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CLAYTONS PUPILS WALK BACK IN TIME

Class teacher Alison Jones told *Target* that groups of children from Years 3 and 4 at Claytons Primary School in Wendover Road had a wonderful time learning about local history.

Pupils walked around Bourne End village looking at the changes in housing and the different types and numbers of shops in The Parade. A few lucky groups of children were even able to go inside the carpet shop and imagine what it was like when films were playing in the village's own cinema.

The group pictured here was resting outside the community centre before returning along The Parade and Marlow Road to the school.

The weather was kind and the pupils had just seen the location where Claytons School used to be.

In those days pupils had to wait for the train on the level crossing to move off en route for High Wycombe before they could get to school. Now it is Alfred Court sheltered accommodation on the junction of Station Road and Furlong Road.

Pupils agreed that Bourne End was a lovely village and were happy to pose for a group picture that would feature in the community magazine.



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So please, take lots of pictures and send your best efforts to editor@targetmagazine.org.uk by May 10... just a couple of days after the events.

And check out our ROYAL CROWN competition on page 18.

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For the foreseeable future we will have to stay at 36 pages, but we've had lots of lovely comments from readers who have told us the smaller issue is still a great read and packed with useful stuff.

We thank you all for your support.

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WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Caroline Meechan

SATURDAY 17 JUNE 2023

12 – 4pm on The Green, Wooburn Green

Prepare yourselves for a right royal knees up as the Wooburn fête returns to The Green this summer.

The events committee of Wooburn Residents' Association is going full steam ahead with planning for a family-friendly, traditional village fête.

All the usual activities will be there – local schoolchildren dancing and/or singing; Scouts, Guides and our local churches offering games, home-made cakes, tea/coffee and a barbecue.

There will be all the fun of the fair with a few rides suitable for our younger visitors as well as music and games suitable for our more mature residents.

Maidenhead Concert Band will be playing plus some princesses and other well-known characters (not of the royal variety) will be appearing, courtesy of www.snowprincess.co.uk

Put the date in your diary now and ask your friends and neighbours to meet you there to support local businesses and community groups. Good weather has been requested.

We are delighted that Pegasus Wooburn Bales has agreed to be our headline sponsor with Macbeth Insurance Brokers also offering financial help by way of organising and paying for our event insurance – a huge thank you to both companies.

If you would like to get involved in organising this event or have any thoughts on what should be included, please email secretary@wooburnresidentsassociation.org



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Wooburn Residents' Association meets bi-monthly at the Wooburn Club and works with our local councillors as well as the parish council on matters affecting us all.

Please visit our new website www.wooburnresidents.org for information on what we do and dates of our meetings. You can also follow us on Facebook – search for Wooburn Residents Association. Using either of these channels, you will find details of our regular talks which are aimed at informing residents of what is available locally; local history and anything else requested.

If you have an idea for a local talk, please let us know using the same email as above.

Local groups/organisations - please email a poster of upcoming events to secretary@wooburnresidents.org and it will be added to the Community Notice Board opposite Tesco on The Green.



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UPDATE

Planning activity has definitely picked up since the beginning of the year on both Slate Meadow and Hollands Farm after a quiet few months at the end of 2022.

As ever, councillors Penny Drayton, Sophie Kayani and Stuart Wilson remain vigilant in monitoring developments with the

planning officers on a regular basis to keep the parish council, residents' groups and Keep Bourne End Green up to speed. It is almost two years since the council election and it has definitely helped having local councillors working within the council to represent local residents' interests.

Prior to discussing the local sites, it is worth acknowledging all the work led by Councillor Wilson with regard to protecting Little Marlow Lakes Country Park. He initially raised the park matter at Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet in February 2022

and also led the call-in of the cabinet decision. Sadly, political pressure and the weight of the majority group within the council select committee determined to initiate a smaller country park than envisaged by Wycombe District Council.

Moving on to Slate Meadow, the Reserved Matters application had been before the planning committee last year and consent was given subject to certain outstanding matters.

One of these was whether the Environment Agency would lift its objection and they have refused to withdraw it, so the planning application has to come back to the planning committee.

In doing so, Councillor Wilson raised matters about the approval process at the two planning committee meetings held last year and it was decided that the planning decision was not made in accordance with council legal guidance. As a result, the planning committee process has to be completely re-run at some point in the near future.

In addition, the developers have decided to activate a second identical Reserved Matters planning application should the first one fail at planning committee or a subsequent appeal.

This is a backstop to the first application because outline planning consent would otherwise have lapsed. Clearly, the developer will hope that both Reserved

Matters planning applications do not fail.

Local councillors are due to meet with planning officers after the time of writing this update and will be able to update residents on next steps with regard to consultation responses.

Local councillors were also due to have a meeting with planning officers and both developers (Catesby Estates and Capreon) for Hollands Farm on March 1 and that meeting was subsequently postponed with no date set up at the time of writing.

You may recall from previous updates that it was previously only Catesby Estates who were progressing an application for 80% of the land.

Both developers are now engaged with Capreon intending to bring forward an application for the remaining 20% of Hollands Farm (Jackson's Field) adjoining the end of Bridgestone Drive and alongside Princes Road.

At this stage, there is little information on the nature of what the new applications may look like, but it is understood that this may require additional public consultation.

We will continue to review all these and other planning matters vigilantly to ensure the best possible outcomes for residents in Wooburn, Bourne End and Hedsor, as well as those impacted more broadly in Little Marlow.

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Please don't park on the pavements of a well used road. This has been voiced by Mums with pushchairs, those using a motorised wheelchair and the older generation having concerns about stepping into the road. While it might be convenient and you only plan to stop for a few moments there are pavement users who have to detour around your vehicle.



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♠ K J 9 8 7 6 W N E S
♥ Q 10 6 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Dble
♦ 10 7 ?
♣ A J

Julian Pottage gives his answer on page 10

English Bridge is published by the English Bridge Union.



SMALL BUSINESS MATTERS

with Sylvia Bourhill



The Budget

The Chancellor's budget seems to be aimed at wealthy individuals and big business, with not a lot of encouragement for the small business. There are a couple of things in the 'back to work' arena, but there is not a lot new in the tax regime for the smaller

business. Here are the headline updates:

Business tax

- Confirmation of corporation tax rate increase for profits over £50,000 from 19% to 25% from 1 April 2023 for profits over £250,000 (with a sliding scale in between)
- 'Super-deduction' for plant and machinery bought up to 31 March 2023 replaced by 100% first-year allowance for NEW qualifying capital expenditure, for three years from 1 April 2023
- Annual Investment Allowance is increased to £1 Million (this can apply to second hand purchases as well as new purchases.)
- R&D tax reliefs will be available on spend up to 40% of total expenditure (up from 30%) from 1 April 2023
- AV tax reliefs will increase from 1 April 2024

Personal tax

- The main personal tax-free allowance and the 40% tax rate threshold remain frozen at their 2022/23 levels until the end of 2027/28

- The 45% threshold is lowered from £150,000 to £125,000 for 2023/24

- Tax-free dividend allowance falls from £2,000 to £1,000, and CGT annual exempt amount falls from £12,300 to £6,000, for 2023/24

- Pension savings thresholds significantly increased: from 6 April 2023, Annual Allowance rises from £40,000 to £60,000 with related changes to tapering and Lifetime Allowance Charge is abolished; maximum tax-free lump sum remains 25% of former Lifetime Allowance, ie £268,275

Back to work measures

- Significant expansion of free childcare provision to be phased in from April 2024

- Introduction of 'Returnerships' – similar to apprenticeships – to encourage over-50s back into work

Other measures

- Energy Price Guarantee retained at £2,500 for average household for another 3 months to 1 July 2023
- Fuel duty frozen, and temporary 5p reduction retained, for another year
- Significant expansion of free childcare provision to be phased in from April 2024.

Sylvia Bourhill

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In November 2022 Bourne End Bridge Club completed its eight week course for bridge players who wished to improve to playing at club level. The aim of the Newcomers Course is to give players the confidence to take the next step to playing for a club and to learn the techniques required to bid, play and do so at a speed required at club level. As beginners they normally start by playing at about ten minutes per board, however clubs normally play three boards in 21-24 minutes, which is only seven to eight minutes per board. After some practice this becomes second nature.

Local lady Sheila Heath (pictured) was the winner of the Newcomers Course and is congratulated. For more information please see www.bridgewebs/bourneend

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The Lemon Tree - a welcome addition to The Parade

Martin Walters loves opening his gift shop door every morning and getting to know more of his customers. You'll find him at The Lemon Tree Gifts and Homeware on The Parade in Bourne End and he's still adjusting to an entirely new life.

Opening his new shop just in time for Valentine's Day, Martin has plenty of ideas for the special days and bank holidays during the year along with the all-important coronation of King Charles III in May.

When Martin decided on a change of direction in his working life the thought of a gift shop came after doing market research and deciding that this style of shop was needed in Bourne End.

Having lived in Flackwell Heath for more than 12 years he knew the area well. Now, instead of a three hour round journey into London he has a three minute drive down the hill from Flackwell Heath (he might start walking, but has considered the uphill walk home).

Sourcing local products has been one of Martin's immediate ambitions and he has been delighted that lots of people have been supporting The Lemon Tree by buying their gifts locally. Local producers include Sophie who makes doggy bowties



and bandanas as well as plant holders, plastic bag holders and wash bags, then Cookham Cocktail Club who supply gins, rums and cocktail kits while Chiltern Bees supply beeswax products including wonderful skin and lip balms.

Looking ahead to the better weather Martin plans to use the area outside the shop to have some wine/gin afternoons at the weekend.

Having been told that The Lemon Tree sent the ice cream man away (Bourne for

Desserts) Martin is researching a local ice cream supplier for the summer months while adults taste from the shop's array of wines.

Martin is also keen to hear from customers about what they would like to see in The Lemon Tree.

The shop's name comes from the fact that his brother bought

their father a lemon tree 20 plus years ago.

It still produces a lot of massive lemons that are used to be sliced for a gin and tonic or squeezed for lemon drizzle cakes when the family get together.

If you haven't been yet why not call in and browse around The Lemon Tree.

At the moment Martin is there seven days a week as he works out the pattern of which days are best for his exciting new venture.

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It's not always easy to know what to do with a precious book when you already have one on your shelf. Well, acquiring a pristine copy of *Theirs were but human hearts* by Brian Wheals presented no such problems as Brian would have approved any plans to raise money and support the community magazine.

