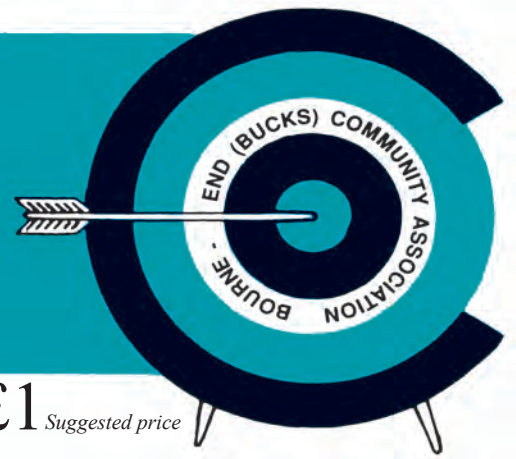


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Hillside safe from housing

Draft Local Plan no longer includes scenic Green Belt area writes councillor Penny Drayton

The previously suggested area on the hillside between New Road (Bourne End) and Wooburn Green has not been included in the draft new Buckinghamshire Local Plan.

The rolling hillside area had been assessed for up to 1750 residences, but your local councillors said it was an impractical and inappropriate suggestion with its strong green belt status, lack of access and lack of land availability, so we are delighted that this is no longer a threat.

Detail of the draft plan have now been released ready for the regulation 19, six week consultation (a statutory requirement) which began on the July 23.

Details on how to respond to the local plan are on the Buckinghamshire Council website or on our Councillor facebook page 'Independents for Flackwell Heath & The Wooburns'

There are however other sites under consideration for housing.

These are Wendover Road, Little Marlow, (which is in the neighbouring ward of Chiltern Villages - Cllr Mark Turner). This proposes 20 dwellings (classified as 'East of Chapman Lane', on the school second field) and 50 dwellings on the (currently active) Thames Water pumping station. A total of 70 dwellings.

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OBE for Cerys

Cerys Matthews, singer, author and broadcaster, was recognised in the King's Birthday Honours in June receiving an OBE for her services to music.

The Bourne End resident was a founder member of multi-million selling band Catatonia and currently hosts the biggest single show on Radio 6, and the most listened to digital show in the UK.

The 57-year-old native of Cardiff co-founded the Good Life Experience festival in 2014. She has curated and composed for the National Theatre and the Tate Modern and was artistic director for the opening ceremony of the World Music Expo 2013.

She was awarded an inaugural St David Award for her services to culture from the First Minister of Wales in 2014 (the year she received an MBE).

Cerys, if you are reading this, congratulations from Target.



Photos from local summer fêtes p18 & 19



Follow the journey of your One Can Trust donations p29



Wooburn eight-year-old signs for London's oldest football club

Luke Gareppo-Bagshaw has enrolled with Fulham FC youth academy following fierce competition from other clubs to sign him.

Luke was spotted by Chelsea following proud mum Karen's Instagram posting of Luke playing at a Wycombe training session.

Luke joined Chelsea's elite group. But word got around and he was in demand. "It's unheard of to walk away from a Chelsea signing," said Karen, "But with Arsenal, Tottenham and Fulham all asking to sign Luke the move was made. Fulham put him on a pedestal."

Luke, who attends Wooburn Green Primary school, trains four nights a week at Fulham's New Malden training ground.

"I like playing in defence, centre back," explained Luke. "And although all the other clubs were good, Fulham was the nicest and showed real interest in me."

Luke has already appeared as a mascot, played in an academy exhibition match during the Premier club's half time period and regularly meets the senior team players.



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All the facilities can be hired. These include the large May Woollerton Hall with a stage and dressing rooms. Stage lighting, a sound system and a large screen are also on offer. Parties and meetings can hire the medium-sized Eghams Room, with a screen and a sound system also available for hirers. Two smaller rooms can also be hired depending on requirements.

Kitchens for light refreshments are available for all facilities. Why not call in and look around? Our Centre Manager will be happy to help.

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COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

See our cinema listings here and turn the page for more activities and events at your community centre

Sunday 23rd August 16:00

Doors open 15:20 for refreshments

Tickets £6 Members - £7 Non members

online at TheNewRoyalty.org.uk or

from the Centre office 01628 522604



We follow the Crawley family into the 1930s where Mary finds herself in a public scandal and the family faces financial trouble. The Crawleys must embrace change with the next generation to secure Downton's future.

Starring Hugh Bonneville, Michelle Dockery, Jim Carter and Dominic West



At Bourne End Community Centre

The New Royalty Cinema is a fundraising event for Bourne End Community Association Charity No. 300236

Wakeman Road, Bourne End, Bucks SL8 5SX

Sunday 20th September 16:00

Doors open 15:20 for refreshments

Tickets £6 Members - £7 Non members

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from the Centre office 01628 522604



Based on the true story of John Davidson who was diagnosed with Tourette's syndrome at a young age.

He struggled with a condition few people had witnessed, which alienated him from his peers.

Starring Robert Aramayo, Peter Mullan and Maxine Peake



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 This is a fund raising activity of Bourne End (Bucks) Community Association Charity No.300236

Centre Quiz

The next quiz dates are August 6, September 3 and October 1. These will be held in the May Woollerton Hall (unless otherwise advised on the evening). Doors open at 7.30; please arrive by 7.45 for an 8pm start. For information call Diane on 07521 656413 or email secretary@bebca.org.uk

 Bourne End Community Centre

Save the Date
Saturday 10th October



Bollywood Night

Whether you're looking to try something new, reconnect with dance, or simply enjoy moving to great music, this is for you. Beginner friendly so no experience needed, just a love of music and a willingness to have fun! More details to follow.

Bourne End Community Centre, Wakeman Road, SL8 5SX

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 Bourne End Community Centre

OPEN MIC

MATT BOND'S OPEN MIC NIGHTS

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8th October

Bourne End Community Centre Bar
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Bourne End Community Centre

Barn Dance

with caller Piotr Jordan &
The Wick Trimmers



Learn to strip the willow & other traditional folk dances. No experience necessary.

Includes a 2 course supper.

Saturday 26th September from 19.15

Tickets £16 members / £18 non-members

available soon online at bourneendcommunitycentre.org.uk

or at the BECC office, Wakeman Road SL8 5SX

Licensed bar available and free parking after 7.00pm



Bourne End Community Centre

CENTRE ROCK

with



Live in the Centre Bar

Wakeman Road SL8 5SX

Thursday 27th August from 19.45

Free entry, but donations welcome if you enjoy the music.

Come early to avoid disappointment!

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Bourne End Community Centre



Live in the Centre Bar

Wakeman Road SL8 5SX

Tuesday 29th September from 19.45

Tickets £7 members/£8 non-members online at bourneendcommunitycentre.org.uk, at the centre office, or on the door (subject to availability - book in advance to avoid disappointment).

Guitar Reflections

Brian and Graham have performed together with live bands since 2009, notably with the Silver Shadows and The Bourne Again Shadows. They have now retired from performance at theatres and enjoy the atmosphere of smaller, more intimate, venues.

The format of recorded backing tracks with live lead and rhythm guitars retains the feel of a fully live show and for centreRock in September (see above) they have put together a set list including Shadows hits and instrumental interpretations of other well-known songs from the 60s.

FORUM PLAYERS

We are pleased to announce that our January 2027 pantomime will be *Cinderella*, the best loved pantomime in the country.

Join us to watch Cinderella and the Prince fall in love, aided by the Fairy Godmother. Expect infectious energy from Buttons, Cinderella's best friend. Boo and hiss at the mean Ugly Sisters and their fearsome mother.

If you would like to take part in this magical pantomime adventure full of great songs, mayhem, laugh-out-loud comedy, stunning scenery and beautiful costumes, auditions will take place at Bourne End Community Centre on Wednesday 2 and Monday 7 of September.

Want to be involved, but not on stage? Forum Players are always looking for people to work backstage in a variety of roles.

Many thanks to everyone who supported our lively quiz nights during the year. Money raised has made it possible to stage the annual pantomime. Quizzers have enjoyed the challenges and the stage events making the Forum Players quiz night something special.

Why not come and join our friendly group and have fun. Oh no, we don't! Oh yes, we most certainly do!

Contact: 07977 019261 / 07701 327384.

More community centre news next page

Flackwell Heath and The Wooburns Volunteer Fair

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To support delivery of our Ward priority, the Community Board is working in partnership with Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council and Bourne End Community Association to host a Volunteer Fair on Saturday September 26, 10am to 2pm, at Bourne End Community Centre (see poster left).

The aim of the event is to give local organisations the opportunity to showcase the valuable work they do, and to help residents discover volunteering opportunities that match their interests and skills.

We would be delighted to hear from any organisation who would like to take part and have a stall on the day.

In addition, we are keen to highlight opportunities that can support participants completing their Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE). Let us know if your organisation is able to offer suitable roles for DofE volunteers, and whether you have the appropriate insurance in place.

If you are interested in attending or would like any further information contact:

Sophia Comer

West Chilterns Community Board

Manager 01296 387567 (Mon – Thurs).

Bourne End (Bucks) Community Association

Bourne End REPAIR CAFE



Bourne End Community Centre,
Wakeman Road, SL8 5SX

Dates for 2026, all 11.00-1.00
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ANGLING CLUB

Tales from the water's edge

Well summer arrived with a vengeance didn't it? Before I mention the start of the new season, I need to let you know the final results of last season.

Henry Rimmer won the nine match shield with 112 points and Anthony Coleborn was runner up with 94 points. Well done to them both and to all who won certificates and other trophies.

Just so you know we award trophies for the largest carp, roach, perch and bream. Biggest weight of silvers in any one match and an aggregate weight for the months of August, September and October.

During the season we caught more than 2,500lb of fish.

And here we are again in June (when writing this) and start of a brand new season taking us to May 2027.

The first match was held at New Farm, returning here after a number of years. It was a tough day even though the weather was good. First was Henry Rimmer with 12lb14oz, second was Eric Leuzinger with 12lb 12oz, which was extremely close. Third was Dave Worthington with 9lb. As you can see by the weights we all struggled somewhat.

Other good news, we welcome John Taylor as our appointed chair for 2026/2027. I am sure he will do the club proud and I look forward to working with him this season.

If you would like to join our very friendly fishing club please do get in touch. You don't have to match fish, and you will have some specific free access to parts of the River Thames and the Jubilee River.

If you wish to guest with us on a match with a view to joining you will also be made welcome, please just get in touch.

Until next time enjoy the summer, stay cool, hydrated and safe in the extreme heat. Tight lines.

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**NEXT
MEETING
MONDAY
SEPT 14th**

**8pm at the
Wooburn Club**



WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Caroline Meechan

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Wooburn Fête in June (feels like a long time ago now).

