights around The Green came on to cheer us all up.

Then, at our Christmas Lights Event on November 27, graced by a visit from Father Christmas and with choirs singing festive songs and carols, another fabulous Christmas tree gained its warm and welcoming glow to complete the Christmas lights show on The Green itself.

New Tree in Wooburn Park

There is a new Whitebeam tree in Wooburn Park on the slope opposite the cricket pavilion. Back in 2012 at the time of the Queen's Diamond



Jubilee, we organised a splendid Jubilee Celebration on Wooburn Green. Unfortunately the weather did not look favourably upon us and there was much wind and rain, but in true British spirit it did not dampen the enthusiasm for commemorating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The money raised at the event has been used to purchase two pop-up gazebos for outdoor events and this tree with a fitting plaque. Walk up and take a look when next in the park.

The Way Forward

As we have been considering the way forward for the association it's been very encouraging to see fresh enthusiasm for getting together to contribute to local events, to address issues of local concern and to explore topics of local interest.

We are working out together how we can maximise the benefits to all while keeping any load on individuals light and enjoyable.

After the trying times of 2020 and 2021, we know that one of the greatest felt needs is a sense of connection with each other. In many ways that is what we are all about. We would love you to join with us on our way forward.

Next meeting

Monday January 10, 8 pm – all very welcome.

It is customary for members to have a short meeting in January and go to one of our local

hostelries for a bite to eat and to catch up after the Christmas activities. If you want to join us watch out for the announcement of venue on Facebook or take a look at our website.

Why not follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with what is happening at <https://www.facebook.com/wooburnresidents> or on our website www.wooburnresidents.org

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UPDATE by Stuart Wilson

With 2021 almost behind us, we can take some small comfort that the two major developments at Slate Meadow and Hollands Farm are still in the various stages of their respective planning applications and, as such, have not moved to the next stage.

Our team has continued to scrutinise the various submissions and documents that are made available through planning applications, working in conjunction with our Buckinghamshire councillors, the Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council and the Hedsor Parish Meeting, as well as various residents' groups.

Although we have felt very frustrated by the lack of engagement from various council and utilities

consultees at times, it is heartening to see that there has been some push back on the planning applications, raising many of the issues that we had known about all along but were always being "kicked into the long grass" until a formal planning application was in existence.

Slate Meadow, which already has outline planning permission, is presently going through a review of the Reserved Matters that are necessary for full planning permission.

This has raised several issues, not least from the Environment Agency, which highlighted some 'technical challenges' in the developer submissions. This requires the developer to do further work before matters can be progressed. It is unclear exactly when this might be resolved.

Hollands Farm is still at the outline planning application stage for only the larger part of the site represented by Catesby Estates; at this point, Capreon have yet to submit an outline planning application for Jackson's Field.

This outline planning application has resulted in Highways Development Management noting five grounds for refusal of this application, partly due to the inability of Catesby Estates to deliver the proposed link road on its own. There are also issues with other junctions and access points.

Catesby Estates now has the opportunity to respond and address those points to meet the requirements of Highways and any other issues raised by formal consultees.

This would include any matters raised by the publication of the site Development Brief towards the end of September. The planning application is due to be determined by the end of December and has been called in by local councillors to ensure it receives proper scrutiny.

An immediate concern for us and residents is the proposed enlargement of the roundabout at Penny's Corner. This would require removal and relocation of the Parish Council Centenary Clock and the Peace Garden to an alternative position in the village, eliminating a large amount of public green space in the process.

This transport mitigation scheme was proposed by Catesby Estates and has been ratified by the Wycombe Local Plan and the Highways DM report as being essential for the Hollands Farm site to be approved.

Cllr Stuart Wilson took this matter to the Buckinghamshire Council cabinet on November 9, but it was clear that the council did not want to consider alternatives. We will continue to press on this matter at every possible opportunity and will ask residents for their support at the appropriate point.

Finally, we had one willing volunteer step forward following our rallying call for new members and trustees. We know this community has a loud voice when necessary, so a few more volunteers willing to get involved would be really appreciated.

Please contact me on stuartpwilson@btinternet.com or 07789 615646 to find out how you might help.

BRIDGE PLAYER'S BIDDING QUIZ

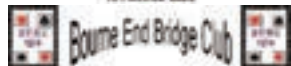
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¹12 – 14 ²Stayman

Julian Pottage gives his answer on page 6

English Bridge is published by the English Bridge Union.



Flowers and gifts sent Sue on her way

Sue Ambrose retired from the community centre office on a wave of flowers, gifts and good wishes. From *Target* there was her own *Sun* front page feature with many little stories designed to make her laugh.

A photo album of faces from the many groups she had known during her 26 years was designed to bring back memories. Her farewell card had messages and wishes from many more. And from all there was a gift of cash to



go in her retirement fund.

Raising a glass of red wine in grateful thanks Sue couldn't stop smiling as a different life ahead promises lots of things to do and try.

Good luck Sue – make sure you come back sometime to say 'hi'.



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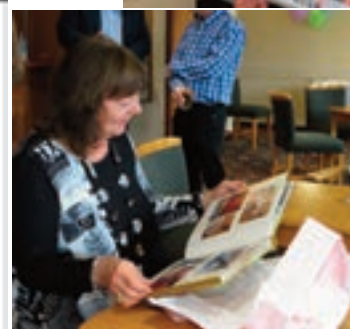
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3NT. Your partner's sequence shows the values to invite game in no trumps with four hearts. While with 13 HCP you are mid-range for a 12-14 1NT, you have better than average intermediates and two good 4-card suits offering playing potential.



SMALL BUSINESS MATTERS

with Sylvia Bourhill

To office...or not to office?

We hear a lot in the media about the success of working remotely during the last 18 months of the pandemic. Employers who could not imagine allowing their staff to work at home were forced to think differently and creatively about how to keep them engaged and productive whether they were working from a summerhouse in Devon or a tiny flat in Nottingham.

The discussion has raged around whether fixed working hours in an office environment will ever return to being 'the norm'.

For sole traders, one-man bands or trades, this may never be an issue. You may be very happy working from home, you or your partner doing your administration work in evenings or weekends. Your 'office' may be your van or lockup.

In our case, what started out as just me working on my dining room table, grew to a point that the paperwork had taken over the house. I desperately needed somewhere else to keep it all.

Expansion into a small office above Hunt and Nash in The Parade was the start. Then into larger offices next to the telephone exchange. I also picked up staff along the way and needed somewhere for them to work too.

Interestingly, although we have now become almost paperless, and in spite of the freedom of working at home during lockdown, they still prefer to come into the office to work – as much for the camaraderie as anything else.

Moving to an office is not for the faint-hearted – suddenly you are responsible for rent, utilities, rates (although the smallest office gets a full rebate) and insurance. These all add to your overheads. You may not be at that point yet.

When I was looking for a little office there was not much out there. Times have moved on and there are now options in between home and a fully rented space. A bit of a plug here for another local business, as I recently came across the new Mill House in Wooburn Green, visit www.millhousewooburn.com which is a co-working space that offers the benefits of a high tech, stylish office environment without the need to commit to a long-term lease.

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Sylvia Bourhill

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Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council

Working with the Community

by Penny Baron

With another successful Village Show a happy September memory, other events have appeared on the horizon.

On Sunday November 14 we remembered Armistice Day with the well-attended memorial service on Wooburn Green to commemorate lives lost in both world wars, and since. The Scouts add the crosses to remind us of our past parishioners who died.

And of course, Christmas is on our minds now. First came the delivery of our Nordmann Fir tree on November 25 on Wooburn Green and the dressing of lights to bring this imposing specimen to life after dark. The oak tree near the memorial and horse chestnut at the bottom of Windsor Hill are similarly decorated and it's all now officially turned on until lights out on twelfth night, January 6, 2022.

Christmas lights kick off in Bourne End officially on Friday, December 10 with Bourne End Fun Night when the winning light joins the festive lights created by a local children. This Christmas design takes its place, with others from previous years, along The Parade.

Then fun and games for all the family begin with a festive flavour to everything from the waft of chestnuts roasting over a burner to a variety of stalls. One highlight of the evening is an appearance by Santa, with his traditional reindeer, and all bells jingling. This evening is made even more attractive for those not within walking distance of Bourne End by one of the three free parking days allocated by Buckinghamshire Council at Wakeman Road car park. The other free parking days are Saturdays 11 and 18 December.

Cllr Nigel Dibbo has stepped down from the parish council and will be missed by all, especially for his willing hands-on approach to activities throughout the year.

But we welcome Kieran Rawles who joined our groundsmen, Roland and Shane, in September and brings them back to full strength.

One of his first assignments was to help plant 2,500 crocus corms in our open spaces. They're mixed colours and designed to naturalise over time. More irresistible images for Phil Laybourne's camera lens next spring.

The iconic red telephone box standing at the foot of Wash Hill in Wooburn Town has had a top to toe makeover and it now looks as if BT have just installed it. Our thanks to Michael Brench for undertaking this project.

Relatives who wish to have permanent and living memorials for their loved ones have chosen to have a tree planted, not in our cemetery but in one of the parish open spaces, where there's plenty of room. It's a great idea, will last longer than maybe a bench, and contributes further to our commitment to reduce our carbon footprint.

Our dog warden and mobile security services continue to keep people and property safer and are now a regular feature of village life.

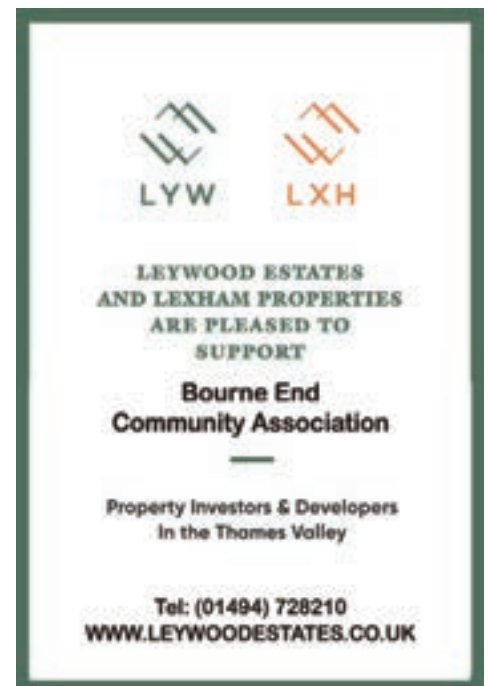
Dog walkers challenged by the warden are asked politely to mend their ways and have been seen at a later date diligently clearing up after their pets. It's more pleasant for all park users and for our groundsmen when cutting the grass.

