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ROYAL INVITE TO AN AMAZING EVENT

Chalklands resident Daska Emery was surprised and delighted to receive an invitation from the Home Office to attend the Coronation of King Charles III. As a recipient of a British Empire Medal for her voluntary services during the pandemic, Daska's name had been selected for the honour of an invite from the Earl Marshal on behalf of the King and Queen.

Then this glorious invitation arrived and Daska knew that she would be there on Saturday May 6 at Westminster Abbey.

While others made plans to watch the ceremony at home, Daska checked rail times and with husband Keith they worked out how to get Daska to the right place at the right time.

"The organisation was incredible," Daska told *Target*, "and everyone involved greeted you with a smile to make sure that you were in the right queue – even at 7.30 in the morning."

Daska had borrowed a friend's see through

umbrella to protect against the rain, but it had to be checked into a cloakroom once she went into Westminster Abbey.

Like many of those invited Daska didn't have a direct view of the ceremony, but there was a huge television set up immediately in front of their seats.

"Members of the House of Lords were also in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Galleries and had the same strict instructions not to hang over the gallery railings. But it was all so wonderful and people were lovely."

As they were leaving the abbey Daska was diverted into another queue in her quest to find her umbrella. That's when things got interesting as she was ushered into a 'champagne and canapes' reception and started chatting to the High Commission for St Vincent and the Grenadines and his daughter Karen. He knew High Wycombe well.

Then there was an introduction to His Majesties Marshall of the Diplomatic Corp, Alistair Harrison CMG CVO, who asked Daska whether the sound from the galleries had been good. She told him that the acoustics were breathtaking. "He was delighted to hear that, so I asked him to pass that message on to the King."



Daska with the Palace of
Westminster in the background

Even now Daska is finding it hard to believe that she was there. The Order of Service starts with a simple statement saying that the first Coronation occurred in 1066 and has continued ever since. "I was part of that amazing event. To be among those 2,200 people in Westminster Abbey and part of the history."

See more of
Daska's pictures in
the centre pages.

Daska's magnificent invitation



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Again *Target* says a huge 'thank you' to all those who have made donations to help the magazine. The response has been wonderful and will really encourage those involved in producing the magazine to move on through this challenging year. These donations, and support by the South West Chilterns Community Board, have also helped *Target* to produce this special coronation issue packed with photos in a four page pull-out in the centre taking us back to 40 pages for this issue. Grateful thanks to you all for your support of the community magazine.

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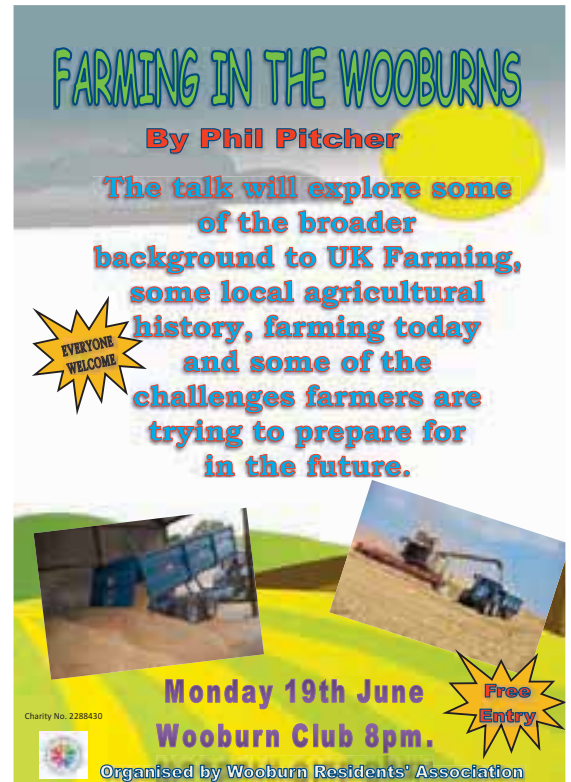


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UPDATE

Each June brings another anniversary of the first meeting of the campaign that was to become Keep Bourne End Green. This campaign was formed on the publication of the draft version of the Wycombe Local Plan in 2016 and, as we enter our eighth year, it is sad that it had to happen at all.

Of course, residents in Wooburn, Bourne End and Hedsor have been campaigning to save our Green Belt and green spaces long before our founding. We are sometimes reminded in local social media groups about the valiant fight that has been running to save Slate Meadow going back to the late 80s and early 90s when it was first removed from the Green Belt and a planning application was refused for development. It was subsequently identified as a reserve site and was brought forward for development in 2014. This was crystallised in the aforementioned draft Wycombe Local Plan in 2016 when it was allocated as a strategic site under Policy BE1. Outline planning consent for up to 150 dwellings was given in 2019.

It is, therefore, with great sadness, that we have to report that the proposed development of Slate Meadow was given full planning consent following a Planning Committee decision in April 2023.

The consent was given for 146 dwellings comprising 1, 2, 3, and 4 bedroom flats or houses. Affordable housing will account for 40% of the accommodation based on a 20% discount to the market through full or shared ownership — clearly this is unlikely to make it affordable to key workers or new home buyers based on typical Wooburn and Bourne End prices.

Development will be focused on the area adjoining Stratford Drive, with the "village green", a 10m buffer to the Wye and a green corridor backing onto those properties along Cores End Road, Frank Lunnion Close and Willows Road.

All areas will have public access via a network of footpaths, although we are clearly concerned to protect and enhance the remaining wildlife habitats. The development plans include additional on-street parking to support public parking for school drop-off and pick-up.

All three Ward Councillors (Penny Drayton, Sophie Kayani and myself), Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council and local residents made impassioned and informed statements opposing the planning application.

There was some support for our position among members of the Planning Committee, but it was clear that this application would be driven through the committee and a 5-3 vote to approve the application was finally made.

I, and the parish council's planning consultant, made very strong representations about some of the statements made during the committee meeting and further action is under consideration at the time of writing, although this is unlikely to amend the decision. Since the decision, residents may have seen low level reptile fencing set up to prevent reptiles migrating and nesting in the development area, as well as larger Heras fencing around the

development area and other areas, such as the badger sett.

The developer has already undertaken archaeological trenching with an excavator and archaeological contractors. Each dwelling takes about nine months from commencement and overall development is expected to last 18-24 months.

If there is any silver lining to this cloud, Cllr Drayton and I have had several meetings with Croudace, the developer, and their agent to discuss the development and have also visited two other Croudace developments — one in Didcot (unaccompanied) and one in Burgess Hill (accompanied).

As a result of these meetings and discussion, they have been able to get some concessions (eg roof heights, drainage, wetlands, ecological engagement with schools, contributions to other local schemes, etc), as well as some assurance on design and build quality. The construction and the landscape and ecological management plans, will be monitored closely.

Elsewhere, there is no further news to report on Hollands Farm. The developer has requested an extension of time to the end of June.

I was also actively involved in calling out Planning Enforcement to the devastating activities in the woodland at Fieldhead Gardens. The land owner had consent to perform certain tree maintenance, as well as the felling of diseased or dangerous trees. However, despite best efforts in the face of some intimidating behaviour by the contractors, the prolonged use of heavy machinery resulted in the loss of significant amounts of undergrowth, saplings and soil compaction. These activities are now under investigation and a report is expected shortly on remedial actions.

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SMALL BUSINESS MATTERS

with Sylvia Bourhill

Basis Period Reform for Sole Trader businesses

The immediate threat of making tax digital (MTD) has been kicked down the line to 2026, but the accompanying piece of legislation on

Basis Period Reform has not.

If your TRADING year is the same as the TAX year, then there is no change. However, if your TRADING year end is not the same as the TAX year end, then you will have paid excess tax on the overlap period when you started your business, but since then, will have paid tax on profits based on your trading year. This is changing NOW so that profits earned in the 2023/24 tax year will be taxed in the tax year. For this transition year, you will be taxed on the profits from BOTH your standard trading year (ie the year end that falls in the 2023/24 tax

year) AND the remaining months from the date of your trading year end up to April 5, 2024.

You can choose to extend your trading year to line up with the tax year (April 5, but March 31 is considered the same for business). However, there may be good commercial reasons to keep your existing year-end. Either way, you will pay more tax on profits in the 2023/24 tax year. It may also cost you more in accounting fees as you will need accounts prepared for the trading year and an estimate of tax due on profits between your year end and 5 April 2024.

BRIDGE PLAYER'S BIDDING QUIZ

Bourne End Bridge Club has compiled some of the best quiz questions which have appeared in *English Bridge*. Try this one set by **Julian Pottage**. You are sitting West. What should you bid on the given auction at matchpoint pairs, love all?

♠ K Q J 8 7 W N E S
♥ K Q 9 7 1 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
♦ K Q 10 ?
♣ J

Julian Pottage gives his answer on page 10

English Bridge is published by the English Bridge Union.



If you have overlap relief from your first year of trading, you can bring that forward to offset some or all of this.

Example

Profits - trading year ending 30 September 2023 (12 months) £100,000
Profits - 1 October 2023 to 31 March 2024 (6 months) £50,000
Total £150,000
Less: overlap profits brought forward (£20,000)
Taxable profits £130,000

Under the current rules, the taxable profits for the 2023/24 tax year would be £100,000, but the changes see taxable profits of £130,000.

HMRC is kind enough to realise that this has a significant impact on cash flow and has therefore allowed that, in the transition year, (trading periods ending between 6 April 2023 and 5 April 2024), the excess profits can be spread across five tax years.

In our example, the excess profit of £30,000 - additional tax of £6,000 that can be spread over the five years from 2023/24 to 2027/28.