This is such a great opportunity to showcase what the Wooburns have to offer and it is always lovely to see families enjoying the music, dancing, activities and catching up with friends. See Phil Laybourne's photos from the event on page 19.

A huge thank you to our sponsors, without them we could not put on this event, Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council,

G Smith Funeral Directors, Crendon House Estate Agents and the Rotary Club of Bourne End and Cookham.

Another big thank you to the Scouts and all the other community organisations who attended and put on entertainment, activities or produced stunning homemade cakes to accompany teas and coffees.

Our next event is at Christmas – *Santa Comes to Wooburn*. Santa has been booked to come along on Saturday November 28 – keep an eye out for more details, but put the date in your diary now.

Sadly, we are unable to host the annual Duck Race this year as this traditionally happens during Parkfest – the fabulous event managed by Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council.

Parkfest is not going ahead this year but we are all hoping it comes back in 2027.

When the parish council announced that Parkfest could not go ahead this year, there were comments on social media stating that "I would have helped" when discussions arose around the lack of volunteers being one of the reasons for the cancellation.

If you are willing and able to get involved in community events, please come along to one of our meetings – we would love to have more hands to help organise the summer fête, Christmas event and the Duck Race (at Parkfest).

Any money we raise through these events is put back into the community – for example, the Christmas event is completely free of charge to children and parents, ensuring every family gets a chance to visit Santa without cost.

Our next meeting is Monday September 14 at 8pm in the private room at the back of the Wooburn Club.

Everyone is welcome – come and see what happens, get involved and meet new people; everyone there is your neighbour.

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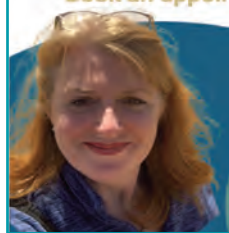
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♥ K J 10 9 8			1♠	Pass
♦ A 10 5 4	?			
♣ 10 6				

Julian Pottage gives his answer on page 24

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Bourne End Bridge Club





Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council

Working with the Community

By Jess Lewis

COUNCIL VACANCIES

We currently have 3 vacancies on the council, if you'd like to know more about what it means to be a parish councillor or would like to put your name forward, please contact the office or view our website for more information.

PARKFEST

Unfortunately, the council has taken the difficult decision to cancel this year's event due to ongoing staffing and volunteer issues and lack of resources to organise the day to the high standard we strive for.

We are disappointed but we must accept that the decision is best made now, rather than closer to event day.

Thank you for your support.

BECMARKET

We continue to attend the community market every second Saturday of the month, so please come and speak to us. We'd love to hear your opinions and ideas on all things Wooburn & Bourne End. If you are able to attend any of our committee meetings the parish council team would be extremely happy to welcome you.

Please continue to report any issues you see within the parish to us as we can only help if we are made aware.

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Warm weather burglary risks

With the recent warm weather and more forecast to come, we want to make you aware of the burglary risks that are particularly associated with this time of year.

With very many burglaries only taking just three or four minutes, we do have to encourage everyone to take extra care.

Leaving windows open or a door unlocked while popping out, however briefly, still gives opportunity for a burglary to take place.

As we are in the holiday season, consider the following checklist of things to do before going away as it might help reduce the risk:

- Lock all doors and windows.
- Check that side gates, sheds and garages are locked and tools or ladders are not accessible.

- Store all house, car and window keys out of sight and away from doors or windows.

- Make sure your home looks occupied by using a timer switch to turn on lights, a radio, or a TV from dusk.

- If you have an alarm fitted, make sure it is working efficiently and set it while you are away.

- Ask a trusted friend to look after your home while you are away.

- Invite a neighbour to park their vehicle on your drive while you are away.

Don't make it easy for them!

Visit our website which has more information and tips to help keep your neighbourhood safe :
<https://neighbourhoodwatchwycombe.org>

What do you know about Bourne End (Bucks) Community Association?

Most readers of *Target* are familiar with the community centre and bar, and of course with *Target* magazine itself. But how much do you know about the community association which runs the centre?

The association was founded in 1962 with the express purpose of building a community centre providing activities based around local educational, leisure and welfare needs.

This obviously happened, and the association now runs the centre, the bar and *Target*.

While the centre is professionally run on a day-to-day basis with paid staff (centre manager and assistant, bar manager and staff), the governance, maintenance and events are run entirely by volunteers.

As the association is a charity (number 300236), it is overseen by a board of trustees, who elect a management team to make decisions and implement them, headed by four officers – chair, vice-chair, treasurer and secretary.

One common misconception about the community centre is that the association receives funding from Bucks Council.

In fact, the centre is completely self-funded; income is generated through letting the halls, fund-raising events, membership fees and donations. The bar, which is a separate company linked to the association, also provides some funding when things are going well.

Given the scope of the task of running the centre, the association always welcomes new volunteers, in whatever capacity. Without volunteers the community centre would not be able to function.

If you would like to offer a few hours of your time now and again, or if you have any questions or would like to make a comment or suggestion, please do contact us at the community centre office in person, by phone (01628 522604) or by email (office@bebca.org.uk).

Volunteer opportunity

Bourne End Community Association is seeking a volunteer/volunteers to join the Grants Team and help secure funding for future projects and improvements at the community centre.

The Grants Team plays an important role in identifying funding opportunities and preparing applications that help support the centre's development and long-term sustainability. Previous experience of applying for grants is helpful, but not essential, if you enjoy researching information. The role will involve approximately six in-person meetings a year, with further communication being online and by email.

Bourne End Community Centre is run by Bourne End (Bucks) Community Association (Charity no 300236), a self-funded body responsible for the maintenance and administration of the community centre, which is open seven days a week.

If you are interested in joining the Grants Team or would like more information, please contact the centre office at office@bebca.org.uk or on 01628 522604.

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Hillside area no longer on Local Plan for housing...but other areas still at risk.



The fight goes on to save our green spaces

Hollands Farm in Bourne End is still included as it is a site from the previous plan carried forward. Plus the addition (again) of the agricultural building's near the entrance, which were included 10 years ago, then removed and are now back in as a new site.

The 'Maindec' site on Holtspur Lane is earmarked for 20 homes.

We, Independents for Flackwell Heath & The Wooburns, held a public meeting on July 30 to go through in more detail the concerns to be aware of in the plan and why people should still respond. Some of these points include:

- Substantial amendments to Hollands Farm policies including the change of link

road proposals, removal of the protection for the orchard and potential reduction in affordable housing provision, concerns us deeply.

- Removal of any reference to new Medical Facilities for Wooburn and Bourne End (previously included in the Wycombe Local Plan).
- Removal of Policy DM12 Green Space protection leaving some sites exposed to speculative applications.

The positive news for us is that current green belt areas have remained protected at this time.

All areas however are susceptible for developer and individual speculative applications, and are likely to still come in before the adoption of the plan (currently aimed for late 2027).

Other areas of the county have been allocated much more housing and while we support development in the right places (this is not a statement that all of these other locations are the right places), the excessive quantity of homes expected to be built in Buckinghamshire as a whole over the next 30 years is, we think, unreasonable and simply undoable.

These, and other reasons, are why we will still be responding to the local plan and encourage you to do so too.

You can also confirm your support in your response for the removal of the previously suggested sites. We can't be complacent.



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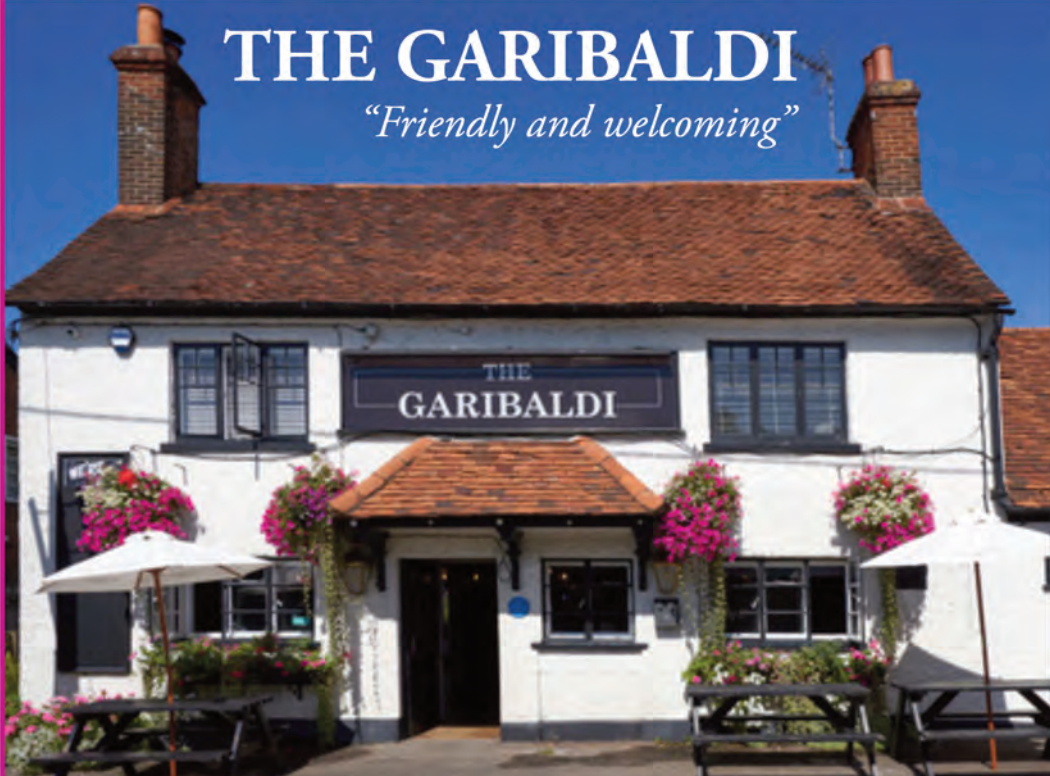
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Footballer Luke signs for Fulham continued from page 1

Luke was delighted to meet Josh King, one of Fulham's stars who started, just like Luke, aged eight in the academy (picture right).

"Family life is hectic," said mum. "Luke's older brother, Ethan, is also a keen footballer and will be playing in an under 18 team and then a men's team soon, so it's going from one training session to another."

Luke's Fulham contract means the family are



given free tickets for their premier league matches with the occasional opportunity to have a box.

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Changes to how accounts are filed. Is your business ready?

If you run a limited company, you may have received an email in recent months from HMRC about important Companies House changes. Although the April 2028 deadline may seem some way off, and has already been pushed back by a year, it is worth understanding the changes now, so your company is prepared.

From 1 April 2028, Companies House is changing how annual accounts must be filed. This reform is driven by the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023, which aims to tackle economic crime, modernise outdated systems and improve the accuracy and reliability of data provided by businesses.

