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STILL ON TARGET AND CELEBRATING OUR 60th VOLUME

It's a massive year for **TARGET** magazine as we publish this, our first issue in our 60th volume of the magazine. Much has changed locally over the last 60 years but **Target** has remained a constant...dropping through everyone's letterbox every two months to bring you truly local stories about local events and people and keeping everyone in touch with each other. As we looked back over past issues we were amazed to see our 60th volume message for this community magazine is still basically the same as it was in volume one and below we reproduce the editorial from that launch issue...

"This is the first issue of a magazine designed to provide the members of our Bourne End community with a regular medium to keep you in touch with local activities, and also give you the opportunity to express your views and interests. Being our first attempt there are many details which may require a little reshaping, but like all things, in the beginning they were not perfect.

The association committee, when deciding that 'The Target' should be produced, were faced with a big decision, whether or not a charge should be made to the reader? In view of the support by the local retailers and tradesmen, who with their advertisements have paid for the publication, the committee felt that it would be better to give the first edition free to all local residents. This does not mean that we are no longer eager to raise funds towards our centre, on the contrary, but it is equally important that you are kept informed of our progress, and in knowing more about each other it is hoped we shall gain your greater support.

In each edition we hope to provide a talking point for everyone. If you have any ideas you would like included please let us know. The editorial team have worked very hard to produce this first edition and I am sure you will provide their reward by giving 'The Target' your full support.

Our articles are designed to be modern, they may appear to be controversial, but they are not intended to offend. We hope you enjoy these pages, we hope you will send us your letters which we will print with your permission, we hope you will join with us in making 'The Target' your magazine as well as ours."

Some things might have changed over those 60 volumes, today we are grateful for donations from our readers as advertising has faced challenges from social media. **Target** has grown and is still packed with information about the community and its people. That message rings as true now as it did then.

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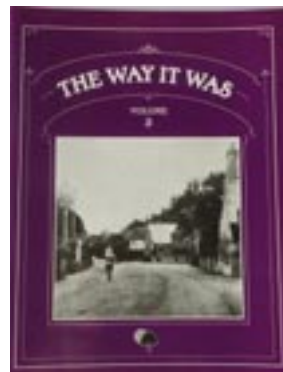
There's a team of 120-plus people who receive a bundle of **Target** magazines then go out and deliver them to local homes. In total they deliver 5,000 magazines six times a year.

Target is always happy to say 'thank you' and now an unexpected treasure has provided the chance to say thank you with a gift. With this issue each distributor received a copy of the book of old photographs called 'The Way It Was' produced by Bourne End Residents Association.

An unexpected supply of books means that these great volunteers can browse local views dating back to

the start of the 1900s. At the same time the small team of volunteers who deliver the bundles will also receive their own copy of the book, as well as those who volunteer to create the bundles from the printer's large boxes of magazines.

Target needs more volunteers to ensure that this magazine reaches you. Read our appeal on page 4.



ALSO IN THIS ISSUE:

Heartfelt tributes to Dave Gibson
See page 7



Bourne End scenes captured in joyful colour
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Meet the first Target Hero page 10



Presented to:

Roger Young and residents of Brent Road, as well as members of the Orchard House Social Club

With grateful thanks for their festive donation to Target magazine from their Christmas Raffle

Celebrating 60 volumes of Target magazine



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WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Caroline Meechan

So, the Christmas and New Year festivities are behind us but, for some, our stomachs are a reminder in front of us.

Good luck with your New Year resolutions of getting fit, exercising more etc.

Thank you to everyone who supported us in 2023 - whether at the Village Fête in June, the duck race at Parkfest in September or at our Christmas event on The Green at the end of November.

Our Christmas event was a huge success and an extra special thank you to all the elves who worked so hard to make this happen.

As you are probably aware by now, we meet bi-monthly in the Wooburn Club on the second Monday of the month.

Our aim is to protect the beautiful villages that make up the Wooburns, which means we keep a close eye on planning applications, consultations on proposed changes and anything else that could impact the quality of life here – without being averse to good changes which are also known as progress.

Come along and hear more about what we do – get involved – it is more fun than Facebook.

Our meetings are in the private room at the back of the Wooburn Club but still with access to the subsidised bar.

We also organise talks for the months between meetings which we hope will be of interest to residents.

We are delighted to announce that our February talk will be from someone representing Medical Detection Dogs.

These dogs do amazing work – identifying when people may be suffering with serious illness which has not yet been diagnosed and supporting people who are suffering with chronic illness – you can learn more about their work at www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk

It promises to be a very interesting event – Monday February 19 – 8pm at the Wooburn Club. It is free of charge but there is an opportunity to donate to this cause, should you so wish.

Other planned speakers for 2024 include the Thames Valley Air Ambulance, Swan Lifeline and we will be repeating our local history talk at some point during the year.

Our next meeting is on Monday March 11. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram to keep up to date with news and events – search for Wooburn Residents' Association and you will find us.

Alternatively our website is www.wooburnresidents.org.uk

**Wooburn Residents'
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Next Meeting:
Monday March 11
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MARLOW'S UNIQUE CULINARY EXPERIENCE

An exciting culinary event in our neighbouring town, Marlow, may be of interest to local foodies.

Marlow Tastes, the town's exclusive safari supper, enables diners to sample gourmet food while helping charities that support families in need of help.

The three-course mystery tour of some of the town's finest restaurants was introduced on a limited scale last April and was a resounding success. Places were sold out within a few weeks and the evening raised £8,000 for charity.

This year Marlow Tastes plans to double in size to enable around 400 food-lovers to sample the culinary delights of eight of Marlow's top restaurants. But the mystery is, they won't know which three restaurants they will be eating in until they arrive for each course.

A choice of menus will be offered a few weeks before the supper to include dietary needs and preferences. Then the adventure begins with a drinks and canape reception at All Saints Church in Marlow on Tuesday, April 30.

The event is being hosted by Marlow Thames Rotary Club and will support two leading charities: Marlow United Charities which supports struggling local families, and Parkinsons UK. Further funds will be distributed to other charities supported by Rotary.

Restaurants taking part are the Compleat Angler Riverside restaurant, La Cantina del Vino, Cote Brasserie, The Ivy Marlow Garden, Lavvin, The Marlow Bar and Grill, The Oarsman and Suum Kitchen.

The cost of the reception and the three courses is £65 and you can book via Marlowtastes.menu

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UPDATE by Stuart Wilson

Keep Bourne End Green and your local Buckinghamshire councillors continue to monitor developments on all fronts through the winter months.

As ever, we encourage you to keep up to date with any news through the various communication channels such as the Keep Bourne End Green and Buckinghamshire Councillors for the The Wooburns, Bourne End and Hedsor Facebook groups. I would also recommend the Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council Facebook page.

Slate Meadow (Policy BE1 in the Wycombe Local Plan, 146 dwellings), which has full planning consent, has seen work suspended for some time.

We have been informed that this is due to archaeological surveys and

sampling and this has been delayed due to the adverse weather. Work is still expected to resume shortly.

Hollands Farm (Policy BE2, proposed at 432 dwellings) has moved on little since the last *Target* was published. As a reminder, this allocated site is presently subject to one application for the majority of the site and two applications for the northern part of the site, known as Jacksons Field, offering alternative access points.

Catesby Estates (planning application 21/06215/OUTEA, approximately 80% of the site) has updated its ecological surveys at the request of the council's ecology officer. The latest position is a request for further work to be done on badger surveys.

Capreon's applications (23/06479/OUTEA and 23/07579/OUTEA), are differentiated by the proposed access points. These are either via Princes Road or via Bridgestone Drive.

Residents have been sending in their responses to the consultation and are strongly encouraged to either send in initial responses and updates as further information from the applicant or statutory consultees is placed on the planning portal.

At the time of writing, there have been objections and requests for further information from Natural England as well as the council's ecology and archeology officers.

Policy BE2 and the Hollands Farm Development Brief require a link road to be built from the Cores End roundabout via Princes Road through the development to exit at the Hollands Farm exit onto (Upper) Hedsor Road.

This would require the existing Cores End roundabout to be moved and reprofiled to become a four-arm roundabout at a cost of £1.5m to £2m for a potential developer.

The two promoters are therefore proposing alternative access options that might avoid this cost, including access via Millboard Road directly and/or via Bridgestone Drive.

This was never envisaged as the primary access in the planning policy documents and Highways Development Management have noted this in their objection to the applications.

Buckinghamshire councillors met with the council's Highways Development management team and were reassured that the applicants will be held to the planning policies and are required to submit additional transport modelling and highways proposals. At the time, it was described as weeks or months before this becomes available.

Finally, we were delighted that a new planning application for the woodland at Fieldhead Gardens (23/07458/OUT) was refused by Buckinghamshire Council planning officers in accordance with the decisions by a previous planning inspector.

After the excessive destruction of the woodland earlier in the year, planning enforcement have been completing their investigation and the matter is with the council's legal team.

As your Buckinghamshire councillors, we continue to press for a full prosecution of those who authorised and perpetrated this wilful vandalism.

As ever, we are thankful to all residents and community groups for your support. Please keep an eye on our Facebook groups noted above and do get in touch if you have any questions.

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Six times a year, for a few hours, *Target* distribution needs an extra pair of hands.

Due to health problems one of the regular bundle distributors can no longer take the bundles along the Marlow Road, into Well End then Little Marlow. A

replacement is needed to take on this role. Can you help?

Obviously a car driver and free on a Friday afternoon, or Saturday morning if the weather is dreadful, this person has to drop a bundle at a number of addresses in the above area. It doesn't take long so please consider if you could help six times a year. Then get in touch.

Below are the remaining dates for 2024 – one is a Thursday to avoid delivering on Good Friday. Full details will be provided about where to leave each bundle and someone from *Target* distribution will be a phone call away for any queries. Please contact Barrie Penfold on 01628 525415 if you can help.

Remaining dates for 2024: Thursday 28 March, Friday 31 May, Friday 26 July, Friday 27 September and Friday 29 November.

EXTRA HANDS NEEDED!