Sylvia Bourhill

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Target asked Wooburn business hub, Mill House, for advice on how to help both businesses and individuals improve their green credentials. Here are a few simple nuggets to get you started:

- Fossil fuel consumption: The range of actions here is vast - install solar panels, lower the thermostat temperature by 1°C, wear additional layers during winter and walk to work. These everyday decisions make a huge difference to your emissions.
- Digital footprint: Another hidden energy guzzler is your IT equipment and usage - the longer you keep your computer the better, it's full of polluting elements and rare minerals - the recycling chain is still wobbly. Your inbox and website also consume energy for storage and transfer - keep your inbox small and your website even smaller data-wise. If you're not using it - turn it off!
- Avoid waste, buy secondhand, stop printing, make your own lunch... all these actions reduce natural resource usage. Remember recycling is the last resort - buy less, use items for longer, repair them. Only when all other options have been covered, recycle.
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What Katie did? She wrote a walking book Interview by Sandra Carter



What did you do to get through lockdown? For Katie Waistell, it was a chance to walk, run and explore from her home in Bourne End — and the result is a superb new book of walks to help the rest of us enjoy our area.

Katie, who lives at Telston Close, says: “Getting out and about during those months was the perfect chance to discover more about our locality.

“I’ve always enjoyed walking, growing up in the Shropshire hills and then living here since 2002, but I’d mostly driven to special places such as Christmas Common.

“Now I decided to walk from home or from nearby spots — also, we now had a dog and I realised what I’d been missing. I went crazy exploring new walks.”

Her book, *Go For A Walk*, gives 21 walks local to Bourne End, Marlow, Cookham, Beaconsfield, Amersham and High Wycombe. Each one has very clear directions, and each is accompanied by a beautiful watercolour map of the route.

Hand drawn maps can sometimes be inaccurate, but these are carefully created using OS maps, a light box and layers of detail.

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directionally-challenged on track.

It all sounds quite analytical and efficient, I comment, and Katie explains that she is used to detail, spreadsheets and data from her work. She and her husband Eddie run PH Energy Services, brokers for businesses and charities.

“Each walk has to have a wow factor,” she adds. This is often a view — a favourite is the vista when you climb from the old Bourne End railway line towards Flackwell Heath, the best view of Winter Hill and the River Thames, in my opinion.

“This walk is 2.8 miles, short enough to get done within a longish lunch hour, or perfect after work when there’s going to be a great sunset.”

Another passion is the wonderful medieval churches that dot our landscape, especially those with historic wall paintings such as at Little Missenden.

As well as taking us through rural countryside, Katie was determined that some walks should start from urban centres.

One leaves the A40 near Loudwater and climbs through farmland and woods to the historic village of Penn. Another leaves busy Sands and follows a trail around West Wycombe Park estate. A short walk from Flackwell Heath she calls “a working-from-home stress buster”. Walks vary from two to seven miles.

Though exploring the locality gave Katie great pleasure, there was one cause for dismay. “I’m shocked by how much litter is dropped from cars and piled in laybys. I often go round picking it up and putting it in a carrier bag or my rucksack, but it makes me sad. My dream is for a ‘stop dropping litter’ campaign!”

Few walking books are published these days, with so many people using mapping apps. But Katie loves walking with a paper guide, and it seems she’s not alone. Within a month of publication in March, more than 300 copies had been sold through local outlets including The Lemon Tree in Bourne End, Marlow Bookshop and Maither in Marlow (price £7.99).

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SAPPERS FIELD

As some of you may be aware a new sink hole has opened up in Sappers Field close to the children's play equipment. We are liaising with Buckinghamshire Council as to what needs to be done to address this issue. The area will stay closed for the foreseeable future.

COUNCIL VACANCIES

There are currently four vacancies on the

council. If you'd like to know more about what it means to be a parish councillor, please contact the office for an info pack.

Our monthly newsletter continues – each issue has an interesting piece about our councillors, details of ongoing discussions and information on upcoming events.

We are looking forward to our next Open House on July 18, when we will open up the office for you to come and speak to us. We'd love to hear your opinions and ideas on all things Wooburn and Bourne End, so please do check our newsletter on 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 parish council meeting schedule for 2023-2024 is now available to view on our website.

We hope to welcome many more

members of the public through our doors in the new year, so please come along to any meetings that may be of interest to you. Sign up to the newsletter using the QR code here:



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Hot potato!

All 50 of the potato growing buckets have been taken and Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council is delighted. Children at Claytons and St Paul's Primary schools have taken buckets for each year group.

Students at Bourne End Academy gardening club are watching the green shoots breaking through the soil and keeping a diary. Library staff were amazing and gave out ten buckets on Saturday mornings to parents with young families.

Guides and Brownies have also taken buckets, as well as Bourne End U3A, *Target* magazine and individual families who visited the community market stand in March and April.

This potato growing competition is to support the Produce and Flower Show at this year's Parkfest Village Show on Wooburn Park. Make a note of the date - Saturday September 9. The potato buckets will be brought along to the show, where the potatoes will be weighed, and a £10 voucher awarded to the winner.



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Thank you Rosie...

It is with much sadness and gratitude that Bourne End Community and Craft Market announces that Rosie O'Hagan, founder and manager, is stepping down from this role after more than a decade.

The market has grown from a few stalls formerly located in Bourne End Library, to more than 60 stalls in Bourne End Community Centre, The Princes Centre car park and on the verges of Wakeman Road Car Park.

Originally set up as an outlet for local crafters, the emphasis on supporting the local community has developed significantly especially since the Covid pandemic with up to £1,000 being generated monthly for local causes and charities, including the One Can Trust, which runs a tombola and collection stall, located at the entrance to the market.

The brilliant team of volunteers, now headed up by Holly Whittaker, will continue to ensure the market runs as smoothly as ever. Operating on the second Saturday of every month, the market features artisan food stalls offering just about everything you might need – from honey and



On the spot photo call for market organisers from left to right back row: David Whittaker, Heather Wilde, Debbie Darby, Diane Hall seated: Daph Stopworth, Miriam Blazey, **Rosie O'Hagan**, Holly Whittaker, James Mortimer, Debbie Fitz Costa

jams to meat, fish, and cheeses, breads and pastries and of course home-made cakes, chocolate and fudge.

There are stalls with clothing and jewellery, bric-a-brac, plants and finely crafted household and garden products, soaps, fragrances and candles, cards and paintings, and so much more.

Thankfully Rosie will still be selling her famous baked goods for the benefit of St Pauls Church, Wooburn.

You can purchase a cuppa and a delicious

sausage roll, or an incredible vegetable samosa at our café in the main hall – all proceeds going to Wycombe Food Hub.

Rain or shine, the market has something that appeals to everyone. Bring your dog or a friend or both – next markets are on June 10 and July 8. You will be pleasantly surprised at the variety and value of products for sale.

The local county and parish councillors and many wellness and countryside charities have a regular presence. You can find out what is happening in your community and learn more about charities such as Wye Valley Volunteers and others offering help to local residents.

Duke of Edinburgh students can volunteer for carpark duties and we offer opportunities to Young Enterprise teams.

A huge thank you to Rosie from all the stallholders, the volunteers and the entire community for the many years of hard work and leadership she has contributed, resulting in the amazing success of the market – a legacy for everyone.

For more info about the community market: becmarket@outlook.com
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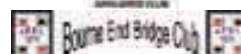


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Julian Pottage.
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UPPER THAMES SAILING CLUB

By Tony Ketley

In this early summer edition of *Target* magazine in past years it had become customary to report on the Open Day at Upper Thames Sailing Club.

This year is a little different, the weather didn't know when to stop raining.

Any outside event is always at the mercy of the weather, though that is usually on the day of the event, for events to be successful on the river, the river conditions also have to be suitable leading up to the event.

The Environment Agency is the ultimate judge of those conditions and gives advisory warnings as to safety for river users. The EA reported strong streams for several weeks ahead of April's proposed open day. As safety is a priority, good conditions are a must, so it was decided to postpone the event into May and hope for a better forecast.

Open day is very important to us, it is our opportunity to show potential members the premises and facilities, explain the club's ethos and demonstrate what it can offer. As a volunteer-run

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memberships for the sailing fraternity, and social memberships for those who just want to be involved.

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Vivienne Strayton checks out the u3a Mahjong group

The history of Mahjong is not really known, but most people agree that it developed in China in the mid nineteenth century. It quickly went from being a local craze to creating a worldwide shortage of ivory and bone for tiles during the 1920s.

The Bourne End and District Mahjong group was one of our first groups and meets every week in the community centre on a Thursday afternoon.

Although no money changes hands, the players are very dedicated and competitive and certainly play to win.

The game requires a lot of concentration and no small amount of skill. The rules are complex and I was



Above: Jan Moorhouse with her winning Mahjong. Right: David Molyneux, Sue Townsend, Jan Moorhouse, Marion Perks (the convenor), Lorna Hopper, Jay Oldknow, Sue Low and Hazel Barr. Top right, a game in action.



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Organisers are looking forward to seeing you all by the river again at one of the village's great social occasions of the year Hedsor Fair.

By kind invitation of Paul and Jackie Callingham, Hedsor Fair will once again be held in the grounds of their beautiful riverside home on Saturday June 24.

This is the major fundraising event for St Nicholas' Church and features boat rides, a barbecue, freshly picked strawberries with cream, teas and exclusive home-made cakes. It is the quintessential English garden fair.

There will be the ever popular plant stall, tombola and bottle stall, plus those unique family games you will not find anywhere else (like the marble game pictured), not to forget the second hand books. Maybe you can hunt out that rare first edition bargain.

Live music will be provided by local Marlow Bottom band, The Bottom Line.

And another benefit; with games costing as little as 20p, the event remains cash only. Organisers say that in these modern 'card only' times it's a rare opportunity to teach children about pounds and pence.

Hedsor Fair, Saturday 24 June 24, midday until 4.30pm, at Orchard Dene, Riversdale, Bourne End, SL8 5EB.



Flower fun challenge winner

Mercia Hailstone took up the challenge issued at the previous Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society demonstration to create an Easter arrangement re-using something you already have. Specially for members this was a fun club competition to be judged by national demonstrator David Ryland. Mercia looked around at home and found interesting items, a gold chocolate bunny and then she created the flower arrangement to match. Well done Mercia.



ARE YOU A TWO-CORONATION PERSON?