Finally, we have been working hard on producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan. Without a legally approved NDP the parish council has limited influence on planning decisions. We are ready to commence a local consultation as required by law and encourage residents, businesses and their employees to read the plan and participate in the

consultation by completing the survey — both are published on our website (see below). There will be consultation surgeries in Bourne End and Wooburn Green during December and January. Dates will be advised in a mail drop and on notice boards.

It remains for the councillors and staff to wish all the residents of Wooburn and Bourne End a very happy Christmas and perhaps more importantly, a healthier 2022 than has been the case in the previous two years.

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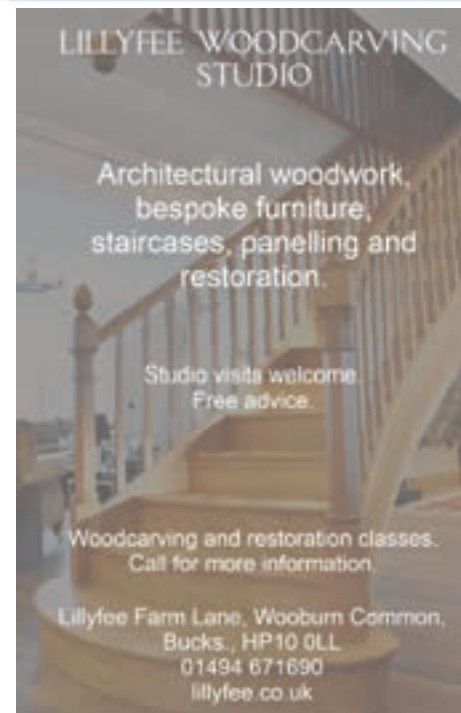
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Workmates raise funds for mental health charity

Happy fundraisers from local company, FROMM Packaging Ltd (based at Hedsor Park Farm) celebrate walking 14 miles to raise funds for MQ: Mental Health Research.

The team followed the Thames Path from Marlow to Windsor with the intention of helping to create a world where mental illnesses are understood, effectively treated and ultimately prevented. They managed to raise £2,131 plus £188 of Gift Aid for the cause.

MQ is the UK's leading mental health research charity, transforming lives through research by funding important work across biological, psychological and social sciences. Their scientists investigate a huge range of issues: depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, eating disorders and more. They are bringing together everything from cutting-edge neuroscience to social studies to find the answers we need.

One in four of us are impacted by mental illness every year - in everything MQ does, they are driven by one certainty: research can transform what it means to experience mental illness, starting now and for every generation to come.

Beth Joy, Community and Challenge Event Manager at MQ told FROMM: "We are so grateful to you for taking on the challenge of the Thames Path Walk to raise vital funds for MQ. In the UK one in four people will experience mental illness, but despite this, research in the field has been underfunded for decades.

"At MQ, we invest in world

class mental health research to better understand, diagnose and treat mental illness. Over the last 18 months the fragility of mental health has been starkly highlighted, however so has the positive impact that focused investment in research can have with the production of the Covid-19 vaccine.

"With the help of our supporters we can find the next breakthrough in mental health. We wouldn't be able to do this without the generosity of fundraisers, so a huge thank you to everyone at FROMM Packaging Ltd for their wonderful support."

If you would like to donate to this fundraising challenge go to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/frommuk-charitywalk-mq

Pictured at the finish line are: (left to right) Mark Openshaw, Jacqueline Jeffries, Talandi Slater, Katherine Nieuwenhoff, Ryan Clark, Matt Walters, Darren Rice, Antonio Soria, Roz Giles, Marc Ward and Frances Welsh.



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Ocean rowers need fair winds and more...

Guy Rigby from Little Marlow and rowing partner David Murray are just a few days away from the start of their toughest ever challenge.

The pair will be setting off from the Canaries to row 3,000 miles across the Atlantic to Antigua in the Talisker Whiskey Atlantic Challenge. And they are aiming for the record of being the oldest pair ever to row any ocean.

So how did a business man from Little Marlow decide to take on what is regarded as the 'world's toughest row' when, aged 66, others might be looking to a gentle retirement?

Fit and ready for something new, Guy says he messed about in boats as a youngster and then, in later life, returned to rowing and loved it and this ocean row presents the kind of challenge he needs.

He told *Target*: "Having lived near the River Thames for most of my life, I have always admired the scullers from the river bank and increasingly wanted to get involved. Unfortunately, with work, children, parents and other responsibilities, time was at a premium. In 2014 I was walking past Marlow Rowing Club and went in to ask about learning to row. They said there was a beginner's course on a Saturday afternoon, so I enrolled. That was the beginning of my river rowing.

"I wanted to get fit and reach the point where I could live the dream of taking out a single scull on a beautiful summer's morning, with the mist rising and the sun coming over the horizon. I have subsequently enjoyed some beautiful mornings on the river".

Competitive rowing across an ocean will be something completely different. Their boat is a 24-foot Rannoch 25 and was built in 2019. She is called 'Lily' and is considered rather small for a



Guy, on the right, with David

3,000 mile row.

Named for the challenge she is 'The Entrepreneur Ship' and will be their home for the sub 60 day crossing. Every available space will be packed with freeze-dried food and high protein snacks carefully calculated to last the journey. Their water will be provided by a solar-powered device that converts seawater into drinking water.

Rowing along the River Thames is vastly different to dealing with the high seas. Guy admitted: "The only ocean rowing I have done so far is our training rows. We have completed around 140 hours, of which around 30 have been at night. Our longest row was from Salcombe to Falmouth and back, via the Eddystone lighthouse, around 200 kilometres. On the way back, we rowed for 26 hours in race format of two hours on and two hours off, followed by another five hours rowing together to beat the tide getting back into Salcombe. That was pretty gruelling, but only a taste of what is to come."

Little Marlow is a long way from the sea so how did Guy's training go to make sure he would be at

the peak of fitness for the 12 December?

"I like to mix either running, rowing or biking. For the first time in my life, I have engaged a personal trainer who tortures me twice a week. We have also been working with Alchemy Life Therapy and learning how our brains work. This has been brilliant and we hope that the techniques will help us with our mental resilience and our ability to cope with a regime for around 60 days".

Guy and his family have lived in Little Marlow for more than 40 years and he realised that they'd struck gold with a village that had two pubs, a church, a post box and some lovely neighbours.

Three years ago he decided that his way of life, centred largely on work, needed to change.

"I decided that I needed to do something real and give something back. That's when rowing across the Atlantic swam into view."

So it's full steam ahead now for the world's toughest row. We wish them a safe, successful voyage.

Guy and David are raising funds for UnLtd, also known as The Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs.



The charity is at the centre of the levelling up agenda, finding, funding and supporting social entrepreneurs who start businesses that help communities create jobs and make the world a better place.

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Alfred Court residents celebrate

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It had been a long time since their last celebratory event when two 'birthday ladies' were the centre of attention. Since then both had died along with two dearly loved residents.

As usual there were stalls, good things to eat and drink, as well as a chance to chat with visitors and move forward with planning events for everyone.

Everywhere there was a very positive feel to the occasion. There were also stalls outside the home with good things on offer. However with grey skies and a chilly wind going back indoors was a warm and welcome retreat.

Organiser Anne Stoter thanked everyone for the effort to make it a great occasion and also getting friends and family to come and join the residents.

"It was very special this year" she said "and we are delighted that it was so friendly and welcoming".



Bourne End & District

As we approach the end of another rather up and down year our U3A activities are bursting back into life.

Most of our groups are now meeting face to face again, even though a few people are understandably reluctant to attend.

In October we had our first monthly meeting at the community centre since February 2020. About 50 or so people attended with others participating over Zoom. Our speaker delighted us with photographs and information about local links to the wonderful TV series *Downton Abbey*.

Another group, called New Experiences, is hoping to get off the ground soon with a trip to a bowling alley. Our first outing for ages will be to Milestones, Hampshire's Museum of living history. Two theatre visits have also been made.

If you have an interest you particularly wish to explore, we may have the group for you, and we are always looking for new ideas. Membership forms are available from Fritha Irwin at members@bourneendu3a.org.uk and we would be delighted to welcome you.

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Browsing around the paintings, sculpture and pottery at Wooburn Festival's Visual Art Exhibition was a delight. More so as red 'sold' dots were everywhere and the general comment was that it had been a very successful exhibition and, overall, the festival had been a great success.

Months earlier, as the organisers were constantly juggling with locations, restrictions and new telephone lines, the festival organisers were not so certain that everything would come together.

"Then we had to cope with cancellations due to the petrol crisis and sudden illness but somehow it did all work out well" a spokesman told *Target*.

Looking forward they would like more volunteers to come along and join the festival team. Have a look at the website and follow the link to 'Get Involved' and then 'Volunteering' to find out more. They would love to hear from you. One task, at the moment, is to find someone to shadow their long standing treasurer.

Grateful thanks to everyone involved in this festival at what is still a difficult time for people. In 2022 it will be the 54th year of the Wooburn Festival which was originally conceived by one of Britain's leading orchestral conductors, the late Richard Hickox CBE.



Potter Kim Lim lives in Grange Drive and has been part of the festival for many years and is pictured here with her beautiful ceramic dish with handles. As a member of the organising committee she is delighted that this Wooburn Festival was so good and enjoyed by many.



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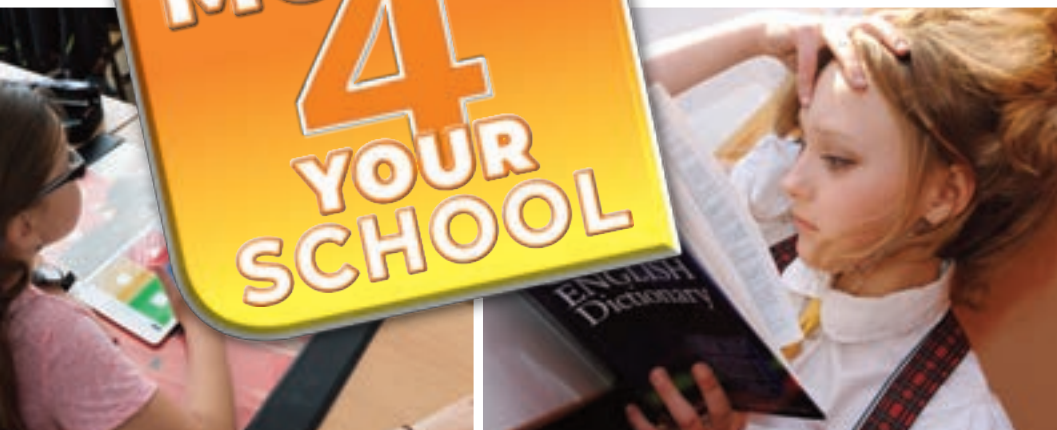
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By Jo Murray, parish clerk

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WE'RE BACK IN PERSON

Great Wine Online ran events in November and great fun was had at the Italian themed evening in Wooburn Green at the new café.