Target distribution also needs more help with bundling the magazine. Just six times a year but it has to be on the above dates and between 10am and midday. It's fun but just needs an extra pair of hands to cover when anyone is unwell or on holiday. Getting the magazine out into local homes is vitally important and it's a job that has to be done within a certain timeframe. Dates above and if you could help please ring Barrie on the above telephone number.






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with Sylvia Bourhill

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- There has been a cut in National Insurance contributions starting in 2024 - If you are employed and a basic rate taxpayer, you will pay national insurance at a rate of 10% from 6 January 2024, down from 12%. This will save

the average employee £450 a year, according to the Treasury. If you work for yourself, you will pay 8% from 6 April 2024, down from 9%.

- VAT on period pants has been scrapped - As of 1 January 2024, women will save up to £2 on a £12 pair of period pants as the government scraps VAT on the underwear. This follows the end of the tampon tax in January 2021.
- HMRC is now checking how much money online traders are now making on selling items online - as of 1 January 2024, online marketplaces such as eBay, Etsy, and Vinted are now required to report how much income sellers are making to HMRC to see if it correlates with people's tax returns they have submitted. This only applies if you buy to resell or make to sell, it does not include anything that is your own property that you are selling to get rid of.

- Child benefit is now online for new parents - child benefit was first launched 47 years ago and up until recently you had to fill out a paper form, post it, and wait up to 16 weeks for the first payment. Now there is an online claim form available for new parents which

takes approximately 10 minutes to fill in and could see the first payment made within three days.

- 2023/2024 will be the transition year for Basis Period Reform - in your next tax return (year ending 2023/2024) you will be taxed on the profits from BOTH this year AND the remaining months from the date of your trading year end up to 5 April 2024. If your TRADING year is the same as the TAX year, then there is no change.
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Stella was born on 16 September 1959 at the Canadian Red Cross Hospital in Taplow and was the second child for Josie and Gerald Gore. Home was in Chalklands before moving to Highfield Road.

Stella went to Westfield School before moving onto Claytons in Wendover Road. Bourne End was the centre of her life and she had a happy and active childhood with many local friends.

When Stella was 12 she got her first Saturday job at a local hairdressers and this was to develop into her chosen career when she took an apprenticeship at Langley College. It proved useful when, with a growing family, Stella was able to provide a mobile hairdressing service.

Stella was just 16 when, with her parents, she met Clive Gwilliam at the Walnut Tree pub and these childhood sweethearts did not look back after this first encounter.

They married in 1979, when Stella was 19, at Little Marlow Church and finally settled into their family home back in Bourne End in July 1985.



Their first daughter Laura was followed by David then, some years later, Chloe was born in 1994 to complete the family.

A chance meeting with a school friend who suggested that Stella might like to take up running as a hobby resulted in her joining Handy Cross Runners.

Stella became part of this kind, supportive, group and took part in running events over the years.

She was a familiar sight as she ran the footpaths around the area she loved.

Eventually she ran marathons in London, Brighton and Bournemouth along with virtual marathons during Covid to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital where grandson Harrison was being treated.

Her last marathon was in October 2021 before she became ill.

Stella loved her family and grandchildren. She was loving, warm and kind to all she met with a wonderful laugh and a great sense of humour.

She died on January 3. RIP

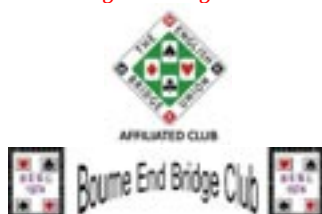
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Bourne End Bridge Club has compiled some of the best quiz questions which have appeared in **English Bridge**. Try this one set by **Julian Pottage**. You are sitting West. What should you bid on the given auction at match-pointed pairs, love all?

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Julian Pottage gives his answer on page 10

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Remembering...

Dave Gibson 1949 – 2023



Dave Gibson was born in 1949 in Farnham Royal, was educated locally then started an apprenticeship with Coopers Payen (later becoming Federal Mogul) in Slough where he stayed until he took early retirement.

The company specialised in gaskets,

seals and bolts with Dave initially trained to be a toolmaker then moving on to design. Dave was renowned for his ability to make something that proved a solution to a problem.

As a young man he enjoyed youth hosting, playing hockey and riding. As a musician and showman he watched Morris Dancers and decided that he could do that.

He only stepped down from dancing with Ellington Morris Men a year ago after being part of their 50th anniversary celebrations, but he continued to play the melodeon and Bodhran for them until earlier this year.

He met Susan, his future wife, at a riding event in the stables where she worked and he had already had lessons. Dave's life was always active and involved, just the way he liked it to be. He competed regularly on Susan's horse Orlando and he joined the Wooburn Saddle Club learning course building, judging events and later becoming chairman.

As an actor and singer, he would happily sing, take a role or just be a vital pair of hands backstage.

On arrival of daughter AJ, Dave was roped in for taxi duties as she started being involved in local

theatre and shows.

His first involvement with the community centre was taking a role in 'South Pacific' in which AJ already had a part. Dave then became a permanent member of the Operatic Society. He also set about organising their costumes backstage from chaos to order.

In 2015 Dave joined the Executive Committee of the community association and started working on stage and hall lighting.

Countless other roles followed as he would think, then say, 'no problem, I can do that'. Every job would be done with a smile and a willingness to get things done, improve and progress, then make necessary updates in a community centre built in 1968.

Dave will be missed by so many. Our sympathy goes to wife Susan, daughter AJ and family. We will all miss his smile along with his willingness to help. Thank you, Dave. RIP



John Timewell (Carol Concert) says:

It was only this year, when Dave was sadly not with us, that we realised just how great was his contribution to Bourne End's annual Carol Concert. Those who attended regularly will have become accustomed to seeing Dave in the back row, with the other basses, thoroughly enjoying singing along. He loved the event and worked tirelessly to ensure its success.

No matter how early we arrived for rehearsal, Dave was already there with the piano in position, 30 chairs in place, so that we could begin on time. Traditionally, each member of the choir provides a box of the mince pies that would be offered to the audience during the interval. Dave took responsibility for collecting these, reminding us, gently but firmly, if we were late producing our contribution.

It was, however, on the day of the performance that Dave really came into his own. All members of the choir are asked to help prepare the hall for the concert. Unless we arrived early, Dave would already be there, cheerfully putting the rostra in place, moving the piano and getting chairs out for choir and audience. Having the correct lighting for the choir was almost an obsession for Dave, and he would constantly be checking that everyone could see without being dazzled.

His place in the performance was at the end of the row so that he could be last in and first out, checking that the small hall was locked securely. Always last to the bar after the concert, Dave ensured that everything was put away correctly, the hall left clean and tidy, the music folders stored safely, and all the lights switched off.

The audience always expressed their appreciation of the choir, not realising just how much of that appreciation should have been directed at Dave. Thank you, Dave - the Carol Concert will never be the same again.

Graham Hyde (Musical Man) says:

Dave Gibson was an active member of Bourne End Operatic Society when I first met him. I was a member of Forum Players involved with sound effects and music and we occasionally compared backstage notes. Dave however was a performer and I think my first memory of

him on stage was in a production of the Pirates of Penzance – if I recall correctly – as a policeman.

Moving forward past the Millennium celebrations, Dave became more involved with Forum Players taking over the duties of lighting engineer and we had many happy evenings together at the back of the hall coordinating light and sound. To be fair, Dave was a sound engineer in his own right assisting with his daughter AJ's musical activities – including lighting for a close harmony group who, in my opinion, were outstanding.

As the new Millennium progressed, I began to take my guitar playing more seriously and have been most grateful to Dave over the years for his expertise on the lighting desk for a number of shows in the May Woollerton Hall involving various bands. I'm not sure that Dave really shared my enthusiasm for Cliff Richard and the Shadows, but I clearly recall him lighting the back of the stage so that we first appeared in silhouette playing the introduction to Apache which was very effective.

Even more recently, I have worked closely with Dave to bring Shadows music and Rock and Roll to the bar. The formula arrived at has proved to be very popular with the audiences and without Dave's enthusiasm and commitment these events might never have happened. Dave had an interest in a wide range of music and was keen to be involved at every level. We will all miss Dave very much.

Wendy Keeble (Forum Players) says:

Dave was a great supporter of Forum Players both on the Stage Committee and setting up and operating the lights and sound for our productions. This was mainly for panto and he was very patient when we threw 'can we do this?' or 'can this light be changed?' at him. He was very knowledgeable about all the technical things at the centre; a lovely man who helped us in so many ways.

Elaine Baudouin (Bourne End Musical Players) says:

Dave Gibson will be sorely missed by Bourne End Musical Players. His first show was in 1995 as Henry, a native servant in South Pacific. He threw himself into the show and everything else from the very beginning, whether it be helping with scenery, organising lighting, props, building sets or working backstage. The next year his young daughter AJ joined him and has been involved ever since.

Dave joined the committee in 2000 and was chairman from 2002. From 2016 to 2023 he was treasurer of the Operatic Society, now called Bourne End Musical Players. In 2009 Bourne End Operatic Society changed their name hoping to attract younger members and several shows were organised by Dave and AJ Gibson with various friends.

Between 2006 and 2011 we held a show a year in the garden of Magnolia House, raising money for Scannappeal. Many of these shows involved our players and each time Dave and Susan Gibson ran the bar and helped with the shows (Dave also performing in some). His help was invaluable and always freely given. As you will see from John Timewell's tribute, he was instrumental in organising many of the annual Carol Concerts.

Margaret Fleming, another long standing member, said that any society would indeed count themselves most fortunate to have someone like Dave Gibson as one of their members.

Dave was exceptional. If anything needed to be done, Dave would be there offering his very able assistance. He was truly remarkable and well liked by us all.

And a final tribute from former member Larry Hurst now living in USA: "I recall Dave, as a kind, gentle soul".





What a frosty start to 2024. Winter well and truly decided to join us after Christmas. We hope you have been keeping safe on the ice out there and hopefully spring is on the horizon before too long.

We are excited to be able to share our new website with you after months of building and organising, so please do take a look and let us know what you think. Our monthly newsletter can be accessed via our Google Drive, or sent straight to your inbox when you sign up. Enter your email address on our website and keep up to date.