In short, accounts will need to be filed using commercial software, and the old paper and web-based filing routes will close. Accounts will also need to be filed in iXBRL format, which is the standardised file format used by Companies House to automate the processing of hundreds of thousands of financial records.

In practice, for most businesses, it simply means making sure the right systems or the right support are in place before the deadline arrives.

There are other changes too. Small companies and micro-entities will be required to file a profit and loss account for the first time, which is a significant change.

They will however be able to opt out of having that information published on the public register. This

means that Companies House, HMRC and law enforcement agencies will be able to access the data where necessary, but it will not be visible to the general public. The process of opting out has not yet been confirmed.

For some businesses, these changes may not be a major issue. If your accounts are already prepared and filed using suitable software, you may only need to make minor adjustments.

At Naylor Accountancy Services, software-based filing is already part of how we work, so we are well placed to help clients prepare for the new requirements.

But if you are not completely sure how your company files its accounts, it is worth asking a few simple questions now...

* Do you know what type of accounts your company files?

* Are you already using suitable software?

* Do you have your company authentication code to hand?

* Will your current filing process still work from April 2028?

* And are your records as tidy and up to date as they need to be to ensure a smooth switch to software-based filing?

Often, a change like this is not really about filing itself. It highlights where a business may be relying on inadequate processes or last-minute admin, or a process that works only because someone is constantly chasing it along.

So, although no urgent action is required, it is sensible to address this update while there is plenty of time to prepare. Filing and compliance tasks are often pushed aside until the deadline is looming, which can create unnecessary stress.

If you'd like to understand what these changes mean for your business, we'd be delighted to help you navigate them with clarity and confidence.

Alisa Schroeder

Naylor Accountancy Services – Bourne End
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Thousands of finds on Slate Meadow

Oxford Archaeology, who have been investigating Slate Meadow before the field is covered with housing, held an open day in July to display the finds so far discovered at this site. Excavation continues as the finds are classified of national historical importance.

To date they have found flint tools and animal bones, which include auroch and wild boar, dating from about 9,000 to 4,000 BC. They show what people were doing in this area long ago in the Mesolithic Period. The site was probably a busy place during this time where people sat, made tools, and hunted.

As well as the displays, Flintknapping demonstrations were held, showing how flint tools were made. Visitors could chat with the enthusiastic site archaeologists.

So far about one third of the site has been excavated which has yielded about 15,000 artefacts including around 13,000 pieces of flint. Geoff Britt, who lives in Stratford Drive, alongside Slate Meadow, went to the open day and chatted to the enthusiastic digging team.

"Who knows what they will find by the end of the dig?" Geoff wondered as he was able to handle artefacts and show them to wife Beryl and son-in-law Andrew (see picture).



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WOOBURN FESTIVAL 2026

Music, Ideas and Community

As autumn approaches, preparations are complete for another exciting Wooburn Festival, bringing together an inspiring programme of music, talks, film and community events (see *Target's* back page for the programme).

This year's festival continues a tradition that has enriched village life for many years, offering audiences the opportunity to enjoy world-class performers and fascinating speakers on their doorstep.

The 2026 programme reflects the festival's commitment to presenting a rich variety of cultural experiences.

Music remains at the heart of the festival, with concerts ranging from chamber music and opera to jazz and brass ensemble performances.

Returning favourites include the acclaimed Heath String Quartet (pictured), while audiences will also have the opportunity to hear internationally

renowned artists Braimah Kanneh-Mason and Plínio Fernandes, joined by cellist Hadewych van Gent.

Barefoot Opera returns with Mozart's much-loved *Così fan tutte*, while jazz enthusiasts can look forward to an evening with Jacqui Dankworth and Charlie Wood celebrating the music of Stephen Sondheim.

Alongside the musical programme, a series of engaging talks will explore subjects as diverse as the artistic discovery of Paris, the enduring appeal of Agatha Christie and life behind the scenes in the music industry.

Film screenings and community events add further variety, ensuring there is something to appeal to a wide range of interests.

Wooburn Festival is organised entirely by volunteers, whose dedication and enthusiasm make these events possible.

Planning begins many months in advance and involves considerable work behind the scenes, from securing artists and venues to managing marketing, ticketing and hospitality.

One of the festival's most popular features in recent years has been the visits to Dorney Court (pictured), widely regarded as one of England's finest Tudor manor houses.

Dating from the 15th century and occupied by the same family for generations, Dorney Court is a remarkable building of exceptional architectural



and historical significance.

These special visits have become a valued part of the festival calendar, offering participants the opportunity to explore the historic house and its beautiful surroundings while enjoying the company of fellow festival supporters and friends.

Additional visits to Dorney Court are being arranged again this year in response to continuing demand, enabling more people to experience this unique and memorable day out.

Through its varied programme, Wooburn Festival seeks not only to entertain, but also to strengthen community connections through shared cultural experiences.

Whether attending for the first time or returning as a long-standing supporter, visitors can look forward to a warm welcome and a programme filled with memorable experiences.

Further information and tickets are available at wooburn.com



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A reminder that there is still time to register children for this year's Summer Reading Challenge, aimed at those aged four to 11.

The challenge doesn't finish until September 12, so plenty of opportunity to register for a free starter pack then complete six books or reading goals to claim a Challenge Completer medal and certificate.



On August 20 there'll be a childrens' craft workshop linked into the theme of the Reading Challenge which is 'Read to the Beat'.

For children under four there's the Mini Challenge. Again, sign up for free, choose your books and collect a sticker for each book

to fill up a collector card. A special gold sticker awaits those who complete the Mini Challenge.

On Friday August 28 at 2pm there'll be a special event targeted at children aged four years plus. Local children's author, Simon Mole, will perform

poems, raps and stage games for around 45 minutes.

The Read 6 in 2026 is another reading challenge – this time for adults. Over the course of the year library users are encouraged to read a book in one of six categories – for example 'Read a book you have been recommended' or 'Read a book with a number in the title'.

Suggested titles for each category can be found on the Bucks libraries website, but participants are free to choose other titles that appeal under the chosen headings.

Still on reading, library members can choose to read or borrow a wide variety of magazines via the Libby online app.

Subjects range from art and architecture through home and garden to travel and outdoors. There is also a range of foreign language titles available.

Pick up a leaflet in the library for more details, then download the app and you're ready to go.

A weekly Scrabble Club is held in the library on Thursday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm. No need to book. And a reminder that lots of board games are available for use within the library, so come along with a friend/relative for some light-hearted competition.

The library is the starting point for a Simply Walk group on Wednesdays. This an informal group championed by Buckinghamshire Council.

The Bourne End group takes part in a 45 minute local walk, led by volunteers, with no 'hazards' such as stiles and finishes back at the library for tea or coffee. Again, no need to book.

Andrews Boathouses book

As many Bourne End residents will know, the site on which Andrews Reach now stands was once home to the historic Andrews Boathouses of Bourne End.

This new book, by Brian Thompson, is beautifully presented, with professional photo quality pages adding luxury to each chapter.

Before turning to boat building, three generations of the Andrews family had earned acclaim as professional freshwater fishermen on the River Thames at Maidenhead.

In 1821, Edward Andrews established his boatyard at Mill Lane.

In 1925, John Andrews set up his new yard

upstream here at Bourne End. Over the next 60 years, the yard built hundreds

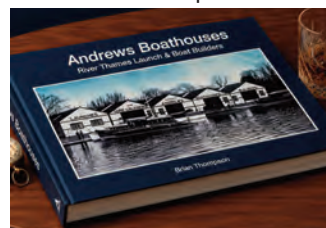
of their famous Greyhound Slipper Launches. Other designs followed, including Day Cruisers, Whippet Launches and Panther Launches.

This 150 page hardback book features rare and previously unpublished photographs, many originating from the photograph albums compiled by John Andrews.

Former Andrews staff members have contributed their recollections, helping to build a richer picture of the boatyard's history. Details and dates have been carefully verified using the Andrews sales ledgers and other surviving records.

Beyond telling the story of one boatyard, the book captures a broader slice of British maritime heritage, when rivers like the Thames were central to leisure life and craftsmanship was passed down through generations. It preserves knowledge drawn from historical publications, original ledgers, designs, and the experience of veteran boatbuilders.

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St Mark's raises the roof to raise £40,000 for repairs

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Its large space and excellent church hall, with recently refurbished kitchen, is an ideal place to hire for a wide range of events.

But time has taken its toll on the roof and fabric of the building resulting in water

ingress causing damage and increased heating bills.

Following a survey £40,000 is needed to repair the roof, timber and lead. The vestry flat roof has failed meaning that church robes and records have had to be moved.

"We are a vibrant welcoming church, not just for our congregation, but for anyone who wants to call in and use our premises," explained Jane Cottrell, one of the churchwardens. "We're here for the

congregation and the village."

A well attended fundraising launch attended by the Bishop of Buckingham Dave Bull, local MP Joy Morrissey and other community leaders resulted in £10,000 being raised in the first week - but there is still quite a way to go.

"Once we have raised a decent amount we can approach various historic church heritage buildings and others to match our funding," added Jane.

It is now a race against time. If the church acts now it can carry out targeted specialist repairs. If it delays the damage will worsen leading to far more extensive and costly restoration in the future.

PAST MEMORY:

When St Mark's was being built, the local community rallied around to provide labour and help reduce costs. Les Lawrence, historian and brilliant wood carver, remembers that his father - a total unbeliever - would spend his precious Saturdays at the church doing necessary jobs.

Like many other workers at Jacksons Millboard and Paper Company his father believed that he was doing something for the community, not necessarily for a particular church.

Mill workers frequently got together to help when something had to be done and money was tight.

With an active sports and social club, the mill workers then fielded teams and played football, cricket and arranged dances and parties in their club house.



l to r: Jane Cottrell, Churchwarden, Andy Cobden, Parish Councillor, Rev Canon Dave Bull (Bishop of Buckingham), Joy Morrissey MP, Rev Simon Dust, Councillor Stuart Wilson, Councillor Penny Drayton, Rev James Dwyer and Area Dean Sarah Luxford (Churchwarden)



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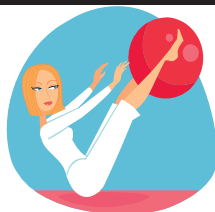
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- 1) Cold nose Schwarzenegger?
- 2) Rapid alien?
- 3) Biscuit that sings a quartet of songs?
- 4) What an Australian would call 'a hard English rock'?
- 5) The magnificence of early 20th century short baggy trousers?
- 6) Miss Budd with snakes in her hair?
- 7) King or Tiger have a alcoholic mixed drink?
- 8) Scalding pan?
- 9) Throw or hurl to mix with a spoon?
- 10) Haddock, salmon and Battenberg?
- 11) Wee and a bolt to spread on bread?
- 12) A mixed aunt and aquatic vertebrates?
- 13) Covered in AU dripping with a thick sweet liquid?
- 14) Wrap that's used in packaging, a mouse sound?
- 15) Edgar Allen is feeling depressed?
- 16) Zero survive?
- 17) Mr Deighton cultivates crops?
- 18) A big boy's tool used for sowing seeds for a midday meal?
- 19) Rocking session spread?
- 20) Older boy must leave to get some sauce relish from eastern India?