From Franciacorta wine, the posh Italian sparkling, Chianti and some rich reds from Tuscany, to a delicious pudding wine — we matched them all with fabulous antipasti that Francesco and Angelo from Green Delight served up.

Christmas Wines to enjoy

Penny Heyes, from Great Wine Online told Target: "I am frequently asked which wine I have with Christmas dinner — or even breakfast for that matter. People often have Bucks Fizz at breakfast — while opening gifts.

"Personally, I don't bother with orange juice. Champagne is great, or English sparkling wine — but there are many lower priced alternatives such as Italy's Franciacorta, or my favourite, Cava".

Penny said that the 'new world' and other regions of France produce great sparkling wines — with Cremant being popular. All are great to drink with crisps, peanuts and snacks, or any fishy or pâté style starter.

Her suggestion with the traditional turkey would be a light red such as Pinot Noir from Chile or New Zealand or Pinotage from South Africa. Alternatively a good, fuller bodied Chardonnay or Viognier is hard to beat, complementing the trimmings which make the meal.

"If, like us, you serve beef and Yorkshire pudding, a good Bordeaux, or a rich Merlot from Chile or Argentinian Malbec are ideal."

Continuing with her festive wine suggestions Penny said: "I would drink a new world Gewürztraminer or a drier Riesling with duck or goose, but Pinot Noir or Rioja would be a good choice too. Then if not too full for Christmas pudding and cheese — try some of the dessert wines. These are a delight and often forgotten."

The main thing is; drink what you like and enjoy. It is a time to treat yourself.

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ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

By Parish Councillor
Katie Lamb

I'm writing this as it's just turning cold; I have lit one of my first fires of this season and with every snap, crackle, and waft of burning logs I can't help but think of Christmas, and with it one brave little bird which has come to represent so very many things.

We are all used to the snowy scenes with the little robin on our Christmas cards and chocolate boxes, and by all accounts it is very much the Victorians who not only invented the Christmas card but many other traditions we still hold dear today.

Back then the postmen had uniforms which had bright red chests; soon the nickname 'red breast' or just 'robin' was synonymous with the mailman.

Many of the first Christmas card designs represented getting post, so letterboxes and robins instead of the actual postman were often portrayed. You must agree they are cuter (apologies to any postmen and women out there) but the stories linking the robin to Christmas go back much further than that.

One story is that when Mary was giving birth to Jesus the fire faded in the stable, but a small brown bird came swooping in flapping its wings at the fire to get it blazing again; then as it was flying about gathering bits to keep it burning one escaping ember hit the little bird on the chest leaving it bright red. Mary announced it was a symbol of the little bird's kind heart and that all of its descendants would pass it on.

She may have been right about the robin's kind heart to humans. If you spend any time in your garden a curious robin will quickly appear and watch out for any worms or tasty treats you may dig up and fling its way. But they are not so friendly to other robins; these brave little birds have been known to fight even to the death to defend their females and territories.

The Celtic Wassailing tradition tells the tale of the Holly King (the wren) and the Oak King (the robin). It's the Oak king/robin who banishes the Holly King/wren out of the kingdom at the winter solstice (the opposite happens at the summer solstice); it is meant to depict the different seasons. It is certainly true there are increased numbers of robins around at Christmas time mainly because of the migrant visitors from colder counties like Russia who come to winter here.

I'm not sure it really matters where the truth, if any, lies within all the folk lore tradition and songs of the past. What is true is that this little bird has woven itself into our hearts so much that many believe that a visiting robin is the soul of a past loved one come to say hello and to give comfort to the living.

So perhaps that is why it is at the heart of Christmas because it reminds us that, at Christmas, the most important thing is to spend time with and make memories with loved ones whether they are true family or not.

May you have a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

EDITOR: Thank you Katie – you will be delighted to see that the robin features as the new children's light that will be unveiled on The Parade in Bourne End. Our very own robin for the festive season will be lit up on Friday 10 December.



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Bourne End Community Centre

19:45 on Thursday 10th March

See next Target for ticket details

A fund raising activity for B.E.(B).C.A.

Bourne End Annual Carol Concert

For 42 years, on a Sunday just before Christmas, Bourne End Community Association held its annual Christmas concert, with carols and readings for choir, brass quintet, and audience.

Sadly, last year, Covid-19 restrictions meant that the event could not take place.

Some restrictions are still in place, and we are aware that all could still change but, we are optimistic that, at 7.45pm on Sunday December 19, 2021, an enthusiastic audience will join the choir and the Festival Brass to help the community centre once again ring out with the joyous sounds of Christmas. Hopefully, the 43rd Bourne End Carol Concert will take place. See poster below for ticket info.

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ANGLING CLUB FROM THE WATER'S EDGE

Our October match was a little later than usual this year as fisheries and fishing are very popular these days. Nationwide the number of people fishing has doubled since the pandemic came to our shores, according to Environment Agency statistics, so getting bookings has been a bit of a challenge. However our match secretary Robert Smith has been very busy and has us all booked in for matches for the rest of this season and also for next season and halfway through the following season.

We met on 24 October at Royal Berkshire fishery when 14 anglers turned up for the match. It was very exciting to see so many after struggling for some time. On this occasion we also held our pairs match.

Whittington is on his way oh yes he is!

Songs are being sung – the words are almost there – costumes are being created for all the characters, including the cat – this is the January regular for Forum Players. This is panto and it's *Dick Whittington*, coming soon to delight Bourne End audiences.

Four dates at the end of January are in the community centre. Calendar and tickets will soon be ready and available to book. Make sure you get yours by visiting the community centre website from December 10 at www.bourneendcommunitycentre.org.uk

Forum Players will also have tickets available to purchase at the Bourne End Fun Night. Telephone enquiries directly to Forum Players on 07594 276105.

It will be a traditional panto with Dick, our hero, off to London and hoping to make his fortune. Along the way he meets a girl and falls in love, has to cope with challenges, idiots and the typical panto baddie, who turns goodie by the end of the show. Don't expect digital tricks, this will be a traditional panto as Forum Players have done it for years.

Following the time-loved tradition, Rick and Karin, Forum's resident artists, have been creating sets and posters for panto over many years. Have a look at the poster and in Rick's words "this piece of artwork has been produced in a completely traditional, old fashioned way. It has been designed on cartridge paper, using pencil, ink pen, eraser and Faber-Castell crayons. So all very original."

There will be familiar faces and new members who are loving the chance to get

back to live performance. Audience participation will be an essential, joining in with the songs a must and getting back to panto-normal in Bourne End.

And on Sunday December 19 a small group will be staging a mini-panto at Wooburn Green Working Mens Club especially for the children. There will be a 20 minute show created to get everyone involved. It will be fun for all and audience participation will be essential.

Pictured left: Emily Plumridge as Alice – the love interest – with Sam Parker as Dick Whittington.



John Wallis came first with 20lb, joint second were Cliff Edwards and Henry Rimmer with 19lb 4oz, and fourth Chris Payne 18lb 12oz. Quite a close match on a cooler overcast day to be fair. The results of the pairs match were Jim West 17lb 8oz, and Chris Payne with above mentioned 18lb 12oz. Making a combined weight of 36lb 4oz. So well done to you both and our other top weights.

A total of 125lb was caught by us all on the day which isn't bad for a winter match after a cold night.

We are having a 'friendly' match at Finch Farm on Sunday December 5.

This year has flown by and it just doesn't seem long ago since I was wishing everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As always we wish you all happiness for the coming year and I speak for all our members when I wish everyone good health. So until next time stay safe and blessings of the season.

Oh just before I go, we are always looking for members, so if you feel like joining a very friendly fishing club with a great bunch of people or just want to ask about the club do give me a call.

Seasons Greetings to you all and tight lines.

Michele Smith, Secretary, Bourne End Anglers
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Centre Bar Quiz

Bad timing for the December Bar Quiz as it is the night *Target* is published.

But make a note that the regular bar quiz will be taking place on Thursdays, 6 January and 3 February at 8pm in the May Woollerton Hall at the community centre.

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It was bought back in 2014 to replace the old white 'bone shaker' which was showing its age and needed frequent maintenance.

The purchase of the new bus was kindly supported with donations from local Rotary groups, Bourne End and Wooburn Parish Council, Red Kite, Michael Shanley and countless generous donations from individual members of the local community.

These contributions enabled us to specify a brand new vehicle with air conditioning, a roof light, cabin heater, tinted windows and a cheerful and colourful interior.

The arrival of the new bus in September that year was marked by the carriage of its first passenger, Jane Jones, shortly after her 100th birthday and since then it has been in regular service ferrying our community on shopping expeditions, to our monthly lunch club, for social outings and holiday transport.

When the Princes Centre bus is being maintained our bus sometimes fills in for them and earlier in the year our bus was used to ferry local folk to Adams Park for their Covid vaccinations.

We have a dedicated team of registered drivers who turn out when required and because we're involved in community work we drive with strict conditions under a Department of Transport 'Section 19 Permit' which means that we are able to

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Our shopping trips go fortnightly to Asda High Wycombe on a Monday morning and Morrison's High Wycombe on a Thursday morning.

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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

PLEASE SUPPORT US

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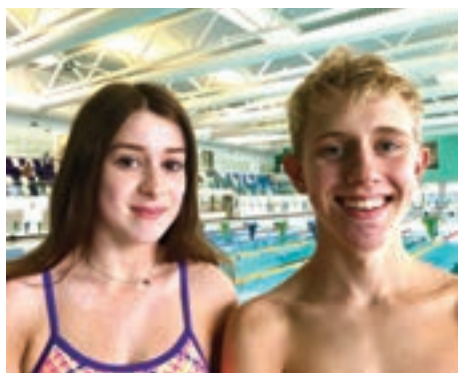
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SWIMMING SECTION

Congratulations to Ruby and Alex.

We've announced our new Swimming Club captains who will be great role models to our swimmers, maybe giving them a bit of advice and definitely supporting and encouraging them at galas which are now back on the calendar.

Welcome to your club captains for the 21/22 season - Ruby Millard and Alex de Beer.



Ruby Millard

"Hi, I'm Ruby. I'm 17 and in Upper 6 at Queen Ann's, Caversham, studying A-levels in chemistry, biology and psychology. I started swimming at BEJSC when I was seven years old.

"I've represented the club at Oxfordshire, North Bucks Counties and my favourite stroke is backstroke. I am not a fan of butterfly.

"Outside of swimming I like figure skating and spending time with my friends."

Alex de Beer

"Hi, I'm Alex. I'm 16 and in Lower 6 at Abingdon School studying maths, biology and geography for A levels. I've been swimming at the club since 2016 and my favourite stroke is butterfly. My least favourite is breaststroke.

"Other than swimming I'm a massive F1 fan and also spend a fair bit of my spare time online playing games with my mates."