The annual Christmas tree chipping recycling service has been a success once again this year. We chipped more than 1,200 trees from around the parish, so thank you to anybody who came to drop their tree off or booked in with Child Bereavement UK for a collection.

The chippings will be used around the parish in the coming months.

Our policy is such that we try not to affect

wildlife that may be nesting in trees/bushes/hedges around the parish, but necessary hedge and tree works is now underway.

While admiring the locality, you may have noticed that we have erected a Commemorative Coronation slate tablet for King Charles III on The Green, complete with a plaque to mark the occasion.

We continue to attend the Bourne End community market every second Saturday of the month, so please come and speak to us.

Alternatively, we will once again be opening up the office for our Open House evenings. We'd love to hear your opinions and ideas on all things Wooburn and Bourne End. If you are able to attend any of these informal meetings with your local parish council team we'd be extremely happy to welcome you.

The first Open House of 2024 will be held at the parish council offices on Tuesday February 20 from 5pm to 7pm.

Complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits will

be available.

In addition to these Open House evenings, the parish council meeting schedule for 2024 is available to view on our website and Facebook.

We hope to welcome many more members of the public through our doors this year, so please come along to any meetings that may be of interest to you.

We look forward to another year and hope to be able to speak with a lot more of you in the year to come.

Please continue to report any issues you see within the parish to us as we can only help if we are made aware - either email (clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk), contact us via our website

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Blyton House activities

Keeping active, enjoying new ideas and endeavouring to push through the dark days of winter into spring provided the idea of a weekly activity session for residents of Blyton House on The Parade in Bourne End. Now an enthusiastic group meets every week on a Thursday afternoon.

With a lovely lounge at their disposal the group of residents discussed lots of ideas then started with bingo as a definite. "It's very popular, lots of fun, gets your brain working and you would be surprised how quickly some residents can work their way through a card. The shout of 'house' is thrilling."

Art was another choice for the residents as it would suit all levels of skill and the artists could learn from each other, along with a skilled resident. And you would be surprised how skills have increased after a little trial and error.

Again, it is fun and sociable as there's a cuppa at the end of the session while artists discuss the

challenges and their achievements.

Knitting has been another regular event as blankets are made for charity. It's a chance to catch up on news, discuss the state of the world and just have a laugh.

Left:
Maria's
still life.
Below:
working
hard.
Top row:
enjoying
the bingo



Many blankets have been made over the years and the residents are pleased to be able to help.

'Keeping your fingers moving' is the therapy but just getting together is the fun element.

Alternate Thursdays it's Maria's Art Class with her regular challenge and how to achieve it.

This project was *Still Life* and it was all about the right proportions between the different objects.

Still, there was plenty of laughter and Gordon reckoned his picture was worth hundreds.

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Orchard House Social Club provides fun and entertainment for residents and members living in Brent Road.

At the same time it supports two charities; one is Macmillan Cancer Support and the other is *Target Magazine*.

The magazine is very grateful for the proceeds from the social club's Christmas Raffle. So this year it was time to call in and see the action on an afternoon just before Christmas.

Raffle prizes and hampers filled a long table and each had a magic number. Everyone had been busy making things look good for the event with friends and family roped in to organise the huge glittery hampers.

Raffle tickets were laid out and it was time to draw the first number. The winner then had to draw another ticket giving the magic number for the prize.

"That's a fair way of doing things," organiser Roger Young told *Target*, "otherwise all the top prizes go too quickly." He was correct, as one of the big hampers remained when most of the prizes had been taken.

It was fun, lots of laughs and great delight when the oldest resident won one of the top prizes. It was a lovely afternoon on a grey day with all the prizes generously donated by local shops and companies.

While *Target* magazine benefitted from a donation of £232 it was time to present Roger and the other members with the first **Target Hero Award**.

These will be a feature of 2024 as the magazine celebrates its 60th volume.

We will be presenting Hero award certificates to



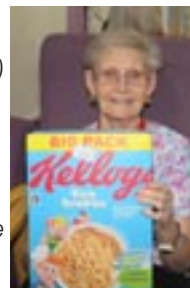
those we feel have made a contribution towards the continuing success of this community magazine.

This may be by means of sponsorship or fundraising or through their support with the production and/or distribution of *Target*.

Look out for the next Target Hero in the April/May issue.



Our photos show (above left) Roger Young with his award, (far left) a super hamper, (below right) a delicious fruit and veg prize, (bottom) a top prize hamper for the oldest resident (right) a snap crackle and popping prize.



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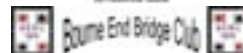
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Each of these models is a work of art – down to the very last detail – and each one has been exhibited at international events.

It's hardly surprising that Peter has become a personality just as his beautiful collection has gained a total of 34 cups, trophies and models. Throughout Peter remains the same polite, carefully spoken man with a quick sense of humour.

But Peter was astounded when his interview with Frank and Jan Warrender for the Carriage

Association of America's magazine *The Carriage Journal* in their October 2023 issue proved to be a publishing coup.

Through nine pages the writers enthused about his detailed fine work, the accuracy, the materials and the sheer skill of a craftsman.

When a copy of the magazine arrived Peter found himself turning page after page of pictures and information about his Royal collection. "It was a wonderful surprise" was his initial reaction "I don't think I have ever had such a dedicated feature about the carriages before."

Peter was delighted to see that his support of the RNLI had been mentioned as his preferred charity. Any money he has received from exhibiting the Royal collection always goes to them.

Just like the actual carriages Peter applies many thin coats of paint, in the matching colour, then

finishes with a thin coat of varnish to give the wonderful mirrored effect the real carriages have. Even the wheels and tyres are true to the original carriages with the same number of spokes – different front to back – that are fitted separately.

At the end of these dedicated pages the writers finish with this statement: "It is outstanding to consider how many hours have been spent producing these ten Royal Coach models. Superlatives are easy and correct to use to explain workmanship, but they do not explain the thought and process each model has demanded, or the wonder at the dexterity and total commitment until the job is finished. It is our delight that these models are here for us to view and marvel."

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UPPER THAMES SAILING CLUB report by Tony Kettley

Upper Thames Sailing Club membership remains strong, with the first year of Covid being a boom year, for obvious reasons. People couldn't travel far and were looking for outdoor activities that were close to home.

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The management team realised the club

should reduce the cost of entry to the sport by providing club-owned equipment to get people into the sport and ensure that there were no barriers to getting people on the water.

Also, training is essential if people are going to get the full benefit from their membership. The club is recognised by the RYA as a training centre and has the enviable status of 'British Youth Sailing Recognised Club'.

It isn't by chance that the club was established at this point on the river. A hundred and forty years ago, when the founding members had the pick of the river, they chose Bourne End, the widest part of the river in the non-tidal section.

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Bourne End Library

Christmas and New Year seemed to pass quickly this year and now we're heading once again into spring. We're sure quite a few of our lovely customers enjoyed a little quiet time to themselves, curled up reading their latest books from the library.

We were really pleased to open the library once again as part of the Christmas Fun Night as there was a real festive atmosphere throughout the village and in the library as well.

Sue Croall, one of our crafty volunteers, ran a children's Christmas craft activity, which was a runaway success with more than 60 children taking part. It was so successful that we ran out of craft materials halfway through the night.

Sue will be running more craft sessions here for us throughout the year. Keep an eye out in the library and on our events and Facebook pages for details and be sure to book early.

The library team also worked hard to craft Christmas sculptures out of books destined to be thrown away as they were falling apart. They were used to decorate the library.

We also played host to the community association tombola, stalls from the local Women's Institute and the Forum Players. We were also serenaded by the Marlow Ukulele Group, who played a mix of festive tunes and other popular songs throughout the evening, keeping everyone entertained.

All in all, we had a very successful night with more than 300 people coming into the library, some for the very first time, and it was really great to see you all.

The Friends of Bourne End Library have had an incredibly successful year, with a variety of events under their belt including the ever popular quiz evenings, the recent 'Strictly Experience' which has been the talk of Marlow FM, and a talk by the one and only Robert Thorogood.

The money they've raised has gone towards updating the children's section of the library with a fabulously colourful new carpet, and they're currently working towards replacing a damaged panel of glass with a custom-made stained-glass design by a local artist.

They are also planning a cheese and wine evening in February and a quiz night in March, so keep an eye out for information in the library and on our Facebook page.

If you're interested in joining the Friends of Bourne End Library, or would like to know more, you're welcome to come along to the next committee meeting on Tuesday February 6 from 6-7pm.

The first week in March is Early Years Communications week which we will be celebrating in the library from March 4 to 8 as well as our normal storytime sessions hosted by our wonderful library volunteers.

Buckinghamshire Council's Early Years team is running a special story time in the library on March 7 at 10.30am, and we'll be giving out story sticker packs throughout the month.

If you fancy getting out and about with a little gentle exercise don't forget the 'Simply Walk' group meets every Wednesday morning at the library as a starting point.

There's lots happening in the library this spring, and the best way to stay up to date is by liking and following our Facebook page as details of what's going on are regularly updated there and on the library website.

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Charity fundraiser, Carol Bailey, reports that her Christmas Fayres in aid of Diabetes UK raised an impressive £1,162.

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Little Marlow Parish Council

By Jo Murray, parish clerk

Allotments available

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Geoffrey Moss Memorial Rose Bowl

Every year Little Marlow Parish Council presents the Geoffrey Moss Memorial Rose bowl to a resident of Little Marlow who, in their opinion, has given outstanding service to the community.

The rose bowl was gifted to the parish council for this purpose by Geoffrey Moss, a former county councillor and chairman of the parish council from 1975 to 1980.

In previous years, nominations have been made by councillors and the person with the most votes has been awarded the bowl.

However, we would like to cast the net widely — we are sure that there are a number of Little Marlow residents who are giving outstanding service to the community, but are just not known to us.

Councillors therefore decided that we need to recruit the help of residents in finding deserving candidates.

Who do you think would be a worthy recipient of the rose bowl and why?