Barrie Penfold writes...It's 70 years ago but *Target* is sure that there are plenty of local people who remember the coronation of the late HM Queen Elizabeth II. It's been a hugely changing world in those 70 years, but do you recall one particular thing that is so changed over those decades? Mine has to be telephones – when all calls had to go through a GPO operator and your number told people where you lived. And some of the exchanges had lovely names like Waxlow. So, as little fillers in the *Target* issues during the rest of 2023 let's hear from people on the things they miss or don't miss. Tell the editor at editor@targetmagazine.org.uk

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By Jo Murray, parish clerk

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There will shortly be two vacancies on the parish council. We will therefore be looking for two new councillors to fill these vacancies. If you have ever thought of becoming a parish councillor – or even if you haven't considered it before now — this is your opportunity.

There is a lot going on in our parish at the moment, so it is a great time to join the council. As a councillor

you will have a say on how the council delivers its services, what its policies should be, how the budget should be spent, how the council's facilities and assets should be used and maintained and how to respond to local planning applications.

Our current councillors live in Little Marlow village, Fern Lane and Coldmoorholme Lane. It would be good to have candidates from other parts of the parish. Training is provided.

We will be starting the process of filling the vacancies in June. Details will be on the website. There is already information there about what being a parish councillor entails.

If you are even vaguely interested, please have a look at this information, talk to the clerk and/or existing councillors and hopefully come to the conclusion that you would like to put your name forward as a candidate. Your council needs you.

The Little Marlow Village Fête will return to the Recreation Ground in Little Marlow, this August Bank Holiday Monday.

Please come and join in for an enjoyable afternoon of traditional family fun including the dog show, classic car show, coconut shy, bouncy castles, face painting, barbecue, kid's sports games and much more.

We always need volunteers and will be asking for donations for the tombola, book stall and cake stall, so please let us know if you can help out — even if it's just for an hour. Get in touch via littlemarlowfete@gmail.com Thank you.

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 (Mon-Thur 10.30am to midday)
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BOURNE END JUNIOR CRAFT SHOW 2023

With the improving weather (at time of writing anyway) we are pleased to announce that this year's Bourne End Junior Craft Show takes place on Saturday October 7 at Bourne End Library in Wakeman Road.

Open to all local children and young people aged four to 16 inclusive it is completely free of charge to enter and, as always, there are some fabulous arty crafty prizes on offer.

All the usual classes are included so there should be something for everyone from photography, drawing, painting, all kinds of needlecraft, through to model making, digital art and even decorating cupcakes. The full list of classes and details of how to enter, along with photos of entries from previous years for inspiration, can be found on our website www.bejuniorcraftshow.co.uk

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So pick up one of the Bucks Art Weeks delightful catalogues from the library and just gently let these artistic skills wash over you.

Looking at beautiful art is very therapeutic. So, from the River Thames up to Flackwell Heath here are details of open studios that are well worth a visit. At the Boathouse Studio you have the joy of river views while up at Flackwell Heath there's acres of countryside to enjoy.

Artists at Timms Cottage in Flackwell Heath
Carolyn, Mary and Carol will be exhibiting and selling their art and craft at Mary's beautiful old cottage in Sedgemoor Road.

All three artists are from Flackwell Heath and Mary began making leaded lights around 20 years ago

and enjoys making panels for a variety of settings, both domestic and commercial and particularly enjoys working on panels for the garden, taking inspiration from the Buckinghamshire countryside.

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Boathouse Studio at Orchard Dene in Riversdale, Bourne End
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Artist Sarah Luton likes to paint outdoors and finds inspiration in the local area. You'll find her at the Boathouse Studio on 16, 17 and 18 then 23, 24 and 25 June from 10.30am to 4.30pm.

If you are out and about keep your eyes open for the 'Open Studio' signs – they will be well worth a visit.

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While critics were split on this movie, fans have praised the beautiful cinematography and found it an intriguing story with a great final twist.

Mary Poppins Returns will delight fans of musicals. It is a sequel to the 1964 film *Mary Poppins*, and stars an effervescent Emily Blunt as Mary, with strong supporting roles from Lin-Manuel Miranda, Ben Whishaw, Emily Mortimer, Julie Walters, Dick Van Dyke, Angela Lansbury, Colin Firth and Meryl Streep. The former nanny of Jane and Michael Banks, returns to them in the wake of the death of Michael's wife.

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Just a short write-up from me this time as only one match to report before going to press, but my next entry will have the end of season cup winners and final scores for the season.

Our April match was at Iwer when 15 anglers turned out. The top three were very close in weights. The winner was Henry Rimmer with 22lb 14oz, second was John Taylor with 22lb 06oz and third was new member Wayne Richardson with 21lb 08oz.

Our final match will be at Royal Berkshire Fishery and, as always, we would like to welcome new members. Our fishing club is small and friendly, although we all set out to win and gain a trophy.

It is unique in the way that it is not like so many fishing clubs today, with massive pools and all about money and high membership fees. We are a group of anglers who just enjoy fishing, have a bit of banter and good friendship. So if you are interested, do contact me. Come along and guest and see what you think of us. Maybe you just want to fish for pleasure



This is what 22lb 14oz looks like in fishing terms – Henry Rimmer's winning catch

without competing in which case we belong to the Thames Valley Anglers Association which gives you access to free stretches of water.

We start again with our new season in June when hopefully it will have actually become summer by then and it will be warmer. Until then tight lines!

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DESIGN A CROWN WINNER

Congratulations to Roger Carter, the winner of our Design a Crown competition. Roger, who lives in Bramley Gardens, Bourne End, digitally designed a crown befitting our green king. Well done Roger! (Roger pictured with his hamper prize and below his winning design)



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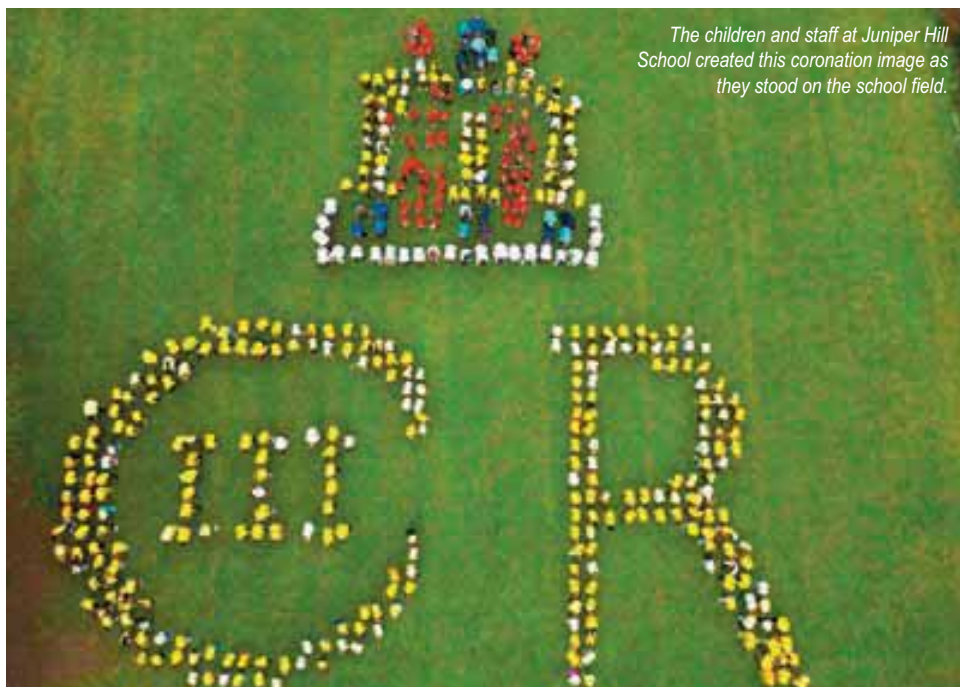


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The children and staff at Juniper Hill School created this coronation image as they stood on the school field.

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This four page pull-out of your coronation memories pictures is generously supported by Buckinghamshire Council's South West Chiltern's Community Board. *Target* is very grateful for their support. You may want to keep this special pull-out among your precious personal archive photographs from the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. You may see some familiar faces from a variety of local events staged to mark the amazing once-in-a-lifetime event with an issue filled with colour, interesting local news and information about forthcoming events during the summer. Community Board's support has made this possible. It was wonderful to see celebration flags along The Parade in Bourne End, fluttering bunting around the town to tribute to King Charles III on the green and photographed from a drone. Homes flew flags and bunting all in celebration and as a wonderful local tribute.



Photos on this page were taken at Bourne End Community Centre



Centre Bar Quiz

The next three dates for the bar quiz are June 1, July 6 and August 3. 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.

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Community Association will be held on **Friday June 9** at 7.45pm in the Eghams Room at the centre. All members are welcome to attend.

The agenda is available, together with meeting papers, at the centre and on the association's website bourneendcommunitycentre.org.uk

vineyard secrets

By Penny Heyes



Wines with royal approval...

Having just returned from La Rioja in Spain it seemed appropriate, as we neared the coronation of King Charles III, to visit the region and the winery where wines for other royal events were created.

Staying in a Parador, a national chain of hotels in renovated monasteries opposite a cathedral with a

live cockerel in the tower, making sure we woke at dawn, we absorbed the tranquil atmosphere before heading into the countryside, past rows of vines, along valleys and up hills. It was stunning.

The Rioja region is known for fabulous red wines, from Rioja 'joven' (which literally means young), to Gran Reserva, made from the Tempranillo grape, dominant in this region. Rioja Joven is a fresh and fruity wine, drunk soon after bottling without being aged in oak barrels; ideal for a light lunch in the sun. Rioja Crianza is a slightly older wine, aged for at least a year in oak barrels and then a further year in the bottle. Good with roasted chicken, moussaka, pork tenderloin, meatballs and tapas.

There are rules for wine classifications: Rioja Reserva has to be aged for a year in oak and two years in bottle, and can be kept for a few years. It is ideal with grilled or roasted meat, lamb chops or sausages. Gran Reserva is the serious stuff and only ever produced in exceptional vintages (years/harvests) and has to have been aged for two years in oak and years in bottle, and can be kept cellared for up to 30 years. This is the great accompaniment to all barbecued meats.

The lesser known wines of the Rioja region are the

whites – and they are fabulous. Rioja Blanco is, as the name suggests, made entirely with white grapes. The main grape is Viura or Macabeo. These light, crisp and fresh wines are deliciously dry and perfect with fish and shellfish, and the regional specialities such as salted almonds and the local white asparagus.