FOOTBALL SECTION

We started the 2021/22 season with age group squads at U7s, U9s, U10s, U11s and U12s. They are all playing matches in the South Bucks Mini-Soccer Conference this season. Also, we were able to start our popular Mini Kickers (U6s) coaching sessions for reception and Year 1 children.

As we come up to halfway stage of the season, we are happy to report that all of our group teams are performing well on the pitch and more importantly their coaches are really pleased with the players' individual development.

Currently, we have a few spaces left in our 'Mini Kickers' coaching session (Saturday mornings), as well as in our U11s and U12s team squads.

We would like to re-start our 'Tiny Kickers' (age two to four) and Wildcats coaching sessions for girls (aged five to seven), but due to FA regulations which require us to maintain a prescribed 'Coach to Player' ratio, we need some parent coaches to come forward to help our lead coach to start and run these sessions.

To help, you need to be committed and enthusiastic, as well as completing a DBS check (we will fund this) and the online FA Playmaker Course (which is free and takes four hours).

These sessions are a great introduction to football for children and our club can also offer them a structured pathway to develop their football skills.

Finally, we are pleased to announce

that our U7s and U10s squads have received sponsorship from two local businesses for new club kit. Our U7s, sponsored by Shelfstore Limited (www.shelfstore.co.uk), proudly wore their new kit in their first ever match. Our U10s, sponsored by Berkshire County Trailers (www.berkshirecountytrailers.co.uk) were really delighted with their new kit, as you can see from the photos.

We are very grateful to Shelfstore Limited and Berkshire County Trailers for their generous support in sponsoring new club kits for our U7s and U10s squads.

If you are interested in joining or helping out with coaching at the club please e-mail us at bejsc-football@gmail.com



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READERS' CHRISTMAS MESSAGES



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BOURNE END WOMENS INSTITUTE

Our committee would like to thank all of our members for their continued support throughout the last year. We wish all of our members and friends a peaceful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. *Best Wishes from the Bourne End WI Committee*

TARGET MAGAZINE wishes all our readers a happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Thank you to all our advertisers for your continued support and thanks to our contributors, bundle distributors and delivery volunteers. We certainly couldn't keep going without you.

Looking forward to another year covering all the local news and events. *Debra & Barrie*



At this special time here's good wishes to all *Target* readers. Grateful thanks to you all for the strength and determination shown in the face of challenges. Have a wonderful Christmas and here's to New Year 2022.

WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

sends warmest wishes to all *Target* readers for a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.



BOURNE END JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB TRUSTEES

would like to wish all volunteers, club members, parents and supporters a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We add our thanks to all those who have demonstrated their loyalty to the club during the very difficult pandemic times – it's good to have you all back with us again. Let us hope 2022 is a good year for us all.



SUE WESTON sends warm Christmas greetings to all family, friends and fellow U3A members. Have a safe and happy time.

JIM AND BARRIE

PENFOLD send good wishes to all their local friends for this festive season.

Also remembering those wonderful people who do so much to help others. Here's to 2022 – love, laugh and be happy.

THE COMMUNITY MARKET

sends warmest Christmas Greetings to all our valued customers, friendly volunteers and co-operating Wakeman Road organisations. Your support has been truly wonderful and we look forward to putting on more great market experiences in 2022. Festive cheer to everyone from Rosie, James and all our stall holders

ARTHUR AND KATHLEEN

WOOD send Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year of happiness and world peace to all our friends and neighbours in Bourne End and the Thames Valley.

SUE AMBROSE

wishes readers a very merry Christmas and hopes everyone has a special time with their families and all those close to them. May it be a happy and healthy New Year for all.



Golden years, golden day

Goldies* turned out in force for the free information day held at The Princes Centre, Bourne End in September.

There was a continuous stream of happy, smiley people asking questions, wanting to know more about help they could receive and then seeing friends, having a coffee or just sitting in the sunshine to listen to the music from a live band. It could not have been better.

Organised by Bucks Older Peoples Action Group along with the Princes Centre, (the day care centre) the aim was to provide information on services and how to access them. The day was supported by South West Chilterns Community Board who part funded the event.

Familiar groups like Wye Valley Volunteers rubbed shoulders with the South West Chilterns Community Board. Safety and security advice was given by the police who wanted everyone to know how they could stay safe at home and outdoors. "We have been offering new ideas just to make life easier" one of the police officers told *Target*. There were free health checks from the NHS Parkwood Healthcare and someone on hand from Live Well Stay Well to answer questions and put forward ideas and ways to stay fit and healthy.

And for anyone with mobility problems the Princes Centre minibus ran a continuous service of picking up and dropping off later.

Constant thanks were given to the organisers for staging the event and visitors were delighted that this could become an annual event. The aim was to get older people out of their homes and back to socialising again.

Photos here give an idea of what a good day it was and the added blessing was the warm sunshine with the lovely garden providing extra space to relax and chat.

Without doubt it was a great success and beneficial in making the older community more aware of the help they can get with a wide variety of services.

The message to all is that The Princes Centre runs day care services in both Bourne End and out at Princes Risborough. Anyone wanting to know more about the Bourne End services should ring 01628 527024. Or call into the centre in Wakeman Road, Bourne End and talk to someone about the benefits.

*Goldies not oldies

Pictured with the centre's bus, l to r, organisers Kim, Paula, Mags and Richard.





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As the community association approaches 60 where are the founder members?

Is this face vaguely familiar to some older *Target* readers? Today he and wife Christine live in Marlow, but as a youngster he was Bourne End born and raised. By chance, and as the community association looks towards its 60th anniversary, he contacted *Target* and posed the question "are there other community association founder members still living locally?"



He is Alan Downing and was born in Recreation Road and went to Bourne End School. After technical college Alan trained with a Wycombe firm of architects, transferred to Wycombe District Council and then to Bucks County Council.

He became involved in the refurbishment and extension of the community association building as well as some flats in Bourne End. Alan is a founder life member of the association and wonders about other founder members.

Alan told *Target*: "As a teenager I remember Councillor May Woollerton, who was the president, and Ken Morgan, who was the chairman. Bert Wakeman was the treasurer along with others. I must have been one of the youngest founder life members".

Alan said that there was a great interest from the word go and he was involved in raising money and helping out — in whatever capacity.

Alan often went with Bert Wakeman to a weekly draw in Maidenhead which had a top prize of £100, a lot of money in those days.

"Early on I was lucky with one of the tickets I had sold winning the £100. When I took the winnings to a lady in Wooburn she was over the moon" he said.

Alan recalls carnival week with things like Miss Bourne End, and personalities like Frank Bough and

Findlay Curry as judges. He remembers a dinner dance at the Bell House Hotel and one at Skindles in Maidenhead with a fashion show.

"At the end of the week there was a carnival parade from the centre of the village to Jacksons Sport Ground for a fête. There was the RAF Apprentices Band from RAF Halton along with the Dagenham Girl Pipers and I think the car from the film *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*. A considerable amount of money was raised over carnival weeks for the planned community centre," Alan remembers.

Memory is now a little hazy, but Alan understands that the site for a library became available as the land was too small for a senior school. There was an area remaining and Councillor May Woollerton got the council to let the community association have it on a peppercorn rent of £1 a year. Bucks County Council were the architects for all the buildings.

With delight Alan remembers: "Once the community centre was built it became very popular and it was not too long before an extension was needed. I designed the extension up to tender stage and then an architect took over from that point to completion.

"I was with Bucks County Council Architects at this time and was also responsible for the Junior School behind the community centre," Alan smiles at memories from all those decades ago when he was a young man starting out on his architectural career.

So, who are you? Are you still living locally, do you share Alan's memories of those days and a life membership card. Alan was one as a teenager with the number L0033.

Target will be marking the 60th anniversary of the community association with special commemorative features. More in the next issue!





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Bourne End WI work their magic for the children's Christmas light

Last year Bourne End WI were able to finance the children's Christmas light on The Parade and their members were determined that there would be one for Christmas 2021. While the previous committee had stepped back from the organisation of the light, they were still happy to give advice and guidance to the WI members who were in a whole new world of light design, competition, lighting company, suitability,

what can be done and when does it need to be lit.

Funds had to be raised and a WI pop-up café on Spade Oak Wharf with cakes provided by members was very successful as runners, and walkers, stopped for some refreshments.

Lovely stories include a donation by card for no refreshments just to say 'well done'. The enthusiastic team told everyone why the funds were needed and how important this light was to the village.

Local school children submitted their ideas and there was a judging panel deciding on the best design that would make a good light. You can read about the winner on the front page and see the design. Certificates were awarded to the winner and runners up from the various schools. Then it was over to the lighting company to work out what could be done.

On Friday December 10 the winner will click the switch to light up the 2021 light to applause from family, friends and WI members. It will be part of the Fun Night activities and the light will be above No25 on The Parade. With a sigh of relief it will be good to continue with this great tradition of providing the south side of The Parade with a very special children's light for 2021.

It's all part of an idea that was tried for a year in 2004 and became an annual event. Seventeen years later Bourne End WI have made it possible for 2021.

As each new name appears they join a band of young people who can say that they saw their name in lights while still at junior school. The light joins the magical display of Christmas lighting making Bourne End a very festive shopping location and sets the mood for Christmas.

So look out for Henry's singing robin light and be there to enjoy that special countdown before the light is switched on for the first time and then enjoy the rest of Fun Night. A great sign that the village is open for business and ready for the good times.

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Cookham Bridge Rotary Club By Terry Whall

We were delighted by the enthusiastic response to the Cookham Regatta (report on page 31), which returned after the lockdown.

A new activity for us was our scarecrow trail, which set off to a good start. The photo shows president Paul and contestants on the day.

Our members also participated as marshals in the highly popular gravity grand prix.

Zoom meetings are now a regular feature, with Winter Hill dinners every fortnight, often with a variety of interesting speakers.

With Rotary's increased focus on the environment, we are planning to play our part and already organise litter-picking groups in the area.

A Business Partnership Scheme introduced in 2019 now has five partners, and it is intended to recruit more. We are also looking to invite more ladies to become members, to participate in our many and varied activities.

Our Football Lottery, which raises money for charity, continues. www.cookhamrotary.co.uk or lottery@cookhamrotary.co.uk

Bourne End & Wooburn WI By Janet Spill

There was a good turnout for the AGM in October. Happily, the committee agreed to continue for a further year with the welcome addition of a new member.

It was then the turn of the speaker, Virginia Cheeseman, aka 'The Bug Lady'. She started as a young girl in The Butterfly House in London, and explained how her life with bugs developed, including appearances on TV in such programmes as *What's My Line?* — when she beat the panel — and *The Big Breakfast*.

She now runs a successful bug business from home and proves very popular at children's parties. At the end of the talk those wishing to get a closer look were encouraged to meet the 'friends' she had brought along.