Nominations are required to be received by Friday March 1 via email to: clerk@littlemarlowparishcouncil.org.uk

Venues available

If you looking for a venue to hold a birthday party, gathering or club, Abbotsbrook Hall and The Pavilion, Little Marlow, are both available to hire and offer great spaces and facilities.

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View the parish council meeting calendar and access meeting agendas via the website. Sign up on our website for our news alerts and to hear about what's happening in the parish.

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TAKE YOUR TARGET

A slightly different Take Your Target this time... no faces in the photos, but instead an incredible setting for your community magazine.

When community centre manager Paula Riley said she was off to Rome for a few days the instruction was to 'Take Your Target'.

Then Paula admitted that she didn't like photos of herself so Target has to make do with being put in front of wonderful artistic spectacles to show readers the magnificence of the city.

Paula confessed that she hadn't liked all the tourist attractions, but there was no doubt that Rome was special.

While Target might be slightly wobbly in the church picture, the fabulous painted ceiling immediately takes your eyes skywards.

Then Target was set perfectly in front of a beautifully lit nativity scene in one of the side altars before Paula was off to visit more ancient attractions in the Eternal City. Refreshed it was back to Bucks, the community centre and 2024.

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Smiling comes naturally at the sight of a painting by Bee Skelton. Her views of river life, the countryside, our towns and villages or our own homes shine



through as you go with the flow and share the joy. Water has inspired art through countless generations and Bee's pictures carry on the tradition.

Perhaps it's something to do with the ebb and flow of water that is captured when Bee puts paint onto canvas. Then she'll laugh at the thought and maybe nod an agreement. What's certain is her love of the River Thames as it meanders its way through the Thames Valley. "I move and bend with the flow of the paint, to tell happy stories," is her laughing retort.

Moving to live close to the River Thames was a happy circumstance for Bee and her husband some years ago.

Their son and his family were there and Bee found herself listening to local people's tales and memories that soon triggered her quirky, topsy-turvy colour paintings.

"I'm an artist who creates happy paintings of people and places along the River Thames in a colourful quirky style for folk who want joy in their lives" is the way Bee explains the attraction of her paintings.

At Lemon Tree Gifts on The Parade a customer spent time, with the occasional giggle, trying to

recognise people in the queue for the ferry to The Bounty.

A journey around her website – beeskelton.com - is a happy journey and you'll find lots of great gift ideas especially beautiful mugs with colourful scenes.

Go into Lemon Tree Gifts if you want to get close up to Bee's pictures and see some of her arty goodies. And she loves commissions especially those with a joyful story.

Bee studied fine art at the Cyprus College of Art, where she lived for several years, and the Open College of the Arts UK and she has work in private collections around the world.

Today she's a Thames Valley talent and her work aims for the simplicity seen in children's art.

"They have such innocence in the way they picture what's important to them. Our problem is trying to keep this joyous simplicity," is the way Bee sees it.

Pictured left to right, a painting commissioned by a Bourne End family, which features the river and Bourne End Bridge, a train moves along Bourne End Bridge and the ferry to the Bounty.



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The community centre will miss 'can do, will do' Dave Gibson

On page 7 of this issue you will see heartfelt tributes paid to Dave Gibson who died in December and who was actively involved locally. His involvement with Bourne End Community Centre is remembered here by Dave Foster – chairman of the community association

I worked alongside Dave since he joined the management team in 2007. He always contributed to the discussions in the meetings but, more importantly, he was a 'can do, will do', person.

As the chair of the stage team he was always looking for improvements or ways to cut running costs. Always willing to help out whether sorting out lighting for a stage production, setting up a microphone for fun night or just fixing something that had broken.

He always seemed happiest when doing something that drew on his engineering background.

When my predecessor as chair at the community centre retired and I took over in 2017 I was so pleased that Dave agreed to become vice-chair. We also worked together when the cinema started in 2018, the two Daves did the technical stuff for almost all of the screenings. We would set everything up and when happy that all was in order Dave would disappear to get his favourite Chinese lunch.

Alongside his 'can do, will do', approach there was always a laugh no matter what he was doing. These are the things I will miss the most. Thanks Dave for everything, you will be sorely missed.

Photo: Dave dressed patriotically for a Jubilee event.

Centre Bar Quiz

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ANGLING CLUB FROM THE WATER'S EDGE

Wishing you all good health and a new start for 2024. Here's an update on the last two matches of 2023. We all fished at Royal Berkshire in November although we struggled somewhat. Archie Rimmer won with 21lb 8oz, second was Jim West with 9lb 8oz and third was Neil Townsend with 6lb 8oz. Yours truly had the swim commonly known as the 'fridge' and it was well named as I was cold all day and the fish eluded me completely, obviously with more sense and in a warmer part of the lake.

In December we went to Finch Farm and it was our Christmas match. Another really cold day - I can only say that I moved from the 'fridge' in November into the 'freezer' in December. What is it that makes us go out to fish in these freezing conditions? Obviously some kind of fishing frenzy or is it brain freeze? However a small number did catch a few.

First was Archie Rimmer with 9lb, second was Cliff Edwards with 5lb 8oz and third was Neil Townsend with 1lb. It was a very hard day for fishing but the brave, or was it the foolhardy? turned out. The line was freezing as we sat there and I truly expected the fish to come out ready frozen. We made the best of it and laughed as we tried to put our frozen-solid keep nets away at the end of the match. Henry has been teaching his son too well as he won both of these matches. Well done Archie.

Our rest continues through February but will start again in March, when hopefully it will be warmer and certainly lighter. Then three more matches before the end of this season. As always, if you are interested in joining, you are welcome to guest at a match to get to meet us before the season starts again in June. We are always looking for new members and we are a very friendly club.

Until my next report, tight lines and warmest wishes

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FORUM PLAYERS **Wow! this panto rocks!** *Writes Barrie Penfold*

The name might say tradition, but Forum's *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* is for 2024 and it rocks. For a start, one of the seven dwarfs tops the six foot plus mark, but happily there's Sneezy and Sleepy in the traditional story mould. In fact they're all lovely and very colourful and they sing 'Hi ho, hi ho'.

Back to the beginning when Fairy Fortune and her gang set the scene. Well, they tell it how it is with attitude and these are mean fairies who can work magic. They are not to be messed with. Still on the mean front this panto boasts the Queen of Mean, although they call her Queen Avarice, and from the moment she struts onto the stage you know she means trouble in 'bold capitals'.

As always there has to be a dame and a sidekick. Audiences loved Edna Bucket, the Dame, and Chuckles the court jester. Then the dame and the queen steal the show with a brief mirror scene that is hilarious. Talking mirrors this one is inhabited by a gloriously dressed-in-gold-lame Merlin with a taste for rock.

Background settings are lovely and create every scene while the music links all the action. No surprise to see a gorilla - a must for every panto - and the usual slapstick. Some not-quite-matching costumes on Justice Quill and Scribbles and outrageous ones for the Dame. A few of the actors have more than more role and do both very well. But being honest the Queen stole the show every time she stepped on stage to loud boos.



Left to right: Rosie, Scarlett and Tegan



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vineyard secrets

By Penny Heyes

Did you do dry January?

Following dry January, many people re-consider their alcohol intake. This may include trying the zero alcohol beverages now on offer.

The younger generation (18-24 year olds) is, according to a recent government survey, drinking less alcohol (the wine, beer and spirit industry has known this for a while, as sales decline). As a result, there has never been so many alcohol free options available...but what is in them? Are they healthier?

Drinks marketed and sold as 'alcohol-free' are designed to be substitutes for alcoholic drinks like beer, wine, cider, or spirits.

As such, producers try to recreate the taste, look and feel of the alcoholic drink that they are emulating.

Packaging and advertising also tries to replicate those used for the alcoholic versions. Drinks low in alcohol are not necessarily healthier and are often packed with additives to make them taste better. They are often high in sugar too.

Alcohol-free drinks can actually contain a small amount of alcohol (up to 0.5% ABV), so not suitable if you want to avoid alcohol completely, or for children.

So, frankly, what is the point? I know – I would say that wouldn't I? Instead of substituting alcohol for alcohol free, I found I much prefer to drink

something totally different – in fact, water!

But I do prefer to drink good quality wine occasionally and certainly with a meal. Again, I would say that wouldn't I?

But it is true. By drinking better quality wine, we often find that customers end up drinking less and definitely feel fewer bad effects afterwards. So the message is: less is more.

As we head towards the next celebratory events, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and Easter, I have chosen a few select wines to savour.

For Valentine's Day, whether with friends, families or partners, sharing a meal and a glass of nice wine is a great way to celebrate together.

Classic choices for February 14 are bubbles and rosé. Regular readers of this column know that I am a great fan of English Sparkling Wines, Spanish Cava and Crémant. The fresher style that these offer, as against the toasty Champagnes, make them easier to drink and great as an aperitif.



Rosé is not a natural choice as a winter wine for me – more a hot summer day type of thing. But people like pink around Valentine's Day.

A Pinot Noir Rosé or a Grenache are good choices for the cooler weather. Sparkling and rosé make lovely gifts of course and with Mothering Sunday in early March, what could be better. Mothers would appreciate a glass of good wine to celebrate.

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NEWSLETTER

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THANK YOU

A very big thank you to all those who came and supported our stall at Bourne End Fun Night, we raised £420 for the club. Five prizes were handed out at the end of the event including the big hamper. It was a great night.

THUNDERBIRDS PROJECT

Keep an eye out this year for a new Community Benefit Scheme where people can invest in the pool project.

This will give an opportunity for local people and supporters to feel 'ownership' of this fantastic and exciting resource which is so much needed within our community. Check our website bejsc-swimmingpool.co.uk/funding-and-support/ to see how you can donate or help with funding. Together we can achieve this amazing goal.

TABLE TENNIS

The Heathrow League tournament held here in November was a great success. We had 20 Juniors representing us in all divisions one to six from age eight to 15, with excellent results. Our Alligators - top of the pile and Hyenas promoted to division one. Congratulations. It's good to report all groups are functioning well.

SWIMMING SECTION

Eighteen swimmers have achieved county consideration times for the 2024 Oxford and North Bucks County Championships held early in 2024. This means they've got the qualifying times, but are not guaranteed a place in the finals.