Staying in Logroño, the capital city of the region, we visited Bodegas Franco Espanoles, the winery that produced wines that graced the tables of Kings and Queens. It was at Juan Carlos' coronation and the Queen of Belgium's wedding and is one of the oldest wineries in Rioja, with deep caves alongside the River Ebro.

Logroño is the birthplace of 'tapas' and these gastronomic delights were in abundance along the Calle Laurel, affectionately known as the Elephant's Walk, where you can visit more than 150 tapas bars for a true authentic taste of Spain. This has really whetted our appetite for the customer trip being planned later this year to this magnificent region – come and join us.

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Blending voices beautifully...

On a very cold January evening in 2013, local girl Laura Ruocco held the first session of the Blend Choir in St Mark's Church, Bourne End. There were just 15 members.

Her vision was to give those who enjoyed singing a place to come together to sing, socialise and have fun and this proved to be a very successful format.

From that one choir and those original members there are now four choirs; Bourne End (meeting at St Dunstan's Church), Uxbridge, London and Princes Risborough with a fifth due to launch in Maidenhead in June. The current membership is at 150.

The choirs have enjoyed performing at various events both local and further afield from fetes, charity events and afternoon teas to The Olivier Awards, West End Live, The Ideal Home Show, The London A Cappella Festival and Disneyland Paris (which they are returning to for the third time this Christmas).

Each year all the choirs come together to perform sell-out summer and winter concerts which raise

money for charity, and this year they are delighted to be performing their 10th anniversary concert at the Wycombe Swan Theatre on July 15, tickets are now available from the Swan website.

Members are free to choose not to perform at events or concerts and can simply come along to the weekly sessions, there are no auditions and no need to read music. The choir cover a range of styles from Motown and pop favourites (old and new) to Disney and musical theatre all with a slight twist thanks to Laura's arrangements and fabulous harmonies.

Laura's teaching style and endless patience ensures that learning is fun and proves that everyone can sing and new members are always welcome.

Laura has recently been nominated for a 'Pride of Bucks' award for her contribution to the community, various charities and for going above and beyond for her choir members including working tirelessly during lockdown to keep everyone singing and their spirits high.

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BOURNE END JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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



TABLE TENNIS SECTION

We entered two teams into the local league 2022/2023. The A team finished 3rd in Division 1, and the B team finished top of the league by a wide margin, winning all of their matches through the season.

Having won promotion, they will now be playing the A team in Division 1 next season.

As this has been a tremendous success, their coach, Tony, aims to add a third team of juniors next season. Parents were amazing in their support and travel arrangements — a big thank you to all concerned.

The photo above is the team from the last match of the season. Left to right - Tom Etchell, Clive Chapman, Jack Stott and Jason Andrei.

Other juniors in the squad that clinched promotion were Marcus Doe, Nathan Maw and Jake Butterfield. All were exemplary in their sportsmanship and attitude and were a credit to our club.

Congratulations to all the players.

SWIMMING SECTION

Club secures 4th Place in Chiltern League Final

A thrilling final round of Chiltern League culminated in our club securing fourth place overall, narrowly missing out on third place.

Eventual winners Linslade went into the final round with a strong lead, but the 2nd, 3rd and 4th place clubs were very

close throughout the final round with league places changing heat by heat.

Since 2014 our club has always made the final of six clubs (out of 14 in the league) so although we couldn't retain our league title from last year, it was a solid performance all round.

In Chiltern League you always need to balance speed with points, but the separation between 1st and 4th places was often two to three seconds so it's hard to judge. Many of our swimmers consistently increased their PBs with each round of the league, which is excellent. Well done everyone. *Our swimmers are pictured here.*



LONG COURSE SUCCESS

We were delighted to have 15 of our swimmers on deck at Wycombe District's Long Course Sprint Meet in April. A fast and furious meet of 50m and 100m sprint races.

For most of our swimmers, it was the first time they had competed in a 50m pool — a daunting prospect for the inexperienced. However, our swimmers acquitted themselves well and should be proud of themselves for setting or improving on Long Course times. Well done everyone.

Congratulations to the following swimmers for achieving Top 3 places in their age groups:

Jacob Cooke (50m Breast - Silver / 100m

Breast - Silver), Simon Arnold (50m Fly - Bronze / 100m Back - Bronze) Oliver Rendall (50m Fly - Silver / 50m Free - Bronze).

CLIMBING SECTION

As a result of the success of our Climbing Section we have a waiting list, so we are looking to hire another instructor. Please contact the club if anyone is interested in this paid position.

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

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For the Rotary Club of Cookham Bridge this was the evening when they welcomed a number of volunteer groups to one of their meetings and were able to hand over donations from their fund raising.

For Target magazine this was an occasion to say a huge 'thank you' to the Rotary club for funds which make a difference as the magazine battles rising costs.

At the same time a donation was made to Wye Valley Volunteers to support everything they do to help those in the community who need medical transport and social occasions where people can meet and enjoy a friendly occasion.

Top: President John Fairlie presents the Rotary club's donation to Target magazine's Barrie Penfold

Below: Wye Valley Volunteers were grateful for the donation of funds – here are: front row l-r, Elaine Smith, Carolyn Judge and Wendy Osborn then back row l-r John Anderson, Peter Smith and Peter Osborn



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Community centre sparkles

Buckets, mops, long handled cobweb brush, cloths and even a lawn mower were on parade for the weekend spring clean at the community centre; then along came the volunteers willing to make everywhere bright and sparkling.

They set about making a difference and they worked miracles. Grateful thanks to everyone for their help and willing hands.

Hopefully the rearranged chair store will stay that way as a great deal of work was done on making better use of the space.

Then there was the locked cupboard that became unlocked thanks to logical thinking – now it can be cleared and reused.

Windows and windowsills were cleaned, tables and chairs washed and loads of little cleaning jobs ticked off the maintenance list.

Many thanks to all the cheerful volunteers who arrived to help — they did make a difference.

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Bourne End & Cookham Probus Club By Bill Leftwich

Our club for retired businessmen meets every third Wednesday for lunch and an invited speaker.

In March we were entertained by a talk from Michael K White entitled *The Accidental Actor*. On taking early retirement as a sales director, Michael found himself at a loose end and so enrolled at a local film extras agency with no acting experience other than singing in a local choir.

He was amazed that he was contacted fairly quickly as he was told that he had the perfect face of a vagrant!

Michael's positive attitude took him along and he was soon on the acting treadmill. He took us on an hilarious tour of the 75 films in which he has appeared over the past 10 years, including lying dead in a bus stop on the A40 when the local bus turned up, and playing the doctor in the Downton Abbey film.

He was recently asked to proceed to the B25 set at Pinewood Studios and was shocked to find that this part was in the 25th Bond movie *No Time to Die*.

In April our speaker was Lesley Grout who had won Mastermind in 1981 with his knowledge of Windsor Castle, a subject he presented to us with a host of personal slides.

If you would like to join our excellent, friendly club please contact Bill Leftwich on 01628 529647 or visit www.bourne-end-probus.org

Bourne End WI By Lynne Nicoll

What fun the Easter Social Evening was. Hosted by our Events Team there were table quizzes, Easter craft activities and home-made Easter delicacies.

Our May meeting focussed on the Coronation with a 'royal' afternoon tea and a visit from the popular Pearl Lady displaying her tempting items.

Our interest groups continue to be well supported. Craft and Chat never fails to impress us with new items each month. The Book Club is currently reading *The Midwife's Confession* by Diane Chamberlain and *Small Things Like These* by Claire Kegan.

Our Walking Netball group seems to involve much laughter and good fun as well as exercising and our Walking Group is heading to the woods to see bluebells and miss as much mud as possible.

Ladies who Lunch and the Cinema Group are finding new venues to attend and we have a new group called Beyond the Teacup, a storytelling group which will be sharing life stories over a cuppa.

Our monthly outings have been exceptional: *The King and I* at the Wycombe Swan was West End standard and our visit to the Crazy Bear for a Groupon taster Thai lunch was

thoroughly enjoyed. Wisley Gardens will be a day to remember as 270,000 tulips have been planted and are in full bloom.

If you would like to join us, please contact Wendy Farmer 01628 526309 or via bourneendwi@yahoo.com

Cookham Bridge Rotary Club By Paul Ovstedal

We have had some fun recently. It started off with a 50s evening, when everyone joined in with costumes, period videos and a suitable meal.

This year, instead of running our spring scarecrow trail, we supported a local primary school to run a Village Easter Trail. Plenty of families took part and the school raised money for future activities.

We helped them with various activities and also ran our popular gambling wheel which added to the school's receipts. We would be happy to support schools in Bourne End if there is a suitable event.

Worth mentioning is one of our guest speakers, David Reynolds. He was blind at birth, but managed to have a distinguished career in IT and found a wife. His achievements and positive attitude made some of us in the audience feel quite humble.

Looking forward we are working hard to make sure this year's regatta on September 2 is better than ever. *Target* readers might like to get a team of 10 together to try dragon boat racing on the day. No previous experience is necessary and it really is an exhilarating experience.

Little Marlow & Well End WI By Veronica Kay

Our April meeting began with a delicious buffet lunch to celebrate our Institute's 63rd birthday. Many members chose to wear an Easter bonnet, and Jo Murray, Parish Clerk, said she found it difficult to judge the winner.

Finally, the prize went to Sheila Lambert, whose hat was adorned with a fabulous arrangement of spring flowers.

Our speaker, Andy Ford, Chairman of the One Can Trust, shared with members a printed copy of their Snapshot of the Month. Prior to Covid the trust was supporting about 250 individuals or families whereas now the number

had risen to 850 due to the cost of living crisis and problems with universal credit.

During her vote of thanks, Jane Statham explained that our WI would encourage members to take up a new challenge — making fabric tote bags for transporting dry food items for the recipients of the One Can Trust.

The Cover to Cover Girls will meet to discuss *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson.

The ramble will take place in Lane End. Niki Ralfs was keen to persuade members, who were not rambling, to join the group for lunch at the local hostelry.