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

Answers to the June/July 2026 Quiz: 1) Cillian Murphy 2) AC-12 3) Moe's tavern 4) DI Jack Frost 5) The Hood 6) Patricia Routledge 7) 2000 8) Claudia Winkelman 9) John Thaw 10) Idris Elba 11) The Vivienne 12) Edith 13) Lancashire 14) Star Trek 15) Holly 16) Oxfordshire 17) Heartbeat 18) The Solana 19) Scrappy Doo 20) Pop Stars
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report by Tony Ketley

Big event at the club

I know this is a pun, and not a good one, but every year at Upper Thames Sailing Club we push the boat out for Bourne End Week, the club's premier event.

The club opens its field for camping for competitors who may have travelled far or those more local who may not want to travel, but do want to take full advantage of the social events in the evenings.

It has been a while since the event lasted a week, it is now a four-day event over the spring bank holiday and gets a really good turnout.

It's a popular event with Merlin Rocket, OK, Wayfarer and Rater sailors. However other classes are not excluded, they compete in a handicap class.

For the Raters it is the pinnacle of the racing year with the Queen's Cup up for grabs.

This trophy has been fought over for more than 100 years. The Duke of Connaught, the third son of Queen Victoria, accepted the presidency of the club in 1893 and in the same year the Queen presented a rather grand cup which is affectionately known as the Queen's Cup.

The course for the Queen's Cup must be nine miles in length. With a stiff breeze blowing, nine miles wouldn't be an exceptionally long race, timewise that is. However, this year the winds were non-existent on the day designated for the race, so it was postponed for a day.

The winds weren't much better the next day, they came and went, but there was enough to make the boats move. However, it was hot. It was well into the 30s. In light airs and high temperatures only masochists would get involved.

Well, there was no shortage of masochists, the first Rater home took something like two and a quarter



hours to complete the course, at least they had some consolation for bearing those conditions.

I must admire the crews who set off knowing that they are not going to pick up the cup, but still they go.

Being a masochist is not a requirement for membership of the club. Find out more at <https://www.utscl.org.uk>

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BOURNE END JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB



BEJSC as you may recall, began in 1970 but has come a long way since those early days. Reaching the end of the academic year gives us a chance to take stock. 2025 was a very busy year for the Trustees with all the Decarbonisation taking place between January and December, yet the club continued despite disruption. Since January this year we have had chance to build on our much-improved hall and facilities, but rebuilding our reserves to continue forward has been a priority. We have welcomed new members, new sports, and very importantly we have extended the adult sporting opportunities with our day-time activities. We genuinely do offer "Sport for All" under the umbrella of BEJSC Sports Hall.

This is a good time to remind you about our Bursary Scheme we have run for several years to offer support to those in our community struggling financially. We know how important it is for children and young people to carry on their sports at such times, the funds are managed very discretely to step in when required. However, the basic funds are running low after frequent demands and need topping up. If you know or work for a local company or organisation who could help with donations to this very worthy cause, please let us know or ask them to get in touch.

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Swan Lifeline Charity Fundraising Day

What a glorious sunny afternoon in mid-June was enjoyed at Andrews Reach, Bourne End, where residents, friends and supporters came together to raise funds for Swan Lifeline. This is the oldest swan rescue and treatment charity devoted entirely to the care of sick and injured swans in the Thames Valley.

Guests enjoyed tea, coffee and a delicious selection of homemade cakes, followed by a wonderful paella with optional sangria and a popular drinks tent. Music was provided by Johnie Wilson, who entertained everyone with popular songs accompanied by his guitar.

There were boat rides on the river, as well as plenty of smiles and laughter thanks to the adorable 'GRAMPUS' swan pedalo, generously loaned by Tom Jones Boatyard in Windsor.

The raffle featured an incredible selection of prizes, including three separate two-hour Thames cruises, two tickets for a box at Arsenal, dining experiences and vouchers from Roux at Skindles, The Compleat Angler, The Walnut Tree, The Ferry, The Bounty, spa treatments at Danesfield House and much more.

Organisers want to express a huge thank you to every business and individual who generously donated prizes. Thank you also to 34print.co.uk of Bourne End for the wonderful event banners.

The day also saw the launch of the new book, Andrews Boathouses, with a donation from every copy sold going towards the fundraising effort. (see more about this on page 14).

Anyone who attended, volunteered, donated, bought raffle tickets, baked cakes, or helped in any way made the day a fantastic success raising more than £4,500 for Swan Lifeline. A very special thank you goes to Louise Herring for organising the event and her husband, John, for his generosity.






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It's River Time

By Captain Beaky



Ahoy...Well the summer weather arrived unexpectedly early and just in time for school half term. In fact two weeks before that.

Due to the lack of rainfall the river seemed to be at August levels, very low. We then had some rain, but at time of writing we are into another spell of heatwave weather.

Lady Beaky (a fully qualified RHS Monty Don corduroy black belt) has had to turn her large-scale planting activities into a fully blown emergency watering outfit and seems to be having a real go at lowering the river levels.

The good news? It has taken her attention away from me and I have been able to sneak a few unnecessary boating accessories through the front door without being noticed. What a result.

We had two of the largest boats along our stretch; the 'New Orleans' (built in 1991), 115 foot, 76 tons weighing in for a day and evening charter at £5,000. That went down river from its base in Henley to Eel Pie Island for maintenance and then returned coming through the reach at the end of April.

It passed 'Magna Carta' (1936) the 117 foot, 230 ton barge weighing in at a private charter rate of £52,000 for six nights for eight passengers.

You do get three meals a day with this charter (I only mentioned the prices in case you wanted to compare their prices to mine).

In fact to get the 'New Orleans' under Cookham Bridge the lock keeper managed to drop the river levels by 0.5 metres along the whole four mile stretch. Yes, they do have that type of control with the weirs. The whole process lasted just under two and a half hours.



New Orleans

On the wildlife front, alarmingly, there seems to be a total lack of ducklings and cygnets this year. I have counted six cygnets near Marlow lock...stop press now down to five...and one cygnet near Cookham Bridge.



Magna Carta

It will be interesting to see what the counts are when the Swan Uppers come up the reach on Tuesday July 14. It seems that bird flu took its toll on the breeding couples over the winter. The geese seem to be a bit more successful.

With all this heat I have been asked the question, is it safe to swim down our reach and what is the water quality running at?

My immediate reaction is, no don't swim and the water quality is terrible. Well I was very fortunate to have some time with Wilson, a local, extremely qualified, chap who independently tests the water quality and also swims regularly with his family and friends.

It transpires that over the last few months, the clarity is exceptional and quality is good with E.coli levels good. Great let's start bottling it up and sell it at the local farm shops.

Well probably not, it is only as good as the last spill. Remember we get very regular spills further up the river from Oxford, Reading, Twyford, etc. Our local outlet has been very good lately, however the smell of stale disinfectant is profound on a hot day downwind from the outlet.

The classification of 'good' does not mean it is good to ingest. So with all river activities it is important to try and be as informed as you can. I suggest two websites which you can get the up-to-date figures, those being: sewagemap.co.uk and watertestingriverthames.co.uk

Checking these out will enable you to make a more considered decision whether to swim in the River Thames here or not.

If you do decide to swim, make sure that you always swim in groups and keep a constant eye on each other and most importantly be seen with the use of a swimming buoy. They are inexpensive and help you to be seen.

We have a lot of hire boats steaming up the reach along with many merry boat owners in the lunchtime and evenings. Without any Environment Agency patrol boats around



Keeping safe with swimmer buoys

there is now a total lack of education or enforcement nor is there any meaningful swift emergency response. It is getting more dangerous out there so please be careful.

River depths currently at the railway bridge are as low as 2.5 metres, so those choosing to jump from it need to understand that the lack of depth increases their chances of knocking themselves out or ending up in a wheelchair.

Yes it's all been done in the past, but those people were lucky. You may not be.

The Bounty and El Cerdo have been extremely busy and we even had the Salters steamer the 'Oxford' entertain and then deliver a complete wedding party to the marina. Guests then walked along the pontoon to El Cerdo.

The Bounty's much increased and improved playground is still extremely popular with the young ones and lately they have also had a few live bands playing from their barge stage, so it is Alton Towers meets Glastonbury there.

On the crewing side, I have been training a new recruit for the last few months. I am hoping that passengers will be able to meet him soon, but Max (pictured below wearing his orange safety gear) is somewhat eager with everything he does at the moment which can be a little bit troublesome on a small boat.

Progress report next time. Take care, enjoy the river, but importantly, please keep safe.



Max in training

Find out more about Captain Beaky at www.harbourtours.co.uk

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♦A 10 5 4 ?
♣10 6

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Julian Pottage

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Bourne End & Cookham Probus Club

By Bill Leftwich

Ours is a club for retired businessmen and we meet for lunch every third Wednesday with an invited speaker.

In May we invited a previous speaker, Mervyn Edwards, to recount his experiences in 1996 on leading the team policing the Newbury Bypass.

As a Chief Inspector in Slough he had been asked to lead a team managing a great number of protesters aiming to stop the building of the 9.5 mile bypass. This consisted of seven main protest camps, tunnels and protesters living in tree-houses to halt the felling of trees. At any one time there were 200 protesters living permanently on site with 200-300 locals joining daily and up to 6,000 people at the weekend.

The work began in January with temperatures down to minus 8°C at night making life difficult living in trees and tempers could get quickly frayed.

So how did the protesters communicate? Mostly mobile phones. Local people would take away phones and charge them overnight.

How did they eat? Mostly by visiting local Newbury supermarkets at night scavenging out-of-date food from bins.

Protesters readily accepted that they and their tree houses would eventually be overcome and removed by cranes and bailiffs but they simply moved on to the next tree.

In addition protesters used protected species of badgers, birds and bats to slow progress and Otter droppings were illegally sourced in nearby Wiltshire. A large number of Demoulin Whorl Snails (a protected species) were found, granted a temporary injunction but eventually millions of these miniscule creatures were transported from their home pond to a new off-site home, where they are to this day at a cost of £500,000 and three months delay.