We look forward to Christmas lunch, and on December 13 our meeting will take on a party atmosphere with entertainment, carols and, no doubt, mince pies.

Little Marlow & Well End WI By Veronica Kay

In October members were so pleased to meet up 'in the flesh' while observing all the current Covid-19 guidelines. All the windows were left open, but it was too windy to include the doors. Members brought their own afternoon tea.

Peter Hague's talk on the traditions and foods of Yorkshire was greatly enjoyed by all. June Baxter — a Yorkshire lass — gave a vote of thanks, telling Peter that his talk had awakened

a host of memories including parkin, Wensleydale cheese, chocolate, ginger beer and of course the Yorkshire pudding.

Carole Kirkland thanked Glenda Barrett for carrying the Little Marlow banner at the BFWI Parade of Banners in September.

Carole announced that the Christmas Tea will be held in the Pavilion this year and members were asked to nominate a charity to receive our annual Christmas donation.

The Craft and Chat group will continue making poppies, now that the parish council has approved the hanging of a poppy waterfall outside the Pavilion.

The November meeting took the form of the AGM, welcoming Judith Forster, WI Adviser. A letter had been received from the Queen Mother's Clothing Guild, thanking members for their contributions (more than 300 items, made during lockdown). Carole presented the Summer Show trophies. The overall winner was Pauline Clitheroe who received the cup.

Pauline was appointed President for 2022.

Bourne End WI By Chrissy Hayes

At our November meeting, which celebrated our 10th anniversary, Milena Kavrakova told us about growing up in communist Bulgaria.

Now living in Britain, Milena is an accomplished cellist and she played several beautiful pieces for us. We were also joined by several new members and it was a lively and fun evening.

At our Christmas Party on December 2 Erica Cunningham will demonstrate how to make Christmas flower decorations.

Also in December we will visit the Christmas Market at Stratford-upon-Avon, and our Christmas Lunch follows later in the month.

Each month we have a Ladies Who Lunch Club meeting in a local pub, which is proving to be extremely popular.

Our Book Club is currently reading *Silent Scream* by Angela Marsons. We do like detective novels.

Heidi and the Craft and Chat Club are busy making stunning Christmas decorations. Janet is still leading our Walking Club and walkers are advised to dress in layers for the cold weather. The Walking Netball Club meets at 9.30am on Tuesdays at the community centre. All are welcome including non-members.

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

Bourne End & Cookham Proboscis Club By Bill Leftwich

Professor David Perrett recently retired as Professor Emeritus in Bioanalytical Science at Barts Medical College in London and should have been in Buenos Aires in October, lecturing at an international medical conference.

Because of Covid-19 travel was impossible and, instead, he came to our October meeting to give a tremendous talk on the development of fluorescent detection of residual protein on instruments used in hospitals and dentistry. Too technical? Not a bit. The audience of 40

men sat spellbound as he outlined a fascinating story.

With the appearance in 1984 of Mad Cow Disease and then vCJD in 1996, the UK government commissioned research into these diseases including the detection of residual infectious proteins, improvements in instrument washing, improvements in instrument design and the standards found in hospital and dental practices.

Dr Perrett joined this team in 1999 and began tracing the evolution and transmission of MCD / vCJD in animals and humans.

Eventually, following extensive research, a system was developed that combined a fluorescence reaction for amino acids with proteomic visualisation to rapidly reveal protein residues on whole instruments in 3D and also detect residual proteins at nanogram levels.

This approach has significantly improved understanding of the transmission of these diseases and has helped provide the evidence base for the new decontamination standards in hospitals and dentistry around the world. Fascinating!

This had followed an unforgettable September talk on The Panama Canal.

If you would like to join this vibrant club in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere, enjoying a splendid lunch and interesting speakers then please contact Bill Leftwich on 07803 799753.

Bourne End & Cookham Rotary Club By John Dunsterville

Santa is back on his sleigh and the good Rotarian elves will venture out again. We start at 6pm but must stop at 8pm, by law. We have safety in mind but we do hope to see you all once again, weather permitting.

On Friday December 3 we will start on Stratford Drive, Du Pre Walk, Brookfield, Fromer, Rook, Butterfield, Wooburn Manor Park and Grange Drive.

On Thursday December 9 we will be in New Road/Highfield Road, Lower then East and West Ridge, Upton Court, Isis, Waybourne, Fishermans, Lodden, Brent, Roman, Kennet, Cherwell, Evenlode, Blind Lane, Chiltern Park and Northern Heights.

On Monday December 13 we will be on Blind Lane / Greenside, Meadow Walk, Goddington Road, Chalklands, Telston Close, Avalon, Cliffords Way and Cressington Place.

Our club, as well as preparing for Santa, recently lit up the Peace Garden in Bourne End in purple to commemorate World Polio Day on October 24. By the way, did you see the lovely peace poem by young Noah on the plaque at Penny's Corner? Do go and have a look.

We also had a visit to the Swan Lifeline sanctuary by the River Thames in Eton to see how injured swans are cared for and sent back into the wild. This is a great charity that helps swans, helps with Swan Upping and provides protection when the regatta upsets the River Thames' wildlife. Since 1988 more than 30,000 swans have been rescued and treated.

Do get in touch to find out about our club and how you too can help in these difficult times. Contact John on 07811 702853 or go to www.beac-rotary.org.uk and www.facebook.com/beacrotary

CRENDON HOUSE REFLECT ON THEIR 50 YEARS

The early 1970s was a great time to start an estate agency business when the average property was priced at only £4,057 but then the mortgage market took off and house prices really began to fly.

During our first 10 years homes extended with the microwave taking pride of place in the kitchen, the VCR in the living room and the avocado bathroom suite setting a trend. House prices during the decade had quadrupled with the average house costing £19,925 by the start of the 1980s.

Prices jumped again when Margaret Thatcher gave tenants the right to buy their council house and continued to rise further, at record rates, leading to the market crash of the early 90s caused by spiralling interest rates. The average property price dropped by 20%, yet prices still averaged £58,153 twice as much as five years before.

The new millennium brought with it even more increases in house prices, averaging £70,000 over a five year period, and we noticed a shift away from the brightly coloured bathroom and kitchen fittings

with a more conservative white now being favoured.

The crash of 2008 was inevitable the more property prices outpaced inflation and income; this led to some very risky credit practices and proved a most challenging time for our business, and, indeed, for anyone needing to move home at this time.

We managed to ride the storm and by the early 2010s we saw property prices averaging £170,365. Jumping forward to today the national house price sits at £265,668 with the average house price in Wooburn Green currently £506,326.

The housing market, prices and the local landscape have changed dramatically during the 50 years we have been trading. However, we remain the same. Back in 1971 there was still a railway station and a track bed to High Wycombe, but all that was about to change. Move on 50 years and there's nostalgia for the railway but new homes stand in the way.

With a history of business over 50 years Crendon House could produce an archive of local life and paint a picture of growth and development. It's all there in the archives of homes bought and sold.

From our office the view remains one of a local village green surrounded by old and new cottages.

Ed: There will be more stories to relate when we celebrate another anniversary with Crendon House. Will they have just sold their first million pound terraced cottage? That's for the future, but it's certain that their view will remain of a village green surrounded by village life. Congratulations!

News from Bourne End Library

It has been lovely to see more of our customers returning to the library in recent weeks and we've been pleased to welcome a number of new families.

Congratulations to all the children who completed our Summer Reading Challenge, and thank you to those children who have provided artwork for our Autumn displays. We encourage children to talk to us about their favourite books, and to ask for help if they are unable to find a particular book.

Many of the Covid-19 restrictions have now been lifted here, but we are still doing all we can to reduce the possibility of infection. Staff are still wearing masks when we interact with customers, and we are keeping windows open to ensure that there is good ventilation. Hand sanitiser is still available and we encourage customers to use this when they enter the library.

We are now able to support reading groups again and one group is now holding their meetings in the library during opening hours. For groups who prefer to meet in a separate room, our three meeting rooms are available for hire again. These rooms are also available when the library is closed, and there are concessionary rates for community groups.

For an annual subscription of £25, library staff will reserve monthly book sets for collection at the library. Some groups prefer to choose their own book titles while other groups ask us to choose titles on their behalf.

We try to provide an eclectic choice of titles so group members have the opportunity to read and discuss books which they might not have chosen for themselves. The library service holds a large and varied collection of book sets, which is regularly updated with new titles and authors. They consist of ten books and some sets also include a large-print copy or an audio book.

If you are interested in joining a reading group or starting a new one, please talk about it or email us at lib-boe@buckinghamshire.gov.uk Further information is available on the Buckinghamshire Council website www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/libraries

We were very pleased to welcome the Bourne End Junior Craft Show back into the library in October, and Sue and Amy Croall have also run some well-attended craft workshops here. There is currently a weekly Scrabble group and a regular discussion group, and the new Bounce & Rhyme Group for pre-school children is proving popular. For information about our groups, pick up a flyer here or ask the library staff. Anyone interested in starting a new group please do contact us to discuss your ideas.

We are currently making plans for Christmas activities and are hoping that the library will be open during the Bourne End Fun Night in December.

Micheline, Chris & Julie

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Great day out at Cookham Regatta

The Cookham Regatta, an annual event organised by the Rotary clubs of Cookham Bridge and Marlow Thames, was held on September 4, which turned out to be dry weather with sunny periods, giving a boost to both landside and waterside events.

There was some anxiety about attendance this year after what seemed like a long break. In the event, the organisers need not have worried.

A fantastic family-day was had by all with lots of people, lots of happy faces and a lot of tired Rotarians, their partners and friends.

Competitors in the dragon boat races were plentiful and enthusiastic. Fourteen teams and 25 races made for a full day.

The Champions Cup went to 'Greensleeves' (a grass treatment company based in Maidenhead) who held off two teams from Henley Dragons. One of the latter went on to win the Plate Cup.

The quality and spirit of the teams, and their supporters, was very good and many had dressed especially for the occasion. In fact, next time the organisers might even consider a special prize for the best dressed crew.

Paddle boarders joined in the fun for the first time, and there may be merit in expanding this activity next year.

A wide variety of stalls and attractions were present, such as The Rotary Wheel, a dog show, the Bisham Concert Band, antique cars and a wide variety of children's activities making it a terrific family day out which raised more than £15,000 for distribution to local charities.





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Bourne End Junior Craft Show brings sunshine to a rainy day writes Sue Croall

The October weather outside was wet and miserable but inside Bourne End Library it was a riot of colour and imagination as the ninth annual Bourne End Junior Craft Show got underway.

Having run online last year it was a pleasure to be back in the library again, actually talking to people and seeing the artwork in all its glory.

The standard was incredible and with more than 200 items entered it was very difficult to choose the winners.