At Craft and Chat members were making tote bags for One Can Trust.

The president welcomed members to the Resolution Meeting in May and a celebration of the upcoming coronation.

She said that she was delighted to see many members wearing a crown or tiara. Interest groups reported on their latest activities.

A card was read out from June Baxter, thanking members for their support, messages and flowers which she had received during her ongoing treatment.

Following discussions and arguments, for and against the resolution, members were treated to a cream tea.

Members were encouraged to complete their entry forms for the Summer Show which will take place this year on August 1.



River Wildlife

By Cindy Smulders
Swan Lifeline

Gulls follow the food...

In the last edition I asked anyone who knew about gulls to get in touch as there seem to be so many more around the Bourne End area and they are having a dramatic effect on the duck population.

I have had some feedback, thank you, again it seems the changes are caused by us and are a direct result for what is happening along the British coastline.

Ten to 15 years ago we had open rubbish dumps where waste bins provided the birds with a continuous rich menu. Many have been covered up, so gulls have had to look for alternative places for their food supply. So they have headed to inland towns. They also like flat roofs of offices to nest on, both Bourne End and Wooburn have those, and gulls will travel between 50 and 80 miles for food.

Then the EU put a ban on discarding fish from fishing vessels so all the unusable fish that normally was put overboard had to be brought ashore. This was an enormous change in the food supply for coastal birds.

Once gulls have found out where they can find good food they will come back, as they have a perfect memory for places and circumstances. And they follow each other.

Gulls are always watching what their companions are doing, if one bird finds an interesting place for foraging, he/she will never come alone.

Bourne End Railway Bridge has become a favourite place for gulls as they sit and watch then swoop. So finally there isn't much that can be done except trying not to feed them by leaving rubbish lying around.

The height and flow of the river well into April put a stop to any boat use, but it has also had a big effect on the nesting swans, ducks and moorhens. Nests were washed away and ducklings, which often hatch before any cygnets, wouldn't have coped with the strong stream.

Please remember that when the river has extreme conditions, flooding, strong stream or very low due to drought, you might find swans in odd places and further inland than you would expect.

There have been incidents, one in Bourne End and one in Wooburn Park during the drought last summer, of dogs attacking swans.

As a dog owner myself I know that if a swan suddenly appears where it shouldn't be most dogs, however well trained, will react in some way.

Please remember that historically the swans on the River Thames belong to the Crown as well as the Vintners and the Dyers and it is an offence to harm them.

Also remember that it's not always the swan that comes off worst as they have large talons on their legs.

Swans need space to take off, they cannot just fly from a standstill as ducks and geese do.

We are so very lucky to have the river on our doorstep.

Please let's try to take care of it, which is what the wildlife helps to do.

Animals invented biodiversity so stop, appreciate what we have, and possibly see the Great Crested Grebes do their mating dance. Now that is a delight.

Our picture shows a rescued gosling with Bourne End Bridge in the background



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Bourne End librarian is disaster life saver

Chris Hurley tells Target about his most recent rescue mission in Turkey

At approximately 04:20 hours local time on Monday 6 February 2023 a massive earthquake hit southern Turkey and northern Syria, shortly followed by a second larger quake.

Within hours me (a librarian at Bourne End Community Library) and my team, Search and Rescue Assistance in Disasters (SARAID- www.saraid.org.uk), a United Nations recognised, and classified disaster response team, were on standby to fly to the disaster-affected area to provide search and rescue support.

We are a non-governmental organisation and charity, which receives no UK government or Disaster Emergency Committee funding. We have responded to most of the major disasters around the world for the last 20 years including the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami, earthquakes in Haiti, Pakistan, Indonesia, Nepal and elsewhere, flooding in the UK, mudslides in Mexico and the Beirut port explosion in 2020.

Our members come from all walks of life, firefighters, paramedics, structural engineers, business owners and librarians and are all unpaid volunteers on call 24 hours a day 365 days a year. We undergo a two-year training programme before having to pass an intense, five day final assessment exercise to qualify us to deploy overseas as Disaster Responders.

With all the necessary paperwork and permission to deploy, via the UN and Turkish government, we were mobilised on Tuesday 7 February, and due to poor weather in Turkey and flight delays, arrived in the country on Wednesday 8 where we got straight to work.

Part of our UN role is to provide coordination if there is a need, so we started with a coordination centre being set up at Adana airport, the nearest to the disaster affected communities. Here we left two coordinators running the centre assisted by members of German and Swiss teams, to manage international search and rescue teams arriving into the country and get them onto the ground as quickly as possible.

The rest of the team made their way by bus to the city of Kahramanmaraş and started the work of search and rescue. Early reports indicated that severe damage had been caused within the 400,000 populated city and that many multi-storey tenement blocks of flats of more than eight floors had been completely destroyed.

Getting there took seven hours due to damaged bridges and roads then the scale of the destruction was shocking. Team members on the bus fell silent as we started to make our way into the city centre. Huge numbers of people were on the streets due to fear of going back into their homes and we saw a humanitarian disaster unfolding in front of our eyes.

Our first search involved working with a German team and locating a 33-year-old mum and her six-year-old daughter under a six-storey block of



flats that had completely 'pancaked' into the ground. After six hours of work we were able to rescue both safely and our medic confirmed that both of them were not physically injured in any way. After a thorough medical check-up, both were placed in an ambulance and taken to hospital.

Twenty-four hours later and after searching many other buildings in the city we were called to another multi-floored building collapse where there were reports of people missing and knocking being heard. Here we deployed our sound location equipment and called for a specialist search dog unit to assist. Using the equipment and calling for complete silence we detected a faint but positive knocking on the sound location equipment. Our plan was to use a heavy mechanical excavator to lift a floor slab very carefully and explore underneath.

Once the floor slab was lifted we found a 15-year-old young lady trapped in a small void that had been created when the building collapsed. After a few hours of digging and making the collapsed building area as safe as possible, we rescued her and she escaped without any physical injuries.

Our total contribution to the Turkish Earthquake response was the successful rescue of three from the ruins of the Kahramanmaraş, the coordination of rescue teams in Adana Airport and the city of Kahramanmaraş, along with dozens of building searches within the city.

The team spent six days searching the city, arriving back in the UK on February 14, tired, but glad to have been able to help in some way.

For further information and to learn more please visit our website www.saraid.org.uk where there is a just giving link should you wish to donate to support our vital work.

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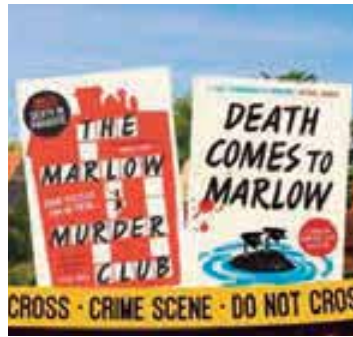
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MURDER LINKS MARLOW WITH THE CARIBBEAN

Friends of Bourne End Community Library were packed in to hear Robert Thorogood talk about murder, and they weren't disappointed.

In fact, whether it was due to his early theatre training or just his love of writing good stories shining through, Robert was highly entertaining and an excellent booking for the newly reformed Friends group.

At the end of his Cambridge university days Robert started a theatre company and went touring around the country. No name dropping but one of their group was Olivia Colman – now a national treasure.

So how does *Death in Paradise* come into

Robert's life? Sadly it was the death of cricket legend Bob Woolmer out in the Caribbean resulting in a London copper being sent out to solve the possible murder. It was Robert's 'killer-idea' moment that 'saved his life'.



It inspired the writer in Robert to come up with a storyline around a London detective being sent to solve murders in the Caribbean. It hadn't been done before and, after a huge amount of selling the idea to anyone who would listen, the BBC told Robert to submit a script.

Then they wanted a second script and a third. Then came the stumbling block, as with most new shows, it came down to the bottom line and the necessary funding.

While a new show shot in the UK might cost £760,000 an hour to produce for *Death in Paradise* it rockets to £1.5 million an hour.

Robert had tales galore about what went on behind the scenes to push his idea onto our screens. Even then, at the last moment, the name of the detective had to be changed as research had found a Met detective with the same name.

In 2014 the writer in Robert made his next move with one, then a second, murder mystery based on *Death in Paradise* with a male detective as the main character.

But deep down Robert wanted to write a murder mystery for strong women, he wanted to base the story in Marlow and it needed to be light-hearted. Who better to take the lead than a 78 year old riverside resident and, of course, there had to be a strong single mum in support as well as a female vicar. That was his first novel called *The Marlow Murder Club*. Robert's only regret is that local readers like to concentrate on what he got wrong.

Now *Death comes to Marlow* is the second published novel featuring Robert's strong women. It meant he often had to sign two books after his library talk and there's a promise for 2024 with *Queen of Poisons*. That guarantees a return visit to entertain a packed audience at Bourne End Community Library.

The hint from Robert is that the new novel is set in Marlow Town Council.

To finish, he told us how the production team for *Death in Paradise* wanted to use the priest's house in the Caribbean to be the police station. Now, more than 13 years later, the priest is still waiting to get his house back.

For information on joining the Friends of Bourne End Community Library pop into the library Tuesdays to Saturdays. Opening times can be found online.

pic caps: Pat Weller Chair of the Friends group with Robert, Robert's books and signing treasured copies. Top right the familiar cast of 'Death in Paradise'.



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BUCKS COUNCILLORS UPDATE

The Wooburns,
Bourne End and
Hedsor Ward

By Councillor Penny Drayton

The start of May marked two years since our successful election to become ward councillors for the Wooburns, Bourne End and Hedsor, and the half way point of our current four year term.

We've loved being able to represent the residents of the ward and although we have had various challenges along the way, we've had great successes too and learnt so much.

By the time of reading this article, the Boundary Commission should have announced their final decision on ward boundary changes to Buckinghamshire ahead of the next local elections (2025).

We are aware our ward is likely to be one of the ones affected. We will confirm these changes in the next *Target* edition.

However, in relation to this and building on what we've learnt ourselves in the past two years, do you know anyone in Bucks who has an interest in local politics and would like to know more about running for election next time round?

We are happy to chat and advise and help people understand what's involved. Please feel welcome to pass our details on to any friends or family in any wards across the county if they'd like to know more.