Mervyn also demonstrated techniques that protesters used – padlocks, car-locks and chains often cemented in blocks and tubes — which required a drill and several hours to remove, delaying trucks from entering the site.

A huge, complex operation –10,000 trees were removed, but replaced today with 200,000.

This was an interesting, amusing and sympathetic presentation given to an appreciative audience.

If you would like to join our excellent, friendly club please contact Roger Gould on 01628 524122 or email bourneendprobus@gmail.com

Ladies Probus Group

By Helen Heard

August sees us celebrate the holiday season with a summer barbecue followed in September by a return talk, by popular demand, by Mervyn Edwards on Policing Environmental Protests. He was the Operational Police Commander for all aspects of policing of the Newbury Bypass (see the Probus report above for more details).

Then for something completely different in October when we have a talk on the history of Maundy Money by Paul Leddington Wright.

We are a small, diverse group of like-minded women, who enjoy the fellowship of a tasty lunch, good conversation and interesting speakers.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month for lunch and the third Tuesday at 11am for coffee which has moved back to The King's Arms on Cookham High Street.

If you would like to know more or think you would like to join us for a coffee or lunch, please contact Helen Heard (chairman) on 07789 504267.

Bourne End WI

by Carolyn Judge

In June, our speaker was auditioning to be included in the WI Speakers Handbook, quite an undertaking as she was standing in front of two of the Speaker Committee from the Bucks Federations of WIs and 50 plus of our members.

Natalie Dawn Baldwin spoke about her early life, education and career before moving on to indulge her love of writing; she is now a published author.

Although Natalie has written books under the name Natalie Dawn, she spends a good proportion of her time as a ghost writer of memoirs and we were interested to learn whose stories she had told over the years. Natalie is a great advocate of everyone writing their own story, so that it is available for those we leave behind.

The members of our story telling/creative writing group were particularly interested to hear her talk.

Also in June, a group of us were delighted to be guests of the Little Marlow and Well End WI, when they kindly invited us to an afternoon tea at the Little Marlow Pavilion.

The sun shone and we were able to sit outside and mix with members of four other local WI groups, enjoying a variety of homemade cakes and scones with strawberries and cream. A quiz was designed to get us to put our thinking caps on and the afternoon ended with a very generous raffle.

In July, it was back to entertaining ourselves, when we relaxed at our summer party in Bourne End Library. Once again, our catering team put on a wonderful spread which was enjoyed by all. A lot of chat and banter ensued, all helped along with a glass of wine or two.

Our sub groups remain busy, be it crafting, reading, story telling or running around the netball court. All activities which keep us connected.

Bourne End and Cookham Rotary Club

by John Dunsterville

Warmest thanks to our president, Ian Fraser, who will be standing down in July, so now we welcome Sue Pomeroy, who will be taking the reins of our busy club for the next year.

Sue has always been involved with schools both here and abroad, and we are excited that two local schools have now become corporate members of our club, giving children a valuable worldwide perspective on life.

We had fun at the Wooburn Village Green Fete, and it was good to catch up with many good old friends. Not only did we run a successful raffle, but we also were proud to have LitterBlitz and Swan Lifeline next to us.

LitterBlitz is spearheaded by Barry and Caroline Cross – both Rotarians, who run the environmental side of our club and have local volunteers of all ages, including Duke of Edinburgh award participants. Check out litterblitz.net

Richard Monger also Rotarian, has always been involved with Swan Lifeline and he set up the Rotary Hoopla, so children could win a fluffy cygnet and learn about this charity.

Our club is now 50 years old and goes from strength to strength. We currently meet at the King's Head in Little Marlow on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Interesting speakers keep the evening entertaining and informative but either way we insist that our relaxed and informal approach is upheld – long gone are the days of

dressng up and obeying old fashioned protocols.

If you would like to help your community, give me a call. Better still come and visit us and find out first-hand how you can help with our great projects.

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Rotary Club of Cookham Bridge.

by Peter Osborn

The Cookham Fun Regatta 2026 will be on Saturday September 5. Put the date in your diary for a family fun day out. How about entering a team for the dragon boat races? We provide the boat, the steersman and the safety team. Alternatively enter a dog in the dog show or enter a car in the classic car show. For all the details go to cookhamregatta.org.uk

Since I last wrote we have successfully organised the 3rd Cookham Run on Sunday May 17. This year net proceeds of £1,500 were donated to local Maidenhead Explorer Scouts. You can see photos of this year's event on the webpage cookhamrun.co.uk. If you did not enter this year, maybe you can get in training? Lace up your running shoes and enter next year.

In addition to organising large and small charity events the club has a full programme of weekly events with regular speakers. We draw our members from both sides of the river. Our weekly meetings are on a Wednesday at the Odney Club 6.45 for 7.15pm for a meal. We are always keen to welcome new prospective members. If you wish to know more contact membership@cookhamrotary.co.uk.

Little Marlow & Well End WI

By Veronica Kay

At our June meeting speaker Peter Hague, gave a fascinating and well-presented talk about the history of a number of 'Famous Jewels', starting with the crown jewels of Charles I, which were destroyed by Oliver Cromwell, and subsequently replaced by Charles II. These include the St Edward's Crown (only worn for Coronations) and the Imperial State Crown (worn on ceremonial occasions, such as the State Opening of Parliament).

Thanks were given to members who had shared their 1960s memorabilia at the last meeting and to Kate Bradford for providing an entertaining quiz.

The Cover to Cover Girls will meet to discuss books by Donna Leon. The ramble this month will be around Little Marlow, when Barbara Wallis will share her local knowledge of its history.

A garden party was held on the lawn at Little Marlow for the members of local WIs. A special welcome was given to Judith Forster, WI Adviser.

The date coincided with another famous event not many miles away - Royal Ascot. But our ladies did not disappoint. They eagerly strolled down the long walk to the pavilion, in their best attire, carrying the obligatory parasol.

At the July meeting Pauline Clitheroe welcomed the speaker and the small number of members who had braved the heatwave. Alan Copeland enlightened and amused members with an extensive selection of photographs and anecdotes relating to 'Curiosities of the Chilterns'.

Among many examples were the largest cast iron statue in the UK (the lion war memorial in Forbury Gardens, Reading) and a Victorian toilet block in Caversham (restored and now at Chiltern Open Air Museum).

Members were reminded to submit their entry forms for the summer show and to return their trophies from last year.

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CLAYTONBURY SHOWS THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

Sunshine, music, laughter and an incredible community spirit filled the grounds of Claytons Primary School in June as hundreds of families came together for the fourth Claytonbury – a festival that has become one of Bourne End's favourite community events.

First launched in 2019, Claytonbury has grown into far more than a school fundraiser. It is a celebration of everything that makes our community special: local businesses supporting local families, talented performers donating their time, volunteers working tirelessly behind the scenes, and friends and neighbours coming together to enjoy a fantastic day.

Two stages showcased an outstanding line-up of local talent including live performances from Chake, Arthur McDonald, 4G, Sideline and headline act Crazy Donkey, that had the crowd singing and dancing until the very end.

The festival also featured fantastic performances from Urban Strides, Trinity Theatre Arts, Medley School of Dance, Dance Irish and Azure, who delighted audiences throughout the day.

One of the day's most heartwarming moments came from Claytons School Choir, led by the inspirational Mrs Hopps. Singing with confidence, enthusiasm and huge smiles, the children truly sang their hearts out.

Away from the stages, there was no shortage of family fun. Visitors enjoyed Bounce Beaconsfield, Bourne End Junior Sports Club Football, Katy Kartwheel, Forum Players and younger visitors loved climbing aboard the fire engine kindly brought along by our local Fire Brigade.

Face painting, colourful hair waxing, giant bouncy castles, bottle and teddy tombolas, the raffle, book stall, garden games, craft activities, rock painting, the toy stall and fancy dress meant there was something for everyone to enjoy throughout the day.

There were pizzas from Pizza Addicts on offer as well as ice creams, homemade cakes and sweets, while Vulcan Explorer Scout Unit kept everyone well fed with their barbecue, raising funds for their own activities at the same time.

A huge thank you goes to the local businesses and sponsors whose generosity helped make the day such



a success. We are especially grateful to Bourne End Co-op, Tesco and Marks & Spencer for their generous donations of fresh fruit, to Bourne End Wimpy for kindly donating ice, and to our valued sponsors, The Black Lion, Revolution Roof Boxes and Langley Tyre Care. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who generously donated raffle prizes.

A special thank you goes to Alex Pyle, whose vision, enthusiasm and countless hours of hard work (supported by Claytons PTA) brought the festival together so seamlessly.

Thank you to every volunteer, performer, sponsor, stallholder and donor who gave their time, talent and support, and to all the families, pupils, staff, friends and neighbours who came along to enjoy the day and make Claytonbury so special.

Once again, Claytonbury showed the power of community and what can be achieved when people come together. We raised an amazing £4,500 which will help enrich the children's school experience by supporting resources, activities and



opportunities beyond the classroom, ensuring Claytonbury's impact continues long after the music has finished.

We're already looking forward to our next PTA event, when The Happy Circus comes to Claytons Primary School on October 18 for another afternoon of fun, laughter and community spirit. We hope to see you there.

By Tracy Cartwright



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Volunteers show the trail of a ONE CAN donation



Target reporter, Hugh Howard, follows the trail of a donated box of cereal with the help of One Can Food Bank volunteers

Have you ever wondered what happens to the generous donations left in the collecting cage at the community centre?

Target marked a box of cereal with its distinctive logo to follow its One Can journey.

The community association's, Diane Hall, donated our Target box of cereal into the collection cage at the centre. Weekly volunteer drivers collect and take the donations to the One Can warehouse in High Wycombe,

Food Banks are a fact of life. One Can, based in High Wycombe, but covering most of south Bucks, feeds 500 people a week, needing large quantities of donations. The monthly value of donated food parcels is around £55,000.

Food parcels comprise mainly donated food. In addition fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs and other perishables are bought first thing in the morning from wholesalers and added to the daily deliveries.



Each weekend there are 'food drives' asking for donations at large supermarkets together with countless 'street hero' collection points like ours in the community centre.

In 2023 One Can received the King's Award for Voluntary Service.

Clients range from single people living in a tent or car, to large families. All receive food parcels for four weeks.

Fewer than 12 salaried staff are supported by an incredible 494 volunteers — the equivalent in size to a British Army battalion.

The logistics of ensuring, on a daily and nightly basis, that the right volunteer is in the right place at the right time, are staggering.

Donations are carefully checked for 'use-by' dates before being stored in racks ready for the packers. Care is taken to identify specific foods for those with allergies or other dietary or cultural needs. The turnover is phenomenal with donations having a shelf life of a couple of weeks or so.