The award for Judges Favourite went to 15 year old Holly Selwood with her painting entitled *Society's Voice*. Other favourite entries included a riding school full of clay horses, a knitted Jemima Puddleduck and a very clever picture of ladies wearing 'pencil' skirts, made from pencil sharpenings.

Full results and photos of all the entries can be found on our website www.bejuniorcraftshow.co.uk Plans are already being made for next year's show which will be our 10th birthday. We run on a shoestring and a lot of goodwill, but we would like to make next year extra special. So if anybody reading this would like to make a donation to our prize fund or even sponsor a special class or competition then please get in touch.

You can email us on bejuniorcraftshow@gmail.com



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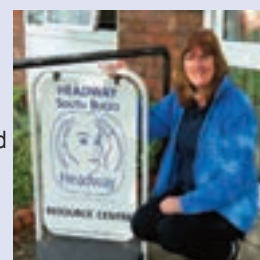


HEADWAY RETURNS

With great delight Headway, the brain injuries charity, has returned to its regular meeting times in the Eghams Room at the community centre on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. They are slowly building up their numbers after nearly two years of closure.

Clients are delighted to be meeting, knocking fists then getting on with all their regular activities.

They now have a fabulous table tennis table that folds easily and can be wheeled into the centre's storage area. "We were so grateful for this after there was some fundraising and they asked us what we would like," said Sharon (pictured right) who organises the Bourne End Resource Centre.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

Quite a moment when I had a coffee in the Wimpey in Bourne End on Monday October 25, 2021.

Exactly 50 years ago, in 1971, I started work there when it was the Nat West Bank. I felt I had to mark the occasion.

When I left school that summer I hadn't done very well in my A levels so while my friends left Bourne End to start nursing careers or go off to university, I stayed behind and had to look for a job.

I remember walking my dog in Bourne End in late October and deciding to ask if there were any vacancies in the banks. At that time there was also Lloyds and Barclays on The Parade, but I started at the Nat West and tied my dog up outside and went in.

The interview was done straight away and then I was told I could start the following Monday morning. What a change to the way things are done today. That was 50 years ago and my £12 a week salary went a long way in those days.

While having my coffee I told the manager in the Wimpey why I was there and we had an interesting conversation about what it was like all those years ago. He told me about how they converted the building and how many men and machines it took to remove the strong room. It's an impressive transformation; I do hope Wimpey does well in Bourne End.

It also set me thinking that there might be some ex bank staff still around locally and perhaps we can have a reminisce if they read this letter in *Target*.

Pauline Jordan

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Dear Editor

Thank you for featuring our new Bourne End Academy Gardening club in the October issue of *Target* magazine. My thanks also to the local Bourne End and Wooburn community who responded to the article.

We have received donations of wood for building raised beds, as well as plant pots and tools. We also received a rotating composter to turn garden waste into our own compost.

The students have been propagating strawberry plants by taking runners and cuttings from geraniums to produce more plants for next year. They have been able to take them home using some of the donated plant pots.

We have started an after-school club meeting on Thursdays where each student will have their own bed to grow flowers, fruit, vegetables and herbs of their choice.

The donated plant pots mean we can also run an indoor plants group when the weather is poor, so students can learn how to propagate cacti, succulents and other house plants.

The school has a gardening construction club and students have started making planters and green walls from donated pallets. These will then be painted and used to create vertical walls of plants to decorate areas of the school.

Once again can I give a big thank you for your ongoing support.

Ian Blazey (teacher at Bourne End Academy)



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Meet the man behind the Marlow Film Studio

Robert Laycock is the CEO and co-founder of Dido Property Ltd, the company behind the plans for a new multi-million pound state-of-the-art film studio in Little Marlow.

Target's reporter, Lola Brown, asks him about the plans for the film studios and his personal views on film making...

Robert has movies in his blood, he is the grandson of Oscar-nominated actress Dame Celia Johnson, star of iconic British classic 'Brief Encounter', and the son of actress Lucy Fleming. He is also the great nephew of the late Bond author Ian Fleming, creator of James Bond, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and more.

His twin passions are the environment and the creative arts. He first visited a film set when he was two years old, and has spent his working life in film, television, publishing and intellectual property.

He was First Assistant Editor on the multi-Oscar winning film Shakespeare in Love and went on to manage the Ian Fleming Estate, stewarding a catalogue of global significance that includes the James Bond titles.

He is passionate about British film, and about ensuring that the creative industries in Britain have the resources they need to thrive.

He has also spent the last 25 years advocating for conservation and compassionate farming and runs a thriving organic, regenerative farm in the Chilterns.

Robert is keen to put Marlow on the film-making map and is passionate about sharing his love of good story telling with the world.

Why has the site at Little Marlow been picked for your film studio?

Pinewood studios is very close, and it represents the huge history of British cultural success. The best place to make high budget films is now not only in the UK, but it's here in South Buckinghamshire. Films are more likely to be successful if they are made in the UK. If you ask anyone in the film industry, the ideal place to make a film is in Marlow, and that's why they did the recent *Star Wars* episode nearby and many things are filmed in the Chilterns. You can't go any further west, really, because the travel times are more prohibitive.

Are you going to run the studios yourself, or are you going to sell to a bigger company like Netflix or Disney?

The vision is to stay involved, and this studio is inspired by my 18-year-old self, getting experience at Pinewood Studios and Shepperton film studios, so this vision is very much my vision. I am supported by incredible British design, prize-winning architects who are going to do something phenomenal.

People come to the UK for standards, for quality and for storytelling, so to answer your question, these studios are not for anybody else except for the British film industry.

If the studios are successful, will they be expanded?

No, it's designed to be the exact right size for this project, it's very compact and intense. Film makers

don't want to spend hours driving around or waste time walking between complicated areas of site.

The Little Marlow site has a certain quality to it, and it's designed to take three films a year; two in production at the same time and one in preparation so we have everything we need to do that.

There is not much point in being bigger than that because the whole point is the convenience of it. Once a facility becomes enormous; it starts to lose its creative energy and its ability to deliver interesting opportunities for film makers. We have absolutely no interest in expanding.

Will the studios make any partnerships with the film school in Beaconsfield?

Because I started on film sets as a teenager, I have such a passion about this. In my day, the industry was very sink or swim, you had to self-start and had to know the right people. That is not something I want to see nowadays, as this industry is genuinely so creative.

One of our central plans is to be training young people on and off site. There is a shortage of crew: the real specialist skills and trades which are really rewarding jobs whereas directors, producers, writers and cameramen are all being trained and developed at film schools like Beaconsfield.

We are in discussion with a major university, and we will be doing a film skills academy with them on and off site but also, we are going to be working with primary and secondary schools and further education. That is critical to what we do. Training is at the heart of what we want to do.

Are there plans to run apprenticeship schemes within the different departments in the studios?

Yes absolutely! Probably about 50 apprenticeships for each film.

Apprenticeships on film sets used to be really quite rough. It's getting much better, but my vision is to offer apprenticeships in a slightly different way which is to have a really thoughtful skills-based, knowledge-based addition to them. Giving people skills to really have judgement, preparation and insight into how to do this really well.

They are not going to run around doing crazy stuff or burn themselves out. They are going to use their thoughtfulness and problem solving in a way that is really constructive. But yeah, that's the vision.

Will the area around the site be able to cope with the added vehicles arriving and leaving?

The short answer is yes, but I will explain why. We are aware that there is sensitivity about traffic, and I can qualify two things: there will be about 2,000 vehicles coming to the site every day so what we are trying to do is put in a scheme which will allow a lot of people to use a new public transport system from High Wycombe to Maidenhead, stopping at our site, so people don't actually have to use a car.

The other thing is that people making films come outside of peak hours; starting early and leaving later so in terms of the loads on the roads, it's quite compatible with the traffic profile right now.

How did you get into the film industry?

It's a bit cheesy, but I was kind of born on a film set. I remember when I was really tiny and went onto a film set and I got swept away by the magic of it. It's the thing that's kind of run like a thread through my whole life.

I started working in films when I was 18 when I



briefly went to a film school in Los Angeles, and I couldn't think of anything better.

One of the greatest privileges for a young person is to work in a highly creative environment. Following talented people and engaging with them was such a special privilege. That's why I am so passionate about bringing this project here, because for the younger generation it's unbelievably empowering being part of a community where you are brought up in a culture of creativity.

What is your favourite film?

It's not necessarily my favourite film, but it is one of my most treasured memories. It was the privilege of my creative young life to work on a film called *Shakespeare in Love*. It was nominated for 13 Oscars and won 7. It was challenging and technical and brilliant. I still love that film and it is a real classic. I had a very humble role in it, but I feel like my fingerprints are on that film, emotionally.

Do you get invited to lots of film premieres due to your connection to Ian Fleming?

I wish. I have been going to Bond premieres for a long time as I am a member of BAFTA, so I have privileges in the film community.

I go to a lot of films before they are released and get to go to exciting Q&A sessions where film makers talk to you about why they made a film or the particular challenges they faced. That's a format I really love.

If you could make a film of your favourite book, what would it be?

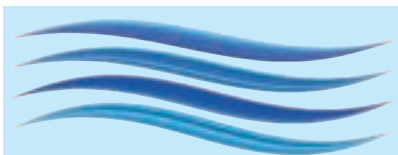
This is a good question. I am actually doing that. It's not a film, but it's going to be a six-part TV series based on a brilliant book called *The Magus* by John Fowles.

It's about a young man who assumes he is entitled to do some things and the universe punishes him in a certain way. I don't want to ruin it for you...

It's a brilliant project and I'm working with brilliant people and it's really exciting.

We have been working on that for a few years and we are just at the cusp of being able to announce it, so hopefully that can happen in the next 18 months.

To read more on the studios or find out about the public consultation processes go to their website www.marlow.film



River Life

with Peter Osborne



Recently, I have been helping Woottens Boatyard by delivering boats to them and then assisting in taking them out of the water for winter storage. This is crazy as it seems like only yesterday that I was helping launch the same boats for the start of the season. What's going on? I'm sure much has happened in the meantime.

Some good news, Bourne End Marina have replaced their old crane. Berth holders had originally been informed that the crane was to be no more, however, in a U-turn of the same magnitude as the current Government's, it's game back on for lift outs.

This is a massive decision for boatowners and the marina owners should be given a pat on the back for seeing sense. Drinks all round.

Having an operational crane at the marina is not only a boost for its revenue, it also enhances its profile along the river; this is something that had begun to wane.

I am hoping to be one of the first to benefit from the new crane. I was instructed to raise two sunken boats in Maidenhead and to remove them and also remove two abandoned boats from Cliveden Reach, below Cookham Lock.

As I am scribing this missive these four boats (wrecks) have been transferred to the marina awaiting the skip lorry. The crane will play its part in loading them into the skips.