First alert that Cookham Bridge will be closed later this year for essential repairs and works. The work is being organised and carried out by the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, who are responsible for the bridge, but we will be working closely with them to try and ensure as little inconvenience as possible.

The works are expected to start in October with a full closure to vehicular access for 15-17 weeks. Pedestrian access (including walking push bikes over) will be available throughout. There will be a couple of public information sessions about the closure held in the summer, dates to be confirmed.

Sappers Field sadly witnessed the birth of a new sinkhole at the start of May, right before the coronation weekend. This is obviously very upsetting after the long closure with the previous sinkhole and worrying too, especially as this one is in the childrens play area. Thankfully it was spotted and closed off immediately. It is unknown at this time what will happen with this sinkhole or the long term prospects of the park but we will update as and when we know more.

We continue to attend the community market on the second Saturday of every month at Bourne End Community Centre. Pop by for a chat or drop us an email at any time on the following addresses; penny.drayton@buckinghamshire.gov.uk stuart.wilson@buckinghamshire.gov.uk sophie.kayani@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

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OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

The Community Church

After six years of service with us Dave and Kaz Price will be moving to pastures new in Birmingham, where

Dave will be leading a thriving church in Bournville. They will be greatly missed as they have brought so much blessing to both the church family and also to the local community through involvement in Wooburn Green Primary School and with

initiatives such as Boxes of Hope and Baby Bank. Dave Bitcheno will pick up an 'interim' leadership role for the next year to support the church as it moves forward. Dave is married to Jill, they live in Flackwell Heath, and have two children and four grandchildren.

Our Sunday services and other regular meetings continue as normal. Full details are on our website thecomcommunitychurch.online. We would love to welcome you.

Did you know we have a hall behind the chapel on The Green? It is available to hire at a very competitive rate. Call the office on 07894 143925.



Cores End United Reformed Church

The church grounds looked beautiful this spring with flowering cherry trees in the graveyard and spring bulbs in the 'Link up' Garden for Peace. 'Prayer stations' around the church grounds helped people reflect. The grounds are open to all daily during daylight for quiet reflection.

We marked the coronation with bunting on the church railings, prayers in Sunday worship and a special cake and the raising of a glass on the Sunday.

Work party sessions on the church meadow continue on Saturdays June 3 and July 1 (10am to 11.30am). The church will be hosting a Synod Green Day on Saturday July 8, when people from across North London and the surrounding counties will be gathering to celebrate and reflect on creation and consider actions to better care for the environment. The children of the church have also been getting involved, creating seed balls to feed birds and sowing seeds.

Worship at 10.30am each Sunday includes activities for children. We are always delighted to welcome new people.



St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

Music in the Manor, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Jason Downes, will be on June 17, starting with a Children's Disco at 4.15pm followed at 5pm till 8pm with music by the Chiltern Concert Band and singing by The Jam Theatre Group. Bring a picnic and your friends and enjoy the music and grounds of Little Marlow Manor.

Tickets are £12.50 for adults and £2.50 for school age children: contact jefferysmith170@gmail.com or 07775 957090.

Our Patronal weekend when we celebrate the birth of St John the Baptist is on June 23-24. The church will be open and we will be serving teas between 3pm and 5pm.

We are delighted to announce the appointment of the Revd Fiona Ellingham as our new Team Vicar. She will be licensed on September 11 at Little Marlow.



We are in the process of altering the pattern of services so do please check our website 4u-team.org.

St Mark's Church, Bourne End

Our recent springclean now shows off the church in all its Victorian splendour. The ecclesiastical architects of the late 19th century certainly knew their job. Please come and look. Our original Bishop & Sons wind organ sadly is under-utilised, so any organist out there looking for an instrument to practise on, or even to be our organist, is welcome to get in touch.

Our Sunday Services are at 10.30am followed by refreshments. Come and join us.

Our refurbished church hall now has a wheelchair ramp, an 'accessible' loo complete with baby-changing table and remotely controlled heating. We again hosted the BBC in March and May, as they like the church hall as their Bargain Hunt 'green room'. Look out for them on BBC One, and you might catch a glimpse of our hall.

We continue to host regular classes like Wing Chun karate (pop in after 7.30pm on a Thursday).

All being well, Sammi

will have started her Zumba classes so phone her on 07801 743353 for more details. We invite enquiries for children's parties, family celebrations, community gatherings, local street associations etc. We feature on the Hallshire.com website, or contact Barrie Thomas on 07399 500652.

Our calendar of social and fundraising events includes the One Can collection, a stall at the community market and active personal support for 'Open the Book' Bible story enactments at St Paul's school.



St Nicholas' Church, Hedsor

Hedsor Riverside Fair will return on June 24, midday-4.30pm, at Orchard Dene, Riversdale, Bourne End, by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Callingham, with boat rides, barbecue, teas, raffle and stalls. See the article in this *Target* for more information. This is a cash only event, with free entry for children.

As *Target* goes to press, we are still without a vicar, but our visiting clergy and speakers continue to keep up our regular Sunday 9am services.

St Nicholas' will be open during the summer on Sundays, 2pm to 4.30pm, offering a peaceful oasis to enjoy the calm and beauty of our 12th-century church with its spectacular views.

The church is open for meditation at 1.30pm on Wednesdays. For all details visit www.parishesofhedsorandbourneend and www.achurchnearyou.com. See also our Facebook page.

For weddings, baptisms and funerals contact mauracarr300@gmail.com



St Paul's Church, Wooburn

Our Sunday 9.30am services have a different format each week. Communion service is on the first and third Sundays, with Sunday club children 0-12 in the hall on first Sunday and at the back of church on third Sunday. New on the second Sunday is Messy Church (with Common Prayer Communion at 8am), and on the fourth Sunday Communion is first then Sunday Club (children) and a discussion based sermon (adults).

Friday Lunch Service at St Mary's at midday is followed by a jacket potato lunch.

Details and dates for Wooburn Forest Church are on Facebook.

A special Communion Service celebrating 20 years of priestly ministry for Paul, our vicar, is on Sunday June 25 at 10.30am (note special time).

Our website and Facebook page have details for activities such as Family Breakfast (first Saturdays at St Mary's, please register), Cake and FairTrade sales at the community market (second Saturdays), Coffee and Cake (third Tuesdays, 9.30am), Men's Night Out (third Thursdays, 7.30pm), Ladies Lunch Club (second Sundays, midday to 2pm).

Every Thursday in term time, 10-11.45am, Little Steps for pre-schoolers is at St Mary's Church, £2 per family.

Visit www.stpaulswooburn.org or Facebook: St Pauls Wooburn (user profile) AND St Paul's with St Mary's Wooburn (Page), or email office: stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com, tel. 01628 525512.



St Dunstan's Church

We've had lots of celebrations recently. Our First Holy Communion children looked angelic. Families gathered for tea, coffee and cakes after the Mass. A few weeks later we celebrated Sister Winifred's 80th birthday with a high tea to rival the coronation celebration.

We then celebrated the Feast of St Dunstan with our annual barbecue which was well attended. In June, our candidates will be confirmed by Bishop David with yet more nibbles and refreshments and delicious home-made cakes.

Our ladies of the parish also enjoyed the first of our 'Ladies night' get-togethers after the pandemic, an excellent opportunity to meet fellow parishioners.



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

Need a quiet space?

Need to rehearse?

Need somewhere to meet?



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Bourne End Library

The newly reformed Friends of Bourne End Library have been very busy organising library events and raising funds for the library at the same time.

Recent events have included a Quiz Night and an evening with the author, Robert Thorogood (see report page 28).

In May our library manager gave a talk on his work for the charity S.A.R.A.I.D. to support those affected by disasters such as the Turkish/Syrian earthquakes. See his story page 27.

Quentin Falk will be interviewing author Carolyn Mayling on Friday June 16.

• In addition to our well-established library groups (reading, Scrabble and Knit & Natter) there is now a lace making group which meets on the first, third and fifth Friday of the month from 10am to midday.

New members are very welcome – just

come along to meet the group if you are interested.

• We now have a Children's Storytime every Tuesday morning from 10.30am to 11am and hope that our Wednesday morning Bounce & Rhyme will be running again soon.

• Following the popular craft event run by Sue Croall earlier in the year we will be holding more in the summer holidays. These will be advertised in the library and on our social media.

The 2023 Bourne End Junior Craft Show takes place in October at the library. See page 14 for details on how your artistic children can take part.

• During the Summer holiday, the library will be taking part in the annual Summer Reading Challenge for children. Look out for the posters in July and come and sign up at the beginning of the holiday.

This year's challenge is 'Ready, Set, Read!' and has a sporting theme.

• Our meeting rooms are popular with a variety of groups. If you are a local business or group looking to hire a meeting space or host an event, then come and look at what we have to offer. All details are on the library website and our hire rates are very reasonable.

Challenging all gardeners

On Saturday September 9, at the Parkfest Village Show, Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council is hosting its Flower and Produce Show.

There will be a range of classes for gardeners to enter in the following sections: (A) Fruit and Vegetable (B) Flower Classes (C) Flower Arranging (D) Cookery and preserves and (E) a Junior section.

There will be many classes in the Fruit and Vegetable section including onions, tomatoes, courgettes, cooking and eating apples as well as soft fruit.

There will also be the 'longest runner bean' and 'oddest shaped vegetable'.

One of the flower arranging classes will be titled 'Kings Coronation Celebration Exhibition'.

There will be a cookery class and classes for jams, preserves and marmalade. Classes for a Victoria sponge and brownies with a 'Carrot cake' made to a prescribed recipe which will be detailed on the entry form.

Entry forms will be available soon (details in the next *Target*) and they must be submitted to the parish offices by September 7. There will be prizes in each class as well as cups for overall winners.



Thank you to the litter pickers

Karen Savage's report on the spring litter pick says emphatically that the litter should not be dropped in the first place. Then there's the complaint that you shouldn't put dog poo in a bag then leave the bag in a rubbish bin or at the side of the pavement.

Karen reminds everyone that picking equipment can be borrowed from the council offices. Alternatively take a bag with you when you go for a walk; every little helps.