Clients are referred by a range of agencies. The referral agency shares basic information including dietary or other needs, for example a baby's age for nappy sizes. Volunteer drivers take weekly supplies to clients throughout south Bucks. 'Walk-ins' will be given emergency supplies.

The first week's supply includes 'store cupboard' basic items such as tea, coffee, sugar, cooking oils and spices together with enough food for the family for a week. Food parcels comply with guidance from One Can's nutritionist.

But it doesn't stop there.

Late night volunteer drivers collect supermarket surplus that has just reached its sell by date when the store closed. Perishable food, such as fresh



the food parcels going out the next day. This year one local company encouraged its employees to donate Easter Eggs matching their staff's donations. One Can's Easter Bunnies were rushed off their feet.

The Food Bank caters for the special needs of all referrals. It can supply nourishing food for those without cooking facilities because they may be living in a tent or car or the electricity has been cut off.

Finally drivers deliver packed bags to clients' doorsteps.

Six years ago, Cathy had some health issues, which resulted in her being dependent on benefits.

She told me: "I was on benefits, trying to pay my bills and afford food and I was really struggling. When I received a food parcel from One Can, it meant everything to me."

It took Cathy about six months to get back on her feet. She has never forgotten the kindness and support that One Can gave her at that difficult time in her life. She is a regular volunteer at the food bank, packing parcels for others in their time of need. "I'm happy to help One Can as I know how much it means to the people who receive food parcels."

One Can welcomes volunteers for all sorts of roles whether you can spare an hour or half a day. In addition to the food bank, One Can runs a community cafe, cookery classes, a clothes bank and a toddlers club.

Volunteers are always needed for a wide range of roles in what is a fantastically busy and much needed service.

Contact: volunteer@onecantrust.org.uk

Our photos show (clockwise from top left) Diane donates our Target cereal. Therese checks our donation and puts it into storage. Elaine selects a family's groceries in the warehouse. Cathy packs our cereal. Carolyn loads bags for delivery.

Photos by Vanessa Geffen



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OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

Cores End United Reformed Church

What a variety of weather we have had in recent weeks. Often too wet and windy and then too hot - which has made arranging outdoor activities difficult at times. So, we were very lucky on June 20 that the day was dry with a nice breeze and no rain when we held our strawberry tea in aid of the churchyard. A good number of people enjoyed the delicious scones and super strawberries and a healthy sum was raised for the churchyard fund.



On September 12 we are one of the designated refreshment stops for the Ride and Stride Charity. September 27 the church will be decorated for our Harvest Festival.

Link Up Club has a break in August, but returns on September 8 with a game and time to catch up with other members. September 22 Banjovi entertains and on October 6 we have a musical quiz. Then on October 20 the annual Brass Band Concert celebrates 45 years of the club. EVERYONE is welcome. This is always a very enjoyable concert with a variety of music styles.

Looking ahead in October and November we will be collecting pyjamas for children ages from birth to 18 years in aid of the Children's Hospital Charity.

Church services are at 10.30am every Sunday followed by refreshments and Communion on the second Sunday of the month.

St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

As summer turns into early autumn we look forward to gathering together for coffee, conversation, community events and celebrations. If you are new to the area or simply passing by, you will find a warm welcome here.

Cafe in the Churchyard - Saturday August 1 and Saturday September 5, for



coffee, cake and conversation. Drop in, bring a friend and enjoy a relaxed morning with neighbours and new faces alike. Everyone is welcome - including well behaved dogs.

Monday August 31 is Little Marlow Village Fête. Be sure to visit the church stall. There will be plenty to enjoy for all ages as we celebrate together as a village community. The church will be open for those looking for a quiet space or if you are looking for a wedding venue take the opportunity to explore this intimate, historic and beautiful setting to make your wedding vows.

Saturday September 12 from 10am to 4pm we have Creationtide Celebrations. Join us for a day celebrating God's gift of creation. Through activities, reflection, hospitality and opportunities to explore the natural world around us. We will give thanks for the beauty of creation and consider how we can care for it well. Suitable for all ages and all are warmly welcome.

Saturday September 12 is also Ride and Stride. The opportunity to visit local churches to raise money for Historic Churches in Buckinghamshire, more details nearer the time. Whether you are

walking or cycling do pop in for a rest and refreshments.

Save the date - Sunday October 4 at 11am our Harvest Festival and Harvest Lunch. Join us as we celebrate harvest together. Details to follow. For more information on our regular services and upcoming events go to: <https://bit.ly/LM-cal>

St Nicholas' Church, Hedsor

The scorching Saturday of June 27 did little to deter the crowds from our annual Riverside Fair and the river breezes helped to freshen the air a little in Mr and Mrs Callingham's stunning garden by the River Thames. The boat trips were especially popular for those keen to cool down for a while (see photos p18).

The sun has shone on our April, May and June brides and weddings continue over the year.

Revd Adrian is at the church to welcome us to our weekly 9am Sunday services, which are always followed by coffee in the church and we welcome visitors to join us.

For details of this and information and help on weddings, baptisms and funerals, contact our churchwarden, Maura Carr, on 01628 530181 mauracarr300@gmail.com

For details of our activities visit <https://www.stnicholaschurch.online> and www.achurchnearyou.com. See also our Facebook page.



St Mark's Church, Bourne End

We have been really encouraged by the generosity of the local church members and wider community groups in supporting St Mark's raise the money needed to repair our leaking roof and invest in the building for future generations (see page 15).

We need £40k for essential repairs and following a community launch in May, we already have £26k towards the total. If you would like to support this appeal you can do so at crowdfunder.co.uk/p/stmarksroof

On Saturday September 5 at 3pm, we are hosting an afternoon tea with the Blend Choir to entertain us. Anyone is welcome to join us. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information, please go to our website stmarksbourneend.org. All proceeds will go towards the St Mark's Roof appeal.

Alpha is a place for you to explore the Christian faith on your terms. Each session unpacks a big question on life, faith and purpose and is designed to spark conversation. There's no pressure, follow up or charge. It starts in September at St Mark's, Station Road. See our website stmarksbourneend.org for more.



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

Please consult our website www.stpaulswooburn.org and our Facebook page (St. Paul's with St. Mary's Church) for information about regular and special services and events that will be happening including Men's Night at the

Falcon, Community Breakfast, Coffee and Conversation mornings, Lunchtime Communion services on Fridays at St Mary's, which include a jacket potato lunch and seasonal Forest Church. Please join us for any and all activities. As you might have noticed, we enjoy creating opportunities for community to happen.

We are a month into our later starts on Sundays. Our main service (including Messy Church) now starts at 10am and the BCC service, now starts at 8.30am. We are doing this on a trial basis for six months, through to the end of the year, at which point we will make a decision as to whether to continue with the later start.

Are you young at heart? And/or do you have young(ish) children? Regardless, we welcome you to our inspirational Messy Church which takes place on each second Sunday. Kids and adults alike will find some fun arts and crafts to do around a theme, as well as an interactive Bible story, or just read a newspaper and enjoy the breakfast baps/pastries, coffee or tea, and conversation.

Our next Forest Church is Sunday August 2. Come for cake to St Paul's at 3pm. Forest Church will begin at 4pm and will probably be a walk to celebrate the first fruits of the harvest. Please check 'Wooburn Forest Church' on Facebook.

At the Bourne End Community Market each month our wonderful Holy Bakers put on an amazing spread that you can take home with you, if you can resist eating your purchases immediately.

And as usual, we will open the church for a cool (or dry) place to sit, or sit in the shade for our weekly Church Open Afternoon Teas, running through to September from 3pm to 5pm.

The Community Church, Wooburn Green

As we move from summer to autumn, we see the usual change in seasons taking place. For us at Community Church, things over the summer season have in many ways been a little quieter and slower in pace. Time to rest is so important.

However, not all have been resting as we have seen many of our teenagers joining with about 10,000 other young people at the Newday Festival at the Norfolk Showground in early August (<https://www.newdaygeneration.org/>) and then in late August the local Lighthouse Children's Holiday Clubs took place around the area including Lighthouse Loudwater which a number of adults and young people had the joy of helping at.

Autumn is a great season. A season of changing colour and temperatures. Why not join us on a Monday morning 10am to 12pm, at our Connect Coffee morning for a lovely free coffee, tea, hot chocolate and homemade cake. The coffee morning takes place in the hall behind the chapel on The Green.

For more information please visit our website thecommunitychurch.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



Little Marlow Parish Council

We are already beginning the process of setting next year's budget. We would welcome your ideas of additional things we could be doing to improve our parish. Please send your suggestions to our parish clerk by the middle of September.

Our community in Little Marlow parish is a kind and supportive one. We would like to thank the two parishioners who anonymously planted summer bedding in the tubs in the centre of the village. If you have any views on what should be our community priorities moving forward please let our clerk know.

Work on refurbishing Abbotsbrook Hall



(inside and out) is going on in the summer holidays. We were delighted to see that the bike racks we installed at Abbotsbrook Hall were in use by a young biker this month (see photo).

We also have bike racks in the car park down Coldmoorholme Lane.

The hall bookings calendar on our website (under Facilities) means that you can see when we have availability at both Abbotsbrook Hall and at the Pavilion.

They are both lovely halls suitable for a variety of uses and we are always happy to show prospective hirers around. Both venues have wifi access.

All council meetings are open to the public and it would be lovely to see you there and to hear your views. Details of times and dates of all meetings are on our website.

Meanwhile we look forward to seeing you at Little Marlow Fête on Bank Holiday Monday August 31 at the Recreation Ground in Little Marlow.

Cllr Kath Acres, chairman



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Past Times

Edited by Barrie Penfold



Cores End Church provided the inspiration for this look into the archives following their report in the last issue of *Target*.

Dorothy Taylor's 104th birthday celebration at a garden centre was special, especially when she called out that she would be back next year.

So here's a look at a church nestling on a junction between Bourne End and Wooburn Green. Geoff Britt provided this story as the church celebrated 250 years.

The church at Cores End was founded in 1768 by Thomas Grove who had been sent down from St Edmund Hall Oxford, where he was studying for ordination in the Church of England, for holding impromptu prayer meetings.

He then returned home to his grandmother in Cores End, who had brought him up when orphaned, and began preaching in the family's farmhouse, which quickly became too small for the number of people who wished to hear him. A barn at the rear was used, but this in turn also became too small, despite having twice been enlarged, as by then he was preaching to a congregation of 300.



In 1773 this informal gathering was constituted as an Independent (later Congregational) Church.

The first church building was erected in 1781 on the ground next to the Groves' farmhouse, later being taken down and rebuilt in 1804 as the Bethal Chapel, by, 'public subscription' (as noted on a plaque on the front of the present building).

This building had school rooms added in

the 1860s then was extended and refitted in 1881.