These are boys and girls aged from 10 to 19 years and include one Masters Swimmer (Jenny Roberts who swam for the club when younger). Showing team spirit while fundraising, around 15 swimmers and parents ran in the Marlow Santa Fun Run in December to raise funds for the club.

It was an enjoyable event with £701.25 raised at time of writing. This amount qualifies us to have a share in the Rotary Charity Pool so we are hoping to get it matched.

GOOD NEWS

Don't forget to choose our club in the Co-op Community Fund. Our cause is to help to improve people's mental wellbeing.

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INTERESTING STATISTICS

An exercise we did recently demonstrates how our club delivers sport to all our members.

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Section leaders, coaches, and helpers - (57 volunteers) give a total of 10,004 hours per year.

The grand total number of volunteers including trustees, section leaders and helpers at the club is 66 giving a total of 10,062 hours per year.

We have three part-time, paid staff for 120 hours/month totalling 1,440 hours per year. This means that 69 people give 12,024 hours which equals 174 hours per person per year for the benefit of our members and the local community.

CLIMBING SECTION

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Personal trainer's message to older adults

Ben Broadhead is a Bourne End-based personal trainer and he specialises in working with seniors both in care settings and privately. Ben has dedicated himself to the inclusion of older adults in the fitness space, encouraging them to participate despite their perceived limitations.

He recently published a book called '50 Exercises for Older Adults' and he posts articles on his website. As he is committed to helping seniors, *Target* thought Ben might like to answer a question posed by a reader. So to start here's the first:

Walking is vital but how do you take walks when the weather means you cannot go outdoors? Please don't suggest setting up a gym or treadmill in the spare bedroom, but there must be something an older person can do?

Ben's suggestion is...

Adapting to new circumstances is an important part of sustaining exercise habits. One way to achieve similar benefits to walking outdoors is to ascend your stairs 3-5 times until you feel slightly out of breath. This will yield cardiovascular benefit while simultaneously challenging the muscles of the lower body.

This won't be appropriate for everyone, so some other indoor exercise solutions can include doing some of the more taxing household chores that we may have been putting off and performing seated exercises

such as marching on the spot or shadow boxing.

If exercising isn't something that comes naturally, remember that it doesn't have to be a pre-planned, structured workout. You can perform shorter spontaneous bouts of activity interspersed throughout the day. This can be just as beneficial and help reduce sedentary behaviours.

Lots of my clients utilise this approach, doing simple strength movements while the kettle is boiling or while the TV advertisements are playing. Get creative and make it work for you.

Lastly, exercise shouldn't be a chore. To create sustainable habits, we have to make it fun. Put some music on, get the family involved, and find a way to reward yourself once you've completed your exercises.

If you're still short on ideas, you're welcome to make use of my free resources on my website and social media channels. Links are all below.

There will be more questions in future issues of *Target*. For now, you can access Ben's articles and videos at www.benbroadheadpt.co.uk
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JEAN PEASLEY RIP

There was great sadness when *Target* heard that Jean Peasley died on January 2 surrounded by her family. Her funeral took place on Thursday January 16 in Gloucestershire.



Jean had suffered a number of recent falls and they contributed to her eventual death. Countless people have already expressed their sorrow at the news and will await details of a memorial service to take place at St Mark's Church before Jean's ashes are laid beside husband Stan in the cemetery at Hedsor Church.

Jean was born in Little Marlow and there are so many who can recall schooldays with her, working with her, having their hair done by her, getting involved in events with her, dancing with her, dressing up for the carnival with her, then being encouraged to help others by her.

Jean was the perfect volunteer for a variety of local organisations and would always say 'yes' when asked to help.

Target will be featuring a tribute to Jean in the April/May issue when her friends can talk about her endless achievements that started young then followed Jean through her marriage, raising a family, right up until the honour of being made President of Wye Valley Volunteers, which had been started by Gwen Thomas and Jean.

Along the way there were honours and awards to acknowledge Jean's achievements. Accepting these Jean had a happy smile for officials and always a lovely story to tell about what helping and caring for your community really means.

Jean's memorial service will take place at St Mark's Church. Please check the church website or poster board.

Bless you Jean, your community will miss you.

River Wildlife

By Cindy Smulders

Fast flowing water problems for wildlife

Writing this in early January, the river has been in flood for the last week and was on red boards, meaning it was running very fast and high, for what seemed like months. This affects homes, businesses, boaters, rowers, but also the river wildlife.

Ducks tend to disappear, mainly to the shelter of riverside gardens or up the River Wye and out of the flow. This can leave them more vulnerable to predators like foxes.

Swans struggle to eat as they cannot bottom feed, it's too deep so they end up going onto the lakes formed by the floodwater on Cockmarsh.

There they feed from the vegetation under the water and escape the very tiring currents. This is fine if they move off before the water goes down, but some can become stranded as there's not a large enough area of water to use as a runway to fly off.

This is also when the footpaths reopen with the return of walkers, especially those with dogs, who have been waiting to get back to their favourite routes, this includes me. Dogs and swans

don't mix so it's the time of year to keep an eye out for swans in places you wouldn't expect to see them.

One of the resident pairs on the Bourne End reach sheltered in my garden and took to walking up the path to get fed. In these conditions I feed them, particularly as this pair still have one cygnet with them which is unusual. The others were all chased off by the parents which is normal procedure.

It's always best to feed the river wildlife in the water, not on the land, which encourages them to come too close to humans. It also feeds the rat population with leftover food.

When the river is fast the food disappears too quickly for the swans to eat it, a metal baking tin with a brick in it in shallow water works well.

On a more positive note, Swan Lifeline is delighted to have a new patron for the charity, Alain Roux, Michelin-starred chef and chef-patron of the Waterside Inn at Bray.

The swan is an emblem of the Waterside Inn, the guests and staff love and respect them, and generations have been raised on the Bray slipway.

Occasionally we have been called out to help when one of the swans has got into trouble; nesting on a slipway isn't always a great idea.

We are so grateful to have a patron who admires the swans, but also runs a business on the river so understands some of the challenges the weather can bring. As I write I am pretty sure their premises will have some flooding too, roll on the summer.

Our photos show Cindy feeding the swans, a reminder of the high water and rapid flow and a swan family staying close to the bank.



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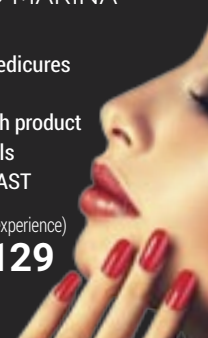
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Bourne End & Cookham Probus Club **By Bill Leftwich**

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

At our meeting on November 15 our speaker, Mike Dewey, came along to talk about The Houses of South Buckinghamshire.

He chose two very interesting locations that particularly fascinated him. The first was Beel House in Little Chalfont. It dated back to 1066 when the Mandeville family were granted lands around Amersham from William the Conqueror, but Mike concentrated on later interesting history.

In 1910 the house was rented by the Lyle family who were ship owners in Glasgow but became sugar refiners and developed the Golden Syrup that we know today. Abram Lyle enlisted in 1914 and was wounded in France in World War I. He was evacuated, and became responsible for the defence of the UK East Coast. When war ended he began renovating the house.

Much later, in 1954 the house was bought by actor Dirk Bogarde for £4,000 and was used to entertain many showbiz stars including Ozzy Osbourne, who later bought the property with his wife.

Another interesting house, Westhorpe House in Little Marlow, dates back to Queen Anne in the 17th century and was built by James Chase, a local MP.

Mike took us through a succession of important owners including Lord Nugent, Commander-in-Chief of India in 1814 and eventually MP for Buckingham. During World War II the house became a prisoner-of-war camp and eventually was owned by Wycombe Council. Today it has been developed into apartments and there are plans to build a film studio on land adjacent.

This was a well researched and thoroughly entertaining talk enjoyed by the Probus members present.

If you would like to join our friendly club please contact Roger Gould on 07834 769551 or view our website: The Probus Club of Bourne End & Cookham.org

Bourne End WI **By Lynne Nicoll**

We all got into the festive season starting with the Bourne End Fun Night as we organised and helped to fund the Children's Light Competition

which was won by Maanya Pingali, a delightful young lady who has recently moved into the area. She was thrilled by the welcome that she and her family received.

This was soon followed by an early visit to the Winchester Christmas market and a tour around the iconic cathedral.

Our Christmas lunch at the Old Bell in Wooburn Green was a huge success, as was our annual trip into London for dinner and the superb Royal Philharmonic Orchestra Christmas Cracker concert at the Cadogan Hall.

At our December meeting we played games and enjoyed delicious party food made by our catering team.

Our New Year started with a history of witchery, an enlightening performance by Lucy Allen as we learned that 'wands and broomsticks are instruments that channel magic'. She also told us about her experiences as a stunt woman on Harry Potter films, showing us the intricacies of wandography.

This coming year our special interest groups are already planning the year ahead. Craft and Chat are going to be making wheat bags, while our Book Club is reading 'Drive your Plow over the Bones of the Dead' by Olga Tokarczuk and 'Death in the Dordogne' by Martin Walker.

Keeping many of us fit is our successful Walking Netball group. Ladies Who Lunch and the cinema group are planning their year ahead and the Beyond the Teacup group are reminiscing on 'Celebrations not forgotten'. For any information on our WI please contact Wendy on bourneendwi@yahoo.com or call 01628 526309.

Cookham Bridge Rotary Club **By Paul Ovstedal**

December saw the essence of our club: a group of people from both sides of the river, connected by Cookham Bridge, coming together to have fun and help in the organisation and running of events where people can enjoy themselves, while raising funds for charities on either side of the river and further afield.



Our club ran the parking and took their Rotary Wheel to the Cookham Street Fayre providing fun and enjoyment. We also took the Rotary Wheel to Bourne End Fun Night, where we assisted with the parking as well as providing some of the Elves at Father Christmas's Grotto, and help with various other tasks. Both were great events.

Coming up in our weekly meetings, we have a number of interesting speakers, as well as a an auction, a Valentine's Day event and a Mad Hatter's tea party.