You can join Facebook - litterpicking Bourne End & Wooburn. You can report large items and fly tipping to www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk and you can join in the shop scheme and keep your shop front tidy.

Karen was delighted that this litter pick had a positive impact on the area with around 60 bags collected.



Past times by Barrie Penfold



School memories are kept alive by a group who have been meeting regularly and still finding something to laugh about as they recall events at Bourne End and Wooburn schools.

Going back to the 1930s the numbers are few, but then through the Second World War and into the 1950s there are many more.

Roger Taplin and his wife Lynda are hoping to

attract more people to come along with their memories if they were born and grew up in our villages.

Schooling was very different in those early days. To get to Old Claytons School close to the junction of Station Road and Furlong Road in Bourne End many children had to cross the level crossing and watch out for the trains going off to Wooburn Green

and into High Wycombe. Also in those days education stopped at 14 and it was a case of finding work as your family often needed an extra wage packet as it was normal to have large families.

Roger believes that these regular meetings for school friends are a history of the community. Local roads will have someone who was a pupil in those years, went to school locally and who might be retired or is still working. "What a story there is to tell," Roger believes, "and it is all part of local history."

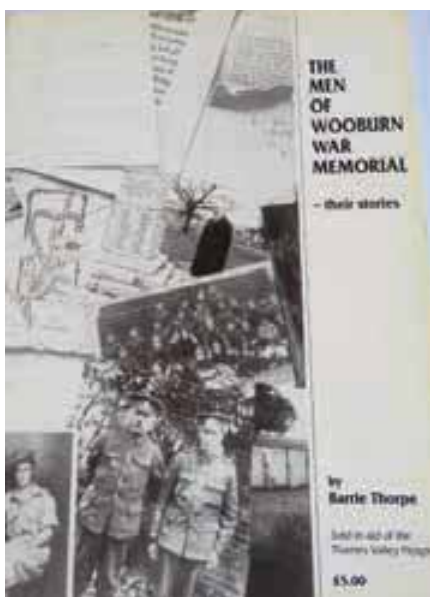
He hopes that more people might be interested in attending their next meeting which takes place at the Spade Oak Hotel on Thursday June 22 at 11am. In 2023 they are planning to hold four meetings during the year and extend their membership to include the 1960s and 1970s.

Roger's father managed the store called Hall & North in Station Road which was recently converted to flats from offices. He remembers that everyone in the family helped out in the shop.

Target has found a photograph showing how it looked back in Roger's schooldays. Another regular at these school reunions is Brian Ody whose family ran the market garden off Furlong Road and he remembers that everyone in the family helped out when work had to be done.

So if you knew Bourne End and Wooburn schools back in those days why not call into their reunion on Thursday 22 June at 11am. You will be very welcome.

Photo: Roger's father managed this store and here it is in the 1900s.



Sadly Arnie Jaffe couldn't find his face among the children shown in the Wooburn Green picture from the April/May issue (above). He was surprised as he was living in Glory Mill Lane at the time. Arnie attended the school in School Lane and later went to Sir William Borlase Grammar School in Marlow.

Arnie lives in Holmer Green now and happened to read *Target* magazine at his sister's house as she lives in Bourne End. He says he had a happy time in Wooburn, having been evacuated there with his mother. Dad was in the Merchant Navy throughout the war. When his father came back ashore he rented a place in Loudwater for the family. Then Arnie was the only boy in Loudwater who went to school at Wooburn.

So did anyone from Wooburn Green remember attending that celebration party to mark the end of the Second World War? Just to remind you *Target* is reprinting it here.

If requested the editor (editor@targetmagazine.org.uk) can email you a slightly larger version of the photograph to help make identification easier.

Maybe to jog a few memories Arnie said that his favourite teachers were Miss Chambers in the junior school and Mr Lesley in the senior school.

Wartime Memories are in Barrie Thorpe's book about The Men of Wooburn War Memorial. Now Target has been given an extra copy and the invitation is to make an offer for this book about the people whose names are carved onto Wooburn Green War Memorial. Any donation would go to help Target. We still have the copy of 'Theirs were but human hearts' a local history by Brian Wheals and again a donation to Target would secure it. Just contact editor@targetmagazine.org.uk

River Life

with Peter Osborne



Not a brilliant start to the boating season; the river has spent weeks on red boards due to the strong current which has delayed boaters going out onto the river. Also the inclement weather has delayed getting the boats ready in the first place.

So, we have a newly crowned King, it's just unfortunate it isn't King Canute II. I'm sure if it was, he could have tried to hold the water back, so we get on the river sooner.

Given that the start of the season has been delayed some three to four weeks things have still been busy for the industry.

The commercial side of the river has still been preparing boats, especially those yards that have sheds or cover for the boats, such as Woottens Boatyard, up stream of Bourne End.

However, where you have boats inside sheds you would normally have a slipway to move the boats in and out.

The problem with these are that if the river is running high and fast it's unsafe to launch the boats when they are ready to go back in as the slips tend to launch them across the stream

and if the current is running too fast the fear is that the river could take the boat, causing damage to it or other boats moored nearby. This causes delay in getting the next batch of boats out.

If, like Bourne End Marina, you have a crane to get the boats out you tend to work on them outside. This being the case the wet weather means you can't polish and paint them.

Still, all is catching up now, we're just having to work longer hours.

Boat sales are currently buoyant, other than one recent private sale. A boat was sold, and the day arrived when the proud new owner came to collect it from the marina. He got as far as the railway bridge when his new purchase started to sink!

Somehow, the boat arrived back at the marina just as the engine was to go underwater and was made safe.

A hose on the engines exhaust system failed and had diverted water into the bilge. I understand monies were returned and all

ended up cordially.

Top Tip: if you're purchasing a boat get a survey first

A new venture has started at the marina, a river taxi.

Captain Beaky operates from the marina and can be booked online or in person to convey you to Marlow or Cookham, it also undertakes river trips if it's in port.

It will ferry you to The Bounty free of charge, but subject to £1 per head donation to the charity supported by the pub.

I'm sure we all wish Andy a success in this new venture, we could have done with such a service many moons ago. Andy has seen many moons but has only just sussed it.

I was at a meeting where the Environment Agency was represented and again the topic was raised about the closure of Cookham Lock Island to the public. We were advised that there were no plans to reopen it on safety grounds.

Well, the Cookham Society has taken up the mantle and it looks like they will take on the EA. To be honest, I wouldn't like to oppose the people of Cookham on this matter, so good luck EA, many people, and I, hope you have met your Nemesis and look forward to the island being opened to the public, once again.

A few months ago, a larger crane than the marina's own one had to be called in to lift out three steel boats that were too heavy for it.

One of the boats was the narrow boat which sank at Cookham over the winter but is now refurbished and seaworthy.

All three boats underwent some welding, were painted underneath and are now happily afloat.

While the boats were out of the water two of them were surveyed and it was noticed that some of the steel had reduced in thickness and therefore had to have additional steel plate welded over the existing surface; this is usual for hulls of a certain age.

I must admit I'm of a certain age and could possibly do with some additional support welded on to me too, I must buy the welder a beer or two and explore the possibilities.

Well, it's time to close and move on. Rocky and I have a boat to deliver to Henley with Lee Wootten. It's an old wooden Gentlemen's Launch that has just been repainted and varnished to an amazingly high standard and is extremely glossy.

We have two of us on this delivery run so we stand a chance of returning it to its owner without any scratches (these are the scariest of deliveries). We hope to navigate four locks without putting a single mark on her, then its down to the owner.

Here's hoping for a great season this year and with luck good weather.

Until the next time
Peter Osborne,
River Thames correspondent

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OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

Bourne End and Wooburn Girlguides

Our girls are looking forward to their summer term with programmes packed full of adventures and activities that will see them exploring the world around them and preparing for their camping trips and pack holidays.

To start the term they planned their coronation parties looking back over the history of our royal heritage as well as the history of Girlguiding looking at how we can prepare ourselves for the changing future.

We have a rocky future ahead for two of our units and it's looking likely that they will have to close in September. We are now so short on leaders and helpers that we are potentially having to close one of our Brownie units.

We lost one unit over lockdown which would only leave us with one Brownie unit for 24 girls serving all of Bourne End and Wooburn. We have 48 girls currently and 30+ Rainbows looking for places over the coming years, so it is really critical to find new helpers and leaders. If you can spare a couple of hours on a Tuesday evening please can you get in contact.

Our older girls are also ready to move on from Guides - they need to set up their own Rangers Unit (14yrs old+) but also need two adults to help them do this. They don't have to meet each week, but do need the support and guidance of their own leadership team.

If you want to find out more, please come along to a meeting and see what they get up to. Perhaps you have a skill or knowledge that you could share (cooking, crafts, DIY, Digital media etc). You'd be surprised at what they want to know about and how welcoming they'd be for a little bit of your time.

Just email bourneenddistrictguides@gmail.com or go to girlguiding.org.uk to the volunteer section, or call me, Claire - District Commission and Guide Leader, on 07970 024842 for a chat (happy to have coffee too).

If you have any other ideas on how we find and attract volunteers we'd also be happy to hear from you - any help in any area is so welcome.

1st Wooburn Scout Group

The Easter break is now long gone with chocolate polished off. The last couple of months have been busy with community activities in addition to our usual evening meetings.

First was a talk at the Wooburn Green Residents Association meeting in April. Then it was the St George's day parade in Marlow on Sunday April 23. Our three sections joined the rest of the Marlow district groups in parading down the High Street. A wonderful and colourful sight to see. Maybe you were there in the crowd? Third was the Coronation lunch on Sunday May 7, where we manned the barbecue stand keeping everyone fed.

We also held a group camp at Youldbury (Oxford) in April with 34 of our young people from all three sections, plus leaders and helpers, having a great time doing loads of activities including: abseiling, Jacobs ladder tower, leap of faith, aerial trek, climbing, water rockets, archery, 3G swing, fencing and more.

We will be on The Green in Wooburn Green for the Summer fête on Sunday June 17 (hoping for Sun!).

We will be running the well-priced barbecue and offering tea, coffee and squash. There will also be

some entertaining games for you to have a go at. Come and meet us there.