This volume was in Nigel Hunt's collection and he would have supported any fundraising plans for the community magazine, especially as it frequently printed reports from groups he knew like Forum Players, Marlow/Maidenhead Passengers Association and others too numerous to mention. Our community misses both special men who were important in the local community.

So, if you would like to add this volume to your local history collection, why not make an offer. It is also signed by the author. Write your name, a contact email or telephone number and your bid onto a piece of paper, pop it into an envelope and put it in the red *Target* donation box in the foyer at the

community centre. All envelopes will be opened at the end of May and the highest bid gets the book.





As the weather starts to brighten up, we can see the first signs of spring as flowers begin to bloom around the parish. We have welcomed our fourth groundsman, Jon, this month, so if you see him out and about, please do say hello.

We have plans for new planters in Bourne End and Wooburn which will be sponsored by local businesses and will feature some lovely flowers. In addition to this, preparing our open spaces, getting Sappers Field ready for the summer and planting on the verge outside Wooburn Park will soon be happening too. Our wildflower seeds this year are a Coronation mix, set to bloom a rainbow of colours.

Easter Sunday will feature a new event this year – an Easter hunt trail. Find the letters in Wooburn Park and collect your prize from our gazebo at the end. We hope you all enjoy your time off school/work and will join us in the park for a bit of Easter fun.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday May 7 from midday to 3pm – this marks the King's Coronation Big Lunch event which we are holding in Wooburn Park (similar to the Jubilee event last year) and expect a great turnout.

With local PTAs getting involved, we hope to make this a real community event and bring us together on the Bank

Holiday weekend. Food vendors including pizza and ice cream vans will be available, so don't miss out and bring a picnic.

Our monthly newsletter has been a continued success, with our March issue featuring one of our groundstaff, Nikk, and his ambitions for his future here with us, plus information on our ongoing discussions and information on upcoming events.

We also currently have vacancies for three new councillors, so please contact the office for further details on how to become a part of the council by emailing the clerk: clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk

We are still opening our offices for you to come and speak to us at our Open House meetings. We would love to hear your opinions and ideas on all things Wooburn and Bourne End, so please do check our newsletter or our website/Facebook for upcoming dates to attend. As usual, tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

In addition to these Open House evenings, the Annual Parish Meeting is now confirmed for May 16 at St Mary's Church Hall. We hope to continue to welcome more members of the public through our doors this year, so please come along to any meetings that may be of interest to you. Sign up to our newsletter using the QR code here.



As always, please continue to report any issues you see within the parish to us as we can only help if we are made aware - either email (clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk) phone on 01628 522827, or drop in to the office with details. We are happy to help.



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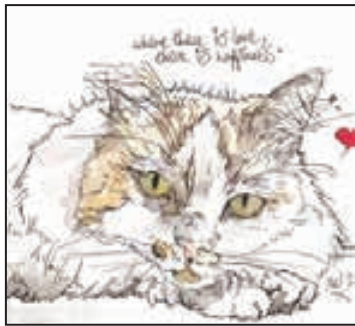


Hello, I am Mel Cairns and my social media handle is i.am.melc, where I share my pet illustrations every day. I am a

trained couturier, qualified lawyer, and now an artist and author, creating fast and loose ink drawings of cats and dogs. I take commissions and sell reproductions of my original artwork.

My pen and ink sketches are posted daily on Instagram and Facebook under the banner Cats and Quotes. The quotes are to bring me and my 'furriends' inspiration and motivation each day of the week.

My muses are my two Norwegian Forest cats, and other gorgeous cats and dogs I find on



Instagram and sketch with their owners' permission.

I make greetings cards, prints and calendars using my collection of ink drawings. Most recently, I published a collection of my illustrations in a hardback book, Cats & Quotes & Other Furry Friends. I first started selling my beautiful paper products at Bourne End Community and Craft Market last year. It's really welcoming with lots of cat and dog lovers.

I started my professional career as a fashion designer and couturier, then moved to a film studio to get some secretarial experience working for the studio's lawyer in London.

Ten years later and after a lot of hard work, I found myself qualified as a solicitor in the media and entertainment industry.

I live in Buckinghamshire with my husband and two

Norwegian Forest cats. During the 2020 pandemic lockdown, Axel (one of our cats) escaped from our garden and was killed on the road by our house, leaving us with Saffy and Argyle.

On top of the challenges of an

excessively busy time selling hugely popular TV programmes to broadcasters and platforms for a US studio's London-based business, Axel's death really impacted my wellbeing.

My personal mechanism to balance the stress of work is to create. I dusted down my sewing machine and shut down my laptop for two hours at lunchtime each day to decompress by sewing scrubs for a charity set up by a couture designer in London.

That reignited my creative curiosity, so I decided to take some time out from my professional career to rest and recuperate from March to May 2021. To make sure I felt a sense of achievement, I took an old sketch pad and my trusted Caran d'Ache ink pen and doodled my cats every day and added motivational quotes.

This turned out to be the perfect therapy, and after posting each day on Instagram, I have a loyal and growing number of followers on Instagram, Facebook and TikTok under the handle @i.am.melc.

I will be exhibiting and selling my art and paper products at the community market on Easter Saturday April 9. Alternatively, anyone interested in a commission can contact me via my website: www.i.am.melc.uk or Facebook: www.facebook.com/i.am.melc

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Julian Pottage.
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Bourne End Bridge Club

UPPER THAMES SAILING CLUB

By Tony Ketley

RYA research has shown a huge increase in water sport activity; it almost doubled in 2022 over the previous year. The lockdowns can take the credit for the increase in outdoor activities, and in particular it did 'sailing' a favour, it brought people to the sport. It's an ideal activity that all the family can take part in as mums and dads can share dinghies with their children, and learn to sail together.

Upper Thames Sailing Club is benefiting from this increased interest in the sport. Fortunately, the club is in a good position to take on new members and has the facilities and the will to develop their interest.

The club's management teams recognised a while ago that if the club was to survive it needed younger members to replace those aging members who now see it as a spectator sport for them.

To this end, investments were made in equipment and the training of competent sailors to become qualified instructors. These instructors are providing courses for both adults and children. Safety is always a parent's worry, and safety has not been forgotten in the training of members, courses on safety boat driving and first aid are available and encouraged.

The investment in equipment translates into a number of boats all suitable for the beginner, so there is no investment required by the new member for a personal dinghy, though in time most members want to have their own boat, these can be kept at the club, so a towbar for your car isn't necessary.

Acquiring this skill of sailing means those beach holidays that the children hanker after could be even more entertaining. Companies like Sun Sail offer beach holidays with a fleet of dinghies and catamarans that are rigged and ready for you to play with. When you have finished having fun on the water, run the craft ashore where the staff hang out and let them deal with the ropes and sails. It might be nice if this service was available at our club, but I don't think the membership fee would cover this.

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Vivienne Strayton checks out the u3a Singing for Fun group

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I'm sure that the members of the u3a Singing for
Fun group are in total agreement with this
sentiment. It is well documented that singing
produces endorphins which make us feel good, and
certainly as these u3a members left the session
they were all standing tall and had broad smiles on
their faces.

There were 20 singers taking part on the morning I
attended and all emphasised how much they
enjoyed the sessions and felt so good afterwards.

They get together twice a month on a Friday
morning and sing their hearts out for an hour and a
half, led by their convenor Fritha Irwin.

The accompanying music is played on a CD player

and ranged from Frere Jacques, to What Shall we
do with the Drunken Sailor, to Louis Armstrong's
What a Wonderful World.

There are a few men in the group although not
nearly enough, and although any new people are
more than welcome, a special plea was made for
some more basses and tenors. There is no audition
so come along and have some fun.

Contact Fritha at f.irwin@btinternet.com if you
would like to know more about the group.

If you would like to know more about your local
u3a and its many activities, have a look at our
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*The singers present on this day were Fritha Irwin, Jo
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Andy has lived in the Bourne End area all his life and had 25 years in the aviation and filming industries. Five years ago he became a commercial skipper and loved driving down to Chichester, climbing on board 'Captain Beaky' and telling his

passengers all about the harbour and its history.

So would 'Captain Beaky' enjoy another move to the more gentle waters of a non tidal river? Andy decided that the Captain would love it so brought his little boat up to familiar territory and decided to operate out of Bourne End Marina to explore and show off the absolutely beautiful stretch of the River Thames that flows through our village.

Andy told *Target*: "The general idea is that I provide the boat, scenery and on-board picnic table while our passengers provide their own food and drink."

Andy explained that 'Captain Beaky' can take up to eight adults comfortably. "Since I started in February the reception and interest from local people has been phenomenal and we have been so well received. The warm welcome and help

from both the marina and The Bounty pub has been really appreciated and, despite the cold weather, bookings are coming in thick and fast."

So the message is clear - if you have a special occasion and want to spend an hour or so on the river then 'Captain Beaky' is there for you to enjoy as you look at the land from the water.

With a lifetime of local knowledge Andy is more than happy to give his passengers a commentary about the history of the places that you see from the boat. But Andy's wife Pauline suggests that, if you have had enough of that, please, please, just tell him to be quiet.

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Little Marlow Parish Council

By Jo Murray, parish clerk

Allotments, Chapman Lane - Please make contact with the clerk if you are interested in becoming an allotment tenant as a couple of allotments have become available.

Planning Application 22/08176/FUL | Retention of Little Marlow Athletics Track including associated structures and car parking, and change of use from land formerly used for gravel extraction to 5 x grass football pitches. Following a planning committee meeting, where local residents were invited to share their thoughts, the parish council submitted an objection to this planning application. The objection and further details can be found at: <https://publicaccess.wycombe.gov.uk/>

Best Kept Village Competition 2023 - We have entered Little Marlow into the Best Kept Village Competition and judging will take place in June. The parish council and open spaces contractors will work

hard to present our beautiful village and will notify local residents of the competition information.

Fern Lane Cemetery Working Party

A huge thank you to Wild Marlow and the councillors who kindly gave their spare time and worked hard to plant bulbs, new hedging and to spruce up the pond for the new season ahead. It is a beautiful old cemetery which has a delightful chapel which can be hired.

Little Marlow Relief In Need Charity is an old charity which exists in the parish. The first charity was set up in 1633 by William Alanson, the second in 1847 by Sir George Nugent and the third in 1863 by Margaret Birch and the fourth in 1915 by the Coal Club Charity.