We are also organising a bridge evening at Pinder Hall on March 15 and a 10K run near the River Thames in May as well as a possible Easter Bunny trail.

We always welcome new members to enjoy our evenings and help with events so if you are at all interested please contact membership@cookhamrotary.co.uk

Little Marlow & Well End WI **By Veronica Kay**

At their Christmas meeting members enjoyed a splendid performance by the Beaconsfield High School Choir. They sang a selection of traditional carols and several non-festive pieces by modern composers, including 'Stars' by Eriks Esenvalds.

Members were invited to join the choir when they closed their performance by singing 'O Come All Ye Faithful'. The choir were wished good luck with their entry in the 2024 Manchester Annual Choral Competition.

Members enjoyed a delicious 'tea in a box', and were given the opportunity to draw a winning ticket for the table decorations.

A collection was taken for Wycombe Women's Aid, to fund a Christmas party for the children they support.

At the January meeting, Jane Statham, who has hosted a Ukrainian family (mother and son) since 2022, described the many highs and lows they have experienced.

Finding their way through the bureaucracy has been the most challenging aspect: registering with doctors and dentists, opening bank accounts, finding a school place (and uniform), and procuring employment and accommodation.

It was heartening to learn that Tania is employed at a care home in Lane End; that Dima passed his GCSEs and has been offered a place at York University (and hopes to win a scholarship); and they are now settled in a flat in High Wycombe. Despite all the hassles Jane is delighted that this family is now part of her family.

BOURNE END'S FABULOUS FUN NIGHT 2023



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Celebrating The Shadows

at home with the Bourne Again Shadows

Celebrating the Shadows was originally planned as a one-off event in Bourne End Community Centre bar, but ticket sell-outs and the audience reception have meant that 'The Boys' have now performed four sessions since March 2023.

Although still including some favourite *Shadows* numbers, the set lists have come to include a wide range of musical genres performed instrumentally in a relaxed atmosphere – we can sing but you wouldn't like it.

Audience singalong has proved popular and in November we were joined by local vocalist Gary Roman.

Rock in the Bar will continue with the same diverse musical format and band line up in 2024, but will no longer be promoted as a *Celebrating the Shadows* event.

From March 2024 Shadows music will be performed in the May Woollerton Hall on the last Thursday of the months when there is no 'Rock in the Bar' event.

'At Home with The Bourne Again Shadows' will feature the band that was formed at Bourne End in 2011 with Brian Haycock on lead guitar.

Since their first performance at Norden Farm Centre for the Arts in 2012 the *Bourne Again Shadows* have played theatres throughout the Southeast backing Cliff Richard sound-a-like Simon Goodall as well as presenting their own Shadows tribute show.

The instrumental 'at home' sessions will retain the informal atmosphere of the *Celebrating the Shadows* events in the bar, but the additional space available will enable presentation of the authentic sounds of *The Shadows* from the 60s without restrictions on audience numbers.

More information about *Bourne Again Shadows* can be found on their website at www.cliffshadowstribute.co.uk which also has a link to their Facebook page. Tickets are available online at the Bourne End Community Centre website, from the office or at the door on the night.

From TARGET Volume 1 Issue 1

Teens Page

What's new in the Fashion World? Fashion comes into everybody's life, we hope. We have our fashions, adults have theirs and children have theirs. Isn't it funny how all the others try to copy us but they say that our clothes today were theirs of yesterday, still sometimes something new is created, ever heard of the 'Beatles'. Any bright ideas will get our full attention.

At Home with The Bourne Again Shadows



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BUCKS COUNCILLORS UPDATE

By Councillor Penny Drayton

At this time of year in the council there is a lot of focus and attention on the budget for the year/s ahead (the revenue budget is for three years, the capital budget is for four years).

In December, the cabinet produce a draft budget for review (comprising of 268 pages). In January there is an in-depth scrutiny of the budget by the 'Budget Scrutiny Task and Finish Group', followed by further recommendations which are reviewed by the cabinet and the final proposed budget is taken to full council in February.

At the January scrutiny hearings, which covered a whole week, Cllr Stuart Wilson was present every day, having studied the budget proposal, asking pertinent questions about where money was being allocated and how cost savings were being achieved.

While there are limitations and restrictions on what can be done and where it must go, it is crucial that every penny is accounted for and allocated appropriately.

As a councillor colleague I would like to thank Stuart for the extremely hard work he has put into trying to get the best out of

a very financially tough situation.

In summary, the forecast ahead for the councils budget is not particularly bright. There are huge pressures on where money can be split. Over 70% of the budget covers just four main areas: adult social care, childrens services/social care, home to school transport and temporary accommodation.

The council is exposed to inflation as much as we all are so with costs increasing this adds extra pressure.

The maximum amount council tax can be increased by is 4.99% and 2% of this is directed solely to adult social care. We are in a situation where there is only ultimately so much money left which must be spread out to cover more than 1300 statutory services which the council is obliged to provide. There simply is not enough money to go around.

The key stats are: The Net Operating Expenditure for 24/25 is projected to be £533m, +6% versus 23/24. £428m is funded by Council Tax, £71m by business rates and £34m from grants. Government Grants have fallen 40% in real terms since 2010.

Over the next three years, the council will need to find an additional £96m in savings and income to balance the books.

The capital programme seeks to spend £239m on infrastructure (new major roads, road repairs and maintenance, temporary accommodation, children's homes, town centre regeneration, waste vehicle replacement and facilities).

Total capital expenditure over the next

four years is projected at £656m. This is highly dependent on grants and developer contributions, as well as income and capital receipts from within the council.

What does this result in for the year ahead? While the primary and other statutory areas need the money to be focussed it does inevitably mean we will witness a reduction in non-statutory services over the next few years.

These services include litter picking, street cleaning, planning enforcement, reduced hours for household recycling centres and reduced funds towards community assets (like parks and libraries).

This will of course be a noticeable loss within communities and sadly a reflection of the national climate. As independent members and your elected representatives, Sophie, Stuart and I will continue to challenge the council on delivering services and value for money for residents.

If you would like to watch the budget scrutiny sessions, they can be found on the council website under meetings either on the calendar or through the committee name, they ran from January 8.

If you would like to watch the full council meeting on February 21, where the budget will be announced, explained and voted on then again this can be found through the council website, meetings. The agenda and webcast details will be shared a week in advance.



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OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

Cores End United Reformed Church

December's charity coffee morning raised almost £800 for Wycombe Homeless Connection and 'Commitment for Life' supporting projects in Israel and the Palestinian territories. The church has been raising funds for the Christian Aid Emergency Fund to bring help and relief to the many caught up in the conflict in the Middle East.

The church continues to collect weekly for One Can Foodbank; our thanks to all who bring produce for this so generously week by week.

A charity coffee morning in church is planned on Saturday March 23, so do put that date in your diary.

Ash Wednesday, February 14, sees the beginning of Lent. We hope to meet with other Christians in the area to reflect on different forms of spirituality and prayer.

As an Eco Church we are committed to care for the planet as well as each other. Having achieved a Bronze Award, we hope to move to Silver in 2024. We are developing part of our grounds as a meadow and wildlife area, open to all to visit and enjoy.



St Mark's Church

Our Christingle service led by the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows was very enjoyable and our thanks go to them, their leaders and families for such a lovely service.

We were also very pleased to welcome Rev Peter Viney once more to St Mark's to lead our special Christmas Eve Service.

Back in November we provided the venue for Great Wines Online's very successful 'Sip and Support' fundraiser for Great Ormond Street Hospital. We hope you will join us when organiser Alexa Broude will talk on her work with GOSH during our family service on February 11.

At our family service in December, we were treated to an update by Sue Smithin on the vital work of Amani UK, a charity which supports community groups and projects in Kenya. For more information visit www.amaniuk.org.uk

Our very friendly groups continue as usual with the Monday coffee mornings at 10am and Puffins for the little ones on Wednesdays, 10.15 to 11.45am.

As part of our ongoing fundraising efforts, to keep the church and hall in good repair, we have run a successful 200 Club for some years with monthly prizes of £50, £25 and £10. We now have a number of spaces available. If you would like to join at a cost of just £1 a week and not only help St Mark's but have a chance of being a prizewinner, please email stmarkschurchbe@gmail.com to find out more.

Our current project is to smarten up the existing flower beds and borders and to create a small garden attached to the hall. This will provide a safe outdoor space for the little ones who come to our Puffins group and can be enjoyed by other hall users.

The large hedge has been removed and next steps involve removing and replacing the old shed, landscaping the area and putting in a gate and fencing. We would welcome any offers of help, whether financial, providing materials or manpower.

Looking ahead, we are planning for Easter as well as fundraising and social events. Keep an eye on Facebook and posters around the village for details.



We are a family friendly and welcoming church so why not come along to meet us at our regular Sunday Service at 10.30am, we'd love to meet you.

To contact St Mark's please email stmarkschurchbe@gmail.com

St Dunstan's Church

At the end of January our confirmation programme for all those in Year 6 and above started up again with Friday evening sessions including pizza.

Our First Sacrament candidates completed their First Reconciliation and had a busy programme especially with their Lenten preparation.

Our Youth group (ages 12-16) started again at the end of January and meet every eight weeks for games, crafts and fun activities including sports and outings.

Plans are now underway for our customary summer barbecue, afternoon tea and walks and breakfasts after Mass when summer comes. Watch the newsletter for events or enquire at the parish: parish.stdunstan@northamptondiocese.org or call 01494 673018.



St Paul's Church, Wooburn

We had a wonderful Christmas season with many regular services and special events. Carols on the Green, organised by Dave from the Community Church, with musicians from both churches, was well attended and was a fantastic example of how local churches can work together.

Our own annual service of Nine Lessons and Carols was a special event that always ushers in Christmas. We were so happy to see so many members of the wider community come together to sing Christmas carols and listen to beautiful music. Also our annual crib service on Christmas Eve, which highlights the efforts of our children was a fabulous gift.

With the help of a local spa (Cecily Spa of Marlow), we were able to put on a fabulous pamper afternoon complete with afternoon tea and many mini treatments by the professionals.