If you are in need of a space for a birthday party or similar celebration, our well-kept hall is available for hire at very reasonable rates.

Get in touch through our website <https://wooburn.wixsite.com/wooburnscouts> or www.hallshire.com (search Wooburn Green Scout Headquarters).

Do you have children and want them to be more active, learn new skills and meet new friends? We'd love to have them come and join our group at the Watery Lane Scout Hall (HP10 ONE).

All our sections are open to both boys and girls, with ages being Beavers (6 - 8 years old), Cubs (8 - 10 ½) and Scouts (10 ½ - 14 years old). If this is of interest, get in contact in one of the following ways: Go to our website and contact the sections directly <https://wooburn.wixsite.com/wooburnscouts> Come and speak to us on the 17th at the fête. Email the Group Scout Leader wooburngreengsl@gmail.com

Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

National Demonstrator David Ryland travelled from Cumbria to Bourne End for our April meeting. He wowed members and visitors alike, in the packed May Wollerton Hall at the community centre, with his impressive floral designs using beautiful colourful plant materials for his Floral Fantasia.

Stephanie Peniket will have given Wanderlust for our demonstration in May and Rekha Naidoo will provide Inspiration of India for our meeting on Tuesday June 6.

However, we are changing our usual format from evening meeting to the afternoon on Tuesday July 4, as we have a special afternoon tea party with flowers and entertainment, at Bourne End Community Centre from 2.30 to 4.30pm.

This will be to celebrate the Diamond Anniversary, 60 years, of Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society. Tickets for this pre-booked only event: £10 members, £15 visitors, available at our June meeting, or for further information please contact club secretary Liz Payne 01628 476641.

No meeting in August, but monthly evening demonstrations resume from September 5 and first Tuesday of the month thereafter 7.30 for 8pm start.

Marlow and District Railway Society

We were honoured to welcome the Managing Director of Great Western Railway (who also happens to be our President), Mark Hopwood, to our meeting on March 16.

His talk was entitled 'Getting Over Covid, Strikes and Christmas'. We certainly had got over Covid and Christmas by then but sadly not the strikes. In fact, a strike that very evening prevented him from attending in person, so he 'zoomed in' instead.

It is pleasing that the following month we recorded our biggest attendance at the community centre since we re-started post pandemic. Richard Crane gave us a splendid talk about the Master Cutler, a famous Sheffield to London train that for many years passed through the Chilterns on its way to Marylebone, on tracks that have long since gone.

Coming up we have a fantastic double bill. Firstly, a big local anniversary is going to be celebrated when we toast 150 years of the Marlow Donkey. On Thursday June 15 Mike Walker will be looking at the highs and lows of both the trains and the line which opened as the Great Marlow Railway in 1873.

There will be yet more local interest on Thursday July 20 when David Lane covers the story of the building of the first section of the Wycombe Railway between Maidenhead and High Wycombe. Both these talks are not to be missed.

Meetings are free to society members, but we welcome visitors who pay just £3 at the door. All meetings start at 7.30pm and can also be watched at home via Zoom if you find it hard to get out. More information is available on the society's website - www.mdrs.org.uk.

Bourne End Horticultural Society

We will be offering the popular Bring a Rose Social Evening on Thursday June 15 in St Dunstons Hall at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Please bring your favourite bloom to be put on display together with a plate of sweet or savoury food to share.

Ray Broughton will be speaking on July 20 about '80 Things You Didn't Know About Horticulture'. Please come to join us -- you will be made very welcome.

For further details about our friendly society, our speakers, events and trips please see our website behorticultural.co.uk or our Facebook page.

Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association

Just a few lines this month as our big news will be on our return from Octeville, where we are to renew the Twinning Charter after 20 years of friendship: what an achievement. We expect to host the CJO here in 2024.

Plans for future events will be notified to all subscribed members.

If you would like to join us or find out more, please contact our Chairman, Wilma Johnston Ball,

will6j@virginmedia.com, 07801 600 253, or Wendy Langford, langfordw22@gmail.com, 07428 004417. We hope to see you soon.

Sarah's Angels fundraising

Sarah's Angels (aka Mankind's barbers) plan a fund raising event in August to raise money for Breast Cancer Research. Their Big Paddle will be downstream on the River Thames from Dorchester to Bourne End -- a total of 40 miles -- hoping for a calm river as their paddle boarding skills will be challenged by the distance.

The ladies have been saddened by the death of Sarah who at 40 had been a fellow Mankind barber for 15 years and a friend of Gillian's for over 20 years. Sarah leaves two young children and her death from breast cancer affected everyone at Mankind. Now they plan something special to raise funds in her memory.

More details in the August/September issue on how you can be involved in this tribute to Sarah.

Perhaps join them for their final paddling mile? Back on dry land in Bourne End they plan a fundraising celebration.



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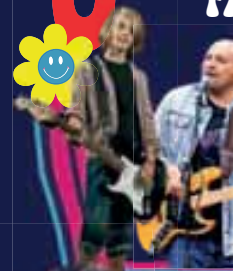
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JUNE

- 1 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
 - 1 Thur The Hedsor Jazz Club every Thursday, start time 8.30pm (until 11pm), admission £10, The Hedsor Club, Hedsor Road, Bourne End
 - 2 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
 - 4 Sun Hidden Treasures Antique and Vintage Fair at the centre 9am to 3pm
 - 5 Mon Short Mat Bowls in the community centre 7.15pm – and every Monday and Tuesday (except first Tuesday of each month) New Members Welcome. See poster page 19
 - 6 Tues Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society demonstration by Rekha Naidoo 'Inspiration for India'. See their report opposite
 - 6 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the community centre. Admission £8. See poster p19
 - 9 Fri AGM of the Bourne End Community Association at 7.45pm in the Eghams Room
 - 9 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
 - 10 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in and around the community centre
 - 10 Sat Family Fun Day and Summer Fair at Wooburn Green Primary School from midday to 4pm. See their poster page 27
 - 11 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. Call 07595 397184 or 07956 122505 info@dance2salsa.co.uk www.dance2salsa.co.uk
 - 13 Tue Short Mat Bowls in the community centre 7.15pm – and every Monday and Tuesday (except first Tuesday of each month) New Members Welcome. See poster page 19
 - 16 Fri Author talk at Bourne End Library Quentin Falk will be interviewing author Carolyn Mayling. See the library report page 28
 - 16 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
 - 17 Sat Wooburn Fete from midday to 4pm on The Green. See their poster page 25
 - 17 Sat Claytonbury Family Festival at Claytons Primary School from 1pm to 9pm. See their poster opposite
 - 17 Sat Laughing Chilli presents a Comedy Night at the community centre with a line-up of acts from the UK comedy circuit. Doors and bar open at 7.30pm. Show 8.30pm. Tickets £15 www.laughingchilli.co.uk
 - 18 Sun Afternoon movie at the New Royalty Cinema at the community centre *Where the Crawdads Sing*. See poster p17
 - 19 Mon Farming in the Wooburns - Talk by Phil Pitcher, in the Wooburn Club, Wooburn Green at 8pm. See poster and info page 3
 - 22 Thur Bourne End and Wooburn Green School Reunion 1930/40/50s at the Spadeoak, Coldmoorholme Lane, at 11am. Anyone interested will be made very welcome.
 - 23 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
 - 24 Sat Hedsor Fair at Orchard Dean, Riversdale from midday to 4.30pm. See info page 13
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- Bucks Art Weeks from 10-25 June. See article on page 15 and look out for Open Studio signs**

JULY

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- 16 Sun Afternoon movie at the New Royalty Cinema at the community centre *Mary Poppins Returns*. See poster p17
- 18 Tues Centre Rock celebrates The Shadows. Musical evening at the community centre. See their poster page 19 for details and ticket info.
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THE FALCON QUIZ

Set and sponsored by The Falcon Pub, Wooburn Moor

Quizmaster Steve set this quiz and landlady, Katie Lamb, generously offers a meal for two at the pub (or a takeaway) as a prize for the winner. For your chance to win, send in your answers to the questions below by email to editor@targetmagazine.org.uk (with the subject line Falcon Quiz) or write down your answers and drop them in at the community centre. Don't forget to include your contact details. The winner will be picked at random from all the correct entries on the closing date Monday July 3. Have a go... if nobody gets all the answers the winner will be the person with the most correct answers. For this quiz all clues relate to pop duos.

- 1 Who had a hit with 'Young, gifted and Black'?
- 2 Which two Phil's had the 1985 hit 'Easy lover'?
- 3 Who did Serge Gainsbourg originally record 'Je t'aime' with?
- 4 Which duo is made up of Neil Tennant and Chris Lowe?
- 5 Which duo won Opportunity Knocks for a record seven weeks in 1973?
- 6 Charles and Eddie had a UK No1 with which song?
- 7 Who wrote Peter and Gordon's No1 hit 'A world without love'?
- 8 What were the first names of the Everly Brothers?
- 9 What was Wham's first UK No1?
- 10 Ike and Tina Turner's first UK top 10 hit was called?
- 11 Who duetted with Diana Ross on their hit 'Endless Love'?
- 12 Who had a 1981 hit with 'Ain't no pleasing you'?
- 13 What is the surname of 80s duo Mel and Kim?
- 14 What was the Pet Shop Boy's first UK No1?
- 15 Who had a hit with 'Something stupid' in 2001?
- 16 Who had a hit with their version of 'King of the Road' in 1990?
- 17 In 2003, who had a UK hit with 'Hey Ya'?
- 18 Who got to No 2 in the UK charts with 'Turn around'?
- 19 Which 80s duo had hits with 'Bedsitter' and 'What'?
- 20 Who had hits with 'We close our eyes' and 'King of wishful thinking'?

Answers to the April/May quiz:

- 1 Rolling pin 2 Pedal bin 3 Can opener 4 Sieve 5 Cocktail sticks 6 Gravy boat 7 Cereal 8 Breadboard
9 Detergent 10 Egg timer 11 Cruet 12 Ham sandwich 13 Saucepan 14 Cheese grater 15 Larder 16 Saucer
17 Knife 18 Microwave 19 Jug 20 Deep fat fryer
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