In 1974, these charities were amalgamated to become the Little Marlow Relief In Need Charity. Monies were originally intended for clothing, coal, bread, tools and books. The charity still donates to residents in the parish and the trustees would like to hear from anyone who might benefit from it. Money can be paid towards an item necessary to alleviate an ongoing illness or condition, to help towards heating or food costs, or for travelling expenses to hospital and for 'comforts' for the housebound. Recently it has made gifts to older residents who are facing high bills for heating and lighting and gifts to the school and pre-school group for the purchase of books.

Street Light Conversion to LED - Following a tender process the environment committee recommended a contractor and the project timeline to replace all parish streetlights is coming together. The project aims to improve the illumination of streets, reduce energy consumption, lower maintenance costs, and support the objectives of the council's environment policy.

The Local Government Boundary Commission is currently requesting views of residents and local organisations on further draft recommendations for a new pattern of wards within the newly formed Buckinghamshire Council. The deadline is 11 April 2023. To find out further information please visit: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/>

Little Marlow Parish Council is opposed to the latest draft recommended changes, on behalf of local residents, to the Flackwell Heath and Little Marlow ward. The full list of objections can be found on the parish website.

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View the parish council meeting calendar and access meeting agendas via the website. Sign up for our news alerts and hear about what's happening in the parish. Visit our website: www.littlemarlowparishcouncil.org.uk

Contact details Little Marlow Parish Council
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By Neighbourhood Watch



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Identity theft is when a person's personal details are stolen and used to commit crime. The most common types of identity fraud involve the use of compromised credit and debit card details.

Identity thieves can steal your personal information in a number of ways: going through your post or rubbish to find bank and credit card statements or tax information; from your wallet or purse by taking a driving licence, credit or bank cards or even while you shop. In some cases, fraudsters may even 'skim' your credit card information when you make a purchase, leading to card cloning or card-not-present fraud.

Your identity details are then used to open a bank account, obtain credit cards, loans and state benefits, order goods in your name or take out a mobile phone contract. They can also obtain genuine documents, such as passports and driving licences, in your name.



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Paris with Mrs Harris and London for living...

April's movie: *Mrs Harris Goes To Paris* tells the charming story of a widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London. Heart-of-gold Ada Harris, played by Lesley Manville, is totally enraptured by a couture dress owned by one of her wealthy clients. She determines to save the money to travel to Paris to buy her own dress.

Her path to Paris is not an easy one. She works and gambles to raise the funds to pursue her dream, but is hit by bad luck and then good luck before she can embark on her adventure. While in Paris she not only changes her own outlook on life, but influences the very future of the House of Dior. A delightful feelgood movie with some fab fashion thrown in.

A perhaps more thought-provoking movie is on offer in May. *Living* is set in a London still shattered by the Second World War. Williams (Bill Nighy), a veteran civil servant, is an

important cog within the city's bureaucracy who is buried under paperwork at the office, lonely at home, and living what he feels is a meaningless life.

Then a shattering medical diagnosis forces him to take stock – and to try and grasp fulfilment before it goes beyond reach. With a new energy he sets about creating a legacy for the next generation.

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CHESS CLUB

We continue to meet on Wednesday evenings with teams in both the Buckinghamshire and Berkshire leagues. Our website is at <https://www.bourne-end-chess-club.org.uk> The Congress Association is holding its annual congress on Sunday April 2. Details at <https://www.bourne-end-chess-congress.org.uk> or contact Andrew Smith at apstubs@aol.com This can be an ideal introduction to weekend over-the-board competitions for those who have only ever played casually or online.

ANGLING CLUB *FOM THE WATER'S EDGE*

We returned to fishing on Sunday March 19 after a two month winter break. It was nice to be getting up and then returning in daylight. The day was warm, dry and mostly sunny and it felt like spring. We returned to Finch Farm and the winner was Neil Townsend with 13lb 12oz, second was Anthony Coleborn with 11lb 8oz and third was Jim West with 9lb 8oz. Fifteen anglers turned out and everyone caught fish so it was a good day.

Two more matches before the end of this season, but not to worry as in June we start a whole new season once again. I have to say this one has just flown. Why not come along and guest with us before the end of the season and get to meet our friendly group? You might consider joining and we would be pleased to see you. Just give me a call.

If you wish to belong to a really friendly club my number and email are below or you are welcome to join on rejoining night immediately after our AGM. That's when all the trophies are presented so please make a note of the date, Wednesday May 24 at 8pm in the community centre.

When all the trophies are presented we will find out if someone caught a bigger carp than I did. Did I mention before about me catching a huge carp this season? Those who follow my write ups will understand.

Until next time, tight lines.

Michele Smith,

Secretary Bourne End Anglers 07802 711141

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Forum Players

Roll on July and our next production. First we have to thank everyone who supported our pantomime especially our wonderful clapping and cheering audiences as well as our great team of thespians supported by musicians and an immaculate backstage crew. You made it possible.

Now the May Woollaton Hall has been booked on Friday 28 and Saturday 29 July for a dinner event, with a comedy play. Our long standing member Terry Pattinson has written the script, called 'Soul Mates' and this has won awards at local drama festivals, including best actor.

Terry will direct with support from all of us on the committee. Just a hint to tempt the palate – the action surrounds a speed dating event at a hotel. The language is adult themed in context, which we will include as a disclaimer when we advertise it. Club members laughed all evening when we read the script together, so this is sure to be a fun-filled production.

Our musical director, David Hooper, will join us as pianist playing lounge music in the background, to create the ambience for the dinner/theatre. The stage will be set as a central elevated area in the hall, with dining tables around the central feature. So make sure you put the dates in your diary.

Creating a new website is now a top priority so there's this plea to anyone willing to help us with the design of a new social media face for Forum Players. If you could help please ring our chairman on 07904 298036 or email kerryhudson1@yahoo.co.uk



DESIGN A CROWN COMPETITION

Announcing a totally inclusive competition... open to ALL AGES and all arts and craft skills. We would like YOU to design a crown to mark the coronation of King Charles III.

Your creation can be a painting, drawing, collage, it can be knitted or crochet, it can be made from anything your imagination dictates.

Please leave your entries (clearly marked with your name and address) at the community centre office OR take a photo and send it to editor@targetmagazine.org.uk before May1.

Judging will take place the first week in May and the winner notified soon after. From May 6 all artwork can be collected from the centre until the end of May.

There will be a prize for the winner and the winning entry will be featured in the June/July issue of *Target*. Good luck!

SEND US YOUR PICTURES!

Are you celebrating the coronation of King Charles III with friends, family, neighbours? Maybe you are planning a trip to London to join in the celebrations? Please send us your photos (by May 10) and we will do a round-up in the June/July issue. Email editor@targetmagazine.org.uk



A Queen Elizabeth II coronation street party in Isis Way, Bourne End, June 2, 1953

Centre Bar Quiz

The next three dates for the bar quiz are April 6, May 4 and June 1. The quiz will be held in the May Woollerton Hall (unless otherwise advised on the evening).

Doors open at 7.30; please arrive by 7.45 for an 8pm start.

For more information call Diane on 07521 656413 or email secretary@bebca.org.uk



Coronation of King Charles III

Bourne End Community Centre will be hosting an event on Saturday May 6 to mark the coronation of the new King. This will include live screening of the coronation and refreshments. As no details as to timings have yet been released, we cannot be more specific at the time of going to press, but please do look out for posters in the centre, around the village and online in the coming weeks.



centreJAZZ in the bar

Tuesday April 4th

The Traditional Jazz Quintet

Tuesday May 2nd

In the Pocket

Music starts at 8pm in the bar. Entrance is £8 at the door or buy tickets online at www.bourneendcommunitycentre.org.uk

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Weekend Spring Clean

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Please let the Centre office know which day/s you are coming – Saturday 22nd and/or Sunday 23rd April.

Telephone 01628 522604 or email office@bebca.org.uk



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GET ALL THE FACTS

Now the community centre has a professionally designed and printed leaflet to advertise the halls for hire. It will be distributed to various businesses in the local area publicising the facilities for meetings and conferences, as well as private parties and weddings.

An online version will also be placed on a number of online hall hire sites for the relatively local area. If you have any suggestions for businesses or websites that might be interested in seeing this leaflet, please let us know on office@bebca.org.uk or on 01628 522604.

vineyard secrets

By Penny Heyes

Coronation, Easter, spring and all that...



Lots of fun events coming up – so what better way to celebrate than with a glass of fizz. These days we have so many choices with Champagne, English Sparkling, Crémant, Cava, Prosecco, Asti, Franciacorta and more.

It has been a tradition to drink Champagne at celebrations since the 16th century when the European royal courts served and drank it.

Sparkling wine was the most expensive and therefore viewed as a status symbol and very prestigious.

Henry VIII and Charles V of Spain owned vineyards in the Champagne and served it at banquets.

Krug was apparently one of Queen Elizabeth II's favourites, but Bollinger (of Absolutely Fabulous fame) was served at her coronation and Prince William's christening.

We hope that King Charles III serves something else though at his coronation as English Sparkling wine is now winning awards and is preferred in many blind tastings against some of its French counterparts.

Many of the regions where English vineyards are planted have the same 'terroir' (natural environment) as the Champagne region and English Sparklings are great quality and giving Champagnes a run for their money.

So come on, King Charles — raise a glass of English fizz on your special day.

No doubt chocolate will feature at the coronation and it's always a feature of Easter. So do chocolate and wine go together? Yes indeed they do.

Surprisingly, white wines go well with chocolate. But what other treats might we be eating? Which wines go with them?

Hot cross buns - Vin Santo from Italy is delicious, as are other pudding wines such as a Muscat de Baumes de Venise or a Noble Riesling.

Sherry would complement the rich fruitiness of Simnel Cake or another pudding wine like a Trockenbeerenauslese from Austria.

English Spring Lamb and Rioja or a good Chianti would be a delicious match and the same with cooked ham.

Turkey is good with a Pinot Noir from Chile or New Zealand or a good slightly oaked Chardonnay.

Fish on Good Friday should be matched with an unoaked Chardonnay, Riesling or Albariño.

Whatever you are drinking or eating at Easter, Passover or celebrating the coronation the team at Great Wines Online wish you a happy one.

MARLOW FILM STUDIOS UPDATE

Marlow Film Studios have submitted an addendum to their planning application which takes into consideration local transport issues.

Since the original application was submitted in May 2022, the team behind the studios has been working in collaboration with Buckinghamshire Council and the Buckinghamshire Highways Authority to ensure their Travel Plan and A4155 access arrangements meet the technical needs of the local authority, as well as responding to feedback from local people who raised concerns.