Up to the late 1950s the toilets were outside, and the organ had to be pumped by hand, resulting in a downward groan at the end of hymns with many verses when the pumper became tired and there was a loud call of "pump harder" from the organist.

Improvements were made at the beginning of the 21st century to the rear access and a new entrance. Then heating, lighting, and floor covering was provided for the sanctuary. Major repairs to the two halls have taken place over the summer of 2018.

Since the 1768, 23 ministers have followed Thomas Grove at Cores End, seeing its name change from Congregational to United Reformed Church in 1972 when the Congregational Church of England and Wales united with the English Presbyterians (with further unions with the Churches of Christ in 1981 and Scottish Congregationalists in 2000).

One minister of note was John Duthie Allen who was at the church over the period of the First World War. He organised a weekday service for women who could not get to church at the weekend.

He also spent three months in France ministering just

behind the front line. Coming back to Cores End he set about organising parcels of clothing and gifts to be sent out to the troops every year at Christmas.

From the middle of the 19th century, to combat the increasing social problems caused by alcohol abuse, ministers and members of Cores End played a leading part locally in the rise of the Temperance Movement.

Before that time, it was customary to provide a glass of wine in the vestry before the service for any visiting preacher. To date, this custom has not been resumed.

In the 18th and 19th centuries many mills straddled the River Wye, the nearest one to the church being Princes Mill which closed in 1922.

It gives its name to Princes Road through which the church's car park is accessed.

In the past, Cores End had its own identity before being swallowed up by Bourne End, and indeed, Bourne End's first telephone exchange, with nine subscribers, operated from a cottage in Cores End.

In the late 19th century, the caretaker of the church, Bill Ayres, worked in Burrows shoe factory in Cookham. In winter, Ferry Lane, the approach to Cookham Bridge, was often flooded to a depth of two or three feet, so he did the journey, when necessary, on home-made stilts.

During the 1950s, 60s and 70s, the church displayed its lighter side with pantomimes and variety shows. In the 70s and 80s the church entered floats in the local Bourne End Carnival which usually consisted of numerous children adorning a flat-bed lorry, which would give today's Health & Safety Inspectors nightmares.

During the running boom of the 1980s Cores End Church entered a team in the Wycombe Half Marathon proudly displaying the church name on the front of their running kit.

The people of Cores End Church have always tried to be caring and welcoming to all, with the result that the present congregation comes from a variety of denominations, backgrounds and ages.

The message 'all welcome' remains at the heart of the church's life today.

Pic caps: Below left, The Manse, which used to be across the road from the church, welcomed this wedding party included the policeman, on the far right of the picture, who stopped the traffic to allow the bride's party to cross to the church.

*Bottom right: Graveyard and church in the snow
Top left: On a tidy-up Muriel found this old church collection poster.*





Mary Oswald was the volunteer water safety advisor for the RNLI for eight years until her retirement last year. Here she gives some important advice on staying safe in the water.

WATER SAFETY

We were blessed with a glorious sunny and very hot week for half term. Many families will have gone away down to the coast or spent time by the River Thames. It is tragic that several people drowned in separate incidents during that time.

Follow this advice to keep you and your family and friends safe near water.

CHECK YOUR SURROUNDINGS

On arrival by the sea/river/harbour, check what is happening BEFORE anybody goes into the water. Check what the weather is like, which direction the wind is coming from, is the tide in or out, are there any signs/flags up, are there any lifeguards present.

RED FLAG FLYING

NOBODY, including your dog, should go into the water. The flag means it is dangerous to go in. TWO RED AND YELLOW FLAGS FLYING

Lifeguards are present and you can swim - BUT ONLY BETWEEN THE FLAGS

GOING INTO THE WATER

NOBODY, whatever their age, or swimming ability, should go into water or close to the water, on their own. Go two or more together. STICK within visible reach of each other at ALL times. At least one

person should be old enough to be able to help the other one if they should get into difficulties. A young child cannot fulfil that role.

INFLATABLES

ANYBODY using an inflatable can be blown out to sea, gently and without anyone noticing. IF YOU CANNOT TOUCH THE GROUND WITH YOUR FEET - THEN YOU ARE AT THE MERCY OF THE SEA - and can float well out of your depth. Get some string and tie the inflatable to your wrist or ankle, so it remains with you to help you float.

GETTING INTO TROUBLE

Get to the surface and float like a star fish with spread legs and arms. You may be in some degree of shock having entered the cold water very quickly. Calm down and get your breathing under control. Then shout for help (very loudly) and wave one straight arm from side to side in a big arcs.

Float to save your life, until you hear someone/a boat coming. Then shout even louder and wave your arm.

DO NOT try to swim back to shore. You need your energy to help you survive in the sea and to keep your core temperature up.

GETTING HELP

Call 999 and ask for the coastguard. They will arrange for whatever help is necessary. At a beach with lifeguards present, then your 'buddy' should race to tell them the problem, then let them take care of the situation.

HELPING OTHERS

Never enter open water to rescue a friend or pet, as many drownings occur during rescue attempts. Instead, remember Phone, Float, Throw:

- Phone: Dial 999 or 112. If you are at the coast, ask for the coastguard; if inland, ask for the fire service.
- Float: Tell the person in the water to Float to Live.
- Throw: Look for a lifesaving ring, throw line, or any buoyant object to toss to them.

THE DANGERS OF INLAND WATER

- Cold Water Shock: Even on the hottest days, inland water stays very cold. The sudden temperature drop can trigger cold water shock, causing involuntary gasping, panic, and rapid breathing.
- Hidden Hazards: Submerged objects, debris, unpredictable depths, and strong undercurrents (especially near locks and weirs) are common.
- Inflatables: Never use inflatables (lilos or dinghies) in open water. They can be blown out into deep water very quickly.

RIVERS AND HARBOURS

NEVER jump into water. You will not know what is at the bottom, how deep the water is, how cold the water is etc. DO NOT jump off bridges, harbour walls, piers. There may be rocks, concrete, shopping trolleys, bicycles, old boats, broken glass and seaweed, thick mud, or dense river plants below the surface. If you get caught in any of these - you may be unable to resurface again.

Research has shown that the activity near a river that has caused the most drownings, is an owner jumping in after their dog. DO NOT go into the water. Walk along the side of the river keeping abreast of the dog. Chances are the dog will get out. ALL DOGS CAN SWIM.

LIFE JACKETS

EVERYONE in a boat/canoe, on a surf board, paddle board etc - MUST WEAR A LIFE JACKET - even if you are (think you are) a strong swimmer.

If you would like an RNLI volunteer to visit your school, Guides, Scouts or a social group, please contact the RNLI directly to arrange this. RNLI, South Bucks and Thames branch 606954 RNLI official website is RNLI.org RNLI phone number: 0300 300 9990

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OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

Marlow & District Railway Society

It was a pleasure to host David Pinniger at our June meeting. He delivered a fascinating talk on a subject even we railway enthusiasts knew very little about, mainly because the small Irish railways that he was describing closed before most of us were born.

Just the names of some of them were wonderful, and I particularly liked the Tralee and Dingle Railway.

For some years, prior to closure in 1953, the only trains that ran on it were monthly cattle specials when two steam locos would haul a long train loaded with cattle for market along a weed-strewn track, up and down fearsome gradients. It must have been quite a sight.

A month earlier Tom Burnham talked to us about another rural light railway which closed to passengers in the 1950s, but this one is still with us.

It is the Kent and East Sussex Railway which operates between Tenterden and Bodiam. This lovely little branch line, usually steam worked, is well worth seeking out.

Many of you will remember that last year the UK's railways were celebrating 200 years since the opening of the Stockton & Darlington Railway. On Thursday August 20 Mike Lamport will be giving his own professional thoughts on 200 years of progress, which should be illuminating.

Then on Thursday September 17 we have a long-awaited treat when Jeremy Harrison shows us more of Ken Nunn's amazing collection of railway photos taken before the First World War. Some very old and rare shots are guaranteed. Both these meetings start at 7.30pm in the community centre and everyone is welcome. Non-members pay £3 on the door, and for society members it is free. We hope to see you there.

Marlow Maidenhead Passengers Association

Our Annual General Meeting was held at the community centre in May. Richard Porter has been a stalwart member for many years. He has produced excellent newsletters and kept our website up to date. He has now relinquished his involvement in these activities and we have committed to upgrading the website.

The committee was re-elected along with two new members. One as representative of Cookham Parish Council the other as our new webmaster. A proposal to amend our working name to Marlow Maidenhead Taplow Passengers Association was adopted. After the formal business there were presentations from GWR and Chiltern Railways.

The GWR representative is the Area Station Manager who took note of our complaints with a promise they would be investigated and dealt

with. Here's a reminder of the issues we monitor and press for necessary changes.

- All day half hourly services on Marlow Branch
- Persuade bus companies to coordinate timings with trains, especially at Bourne End
- Car park issues in and around Taplow station
- Taking issues to rail organisations
- Work with Maidenhead Station Management Board to improve the station
- Press for remedial work to ease the platform - train gap at Maidenhead
- Additional stops at Taplow on Elizabeth Line services to give four trains an hour

Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association

We foster friendships between Bourne End and Octeville-sur-mer, Normandy. New members always welcome, French not needed. Info: Wendy Langford (chairman) langfordw22@gmail.com 07428 004417. Membership £10pp, £20 family.

Meet us at the Bourne End market or join now to get all the news by email.

On June 4, a coachload of 20 visitors from Octeville made it via the Shuttle and the oh-slow M25, to be greeted with hugs of welcome by their hosts here.

Suitcases stowed in our cars, we gathered in the Jackson Rooms where even more newcomers awaited, including other members eager to re-ignite friendships from our 23 years.

Once everyone had a glass in hand, and the happy buzz was quieted, Wendy Langford (our chairman) officially welcomed our guests, followed by Miriam Blazey (parish council); to which Jean Pierre Marie (président of the CJO) replied, also reading a message from the Mayor of Octeville, Olivier Roche.

On the Friday hosts took their guests out to explore the area: village shops, river trips or walks by the River Thames, lunch at The Bounty, Cliveden, Oxford - whatever took their fancy.

On Saturday, we went to Winchester. Martin Dru provided info about its history and some fun choices of French songs on the way. The medieval Great Hall and Westgate Museum offered insights into our shared heritage in this fascinating town, once the hugely powerful capital of Wessex under Alfred the Great, then William the Conqueror.

An excellent guide helped us to discover more, including the surprising fact that important court trials were still taking place in the hall right up into the 1970s. The cathedral also is marvellous — hard to understand why no-one has yet written an adult biography of the diver who saved it from collapse in the early 1900s.

We could have done without the pouring rain, but our guests come from Normandy, so they cheerfully took it in their stride, making good use of the many cafés and market stalls.