Following its success we are considering making this a regular event. Keep your eye out for future announcements.

Forest Church continues to be a popular alternative to traditional church services. The next one, celebrating Candlemas and St Bridget, takes place on February 4 at the Vicarage.

With Easter just around the corner, please consult our website <https://stpaulswooburn.org> for information.

Please save the date for our next Quiz Night on April 26. You can register your interest to receive more information at familystpauls@gmail.com



St Nicholas' Church Hedsor

We are looking forward to the re-opening of Cookham Bridge, when we hope to start Meditation in the Church on Wednesdays at 1.30pm.

In the meantime, work has begun on our beautiful stained-glass windows, some of which have been damaged over the years. We are grateful to the skilled workers and volunteers who maintain our lovely church and churchyard.

We shall be running a full programme of Easter Services, leading up to our Easter Day service at the usual Sunday service time of 9am.



St John the Baptist Little Marlow

It was wonderful to see so many at our Christmas morning services. This was closely followed by

Epiphany Sunday service after which we all shared an Epiphany cake.

Candlemas was marked by a special service and followed by homemade soup and cake. Sharing food plays a part in our worship together.

BCP Mattins will be held on February 11 at 11am followed by pancakes in readiness for Shrove Tuesday. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, February 14. There will be a service at 8pm which will include ashing. A service for all ages on February 18 will focus on prayer.

At our Mothering Sunday service on March 10 at 11am, posies made by the children at Little Marlow Church School will be given out.

During Holy Week on Maundy Thursday, March 28, we will gather as they did almost 2,000 years ago retelling the story of the great escape from Egypt together with the story of the 'Last Supper' and sharing a Seder Meal comprising of traditional food eaten at Passover.

For more information please go to https://bit.ly/seder_StJB booking is required to help with catering. We will celebrate Easter Sunday on March 31 with a special Family Communion.

If you would like to know more about the various events and services being planned why not sign up for our event email list at <https://bit.ly/StJBsignup>

For times of our normal services go to our website 4u-team.org and scroll down to St John the Baptist Little Marlow.



The Community Church

It was a wonderful moment seeing many local villagers arriving from around the area as we celebrated the birth of Jesus, singing carols at the 'Carols on the Green' event.

Thank you everyone who came and supported this. A special thank you to all the amazing musicians and singers who were predominantly made up of those from St Paul's Church. You were brilliant.

For more information about our Sunday services, regular small groups and any special events please go to thecomunitychurch.online



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

From TARGET Volume 1 Issue 1

Parish Council report GRAVEDIGGER WANTED

A lengthy discussion arose concerning parish gravediggers. This matter was sympathetically dealt with the present gravedigger having developed a physical aversion to actually digging a grave!

January's market was a slimmed down one as some of the stallholders took an extended festive break. It was fun and friendly with plenty of time for a chat and a coffee at the café.

It was great to see lots of people gathered around the parish council gazebo and participation in the tombola



at the One Can Trust to support the local food bank.

A new estate agent featured in the foyer at the community centre while in the hall there were lots of familiar faces, goods, beautifully made items to bring cheer to a chilly morning and lots of hugs with belated wishes for the new year. A speciality came with the prettily decorated cup cakes. They looked almost too good to eat, well almost. It was good to see a young man with



initiative making lots of useful items from old vinyl records and hoping to raise money for a new guitar. Then there were youngsters volunteering as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award. They happily did anything they were asked to do.

It was a good market with extended hours and there was no rain, but it was cold, typical for January.

Have a look at the photos, the friendly faces and think about their appeal for some extra help on the day.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – HAPPY TO HELP!!!

Just 12 times a year the Bourne End Community Market takes place around the Wakeman Road car park, in the library and the community centre.

It needs help to get set up in the morning then the same at the end of the market. If you are happy to hang around then there's a need for marshalls to point visitors in the right direction and happy-to-chat volunteers who just like to talk and help.

So would you be willing to join the team of volunteers? We can promise you lots of laughs along with free coffee. You'll meet a lovely group of stallholders who just need an extra pair of

hands along with the ability to explain the plan showing where they should be.

It won't require super intelligence, but common sense is essential along with that 'good sense of humour' just in case the rain means that stalls have to be moved. We're happy if you just want to give it a try before committing.

Many of our volunteers have been helping the market since it started and love the experience, but the years keep creeping on - that's the reason for this appeal. Also because the market has grown into extra spaces and there are many more stallholders.

Again, it's the reason for this appeal. We would love to hear and see you on market day. There's

one on Saturday 10 February and Saturday 9 March. You'll always find someone happy to talk about what is involved.

It's down to you as you can volunteer whenever it suits, mornings or afternoons, setting up or helping to clear away or marshalling, every month or occasionally. You can ring Holly on 07860807997.

And if you're interested then here's the dates for the rest of 2024: 10 February, 9 March, 13 April, 11 May, 8 June, 13 July, 10 August, 14 September, 12 October, 9 November and 7 December.

There's no admission charge and the market is open from 10am – 2pm.



Past times by Barrie Penfold

How advertising and advertisers have changed over 60 volumes.

Barrie Penfold reveals the changes that technology has made to the simple advertisement

Well I wasn't around for volume one of *Target*, but in 1982, when I found myself helping the sub editor Bill Williams, there were plenty of old magazines around the centre office to give you a taste of how things used to look. And by today's standards they were decidedly different. But they got their message across as advertisers were keen to be seen in the magazine and only too happy to prepare their artwork (ie get out the pencil and paper).

Take a look at some of these early examples and appreciate that an advertiser has publicised what they offer by drawing their product, maybe typing a few lines of information or cutting out their company logo from their letter paper.

If all this sounds like a strange language to younger readers then it was real life for the editor.

While that first issue was packed with advertising I could find no mention of an advertising manager or an appeal for advertisers. Then the editor explained that advertising support had paid for the first edition, coming from local retailers and tradespeople.

Among these early advertisements I have a few favourites. One is the chimney sweep which is a lovely drawing that says exactly what the tradesman wants to say. Then there's the fabulous hair style offering of Hawtree Hairstylist. And we

cannot forget the drawing of a three pin electric plug from Bourne End Electrical Installations Ltd.

Worth mentioning is the fact that *Target* had colour all those years ago as the cover was green for the spring issue then various other colours – to match the season. Red for the end of the year – some things never change.

Max Pollock is the first advertising manager I can find as *Target* changes its format into the 1970s.

Now we get details of everyone involved in producing the magazine as well as the feature writers. Advertising has changed as well and becomes more formal with proper typing giving all the details. There's still plenty throughout the 16 pages and it was likely that the advertising manager had a waiting list of businesses that wanted to be included.

Now they had a community centre where people could meet. Clubs could say what they do and a go-to page was the calendar with details of events taking place. And now it appeared six times a year so all the efforts of those early years meant that *Target* was here to stay. Colour was on the front and back pages, but as technology advanced it was likely to be used more widely through the magazine. The next move was to the modern size of A4 and that would mean more advertising space.

Going through the issues between the first volume and the 60th is a walk down memory lane as names keep appearing and you appreciate how many advertisers there have been and, for one reason or another, things changed and they ceased to be an advertiser.

More satisfying are the names that continue and it

was good to be reminded that Graham Blake advertised upholstery in the early volumes and now, 60 volumes later, his son continues the family business.

There's no doubt that colour made all the difference and once it became possible the advertisements had the chance to make their message more lively and interesting.

Today we take colour for granted. But there was a time when, if you told an advertiser that he could use colour, the offer would be greeted with amazement. Over the years there have been some beautiful colour advertisements and one I recall showed a pie that looked good enough to eat and many people



responded to the delicious offer.

Computers are forgiving and they can frequently make a poorly designed advertisement look good with just a few tweaks. "Can you brighten?" or "can you just tone down the red?" are achieved in skilful hands.

Good designers can make full use of space when budgets can only book a small space. That's why I like the Nail Barge which is down at Bourne End Marina – what a great advertising coup as you can enjoy the view and the river life while having your nails done. And the nails look lovely.

Advertisers catch your eye as you read through the latest edition of the magazine and that's what it's all about. From those early days with pencil and paper to the technology of today – advertising is there to keep *Target* part of our community.

Sadly the waiting list of potential advertisers no longer exists and any new business or company is contacted in the hope that they might consider advertising. Social media takes the tradesman message away from community magazines. The days of the advertising financing the magazine are long gone and now *Target* relies on donations and grants. Things change.

It might be different now but it's a challenge and to every advertiser there's a heartfelt 'thank you' for supporting *Target*.



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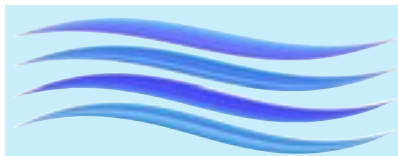
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River Life

with Peter Osborne



I start this report with some sad news. The Marina Tug has come to the end of its life. It was craned out on to the hard for general maintenance and it was found to be too rusty in places and some of the metal was extremely thin.

When she was being scraped, holes appeared, unfortunately due to the riveted construction and thinness of the metal on the hull, it is unable to be over-plated with new ones. There is not enough metal to weld onto and the heat would damage the rivets that hold the original plates onto the frame.

The tug is estimated to be more than 100 years old, given the way she was constructed.

In my time at the marina, we had some great missions with her. We towed a floating shed that came down the river in the floods, we towed a drowned cow from the beach on Cockmarsh, we also towed several Dutch barges that had broken down.

The tug was also involved in rescuing boats from Cookham and Marlow weirs during floods and she was involved in salvaging sunken boats etc. She was such a useful vessel, alas, it's the end of the river for her.

I am informed that the tug is being replaced

with an aluminium vessel with an outboard engine, I hope that the marina finds the new tug does the job, but I can't help feeling she won't be as versatile as the old one, I hope I'm wrong.

The current chatter at the moment is, apparently, the floods affecting the river.

Approximately every 10 years we seem to have harsh floods, the last one was 2014, this year I believe it's slightly higher than 2014.

There are always tales during the flood. The marina office is again underwater, I hope precautions were taken to skid up the furniture, at least the floor is tiled so hopefully it's just a wash out and then Chaos can operate normally.