The plan includes:

- A public bus route improving links for Marlow and High Wycombe to the Elizabeth Line via Maidenhead.
- A new hopper service connecting Marlow, Little Marlow and Bourne End.
- Improvements to the layout at the A4155 Marlow Road entrance, to include a roundabout, and a pedestrian and cycling crossing.
- A cycleway alongside the A404 from Westhorpe Junction to the Volvo Bridge and a contribution to a route south of the proposed studios.
- Enhancements to existing Public Rights of Way and other recreational paths for public enjoyment.

Once the addendum information has been received and uploaded to the planning portal by Buckinghamshire Council, they will run a statutory consultation.

In the meantime any questions about the amended application can be emailed to info@marlow.film

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is no longer happening.



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

NEW LIGHTS

We are 'all lit up' in the climbing room and the main hall with our new LED lights which give a brighter light while using much less electricity, so they're greener too.

Huge thanks to all those who contributed to enable us to install the new lights – The Bernard Sunley Foundation, The Garfield Weston Foundation, South West Chilterns Community Board, Bucks Masonic Centenary Fund, a local Trust, and Biffa Awards, as well as many local friends and supporters of our club. We are extremely grateful.

Our excellent fitters did a great job and Andy, our Facilities Manager, did an early but much needed spring clean, so it all looks sparkling.

Considering the hall was built 40 years ago it is standing up well to its heavy use. We have an average of 1,200 people through the hall every week. We advertise it as a true community asset, and it really is. Our users are club members, school students, external private hirers for badminton, basketball, football, keep-fit and exercise classes, aikido, netball and children's parties.

CORPORATE PARTNERS

As part of their Corporate Social Responsibility agenda, many companies allocate resources to support charities and community projects.

This could be through giving people's time and expertise, as well as money. If you, or a member of your family work for a local company would they be willing to partner us to help our club?

We have always been blessed with community support, but this is even more important now with fundraising so difficult. Please get in touch if you think you can help, we would love to meet you office@bejsc.co.uk



SWIMMING SECTION

Our club swimmers (pictured) made a solid start to the defence of our Chiltern League title with a second place finish at Aquavale.

Competing against seven other local clubs in Division 1, we were leading throughout, but narrowly pipped at the post by Flitwick Dolphins by just 4 points (235 to 231). It's a good position to be in going into round two.

Looking in more detail at the race results, we achieved the highest number of first place finishes and the lowest number of DQ's (just one) which underlies the strong technical ability of our swimmers.

For this year we have a focus on bringing on our next generation of performance swimmers, so some were swimming the 100m events for the first time and typically placing in the top three. We also had many of our younger swimmers competing for the first time, some of whom have recently joined from our Court Garden learn to swim programme. These younger swimmers proved they could not only swim well, but also perform in a competition environment. And finally, congratulations to both our boy and girl senior swimmers who secured respective first places in the flagship 4x50m freestyle relay events.

I think everyone there on the evening will agree they were two very exciting

racers to watch. Lastly, a huge acknowledgment to our club's coaching team who volunteer their time to enable our swimmers to achieve and our parents by supporting your children on their swimming journey. Let's get ready for round two.

FUNDRAISING

Now that Amazon has stopped its support for charities (Smile is no longer

available) I'm raising FREE donations for Bourne End Junior Sports Club by using <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> and you could too. More than 7,000 brands including John Lewis & Partners, Argos, Uswitch, eBay and M&S are ready to give a free donation every time you shop online. Plus, once you've signed up and raised £5 in donations, easyfundraising will match it with a £5 bonus donation.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Under 11s football team needs a new coach. Canoeing also needs help so please contact us, we would love to hear from you. Our Badminton Section is full, but we have teenagers keen to play the sport so a new group can be set up if we have a volunteer. We also have a vacancy for a Trustee/Director so give us a call to find out what that involves. Please contact us through our website or email office@bejsc.co.uk

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Swish reply

Readers might be interested in this email I received from Swish Fibre. Looks like it may not happen?

Dear Mr Powell,

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We are really excited to be expanding our network and bringing lightning-fast broadband to more people.

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Upgrading any street to Full Fibre broadband requires carefully navigating old sewer systems, pipes and wires. We need to make sure we can do the work correctly and safely.

We are currently reviewing our plans, but unfortunately, we are unable to give you a specific timeline or a guarantee that we will be able to resume our work.

Our team is constantly reviewing the situation and we will continue to update you immediately if there are any changes.

We do understand this is frustrating news for you, but we want to be completely open and transparent about what is causing the delays you are experiencing.

Steve Powell

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EDITOR: Have any other readers had similar responses from Swish or is this issue just affecting Steve's road? Email editor@targetmagazine.org.uk

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Students at Bourne End Academy have been watching a new project grow as an unused space on the edge of the school grounds is being converted into raised beds. When finished the students in the gardening group will be able to learn about cultivation, potting, planting and weed maintenance.

Perfectly timed for the start of the gardening year this new project is being funded by local organisations including the parish council and Spade Oak Landscaping.

It will include growing beds, a nature area and a pond. Teacher Ian Blazey will be running the scheme and is delighted that the students will benefit from hands-on experience of cultivation as well as a real life science facility.

Olwen Morgan RIP

Olwen was born in Maidenhead on 28 November 1923 one of eight children. She enjoyed cycling with her dad (he had won medals in the sport) and dancing, baking and sewing with her mum. At 18 she joined the RAF to become a



nurse. She met her husband, Ken, during the Second World War and they married on Boxing Day 1946.

Their first home was a thatched cottage in Cookham Dean where they lived for a couple of years and then moved to Chalklands in Bourne End. In 1953 they had a daughter Michele and in 1961 they moved up the road to Greenside where Olwen lived for the rest of her life. The family loved animals and had many pets – dogs, cats, rabbits, fish, birds and horses.

Olwen worked part-time as a telephone operator for British Telecom and then as a receptionist at Skindles Hotel in Maidenhead where she met many famous people including the Rolling Stones, Roger Moore and Bette Davis. At that time the hotel was the place to be seen and photographed. Finally she worked at Tesco supermarket in Amersham before retiring.

Through the 60s and 70s Olwen and husband Ken were very involved in the formation of the community association and the number of fundraising events taking place to build a community centre. Later they attended special events at Cliveden and were honoured to be invited to Buckingham Palace. Very involved in Bourne End husband Ken was also chairman of Wycombe District Council.

Olwen was blessed with three grandchildren,

Claire, Marc and Kayleigh and liked to help at their primary school. She was very good at arts and crafts and made beautiful paper flowers. Then there were eight great grandchildren, Josh, Zach, Ellie, Logan, Bella, Roxy, Jax and Miles. Family holidays meant camping or caravanning then trips to more exotic places overseas.

Widowed in 2000 Olwen continued to be involved with many community events. Her dressmaking skills were second to none and Olwen made many fabulous fancy dress costumes for Michele and the grandchildren. She also baked wonderful cakes and did crochet and knitting. Sadly the loss of her sight in later years made life more difficult.

Olwen died in her 99th year. RIP



Patricia Vanryne RIP

Pat was born in West London on 29 September 1929 and lived there with her family throughout the Second World War. She had to

leave her training as a State Registered Nurse when her mother became ill and Pat returned home to take on family duties. During her early single years, she was an avid ballroom dancer, loved art, reading and singing.

Pat joined Rotax (an aerospace company) based in Acton. It was there she met her husband Bill who worked in the engineering laboratory. Pat and Bill moved to Bourne End in November 1965, just a month before third son Adam was born in December. By then Pat was a full-time housewife and dedicated mother to John, Robert and Adam. As her sons matured, they all shared her love of music and played instruments in bands and orchestras

With a long-held passion for nursing, she was one

of the first volunteers to join Bourne End Day Centre when it opened in 1984. After several years of voluntary work she became a full-time care assistant at the centre for over six years.

In the early years of their retirement, Pat and Bill opened the day centre on the first Sunday in every month to provide tea, homemade cakes and music entertainment for the local lonely and housebound.

Throughout her life Pat's love for cooking and baking gained her legendary reputation for creating beautiful wedding and celebration cakes, all of them masterpieces. She was a judge at the annual Bourne End Horticultural Society show for six years.

A devoted grandmother to seven grandchildren she loved to see them whenever possible, she absolutely thrived on family unity and the buzz of all their young lives surrounding her. After Bill died in 2015 Pat kept herself busy and continued her involvement with Wye Valley Volunteers. She would regularly accompany (as she would say) 'the old folk' on hospital trips and visited local housebound elderly, providing help, empathy and much needed company.

Up until a few years ago, she was still helping at the community centre coffee mornings and for many years made a tradition of baking homemade mince pies for the annual Christmas dinner. Pat also donated a traditional Christmas cake as a raffle prize.

Pat had many precious friends; she was one of the founding members of the local ladies social 'Thursday Club' that has been running for nearly 60 years. She was involved as club secretary, organised guest speakers and doing very popular cookery demos herself. It was wonderful that she managed to attend the club's last Christmas lunch, it truly lifted her spirits to see her friends and enjoy their company.

Two years ago, Pat was thrilled to see the arrival of her great granddaughter Georgia, something she never thought she would live to see. She will always be remembered as a very special soul. Pat died on 25 January 2023 and her funeral took place at Little Marlow Church where she had been a member of the choir for many years. RIP.

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LITTER PICK... EVERYONE WELCOME TO HELP

Karen Savage has organised a Spring Litter Pick on Sunday April 16 between 10am and 3pm. No need to register simply go to the pavilion in Wooburn Park to collect equipment if you need it. That's where you will find a cup of tea or coffee as well as a bacon roll. Please return equipment to the litter-station in the park.

Around our villages there will be well-marked pick up points where bags of litter can be left for collection. Thanks to Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council for this. Thanks also to Wooburn Residents Association and the Litter Picking Bourne End and Wooburn Facebook page who support this effort.

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Bourne End & Cookham Probus Club By Bill Leftwich

Probus is a club for retired businessmen and we meet every third Wednesday of the month for a few drinks, a very enjoyable lunch and an invited speaker.

In January our speaker, Tony Eaton, came to enlighten us on 'The curious disappearance of Major Glenn Miller in December 1944'. He captivated his audience with revelation upon revelation regarding this enduring mystery.

We were informed that the renowned band leader had enlisted and had been recruited by the US Army in Europe whose HQ was based in Wycombe Abbey School, where the band played several concerts. His immediate commanding officer was David Niven, the actor. As the war progressed Glenn became more involved and began making broadcasts in perfect German to the German people.