This is assuming that Chaos has mastered the computer wizardry of the crane and can actually make it work. I believe that he is to be sent on a course to learn Kidology that would enable him to do so.

Abandoned and sunken boats have become a problem on the river over the last few years. The Environment Agency seem to avoid becoming involved in these cases and pass on the expense to the landowners. In the case of the sunken boats in Maidenhead the council acted, to the relief of the local population.

You cannot just remove a wreck. Time has

to be spent trying to trace the owners and, if this fails, a legal notice under Taut has to be displayed on or about the abandoned craft. After a month or two time lapse the boat can be removed for scrap, or sale if there is any value in it. Funnily enough, boats with any value don't seem to be abandoned.

How many of us who have dogs feed them on duck? I'm sure they like it. I ask this as some dogs chase ducks and end up in the river without actually catching them.

They can chase ducks that are on the land and fail to understand that the fowl can actually fly when they get to the river bank. The dogs seem to have a surprised look on their faces when they suddenly realise the only flying that they can do resembles a brick.

On occasions a dog will just leap into the water if the duck is happily swimming close to the bank.

Over the years I have had to rescue some dogs; it's easy for the hounds to get into the water but it's nigh on impossible to get out when there is sheet piling along the bank, as opposed to a beach.

The danger is that some dogs can swim better than others, but at the end of the day they will get tired and ultimately drown if help is not at hand. For a small dog time is of the essence as they will tire a lot faster.

Unfortunately, I have had to retrieve deceased dogs in the past, it's so sad. Recently a small dog decided to go for some ducks and leapt off the bank near the marina getting into difficulties straight away, fortunately a responsible adult (a term I use extremely loosely) was at hand and entered the water to retrieve the said dog.

A happy ending on this occasion, but it could have been so different. Canine owners, please be aware.

There has been much in the news about failures of supply chains which is adversely affecting the economy in terms of reduced manufacturing, combined with a shortage of labour, lorry drivers, leisure industry workers etc.

These failures and disruptions have been attributed to various well-documented

reasons.

This being the case one could assume that the current population of the nation is less than it was before Covid-19. Can someone then explain why we seem to be producing far more sewage to the degree that more of it seems to be being pumped into our rivers than before Covid-19? Can sewage works cope with the volume coming their way. Who is producing all this extra sewage?

I worry that the result is that the river may be more polluted than it has been for a long time. I wonder if this is one reason that we have seen fewer open water swimmers this year?

My advice to the swimmers, and the increasing number of paddleboarders, is enjoy your sport, but I would recommend that you carry out your pursuits upstream of any sewage outlet. It is my concern that our rivers could become more polluted.

Businesses on the river seem to have countered the downturn of the last few years judging by demand for their services, this is good for the river and also the local communities.

In general, the local leisure sector appears to be regaining some of their previous losses, however, in some sectors, restaurants/pubs for example, these gains can be stifled by the lack of available staff. Let's hope this situation eases in time for Christmas.

On which point I wish everybody a happy Christmas and a very prosperous New Year with no flooding and mild winter weather to enable extended use of the river for boaters, sailors, rowers, paddleboarders and swimmers alike.

Anyway, I'd better get on and do some work, I am already making plans to prepare owners' boats for next season. I may now have the freedom of being self-employed but I have discovered that I am also my own slave.

Until the next time
Peter Osborne, River Thames
correspondent



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Upper Thames Sailing Club

by Tony Ketley

What a year it has been. Besides dealing with the effects of Covid-19 on club activities, there was the matter of restoring the club's camping field after Network Rail vacated it.

We had come to an arrangement with Network Rail that they could have use of the field for the storage of their plant and materials while upgrading the railway line. The council gave its approval with the proviso that the restoration of the field would include the sowing of wildflower seeds with the ultimate result that the field would be home, not just to the occasional campers, but a variety of insects and wildlife.

Every year since 1893 the club's annual regatta, 'Bourne End Week' as it is known, has been held in the early part of the summer. As the chosen week approached, it was feared that Network Rail would need more time and a major problem was looming. However, as it turned out, Covid-19 would force the postponement of the event. While this was a disappointment, the field should be ready for the August bank holiday, the alternative date. Not until the green shoots of the sowing programme appeared would it be safe to announce that the event would go ahead.

The summer of 2021 would be remembered for being a dry summer, not good for the germination of the wildflower seeds, in fact those green shoots never appeared. Network Rail had committed to the club that the field would be ready in time to receive campers.

The only solution to the problem was to turf the field, which looked like an impossible task bearing in mind that new turves require at least three weeks to get established. With one week to go before the big event the turf had been laid and looked wonderful. Just one snag, they wouldn't have time to establish roots in the soil beneath. It was decided that tents could be erected, but no vehicles could drive over the new turf.

Bourne End Week arrived, competitors camped, and the field survived. Fresh wildflower seed was sown and is expected to grow up through the grass. Fingers crossed it should be a wonderful sight next year.



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OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

The Community Church

Being community, at a time when things in the world can often look so individualistic, is such an important aspect of our lives. We genuinely seek to encourage community, looking out for one another, caring for one another.

We have recently started a Coffee Morning every Monday, 10am to midday, while also re-starting our popular Little Steps Toddler group at 10am on Thursdays, both at the Chapel on the Green.

Here's a question for you: If you have any creative ideas of things that you think we could do to further bless those in our local villages, please let us know by emailing us at office@thecommunitychurch.online. We would love to hear from you. More information can be found at thecommunitychurch.online. Have a very happy, blessed and peaceful Christmas.



St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

Although many of our normal services had to be cancelled during the year, we have held several outdoor services and activities finishing with an all-age event, Light in the Darkness, on November 28, singing carols, making Christingles and supporting the One Can Trust with gifts for their food bank.

We hope to hold more outdoor events next year.

However we are very much looking forward to holding our traditional Christmas services once again, and start the Christmas season on December 19 with the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 6pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

On Christmas Eve there will be two crib services, at 3pm and 4.30pm.

Mary, Joseph, angels, wise men/women, shepherds all welcome — parents and grandparents too.

For safety reasons it will be necessary to book a space at these two services. Please visit 4u-team.org/churches/st-john-the-baptist or phone 07985 619780.

Also on Christmas Eve at 11.30pm is Midnight Holy Communion. If you would like a lift to this service please contact our church wardens on 07985 619780 or 07775 957090.

On Christmas Day there will be a Family Holy Communion at 11am. There will be no service on Sunday December 26, but the church will be open for private prayer, 9.30am to 11am.

On January 2 at 11am we will be celebrating Epiphany with a service of Carols of Praise, singing carols (still in the season of Christmas) chosen by some who have a favourite carol and giving us the reason why. This is followed by refreshments and Epiphany cake.

From November 28 through to January 9 we will have a sermon series *Making the Most of the Lectionary - Advent to Epiphany, Glimpses of Glory*.

All are most welcome to any of our services. Please check our website for up to date information and contact numbers. We wish everyone a safe and peaceful Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Cores End United Reformed Church

Life continues to return gradually to a new normal here at Cores End. Most of our hall users have returned to their classes, while still maintaining Covid-19 precautions.

In October more than 30 shoeboxes were collected

to distribute to those in desperate need in Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Ukraine.

Our Charity Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday December 4, 10am to midday, with stalls in the church and refreshments in the lower hall. Stalls include cakes, crafts, gifts, swags, books, tombola, jewellery, hyacinth bowls and jigsaw puzzles, so there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Funds raised will support a local charity (yet to be decided) and projects in the Israeli and Palestinian territories.

On December 5 we have our Toy Service with toys going to Bucks Connection Support for distribution to families in need.

We hope to encourage the use of our beautiful church grounds as a quiet garden for anyone seeking a place of peace and reflection. We have recently

joined the Quiet Garden Movement — a Christian organisation that offers access to outdoor spaces and in private homes, churches, schools and hospitals.

Our church grounds are ideal for this with a variety of spaces such as the Link Up Garden, the churchyard and the meadow. More trees were planted in the meadow in October and more hedging donated by the Woodland Trust was planted in November. More help with this is always welcome and much appreciated, so if you are interested in joining a working party please contact the minister, Terry Hinks on 01628 525076 or minister.trinity.coresend@gmail.com.

There will be a Carol Service on December 19 at 6.30pm (details to be confirmed).

Our Christmas service is at 10.30am on Christmas Day and all are welcome. There will be no service on Boxing Day, but instead there will be a service at Trinity in High Wycombe.

We wish all a peaceful, happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.



Parishes of Hedsor and Bourne End

Since the departure of Rev Janet, we are currently without a rector.

However, our services will continue to run as usual with a number of visiting priests and all are welcome to join our regular services, at 9am at St Nicholas' and 10.30am at St Mark's.

Our Christmas services are as follows:

At St Nicholas': Sunday December 12 at 9am: Christingle, all children very welcome.

Sunday December 19 at 9am: Nativity. Friday December 24: Midnight Service beginning at 10.30pm. Christmas Day: 9am

At St Mark's: Sunday December 12 at 10.30am: Christingle with the Guides and Brownies.

Wednesday December 15 at 10.30am: Puffins Nativity. Come and see our toddlers perform.

Sunday December 19 at 4.30pm: Christmas Carols and Readings — come and sing in festive surroundings, and bring a friend. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served. Christmas Day: 10.30am.

Please note that there will be no services at either church on Boxing Day, Sunday December 26. For details of all activities visit www.parishesofhedsorandbourneend and www.achurchnearyou.com

St Dunstan's Church

With life slowly returning to pre-lockdown levels, we continue to welcome back members of our community to mass. Sunday November 28 was officially 'Welcome back Sunday'. It was an

opportunity to celebrate our community and especially see all the familiar faces.

We enjoyed a breakfast of bacon and sausage butties and much conversation and laughter after the 10am mass. That Sunday also marked the start of Advent. We continue to follow Covid-19 good practice by sanitising, signing in at mass and wearing face coverings in church unless you are exempt.

First Holy Communion classes and Children's Liturgy (every Sunday morning except at Christmas) are now underway and applications are open for confirmation classes which start up in January.

Application forms are available at St Dunstan's or contact the parish office: tel 01628 522 956 or email: office@saintdunstans.co.uk or office@littleflower.co.uk

Following on from our successful Parish Day in September when we focussed on re-engaging with parish life, plans are now underway to reinstitute the popular ladies' evenings, regular coffee mornings after mass and various other social activities in 2022. Please see the parish newsletter for information or visit www.saintdunstans.co.uk

We wish everyone a peaceful Christmas season and a joyous and happy New Year.

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

Regular services continue with weekly Sunday Communion at 9.30am and a Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion Service on Sunday December 12 at 8am at St Paul's. Sunday Club is every Sunday in the hall during the service for children aged 0-12. A Friday Lunchbox Service takes place at St Mary's at midday — a short informal Communion Service with live worship music and bring your own lunch for a time of fellowship together.