A Dutch barge broke loose from the Bounty moorings taking some of the mooring with it. Fortunately, Damian was alerted and sped to the rescue prior to it striking the bridge by a matter of feet.

It was a great rescue as he managed to tie up the safety boat to the barge, get on the barge, open the barge and get the engine working just in time to turn it to safety. The most amazing thing about the rescue was that

Damian managed to start the engine from cold and it worked. Why is it amazing? Well, he services and maintains the engine.

The Blue Barges that operate out of the marina have been sold on. Both have reverted to private ownership, although one may be chartered out.

It's a shame as I loved to skipper them with guests on board; it was great fun and the guests were generally a lot of fun. I wish Kate and Ed every success in their new ventures, you created a great product with the barges.

With the demise of the blue barges, Phil Hutchins will be commencing a similar operation with a different style of boat, hopefully, he will be operating all day and half day charters.

You can see the style of boat he will be offering as there are some stored outside his office, Hutchins Marine Sales.

I look forward to hearing more about this operation and maybe, if you charter one, it could be your bad luck that you see me sitting behind the wheel!

This operation will in no way conflict with Captain Beaky, in fact they will probably cooperate with each other, that's something the Blue Barge could not do with Beaky, unfortunately.

Woottons Boatyard, just upstream from Bourne End, was badly affected by the floods. They work on mainly wooden boats and do all their work in a shed with a slipway, you can get about 10 or 12 boats in there depending on their size. I made a visit to have a cup of tea with them but there was water everywhere, it had come all the way into the shed to about 12 inches or more, and it was impossible to enter the shed without sub aqua gear.

No work could be done and boats had to be secured before they floated off their stands. If this happens the boats would move about and when the water recedes the boats could land anywhere and fall over. I pity them having to clean up all the mud that would have settled on the floor and over their equipment.

I have heard good things about El Cerdo Tapas Bar. I feel sorry for them as I guess the floods meant they could not open. As the car park was flooded guests would not have been able to access the restaurant. I hope to go there soon to support them, they deserve to do well but this must be the hardest time of the year for them.

Mind you when I go I hope it's not a bad omen, a few places I've been to in the last three months seem to have closed down. Maybe they'll pay me to stay away.

Spring is just around the corner and hopefully we'll be able to forget this winter and that the weather takes a turn for the better, whatever that is with global warming.

Until the next time
Peter Osborne,
River Thames correspondent

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OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

1st Wooburn Scout Group

If you have a young person who needs to do volunteer work for their Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme or similar, we can assist with this.

All of our section leaders are showing young people practical skills for life, from how to read a map, to how to cook a three-course roast dinner on an open fire, as well as many more weird and wonderful skill sets, all done with fun in mind. So please, don't miss out on this opportunity.

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).

The first camps of the year are being planned around Easter time and we are also getting geared up for the week-long summer camp that will be held from July 27 at Braggers Wood near Bournemouth.

This is just a quick drive to Poole and a short ferry trip across to Brownsea Island, the 'home' and birthplace of worldwide Scouting — a real highlight that is offered to all Scouts at least once in their time with us.

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: Beavers (6-8 years old), Cubs (8-10½) and Scouts (10½-14).

Get in contact in one of the following ways. Pop on our website and contact the sections directly at <https://wooburn.wixsite.com/wooburnscouts>. Come and speak to us at the Scout hall. Or email the Group Scout Leader at wooburngreengsl@gmail.com

Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

Fabulous flowers in the hands of a national demonstrator ended the year and it was a lovely occasion. We hope you like our photos.

We hope it inspired those who came along, and brought friends, to make their homes look special with flowers over the festive season. Now we are into our quiet period and looking forward to the spring.

On Tuesday March 5 our own flower arrangers provide the inspiration for a special evening. Fun and laughter are essential and we can promise plenty of that.

If you've thought about joining our society why not come along and find out more. It all starts at 8pm in the May Woollerton Hall at the community centre.

May we send congratulations to *Target* on its 60th volume. Our society was mentioned in the first issue. Here it is the entry from Volume 1, Issue 1:

Who would think there was so much to learn about flower arranging? The Bourne End Floral Arrangement Society obviously do and Lady Astor their patroness, Mr Lipton of

Lipton Products their president, Mrs Margaret Thorpe and Mrs Marjorie Lunnon their chairman and vice-chairman respectively and a total of 55 members are there to prove it. They meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm...

Marlow and District Railway Society

Last year concluded with an excellent talk by our treasurer, Peter Robins, who took us for a ride on the Baltic Express. This was actually a railway tour (more like an adventure) which started from London and went via Poland to the Baltic states of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, thence to Leningrad (now St Petersburg) in the heart of Russia. And the year? 1990, scarcely 12 months after the Berlin Wall came down, so little wonder that every so often this group



of Englishmen taking pictures of trains attracted the attention of one or two security officials.

Our next meeting on Thursday February 15 begins with our AGM, after which Geoff Plumb returns to give us the next in his series of 'That was the year that was' talks. He has reached 1971, so we can still expect to see some UK steam, if only by then on industrial railways. Look forward to a wide spectrum as Geoff's excellent photography takes us back 53 years.

Many of us who attended Brian Arman's previous two talks are looking forward to Thursday March 21. Brian has built up a fantastic collection of pictures depicting the Great Western Railway as built by Brunel using broad gauge tracks. So everything we see that night will be pre-1892.

Because of the nature of the presentation this will not be available to watch on Zoom, unlike all our other meetings scheduled for this year.

A reminder that you have to be a member to watch on Zoom, but non-members are welcome at the community centre; entry is only £3 on the door. All meetings start at 7.30pm. Visit www.mdrs.org.uk for more information.

Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association

We were pleased to welcome several visitors to enjoy the excellent 'galettes' (French frangipane pies) with us in January, when our French friends would also have been celebrating the Feast of the Kings, hoping to find the lucky token and be crowned.

We had plenty of conversation and some good laughs together.

Our next event will be the AGM on Saturday March 2, followed by dinner. Please pay your subscription so that you are on the contact list (details follow), and put the date in your diary.

News reminder: our Oatville-sur-mer friends will come for a

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long weekend September 19 to 23. They usually arrive Thursday evening and leave Monday morning, so we can help you make hosting compatible with a working week.

In however small a way, it's a time to break down cultural barriers and widen horizons through friendship in this troubled world. Besides which, it's a lot of fun.

We are working to establish a link between The Heath Singers (Flackwell Heath) and a little group in Octeville, La Chorale Tempo. Some of Tempo's members plan to visit in September.

Have you seen the framed Twinning Vows at the Parish Council Offices or Bourne End Library? Twinning is about the whole community.

If you wish to be put in touch with people or groups in Octeville who share your job or hobby, we may be able to help – for instance, other motor mechanics, musicians, bakers, keen gardeners...

Our membership is £5 a year (£10 family). To find out more, please contact Wilma Johnston Ball, will6j@virginmedia.com 07801 600 253, or Wendy Langford, langfordw22@gmail.com 07428 004417.

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FEBRUARY

- 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 8pm (until 10.30pm), admission £10, The Hedsor Club, Hedsor Road, Bourne End
- 2 Fri Bingo in the community centre. Every Friday. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 3 Sat Repair café in the Sarney Room of Flackwell Heath Community Centre 10am to noon
- 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 18
- 10 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 2pm in and around the community centre
- 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 18
- 18 Sun Afternoon movie at the New Royalty Cinema at the community centre *Chevalier*. See poster p17
- 20 Tue Open House at Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council offices 5pm to 7pm. See page 8
- 20 Tue Centre Rock with The Boys. An evening of 50s, 60s and 70s music 7.45 in the bar at the community centre. See page 19

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- 10 Sun Salsa at the community centre (see details above, Feb 11)
- 14 Thurs Bourne End and Wooburn Green School Reunion group, 11am at The Spade Oak, Coldmoorholme Lane. Anyone who is interested will be made very welcome
- 14 Tues Short Mat Bowls in the community centre 7.15pm – And every Monday and Tuesday (except first Tuesday of each month) New Members Welcome. See info page 18
- 17 Sun Afternoon movie at the New Royalty Cinema at the community centre *The Great Escaper*. See poster p17
- 23 Sat Coffee Morning Versus Arthritis at the community centre 11am to 1pm. See page 19
- 28 Thur At home with the Bourne Again Shadows in the May Woollerton Hall at the community centre. See story and poster page 28

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THE FALCON QUIZ

Set and sponsored by The Falcon Pub, Wooburn Moor

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- 1 Which famous film festival is held each year in Utah?
- 2 On the Abbey Road crossing picture, which Beatle is out of step?
- 3 From which US city did the band 'The Killers' originate?
- 4 In Harry Potter, what is the name of the Weasley's house?
- 5 Which London Underground line has the most stations?
- 6 In which two countries can you not buy Coco-cola?
- 7 Who did Harry Redknapp manage first - Portsmouth or Southampton?
- 8 In the Zodiac, which animal is linked with Capricorn?
- 9 Which children's author wrote 'Gangsta Granny'?
- 10 How long is there between rounds in boxing?
- 11 In the strip cartoon, what is the name of Snoopy's brother?
- 12 What is the plural of the word 'Sheep'?
- 13 Venetian blinds originated in which country?
- 14 Who sang with the 'Dakotas'?
- 15 Who wrote 'Help me make it through the night'?
- 16 Who pricked her finger on a spinning wheel and slept for 100 years?
- 17 What is the main ingredient in a brick?
- 18 Who was the first British monarch to visit New Zealand?
- 19 In 'Countdown' how many letters are selected for the letters game?
- 20 In a tennis tie-break, what is the largest winning margin?

Answers to the December/January Quiz:

1 New York 1943 2 Coco Chanel 3 Ralph Lauren 4 Harry Styles 5 Naomi Campbell 6 Chanel No5
7 Stella McCartney 8 Vivienne Westwood 9 Milan 10 Sweden 11 Prada 12 2 13 Italy 14 Savile Row
15 Cassock 16 Red 17 Levis 18 Bolton, England 19 Cotton 20 Windsor
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