On December 15 1944 he was due to take a military flight from the UK to Versailles for a meeting with army chief Dwight Eisenhower, but Glenn never arrived, was listed as missing and disappeared.

Following this disappearance there was much confusion and numerous accounts of whether he actually took the flight, arrived, and even explanations including Glenn being on a 'death list' because of his radio propaganda work for the allies.

The speaker then showed evidence that, when the war ended, there was a series of cover-ups and denials that involved the US Army and both Presidents Reagan and Eisenhower. Even though Glenn Miller's body was eventually recovered and buried in the US and he was awarded a posthumous Bronze Star for bravery, there has never been a satisfactory explanation of his disappearance and death. A fascinating talk.

In February the club met for its AGM and elected Doug Hill as its new chairman along with a number of supportive committee members. If you would like to join our excellent, friendly club please contact Bill Leftwich on 01628 529647 or visit www.bourne-end-probus.org

Cookham Bridge Rotary Club By Paul Ovstedal

At the bridge night at Pinder Hall in March, 18 tables enjoyed an evening of bridge and a super hot supper prepared by the ladies of Rotary and Rotarian friends, masterminded by Rotarian Dianne Phipps. The evening raised around £1,500 for Maidenhead Family Hub which supports families in difficulties.

We also set out our plans for our charity donations for the year. These include: Young Carers - Family Action, Flackwell Heath & Loudwater Age Concern Day Centre, Wye Valley Volunteers, Alzheimer's and Dementia Support, ShelterBox (tent and equipment for the Turkish earthquake victims), Street Angels, MS Society,

Horse Trust and £250 to *Target Magazine*, which we really value. These gifts will support activities on both sides of the Thames reflecting our club's name, Cookham Bridge.

New members are always welcome. Email Paul at paul@cookhamrotary.co.uk

Bourne End WI By Lynne Nicoll

In February we found Graham Laurie's moving account of 'The Queens Flight and Royal Flying Today' fascinating. In contrast, our March speaker Hayley Scott shared with us 'A Day in the life of a crime investigator', which was really interesting, and included many anecdotes from her career.

Our plethora of interest groups is a huge success. Craft and Chat meets once a month to enjoy following Heidi's creative and talented ideas. Our Book Club is currently reading *The Last Runaway* by Tracey Chevalier and 'Lessons in Chemistry' by Bonnie Garmus.

Keeping us all fit is our fun and very popular Walking Netball Club which runs on a Tuesday. New members always welcome and our Walking Club remains popular with our ladies who love to marry up chatting with free fresh air.

The local pubs and restaurants are enjoying hosting our Ladies who Lunch each month and our cinema group is having fun finding new films to watch together.

For our monthly outing in February, guided tours to Leighton and Sambourne Houses in Holland Park were organised. The Arabic Hall was stunning as was the Victorian art collection and décor. In March we will be enjoying a taster lunch at the Crazy Bear, as well as trips to the Wycombe Swan to see *The King and I* and the Kenton Theatre to enjoy *The Philadelphia Story*. For information on our WI please contact Wendy on bourneendwi@yahoo.com or call 01628 526309.

Little Marlow & Well End WI By Veronica Kay

There was an impressive turn-out at the February meeting. Was it due to the anticipation of the talk given by Susanna Beard, a local author who writes psychological thrillers? We were not disappointed.

Her talk formed part of her audition as a WI speaker. Now other WIs will have the pleasure of listening to her journey through the literary world to becoming a published author.

Details of the Birthday Lunch and the Cream Tea to celebrate the coronation were discussed. It's quite a difficult task to accommodate everyone's requirements. Members agreed to hold a Summer Show this year, having had a break from it last year.

At Craft and Chat members started preparing decorations for an Easter wreath demonstration. The Christmas wreath demonstration had to be cancelled because of weather conditions. Judy Wilson appealed to members to collect any

used or unused candles. Christ Church Cathedral in Oxford will send them to Ukraine to help the soldiers and residents.

There were thanks from the Queen Mother's Clothing Guild for the many knitted and crocheted items donated by members who spend much of the year working for this worthy charity.

At the chilly March meeting, with prospects of snow, our President, Pauline Clitheroe, asked members to give a rousing welcome to the afternoon's speaker, Mary Shelley, who made a grand entrance attired in a glamorous black Victorian mourning dress.

Mary entertained members in her own inimitable fashion with stories from the past connected with Marlow: the famous and the infamous. Brilliant entertainment.

The Summer Show was discussed and members contributed suggestions for the schedule. Pat Woolliams reported on the Cover to Cover Girls and their latest opinions on the chosen books. Niki Ralfs announced that the ramble would take place in Lane End this month with the customary lunch afterwards at the local hostelry.

Bourne End and Wooburn WI By Sally Fawell

Regrettably Bourne End and Wooburn Women's Institute held its last meeting in March.

This afternoon WI was formed in 2014 and had grown into a friendly and welcoming group.

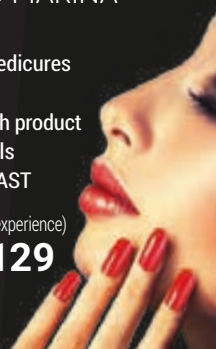
The majority of the committee members had served on the committee since its inception and felt it was time for them to step down.

Unfortunately, none of the members felt they could put themselves forward for officer duties, which has forced this closure. We wish everyone well and hope the friendships formed will continue.

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River Wildlife

By Cindy Smulders
Swan Lifeline

A good place to stop ...

From the early part of the year we do tend to get a lot of calls about younger swans who are still wearing their 'L' plates for flying.

At Swan Lifeline it has been a busy time with rescues from a variety of places. Suddenly tired, the youngsters see a firm landing and just glide in before realising that they have become a hazard.

An office roof in Wokingham required the fire brigade to attend as a ladder did not pass health and safety measures. A member of our team was sent up in a 'bucket', wearing full PPE due to the continuing Avian Flu measures, and was not allowed to step onto the roof. The young male swan had to be coaxed to the edge with feed in order to grab him and bring him down safely. He had been there for several days so was hungry and thirsty and a bit traumatised.

After checking he was released back onto water near where he was found. Why did he not just fly off the roof? As you may have seen on the river, swans need a bit of a runway to take off, the roof was sloping so he wouldn't have got up enough momentum.

Another call came in from Reading buses; transport links had been delayed due to a swan landing on the roof of a bus in Reading town centre.

He had hit some overhead cables and then landed on the bus. The staff stayed with him until we arrived, and I am happy to say that after a thorough check up, he was released back onto the nearby river the next day. Apparently, he hadn't bought a ticket for the bus ride either.

Then a call to say that somehow another swan was stuck in the middle of a hedge, probably chased there by the

resident swan pair. He was embedded about two foot into the very solid growth of a really thick hedge and we have no idea how he managed that. With a lot of careful cutting back we were able to calm then collect him.

There are a lot of rules as to where we can re-release swans as they need to go back to where they are found, but if their injuries are due to a territorial battle that's not possible. Usually we then release them back into a flock. We have large swan flocks in Marlow, Windsor and Caversham, in fact anywhere there is a park on the River Thames.

Now it's nesting season so I am on watch to try to monitor the seagulls who love to sit on Bourne End bridge and wait for a duckling to get separated from its mum; we lost a lot this way last year. If you're an expert on seagulls please get in touch as we'd like to understand why or if there are more birds inland than previously.

Heron, Pike, litter and boat wash are also challenges for baby river birds. If you use a boat the speed restriction on the non-tidal river is 8kmph, that's about 5mph, 4 knots, yup confusing, so check your wash. If you're making waves you're going too fast and could harm the nesting birds and the riverbanks. Let's look after them all.

If you have any queries or want to report a young swan in the wrong place please get in touch.



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Lynda and Robert Cormack took a cruise on a Fred Olsen ship to see the Northern Lights, Aurora Borealis.

It was an absolutely fabulous experience, even after having spent one day lying in the dark cabin as they were in a SE Force 8 - Gale (34-40 knots) 5-6m rough sea. In spite of that it has not put them off going again.

The couple, who live in Spring Gardens, Bourne End, sailed from Liverpool, first stop Belfast then heading on to Norway. Then the next day they were at sea and this is when they, plus their copy of *Target*, crossed the Arctic Circle 66.33.0°N, 012.58.7°E at 12.37pm.

As part of the trip they travelled on through Norway visiting Alseund, considered to be the country's most beautiful city. Then it was onto Alta, passing Torghatten and the Seven Sisters mountain range. On the return journey they visited Tromsa, Snortland and Bodo. Seeing beautiful scenery the trip took eleven days and they were very lucky in being able to see the Northern Lights on several nights.

Lynda said it was a fabulous trip in very good company with great entertainment and food and they would recommend it to anyone who wants to do something completely different.

In these pictures Lynda and Robert, with *Target*, have just crossed the Arctic Circle



TAKE TWO

After lockdown Rosie Walklin and her husband, Nick, who live on Hawks Hill, were desperate to see their daughter, Megan, in Auckland, New Zealand. Why dash, they thought and so spent four months taking the trip of a lifetime.

Together they explored the North and South Islands of New Zealand, Sydney and the Blue Mountains in Australia and Singapore off Malaysia, enjoying the most incredible scenery. Then they could meet up as a family as their son and partner joined them for Christmas, so for the first time in several years the family was together.



No Target... but what a picture!

Closer to home but still a wonderful day out for those who went on Jamie's Tours Mystery Trip in January. Just as they left Brighton Carole Brown, who lives in Brent Road, captured this view of the pier with the setting sun in a blaze of glory behind.

"We had a lovely day and it was a perfect day to enjoy Brighton as it was so quiet" Carole told *Target* "I just had to send this lovely picture to the magazine."



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MAKING THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE

Georgia Carmichael started her kayaking career at Bourne End Junior Sports Club going on to become two times world champion and winning 15 national titles. But here she tells us how massive setbacks and devastating injuries have driven her to become a stronger person who not only faces and overcomes challenges, but is driven to help payback those who have helped her on her journey.

At 21 years old I have gone through more than I ever could have imagined. At 16 I suffered a life-changing brain injury that led to a year in hospital. I went from being a GB athlete competing all over the world to being paralysed from the neck down, unable to eat or talk and relying on machines and tubes to keep me alive.

I was told that I would not recover; this was my life now. But I like to prove people wrong and I went on to recover then return to successful competing.