Our Youth Group for ages 10 to 16 meets monthly on a Sunday afternoon.

Special Advent and Christmas events and services at St Paul's are as follows:

'Meet with Santa' — Saturday December 11 at 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm.

Carols by Candlelight at the entrance to the church — Sunday December 19 at 6pm. Tickets £6 per child include a present (booking essential) craheimdecor@gmail.com

Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion — Wednesday December 22 at 11am. Christmas Eve Crib Service — Friday December 24 at 4pm.

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass — Friday December 24 at 11.30pm. Christmas Celebration Communion — Saturday December 25 at 9.30am. Parish Holy Communion — Sunday December 26 at 9.30am.

January will see the popular Burns Night Dinner returning. Watch out for details on our website and Facebook page.

For more information on any of the above visit <http://www.stpaulswooburn.org> or Facebook: St-Pauls Wooburn, or get in touch via the office: stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com, tel 01628 525512.

Bourne End Quaker Meeting

A Quaker Meeting for Worship takes place in the Target Room at the community centre at 10am on the first Monday of every month.

Everyone is welcome; we stay seated in shared silence until about 10.40am.

Anyone present may share their thoughts during this period of worship, as in any Quaker meeting. We chat briefly over tea and coffee after the meeting. For more information visit www.caqm.org.uk



OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

1st Wooburn Scout Group

We are well and truly back in the swing of things now and are having so much fun.

Not only have the young people been getting right back into all of their Scouting adventures, it's also great to have the Scout Hall back to its glory hosting so many birthday parties. We so enjoy seeing children and families coming back together again and celebrating.

The hall is as busy as ever, so if you want to get a booking in, please get in touch soon to guarantee your date. You can find all the information on our webpage:

wooburn.wixsite.com/wooburnscouts/hall-hire

As well as our sections opening up, we are taking advantage of our local area and facilities being open for business too.

This term we have taken the Beaver Scouts to Paccar Scout Camp to do some axe throwing. Yes, that's right. Six and seven year olds throwing axes. Some of them were great and threw on target, but all of them had huge smiles (and excellent listening skills for keeping safe).

The Cubs had a weekend camp staying at the hall, and did some lovely hikes. The Scouts also held their first camp in two years by running an Independence Camp using the skills they've learnt from fire lighting and cooking on an open fire to putting up tents and making camp gadgets. I'm not sure who enjoyed it more — the youngsters or the adults.

We are on the look-out for some new adult volunteers. Come and join the fun — it's a great way to spend some of your spare time. Whether you can come every week or something a little less time-consuming, we have lots of roles that would keep the fun going for the Scouts. Contact us on wooburngreengsl@gmail.com

Bucks Family History Society

Our talks continue online for members (membership available from just £6pa). Details on our website bucksfhs.org.uk

We are now looking to restart our face to face meetings in the community centre from April 2022.

Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

A return to live demonstrations at the community centre on October 5 saw Carol Bennett demonstrating arrangements with an Autumn theme.

Look at the wonderful display in the photo and there were more on the night.



In the past, floral foam was extensively used in arrangements, but it is not biodegradable. Flower arrangers now use other mediums to

hold plant material in position. For example sand, chicken wire and decorative thick wire which is scrunched and put into vases and test tubes.

A new product, Agra-Wool, can be used instead of floral foam. It is not so easy to use, but is biodegradable.

Now to our Christmas demonstration on Tuesday December 7 at 8pm when we welcome Kathryn Goddard, an area demonstrator, with a fun theme of *Eat, Drink and Be Merry*.

Visitors are always most welcome. It is £10 for visitors and £5 for members. There will be mince pies of course and the lucky raffle winners get to take home the displays created during the evening.

Into 2022 we look forward to seeing more of you at our regular monthly live demonstrations when we can all enjoy the skill and inspiration of the arranger along with the beauty of the flowers. If you want to know more about our club contact liz790@btinternet.com

Wye Valley Volunteers

Our services are more or less back to normal with significant increases in transport requests as hospitals try to catch up with the NHS backlog. We continue to be cautious about Covid-19 safety and are reiterating guidelines for drivers and passengers to observe.

We have noticed a reduction in clients for coffee mornings and shopping trips possibly due to Covid-19 worries. However, the companionship and camaraderie on these can be greatly uplifting and should outweigh any concerns. We can reassure people that strict guidelines are followed both by us, the community centre and by the community minibus drivers.

Drop-in coffee mornings are held at the community centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays,



10am to 11.30am. Transport may be available on request. Regular shopping trips in the minibus take clients from fixed pick-up points to one of the local supermarkets.

To find out more or if you would be interested in volunteering, contact us on 01628 521027 or enquiries@wyevalleyvolunteers.org.uk or pop in to the office between 10am and midday (portakabin to the right of the community centre).

Very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all our volunteers and our clients.

Picture shows: Lily Eisenhower, Peter Beard, John Edlington, Hilary Vosloo, Noelle Dunne and Sandra Garey

Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association

Could 2022 be the year you find new friends in our village's twinning with Octeville sur Mer? You will make new acquaintances in a village you thought you knew; and from May 25 to 29 you can help us welcome the folks from Octeville for a lively long weekend.

If you are already a member, do bring a friend along to share the fun.

Anyone from our area can join us. We foster links and friendships between the Bourne End area and Octeville-sur-Mer (near Le Havre, Normandy). We run our own events and also organise visits to and from France in alternate years. You don't have to speak or write French.

We shall need lots of hosts in May — phone or email for a chat about this, it's very enjoyable. In 2023 it will be our turn to go to Octeville again.

There was plenty of entente cordiale at our Autumn Dinner on October 23. A splendid spread, provided by Richard Chalmers and his team, was much appreciated by more than 30 members.

Online meetings set up by Liz Yeeles in October and

November helped keep us in touch.

We enjoyed the 'break-out rooms' that gave a chance to chat with one or two friends before rejoining the whole group.

Margaret Emery attended the Ceremony of Remembrance at Wooburn and laid a wreath on our behalf.

Our next event will be the beloved Galette Afternoon on Saturday January 8, celebrating the Fête des Rois with frangipane pies in the French manner.

Remember to book a place so the cooks know how many galettes to bake.



Bourne End Fun Night is supported by 'Welcome Back Fund', Wooburn Green Scout Group, and Community Board South West Chilterns.



Supported by Buckinghamshire Council's Community Board and the Bourne End Parish Council and our Sponsors Robertsons.



If you think you might host, or want any other information, contact Chairman Wilma Johnston Ball on 01628 473872, will6j@virginmedia.com or Wendy Langford 01628 520065. Our website is www.bebta.co.uk and Octeville's is www.cjo.fr

Pictured left: Gill and Rob DeVillie serve wine to Alan Duncan - no need to look so guilty, Alan!

A MESSAGE FROM TARGET

With more groups now meeting live please make sure that you let *Target* readers know all about your activities. If you have pictures to share even better. As life returns to normal it's important that your activities feature on these pages.

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CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 2 Thurs Community Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8pm (arrive by 7.45pm). It's a £1 per person, and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night. See info p21
- 3 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 5 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm
- 7 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the community centre. Admission £7 includes raffle. See poster p21
- 10 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 10 Fri Bourne End Christmas Fun Night in the village from 5pm. See all the details on page 1
- 11 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in and around the community centre
- 12 Sun Indoor Car Boot Sale at the Community Centre 9.30am to midday. For details call Carolyn 07773 615481
- 12 Sun A social with a great mix of salsa, cha cha cha, Cuban and other latin rhythms. The evening at the community centre costs £10, starts at 7.15pm with three levels of salsa classes for improvers and intermediate/advanced level dancers delivered by Basil, Chunky and the Dance2Gether team followed by a great social with DJs Basil and Chunky until 11pm. For further information contact Basil on 07595 397184 or Chunky on 07956 122505 info@dance2salsa.co.uk www.dance2salsa.co.uk
- 17 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 19 Sun Carol Concert with the Festival Brass. A free ticket concert at the community centre. See details and poster page 20
- 24 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 30 Thur Afternoon movie at the community centre *Christmas with Andre*. See The New Royalty Cinema poster p21
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JANUARY

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- 19 Wed Free senior citizens performance of *Dick Whittington* pantomime by Forum Players 8pm at the community centre. See poster and info page 20
- 21 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 22 Sat *Dick Whittington* pantomime by Forum Players 2.30pm at the community centre. See poster and info page 20
- 23 Sun *Dick Whittington* pantomime by Forum Players 2.30pm at the community centre. See poster and info page 20
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- 29 Sat *Dick Whittington* pantomime by Forum Players. Performances at 2.30pm and 6.30pm at the community centre. See poster and info page 20

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Please pay at the community centre office or post application and payment to the centre (address page 2) including your name, address, email address, phone number and type of membership required.

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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 January 10. Have a go... if nobody gets all the answers the winner will be the person with the most correct answers. All these clues relate, strangely enough, to Christmas. Good Luck!

- 1 How many types of birds are mentioned in the song *Twelve days of Christmas*?
- 2 The Star of Bethlehem guided who to what?
- 3 In which classic children's book is it 'always winter, but never Christmas'?
- 4 Boxing day is also known as which saints' day?
- 5 If you were born on Christmas Day, which sign of the zodiac would you be?
- 6 In the film *It's a Wonderful Life* what happened every time a bell rang?
- 7 Which was the first company that used Santa Claus in its advertising?
- 8 Balsam, Douglas, Frazer and Noble are all types of what?
- 9 Which ballet is about a girl who visits the land of sweets on Christmas Eve?
- 10 Which British monarch was the first to broadcast a Christmas message?
- 11 Which male actor starred in both films *Holiday Inn* 1942 and *White Christmas* 1954?
- 12 Which country is the largest exporter of Christmas trees?
- 13 How many points/tips does a snowflake have?
- 14 Which parasitic plant is popular at Christmas time?
- 15 Who wrote *How the Grinch stole Christmas* in 1957?
- 16 The song *Walking in the air* features in which classic Christmas film?
- 17 Widow Twanky traditionally appears as a character in which pantomime?
- 18 At Christmas 1990 the film *A Grand Day Out* introduced us to which iconic duo?
- 19 In 1996 which British classic TV show did the main characters finally become millionaires?
- 20 What is the name of the singing snowman in the film *Frozen*?



ANSWERS TO THE OCT/NOV FALCON QUIZ

1 toaster 2 scales 3 bowl 4 microwave 5 kettle 6 grill 7 teapot 8 knife 9 fork 10 plate 11 steamer 12 cup 13 wooden spoon 14 mug 15 larder/Lada 16 sink 17 nutcracker 18 cocktail sticks 19 bread board 20 saucepot/ bottle
The winner is: Angus Haston, Penn, High Wycombe.



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