On the Sunday we met again for a short concert by members of the popular Heath Singers, followed by a splendid buffet dinner from Richard Chalmers and his team.

Back came the rain for the departure of the coach on Monday, but we were rescued by St Dunstan's, so we could take a photo of our

happy band indoors.

Next year we are invited to Octeville, June 17 to 21. We are promised a day at the Rouen Armada (a gathering of sailing craft on the River Seine), plus the usual amazing Octeville welcome, so get the dates in your diary.

There are member events throughout the year, and you could be coming with us to France next June. Contact Wendy for any details.

Soroptimist International Thames Valley

We work on projects at a local, regional and international level. This month members of our Thames Valley club attended the Chiltern regional meeting held in High Wycombe.

Members from of all the other Soroptimist clubs in the region came and exchanged news.

Our club reported on two of our current projects – Wycombe Women's Aid and Smartphone free Childhood. In addition we heard from speakers from CHOSEN, a charity which works with women caught in commercial sexual exploitation and from Amref Health Africa, highlighting their work with health workers in East Africa.

Wycombe Youth Action presented a lively video which is part of their own project No Knife Crime — combating street violence among young people.

Come along and hear more about our many Soroptimist projects.

We meet every third Tuesday of the month (except August) in Bourne End Library at 7pm until 9.30pm. You'll be very welcome. Just check our website for information: sigbi.org/thames-valley

Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

'Something completely different' was the inspiration for members at our July meeting when Diane Norman demonstrated the ancient Japanese art of 'Ikebana'.

While Diane deftly and simply showed her award-winning skills of 'giving life to flowers' she talked about the craft and its traditions.

Ikebana floral designs are typically crafted with seasonal flowers and other natural materials, such as leaves and branches, which are carefully placed in vases or other vessels, to create aesthetic form and balance. Arrangements are meant to reflect the personality and aesthetic awareness of the creator and to express the spirit of the moment, with a particular emphasis on the changing seasons.



Craft Show, which takes place on Saturday October 3.

The show follows the tradition of many years, with all the usual and a lovely selection of items, including our sought-after items.

All items entered need a completed entry card. This can be downloaded from our website: www.bejuniorcraftshow.co.uk

New this year, repeat printing out. This will be a great item as it will save you the trouble of NOT store these details in your user's end.

Full details of the Show can be found on our website or scan the QR code.



JUNIOR CRAFT SHOW DRAWS CLOSER

They say an elephant never forgets. We are hoping you remember to enter our new *Everything Elephant* class at this year's Bourne End Junior

place at the library in Wakeman Road on the same format as in previous classes to enter and the prizes to be won, rosettes and trophies. These can be downloaded from our website

Information can be pre-filled online before of huge benefit to those entering multiple from writer's cramp. Please note that we do on our system, all processing is done at the

How and how to enter can be found on our R code.



Fascinating facts delighted members while Diane created displays that really did 'give life to flowers'. Later lucky raffle winners took home the displays created during the demonstration. The challenge for members was to create their own Ikebana arrangements



with just a handful of flowers, some greenery and an interesting vase. No meeting in August, but members will get together

again on Tuesday September 1 when Caroline Golding takes as her

theme 'From the Bookshelf'. Moving into autumn then, when flowers are bright and vibrant, to create arrangements heralding the colder days ahead.

Why not come to one of our demonstrations (visitor fee £10) then consider becoming a member of our society and learn more about the art of creating eye-catching displays using a simple bunch of flowers.

For more information contact Jenny Hardwick on 01628 526554 or email jennifermhardwick@gmail.com



CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

AUGUST

- 1 Sat Repair Café (and then every first Saturday) at Flackwell Heath Community Centre 10am to midday. See poster page 6
- 3 Mon Short Mat Bowls in the community centre 7.15pm – and every Monday and Tuesday (except first Tuesday of each month)
- 6 Thurs (and every Thursday) Fitsteps at the community centre 11.15am to midday
- 6 Thurs Centre Quiz at the community centre. Doors open at 7.30pm; please arrive by 7.45pm for an 8pm start. For more information call Diane on 07521 656413
- 6 Thurs Every Thursday at the Black Lion in Well End, join regulars and others for a night of questions, answers and loads of laughs with friendly people. Fun starts at 8pm. Call 01628 531612 to book
- 7 Fri Bingo in the community centre. Every Friday. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 8 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am to 2pm in and around the community centre. See ad page 31
- 9 Sun A social with a great mix of salsa, cha cha cha, Cuban and other Latin rhythms at the community centre, £12. Call 07595 397184 or 07956 122505 info@dance2salsa.co.uk www.dance2salsa.co.uk
- 11 Tues Short Mat Bowls in the community centre 7.15pm – and every Monday and Tuesday (except first Tuesday of each month)
- 13 Thurs Open Mic Night in the bar at Bourne End Community Centre 8pm to 10.30pm. See poster page 4
- 13 Thurs The Hedsor Jazz Club, start time 8pm (until 10.30pm), admission £12 (cash only), The Hedsor Club, Hedsor Road, Bourne End (held on the second and fourth Thursday each month)
- 15 Sat Repair Café (and then every third Saturday) at Bourne End Community Centre 11am to 1pm. See poster page 6
- 15 Sat Embrace Women's Dance Gathering at Bourne End Library 10.30 to 11.30am. See page 10
- 23 Sun Afternoon movie at the New Royalty Cinema in the community centre at 4pm *Downton Abbey The Grand Finale*. See page 3
- 27 Thurs Centre Rock presents Thr3wind at the community centre 7.45pm. See poster page 5
- 28 Fri Children's event at the library with author Simon Mole at 2pm. See page 14
- 31 Mon The annual August Bank Holiday Fête, Little Marlow, 2pm to 5pm. See page 31

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Tues Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society welcomes Caroline Golding with the theme 'From the Bookshelf' at 8pm in the community centre. See page 35
- 2 Wed and Mon 7 Forum Players auditions for their annual pantomime. See details page 5
- 3 Thurs (and every Thursday) Fitsteps at the community centre 11.15am to midday
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- 5 Sat Coffee morning at the community centre from 11am to 1pm in aid of South Bucks Talking News. See poster page 4
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- 12 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am to 2pm in and around the community centre. See ad page 31
- 12 Sat Open Day at Bourne End's Fruit and Flower Market. See advert page 27
- 13 Sun A social with a great mix of salsa, cha cha cha, Cuban and other Latin rhythms. See details August 9
- 14 Mon Wooburn Residents' Association meeting, open to the public, 8pm. See their report page 8
- 18 Fri Cancer Connect meet-up at Flowerland café 10.30am to 12.30pm. Meet up for coffee, chat, community and connection
- 18 Fri Wooburn and Bourne End schools' reunion 1940s to 1980s, but all are welcome to attend at 11am in the Spade Oak Hotel in Coldmoorholme Lane, Bourne End
- 19 Sat Repair Café (and then every third Saturday) at the Bourne End Community Centre 11am to 1pm. See poster page 6
- 20 Sun Afternoon movie at the New Royalty Cinema in the community centre at 4pm. *I Swear*. See page 3
- 26 Sat Volunteers Fair at the community centre from 10am to 2pm. See page 6
- 26 Sat Barn Dance at the community centre 7.15pm. See poster page 5
- 29 Tues Guitar Reflections in the Centre Bar at 7.45pm. See page 5

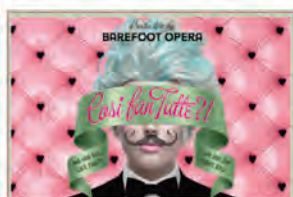
**WOOBURN FESTIVAL STARTS AT THE END OF AUGUST
AND RUNS THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER.
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Email editor@targetmagazine.org.uk by Friday September 4
to get your event included in the issue and/or in the calendar.**

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Summer Garden Concert
with the Fitzroy Quartet
Sunday 30 August at 2.30pm
in a Wooburn Private Garden



Barefoot Opera
Così fan tutte
Saturday 3 October at 8.00pm
Bourne End Community Centre,
Wakeman Road,
Bourne End SL8 5SX



Lunchtime Concerts
Mondays 7 September until
12 October from 1.10pm
All Saints Church, Church Street,
High Wycombe HP11 2DE



Evening Concert
Kanekt
Monday 5 October at 8.00pm
St. Paul's Parish Church,
Wooburn HP10 0PW



Jazz Supper
with Jacqui Dankworth: The
Sondheim Songbook
Saturday 26 September at 7.30pm
The Curzon Centre, Maxwell
Road, Beaconsfield HP9 1RG



The Discovery of Paris
A talk by Stephen Duffy
Tuesday 6 October at 8.00pm
Bourne End Community Centre
Wakeman Road, Bourne End
SL8 5SX



Guided Tour of Dorney Court
Tuesday 29 September at
10.30am & Wednesday 14
October at 10.30am Dorney
Court, Dorney, Windsor SL4 6QP



Evening Concert
Heath String Quartet
Friday 9 October at 8.00pm
St. Paul's Parish Church,
Wooburn HP10 0PW



A Life in Music
Production
A talk by Stuart Epps
Thursday 1 October at 8.00pm
Bourne End Community Centre,
Bourne End SL8 5SX



Film Night
The Night of the Hunter
Sunday 11 October at 8.00pm
National Film and Television
School Studios, Station Road,
Beaconsfield HP9 1LG



Evening Concert
Braimah Kanneh-Mason,
Plinio Fernandes & Hadewych
van Gent - Friday 2 October
at 8.00pm St. Paul's Parish
Church, Wooburn HP10 0PW



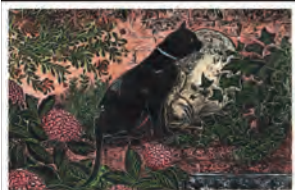
Evening Concert
Ryan Wang- BBC Young
Musician Winner
Friday 16 October at 8.00pm
St. Paul's Parish Church,
Wooburn HP10 0PW



Wooburn Singers
Come and Sing - Duruflé's
Requiem
Saturday 3 October at 10.30am
The Beaconsfield School,
Beaconsfield HP9 1SJ



Agatha Christie-
50 Years On
A Talk by Mark Aldridge
Saturday 17 October at 2.30pm
Bourne End Library
Bourne End SL8 5SX



Visual Arts Exhibition
Featuring Hannah Firmin
Saturday 3 October to
Saturday 10 October
St. Paul's Parish Church Hall,
Wooburn HP10 0PW



Wooburn Singers
Herbert Howell's Requiem
Saturday 14 November at 7.30pm
St. Mary's & All Saints Church
Windsor End
Beaconsfield HP9 2JW

For more information and online box office visit
wooburn.com

Tickets can also be purchased by phoning 07395 649215