There are still challenges from the injury, but this was not going to stop me and I went on to study Physiotherapy at university.

But just a few months later, once again my life was turned upside down, when I was involved in a white water kayak accident which left me with many injuries and complex neurological complications.

Once again I was fighting for my life and at 19 I was told just how impossible a recovery would be, especially for a second time.

Luckily I am pretty stubborn so I made it my mission to prove them wrong. I said no matter what it takes, I will give it my all. There were months in intensive care facing many setbacks and challenges then I was relearning all the things I once took for granted. I lost the ability to talk or swallow, and was paralysed once again. I endured painful therapies for six hours a day.

My dream of getting back in my boat seemed so far away and I began to question whether I could do it. I was hanging on to every last bit of hope and strength I had. But

after 12 hard months, I sat in a wheelchair, I was eating Percy pigs and, of course, back to being my usual self. But, most importantly, I was home.

It took more than I will ever be able to put into words to get to where I am now, but it was so worth it. I would be lying if I said it had been easy, and at times it has very much been far from that.

There were times I wasn't sure I could do it anymore, but that is when I learnt the most about myself and I used every setback to come back even stronger.

The people who believed in me when I felt too weak to believe in myself, and the people who made me laugh even on my darkest days I will never be able to thank enough, they gave me a reason to keep fighting and I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for them.

Still paralysed and a full-time wheelchair user I have many daily challenges to face but these will never define me. Life is not how it used to be, it is better than I ever could have imagined.

I have had this opportunity to restart my life and I never want to take that for granted. I have learnt many lessons I will carry with me for life. Over the last few years I have become stronger than I ever thought I could be.

I am now training in the GB para-rowing talent programme, competing in CrossFit, giving motivational talks in schools and proving to myself that anything is possible. I have come back not once but twice and I



plan on continuing to do just that.

I like a challenge, so this August I will be self-propelling The National 3 Peaks with a group of friends... in a target time of 36 hours.

We will be the first people to ever take on this challenge, but we believe we can do it. To show the difference just a year can make in August 2022 I couldn't even sit in, let alone use a manual wheelchair, so this will be a huge milestone.

We will be raising money for Brain Research UK. A charity that has played a huge part in my recovery.

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The National 3 Peaks is going to be a challenge but we are ready. We have fundraisers leading up to the event to raise money for the trip costs, but we want all of what we raise to go to this incredible charity, a charity that helped save my life.

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BUCKS COUNCILLORS UPDATE

The Wooburns,
Bourne End and
Hedsor Ward

By Councillor Penny Drayton

This winter has been brutal to the roads around Buckinghamshire (and beyond). The changing temperatures have created no end of troubles and new pot holes appear every day.

Getting problems solved has often seemed hard to do too. This is in part due to the mass scale of problems that have arisen, but probably not helped by the change in contracts that has been looming

for street works within the county.

From April 1 the council has a new contract in place for all their roads and related works. The old contract was with Ringway Jacobs and the new contract is with Balfour Beatty Living Places.

With some tolerance for transition taken into account, we hope that everything will start running smoothly very soon and we can start to see problems being fixed more rapidly again.

If you spot a problem on the road or in roadside locations, the very best first port of call is to report it on [fixmystreet](http://fixmystreet.com) so that it can be logged and investigated. Go to www.fixmystreet.com and add as much information as possible. If this doesn't solve the problem and the case gets closed then please contact one of us and we will be happy to help look into it for you.

On a similar vein, reporting things directly to the council yourself or looking problems up can be much quicker through the online methods available although for some people a phone is their only option.

Anything you do not get a response, we are happy to help chase, but a report does need to be logged first. This includes missed bins which must be logged within 24 hours of the missed collection.

To log a missed collection only takes a minute and although it can be frustrating that it is expected for you to log a service which should be happening regardless, it is still the quickest route to a solution. Please log all missed collections by visiting southbucks.gov.uk/missed-bin after 24 hours this will not be possible though so please log it promptly.

If you see a road closure and wish to know what's going on or how long road works are going to be in place the quickest way to check this is to visit <https://one.network/> and you can see all current and upcoming road works/closures across the county (or country if you wish).

These are the quickest and most efficient ways and first ports of call in the above mentioned circumstances. If you have no joy down these routes, please do contact any of us as we are always happy to help.

Come and meet your ward councillors. We are at Bourne End Community Market every month (second Saturday of the month at the community centre) and will also be holding further open surgeries around the ward and area this summer.

You can also contact us anytime on the following email addresses:

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OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

We are delighted to have welcomed new people to our traditional and informal services in recent months. Children and adults alike are coming to our new monthly 11am Informal Service - next dates are May 21, June 18 and July 16.

On April 9 at 11am all ages are invited to our Easter Family Communion Service. No one goes home from this service without an Easter Egg and we are planning a Churchyard Easter Trail immediately after the service.

We have said farewell to the Rev Sarah Fitzgerald following her retirement and we wish Sarah and her husband Richard well in Folkestone. We are now busy recruiting a new vicar with all the exciting opportunities that brings.

Our very popular Music at the Manor will be held on Saturday June 17 at Little Marlow Manor with Maidenhead Concert Band, children's disco and other performers. For information contact the churchwardens jeffreysmith170@gmail.com or prcrodger.com.



Cores End United Reformed Church

During Lent church members have been collecting for Water Aid's work across the world. A coffee morning on April 1 at the church is also in aid of this charity.

Some members of the church also joined Lent groups organised by the local Methodist Circuit. These groups explored the theme of Women of Holy Week, a reminder of the significant part women played in the closing days of Jesus's life and as witnesses to his new life at Easter.

The church has a reflective Good Friday service at 11.30am on April 7 and Easter communion at 10.30am on April 9.

The grounds of the church are open every day and there will be 'prayer stations' around the grounds, to help people reflect on the story of Jesus.

May will see two contrasting special events. There will be prayers for our nation and king on Sunday May 7 following Coronation Day on the Saturday. Then on Sunday May 14 the church will mark the beginning of Christian Aid Week, a time to focus on helping the poorest people and communities of the world, whatever their backgrounds or beliefs.



St Dunstan's Church, Bourne End

During the Season of Lent this year, we resumed our soup and bread lunches after Friday Mass at noon. We also gathered on Friday evenings for Stations of the Cross at 7pm.

The parish also enjoyed a joint CAFOD Racenight fundraising event with St Teresa's and St Augustine's which proved to be a night filled with fun and laughter and raised a sizeable amount towards the victims of the Turkey and Syria earthquakes.

With the Feast of St Dunstan in May, we have our customary barbecue in the garden with games and activities for the children.

Our children are now nearing the end of their First Holy Communion preparation to be celebrated in May. Our Confirmation candidates will be confirmed by Bishop David towards the end of June.

For more information contact parish.stdunstan@northamptondiocese.org or call 01494 673018.



St Nicholas' Church, Hedsor

We have yet to appoint a vicar, but are continuing to advertise and to pray that the vacancy will soon be filled, with a part-time priest who will love St Nicholas' as we the congregation do.

We have a full programme for our Easter services during Holy Week: a Taize service for Maundy Thursday at 6.30pm, a Service of Light on Easter Saturday at 7.30pm with Dr Peter Wilton, and our special Easter Day service with our choir at 9am on Sunday, with an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.

We are a popular church for wedding services and April and May will keep us very busy ministering to wedding couples.

Preparations are already in hand for Hedsor Fair at the end of June. This event returned last year, when we were blessed with both fine weather and excellent attendance. More news of this year's event in the next Target.



The Community Church

With spring on its way, snowdrops have given way to daffodils, providing the annual reminder of new growth, fresh colour, beauty and hope. This is something we respond to with thanksgiving, praise and worship. If you would like to join us to worship, pray and meet other people, you would be most welcome.

We meet every Sunday at the Chapel at Wooburn Green, 10.30am to midday, with midweek small group get-togethers taking place every week.

For more details, simply go to thecommunitychurch.online



St Mark's Church, Bourne End

By the time you read this, the refurbishment of our church hall will have been completed. We now have a smart repainted main hall with a sanded and sealed floor, new lighting, background heating that can be boosted for immediate use, new and accessible loos and a redecorated kitchen.

So we are now very much open for new bookings, either for regular events or for one-off meetings and parties. We feature on the Hallshire.com website or enquiries can be given directly to Barrie Thomas on 07399 500652. We look forward to hosting you.

With Easter almost upon us we look forward to our traditional services starting with Palm Sunday and the service at 10.30am, then Maundy Thursday when the service is at 8pm. This is followed by our Good Friday Service at 2pm and finally, the climax of Easter on Sunday April 9 at 10.30am.

Do come and join us for some or all of these services.

We continue to enjoy the services of visiting priests and members of our own congregation to conduct our Sunday services. These start at 10.30am and most of us stay on after for coffee or tea and a chat.

We maintain our calendar of social and fundraising events, including the One Can collection, a stall at the community market and active personal support for the 'Open the Book' series of Bible story performances at St Paul's School.

As ever, all are welcome at St Mark's Church and we look forward to seeing you there.



St Paul's Church, Wooburn

Our Sunday 9.30am services have a different format each week. On the first and third Sundays is communion service. Sunday club for ages 0-12 is in the hall on the first Sunday and at the back of church third Sunday, all-age non-communion/Messy Church (Common Prayer Communion at 8am) on second Sunday, and fourth Sunday communion first then Sunday Club (children) and a discussion-based

sermon (adults). There's something for everyone.

During Holy Week, Palm Sunday service is on April 2 at 9.30am; Contemplative Services April 3-5 at 8pm; Maundy Thursday April 6 at 8pm; Good Friday April 7 at 2pm; Easter Morning April 9, after Forest Church at St Paul's at 6am, we have Easter service at 9.30am.

Friday Lunchbox Service at St Mary's is at 12 noon: a short informal Communion Service, followed by bring-your-own lunch.

Forest Church is a new way of engaging with God in nature by meeting outside. Full details and dates on Wooburn Forest Church are on Facebook.

We offer various monthly opportunities for community gathering such as monthly Men's Night Out usually third Thursday at 7.30pm, Family Breakfast (first Saturdays at St Mary's - please register), Coffee and Cake (Tuesday April 18 and May 16 at 7.30pm), Cake and FairTrade sales at the community market (April 8 and May 13).

Every Thursday in term time Little Steps is at St Mary's Church, 10-11.45am: a welcoming, friendly playgroup for pre-school babies and children, £2 per family.

St Paul's Quiz Night is on Friday April 21 at 7.30pm in the church hall, please book at familystpauls@gmail.com

For more information and confirmation on any of the above please visit our website or contact the office: <http://www.stpaulswooburn.org> or Facebook: St-Pauls Wooburn (user profile) AND St Paul's with St Mary's Wooburn (Page).

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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 please visit www.caqm.org.uk

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Bourne End Library

The Bourne End Library Facebook page is now back up and running so please follow the page and spread the word as we will use this to advertise what's going on in the library.

You can find the page here:

www.facebook.com/bourneendlibrary/ or use the link on the library website.

Sue Croall is running a free Easter Craft event on April 4, from 10.30am to midday. These events are always very popular so please register on the library website.

We are hoping our Wednesday Bounce & Rhyme group will start again soon, but until it does, please come along to our Story Time on Tuesdays at 10.30am to 11am. If you would like to volunteer to help by running our Bounce and Rhyme sessions, then please pop into the library and speak with one of the team.

King Charles' Coronation will be held on Saturday May 6. As this is not a public holiday, the library will be open as normal from 9.30am to 2pm.

To celebrate, we will be running some children's Coronation activities in the library along with some other things, details of which will be on the Facebook page nearer the time.

We are pleased to say that we are seeing an increase in the number of groups and people hiring the meeting rooms in the library.

If you are a local business or group looking

to hire a meeting space or host an event, then come and take a look at what we have to offer. All details are on the library website and our hire rates are very reasonable.

Don't forget all libraries are designated warm spaces, but hopefully we should start seeing the warmer weather soon so you can enjoy sitting in our garden too.

We have lots to do such as board games, jigsaws, public access PC's, free Wi-Fi and of course plenty of books to read, so if you are worried about your heating bills, feeling lonely, or just fed up seeing the same four walls, why not come down to the library?

Once again, thank you for all your support and we look forward to seeing you all in the library.

The library staff and volunteers

Friends of Bourne End Library

Bourne End Library is pleased to announce the formation of a committee of volunteers to enable the restart of 'The Friends of Bourne End Library'.

Our aim is to provide extra books, equipment, and furnishings to improve and maintain the library facilities through planning interesting and literary events in the library.

On Thursday April 20 Robert Thorogood, local novelist and screenwriter, will make a welcome return visit to us.

You will be familiar with his books the 'Marlow Mystery Murder' series and BBC One's 'Death in Paradise' and now 'Beyond Paradise'. Do not miss this exciting and entertaining evening.

Full details and tickets from Bourne End Library.

Local Business Owners – doing your best or could do more?

Mill House in Wooburn has teamed up with sustainability consultancy, B Other Wise, to launch a brand new Sustainability Hub where local business owners can gather to share their sustainability journey and lead the way in ensuring small businesses in Wycombe and South Bucks are really making a difference.

The programme, which will run throughout 2023, includes a fixed agenda of face-to-face workshops, expert led focus sessions on specific sustainability topics and bespoke support.

Everyone is becoming increasingly socially conscious and this hub is open to all conscientious business owners who want to build genuine green credentials. The business advantages are undeniable, ensuring you meet sustainability standards for existing and new clients, build business resilience and a competitive advantage, and enabling you to attract and retain the best industry talent.

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Muryel Boulay of B Other Wise (left) and Helen Bolton of Mill House

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This Past times page was created for the April May issue of *Target* in 2020, but was only ever published online. We thought it only fair it should have a wider audience now...



Past times by Barrie Penfold



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



River Life

with Peter Osborne



I thought spring was sprung, but as I write this missive there are rumours of a cold snap and snow within the next few days. Hopefully this chilly spell will be the last.

I don't know if it's just me, but boat owners seem to be on the ball earlier this year as many of us have commenced antifouling boats and readying the engines in preparation for the new season. I have been awoken from my winter slumbers somewhat prematurely.

Earlier in the year a narrow boat sank at its moorings in Cookham. Some may have seen or heard about this. The boat had been refurbished and was home to its owner.

Unfortunately the river came up overnight while he was staying away and one can only assume that the stern line became caught on the mooring post and held the stern down. Ultimately the rising water poured into the cabin and down she went.

The barge was brought to the surface and is to be restored. Not a happy start to the year for its owner.

Some encouraging news about the marina restaurant. I won't now be undertaking a catering course and opening it myself. There is a strong possibility that it will be reopening very soon with the same menu and same name as when it closed, possibly with many of the original staff, but under new ownership. I'm sure many will be extremely relieved that I won't be opening a greasy spoon.

The Blue Barge has started tripping early this year out of the marina with quite a few trips undertaken during March, including a charter by the BBC for filming a travel log with Larry Lamb and his co-star from *Gavin and Stacey*, Alison Steadman.

This is due to air in August and should show views of the marina and the river in our reach.

Unfortunately, I will not be appearing in this show due to the BBC being unable to offer enough remuneration to match my skippering talents. I'm sure this is greatly to the detriment of the programme and a great missed opportunity for the whole nation's enjoyment.

I have noticed that the moorings at Cookham have been full all winter with live-aboard barge.

They congregate on safe moorings over the winter months and, come the spring, their mooring arrangements dictate that they have to disperse to free up the moorings for visiting boats during the season.

This is good for the marina as they tend to call in for fuel, sewage disposal and the like.

When they disperse in the spring some move to Medmenham for the summer and others may just cruise the river. There always seem to be a few that remain at Cookham, but I assume that they have arrangements with private landowners or with the powers-that-be who control the moorings.

There seems to be a greater demand for live-on boats. It would appear that there is a correlation to demand and the cost of living. What a lovely way to live.

Marlow lock has opened earlier than expected by about two weeks. This is good news and the Environment Agency must be congratulated for this feat.

This means that boats are now starting to transit some two weeks earlier than planned either repositioning to their home mooring from boatyards, like Woottens in Cookham Dean, where they may have been stored for the winter or for works, or changing marinas for the season. The common mooring period is for 12 months commencing April 1.

Yet again, all marina/boatyard berths in our area remain full and waiting. This is frustrating for some of my clients who wish to change their mooring arrangements for the coming season, but great news for the providers.

I'm sure that Chaos is getting pestered overwhelmingly by requests from boatowners wishing to moor at Bourne End Marina. I'm sure he can cope; he was well trained you know.

There is a rare sight down at the marina; the tug has had its cuddy (the white roof) taken off for repairs and as a result it has been into the pool to stir up the mud. Obviously, without its top it can get under the bridge.

No doubt after the cuddy has been repaired it will be put back on to give Chaos a bit of shelter.

There is a bit of history about the cuddy. It looks remarkably like the top of an Environment Agency launch, that's because it is one.

It was originally from an EA launch called Sit Pax, which was bought by a certain Chris Rea. He decided he wanted to take the top off to have an open launch, subsequently it was bought from Woottens Boatyard and replaced the original one on the tug.

Each year the tug drives home for Christmas.

Until the next time
Peter Osborne,
River Thames correspondent

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OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

Soroptimists

Always on the lookout for ways to recycle, Thames Valley Soroptimists, who meet in Bourne End Library, immediately said that their Kori Project in Sierra Leone could use the old red chairs at the community centre. New chairs were being provided thanks to the charitable giving scheme organised by the Co-op supermarket.

Rose who came from Sierra Leone originally spoke to Gill, a trustee of the project and who is the great organiser in charge of making things happen. Over the years they have successfully helped rebuild schools and construct a community library by shipping out useful items that were considered no longer needed here in the UK.

Having done great service there will be few tears shed over the old red chairs, but when the crate arrives in Sierra Leone there will be tears of joy. To deter thieves schools are now locked at night so there's no need for the pupils to carry their chair home at night as they did in the past.

Bourne End and Wooburn GirlGuides

Guiding has been as active as ever so far this year. Our two Rainbow packs have been having lots of fun exploring science and making things explode, learning how fires work (and how to keep safe), how things float and experimenting with magnets.

They celebrated Chinese New Year making lanterns and pretending to be dragons. They meet on a Monday and Thursday evening, 5pm to 6pm, and are now desperate for a helper for each unit.

The Brownies have also been doing science experiments with water, colour, making magic bubble potions and building monsters. They had a fabulous evening being inspired by our Young Leader who is going on an international Guiding trip where she will be cooking on a volcano. They are now planning their weekend pack holidays in June at the circus and July as princesses.

Our Brownies meet on a Tuesday and Thursday and both units also need another helper each. They have so much fun - please join them.

The Guides have been very busy brushing up their first aid skills, doing chopstick challenges, making pancake collages, and celebrating Thinking Day with other Guiding members all over the world. They are now planning for their July and August camps and desperately looking for two more adult helpers so they can open a Ranger Unit on Tuesdays, 7pm to 9pm. Please help them to continue to learn and enjoy themselves out and about.

To find out more, please email us on bourneenddistrictguides@gmail.com, or register on www.girlguiding.org.uk

1st Wooburn Scout Group

Do you want your children to get out of the house and be more active? Are you fed up with them spending all evening looking at a screen? Do you want them to learn valuable life skills? Would you like them to meet new friends and experience new things?

If the answer is 'yes' to any of these questions, then sign them up to 1st Wooburn Scout Group. Our weekly evening meetings are held on Tuesday (Cubs), Wednesday (Beavers) and Thursday (Scouts) during term time. We'd love you to come and join our group at the Watery Lane Scout Hall (HP10 0NE).

All our sections are open to both boys and girls: Beavers (six to eight years), Cubs (eight to 10½) and Scouts (10½ to 14).

We get up to all the things you'd expect (camping, hiking, outdoor cooking, orienteering etc) and some that you wouldn't (archery, shooting, axe throwing, paddle boarding and activity weekends, to name a few).

It is a great place to meet new friends, hone new skills, develop leadership qualities, grow potential, and have heaps of fun at the same time.

Sounds interesting? Either pop down to the hut one evening or contact the Group Scout Leader at wooburngrengsl@gmail.com for more information.

Bourne End Horticultural Society

We have invited George Lockwood to speak at our meeting on Thursday April 20 about *Climbers in Royal Gardens*. As yet, no speaker has been confirmed for May 18. These meetings take place at St Dunstan's Hall at 8pm.

In readiness for our social evening on June 15 please start cultivating your roses. We will be having a Bring a Rose evening to share our favourite blooms.

For details about joining our friendly and welcoming society please visit our website be.horticultural.co.uk or our Facebook page.



Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

An Easter treat is in store when national demonstrator David Ryland visits Bourne End on Tuesday April 4 to present his 'Floral Fascination'. This demonstration will be a star attraction for members and visitors who are welcome paying £12 for what will be a fabulous evening of beautiful flowers and foliage displayed in original ways.

David has created displays for many special occasions including royal events.

A councillor for his hometown of Armathwaite in Cumbria, David helped plan a six-mile memorial walk lined with daffodils to connect three villages and help remember those who were lost to Covid.

Tens of thousands of daffodil bulbs were planted between Low Hesket, High Hesket and Armathwaite to mark the first anniversary of the virus. "We did this because we wanted somewhere in the countryside where people could come and reflect

on what we have all been through," David said.

On Tuesday May 2 the club will welcome Stephanie Peniket with her demonstration theme of 'Wanderlust'. Again, visitors are welcome, especially if you feel that you'd like to be able to do more with a gift of flowers than put them in a vase.

Why not come along and go away with lots of ideas? If you are a lucky raffle winner you might also be taking home a display created on the evening.

On Tuesday March 7 four of our members entertained everyone with some inspirational displays based on the work of famous painters. Louise selected Monet and his garden at Giverny where the artist created something spectacular. Even an arrangement malfunction – it fell over – couldn't detract from Louise's wonderful display.

Sherry chose Cezanne and included the artist's love of adding fruit and draperies to his pictures. Pat talked about Van Gogh – he only sold one painting in his lifetime – and his pictures of sunflowers were brought to reality by Pat's display. Then Tracey gave us her take on David Hockney whose latest pictures came after seeing the day-to-day changes along one view.

Come and join us on the first Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the May Woollerton Hall at the community centre. All enquiries to our secretary on 01628 476641 or email liz790@btinternet.com.

We are also very excited to be celebrating our club's 60th Anniversary this year. We will be holding a special Diamond Anniversary Afternoon Tea Party on Tuesday July 4 from 2.30pm to 4.30pm at the community centre. Members at £10 and visitors tickets at £15 will be very welcome to this special event. Tickets for this event will be available at our April meeting.

Marlow - Maidenhead Passengers' Association

Our AGM and public meeting at the community centre have been put on hold until the industrial disputes have been resolved.

New train timetables come into force on Sunday May 21. GWR Paddington Didcot Parkway trains will run non-stop between Slough and Paddington. Passengers for intermediate stations including Ealing Broadway will need to use Elizabeth Line trains. Branch line services will be re-timed to connect for the most part with GWR main line services, but will be broadly similar.

If you travel into central London on the Elizabeth Line, you should notice the absence of the frustrating seven minute wait to enter the central section. The full 24 trains per hour will operate between Paddington and Whitechapel in the peaks.

If you drive to Maidenhead you'll find that Silco Drive car park is now available for use, providing an additional 141 parking spaces with CCTV and real time train information.

Marlow and District Railway Society

Our first two presentations of 2023 took us to some very exotic locations indeed. In January we travelled to India for an enthralling and colourful talk by Geoffrey Warren about the metre gauge railways that are now rapidly becoming history.

Then in February Adrian Palmer took us on a whistle-stop tour of North Korea, Borneo and Taiwan. With the number of photos he took in unlikely places it is a wonder how he avoided arrest.

We come very much closer to home on Thursday April 20 when Richard Crane presents a talk entitled *The Route of the Master Cutler*. The train bearing this name was the flagship of the much missed Great Central Railway, and would have passed through High Wycombe, steam hauled of course.

The whole route was London Marylebone to Sheffield, and included many stretches of railway lost in the 1960s.

Then on Thursday May 18 Jeffrey Ryan will present *The Life and Times of 48773*. Most locomotives of its type were but humble freight engines, and have long since been scrapped. However 48773 was preserved and for good reason, as it is possibly Britain's most travelled steam locomotive. It even worked on the Trans-Iranian Railway as part of the war effort, and later went to Egypt. In August 1942 it was famously derailed in the Iranian desert after colliding with a camel.

Members of the society can watch on Zoom, but we encourage everybody to enjoy the talks live at Bourne End Community Centre at 7.30pm; it's only £3 entry for non-members if you want to give us a try. For more information visit www.mdrs.org.uk

Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association

Thirty members attended the March AGM, with apologies from 13. Wilma welcomed a new member, John Coffey, and outlined highlights of the year, especially the fun we had with CJO visitors. A message from Jean Pierre Marie (Président, CJO) promised to celebrate our 20 years of friendship during the May visit.

Treasurer Mike Hill reported a lower financial balance, rising costs having coincided with a fall in income and a need to subsidise events for affordability; but the balance is still healthy and income is expected to rise slowly over the coming months.

Wilma thanked Mike Hill, Margaret Emery (organising forthcoming trip), members leaving committee and others, for much useful help. David Davis and Wendy Langford join Wilma and Mike on committee.

We sadly lost three members in January. Eilwen Turner, a lively and original lady not able to attend recently, died on January 28. Wilma's husband Alan Ball died suddenly the next day, with Wilma at his side; and Doug Meredith, two days later. Doug will be remembered for his kindness, humour and lovely singing in our choir; and Alan, for his warm and jovial presence, ever interested and smiling. We send heartfelt condolences. Our lives were enriched by their presence.

A coachload of members will visit Octeville in May, to experience that special welcome and link up with friends old and new. We expect to return the favour, hosting the CJO in 2024. Plans for future events will be notified to all subscribed members.

To join our association or find out more, contact chairman Wilma Johnston Ball, will6j@virginmedia.com 07801 600 253; or Wendy Langford, langfordw22@gmail.com 07428 004417. We hope to see you soon.

Bucks Family History Society

We continue our monthly talks on Tuesday April 11 when Tom Doig will give helpful hints on how to date old family photos. This talk will be of general interest to anyone who has old family photos and wants to know more about them.

On Tuesday May 9 we have an evening of 'sharing your brick walls'. Bring along and share about an elusive ancestor or anything that is blocking your research. Maybe someone can offer suggestions on where to look next.

Meeting on the second Tuesday in the month at 7.45pm (doors open at 7.30pm) you will find us in the Eghams Room at the community centre.

For more information visit our website at bucksfhs.org.uk

CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

APRIL

- 2 Sun Chess Congress. See details page 18
- 4 Tues Easter Craft Event in the library 10.30am to midday. See page 31
- 4 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the community centre. Admission £8. See poster p19
- 4 Tues Flower Arrangement Society demonstration by national demonstrator 'A Floral Fascination' See details in their report opposite
- 6 Thur Community Centre Bar Quiz. Doors open at 7.30pm; please arrive by 7.45pm for an 8pm start. For more information call Diane on 07521 656413
- 6 Thur The Hedsor Jazz Club every Thursday, start time 8.30pm (until 11pm), admission £10. At The Hedsor Club, Hedsor Road, Bourne End
- 7 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 8 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in and around the community centre
- 9 Sun A social with a great mix of salsa, cha cha cha, Cuban and other Latin rhythms. At community centre, £10, starts at 7.15pm with three levels of salsa followed by a social until 11pm. Contact Basil on 07595 397184 or Chunky on 07956 122505 info@dance2salsa.co.uk www.dance2salsa.co.uk
- 14 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 16 Sun Litter Pick around the villages. Equipment available and litter drop off points arranged. See page 24 for details
- 16 Sun Afternoon movie at the New Royalty Cinema at the community centre *Mrs Harris goes to Paris*. See poster p17
- 20 Thurs Author talk at Bourne End Library 7-9pm with Robert Thorogood author of Marlow crime series and Paradise series. See library report page 31
- 21 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 22 Sat also Sunday 23, Weekend Spring Clean at the community centre. See poster page 19 for more information
- 23 Sun Open Day at Upper Thames Sailing Club from 11am to 4pm with refreshments available and Tea by the Thames from 3pm in aid of Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust
- 28 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm

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- 6 Sat Screening of the coronation at the community centre with refreshments. See posters around community centre for details
- 7 Sun Big Lunch event in Wooburn Park to celebrate the coronation. From midday to 3pm. Bring a picnic or buy from the vendors. Everyone welcome!
- 10 Wed Deadline for submission of coronation celebration pictures to *Target* magazine editor@targetmagazine.org.uk
- 12 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 13 Sat Annual Spring Fayre at Alfred Court from 10.15am. Stalls including children's tombola, bumper raffle, cake and savouries stall, adults tombola, refreshments, etc. A fun morning for all the family
- 13 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in and around the community centre
- 14 Sun A social with a great mix of salsa, cha cha cha, Cuban and other Latin rhythms. See information above (April 9)
- 16 Tues Rock n' Roll in the bar of community centre with instrumental act 7.45pm. To avoid disappointment buy tickets online at www.bourneendcommunitycentre.org.uk or directly from the centre office. Tickets available on the door £7 members £8 non-members. For info call 01628 522604
- 19 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 20 Sat Fundraising day in aid of Diabetes UK at 227 Blind Lane, Flackwell Heath, from 10am to 4pm. Table top sale, tombola, tea, coffee and cakes and more
- 21 Sun Afternoon movie at the New Royalty Cinema at the community centre *Living*. See poster p17
- 24 Wed Angling Club AGM, trophy presentations and re-joining night at 8pm. See their report page 18
- 26 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm

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THE FALCON QUIZ

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- 1 Flo Capps answer to Andy's late nights?
- 2 You can pedal a bike, but not this?
- 3 Tin of beans for starters?
- 4 Si sees through the first woman?
- 5 Roosters feathers turned to wood?
- 6 E boat is beyond the grave?
- 7 Sounds like an ongoing breakfast saga?
- 8 Hovis meeting of directors?
- 9 Persuade the man to keep out of the kitchen?
- 10 Oval clock?
- 11 Sounds like the crew have eaten?
- 12 Kent town full of master of ceremonies?
- 13 Cheeky container?
- 14 Sounds like churned milk becoming larger?
- 15 A car for a cupboard?
- 16 UFO?
- 17 On the edge maybe?
- 18 Small ripple as the tide goes out?
- 19 The first part of a circus act?
- 20 Large monk out of his depth?



Answers to the February/March issue:

1 Nandos 2 Burger King 3 11 4 Wimpy 5 London 6 True 7 Burger King 8 Chinese 9 Trump 10 Subway
11 True 12 Sweden 13 True 14 2001 in Denmark 15 Pizza Hut 16 Big Mac 17 Munich 18 Papa Johns
19 Pepperoni 20 Greggs.

The winner is: Lindy Austin, Astor House, Bourne End.



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