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## Still we wait...

### Decisions delayed on Bourne End's Day Centre and Library

Some last minute and fairly drastic changes requested by Bucks County Council have delayed a decision on the future of Bourne End Day Care Centre until September.

*Target* has been informed that letters were sent to both groups who had submitted bids to continue providing a day care service for the elderly at Bourne End's purpose-built centre in Wakeman Road. Furthermore *Target* has been assured that both officers and councillors at the county council are well aware of the services offered in Bourne End and the very special position our day centre occupies both for those who use it and the wider community.

It is likely that the last-minute changes affecting the two bids can be clarified and revised bids finalised in the next month.

Then the county council's Cabinet can ratify the officers' decision at their meeting on Monday September 10. *Target* has been told that there is a great deal of optimism that this can be achieved although there is always the possibility that agreement cannot be reached and the day centre will close and be sold off. This would be a tragedy for everyone who has worked so hard to put the two bids together and particularly hard for those who use the day centre's facilities.

Details will appear in the next issue of

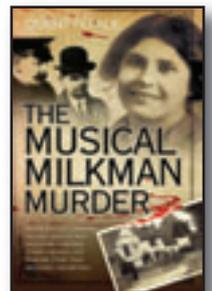
*Target* which will be published on Friday September 28.

The library is also having to play the waiting game as no decision has been taken on its future and there are really no signs of one being made soon.

Earlier in the year there were discussions about the likelihood of it becoming a Community Library, like Flackwell Heath, but so far the county council has not made any decisions so it's business as usual at Bourne End Library.

Planned summer and autumn activities include events for children, regular club meetings and exhibitions. With so much happening at the library, regular users are hopeful that this useful and versatile asset will be able to continue for a long time without the need for drastic change.

*Murder most foul will be one of the attractions at the forthcoming Wooburn Festival.*



*Local author Quentin Falk has just published his latest book relating to a murder in Little Marlow in 1920. A Very Peculiar Man: The 'Musical Milkman' Murder might have come straight from one of the many television crime series which have been filmed locally. But this was for real.*

*Quentin will be talking about the real-life inspiration for his book and signing copies in the library on Wednesday September 26.*

*There's more information about Wooburn Festival on page 9 and the full programme is on page 34 with a booking form.*



**Your lovely Jubilee pics on pages 13 and 40!**



Future Forum won four trophies at the Maidenhead Drama Festival with their entry "Animal Plan-It". Their production will be part of the Forum Show during the 50th Anniversary week of celebrations in October. Look out for it. Showing off their trophies are, l-r, Georgia Fisk, Henrietta Joseph-Green, Rachel Hufflett and Hannah Joseph-Green.





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# BULL'S EYE



I just love this picture taken at Bourne End's Giant Jubilee Picnic on June 5. The weather was

not kind to us, but everyone had a great time and, in true British Bulldog spirit, this group of revellers carried on regardless, huddled under their brollies.

## Donkey Derby cancelled for the first time in more than 40 years

The Donkey Derby on Wooburn Park was one of the first events I went to when I first moved to Bourne End 20 years ago, and at that time it had already been going strong for more than 20 years.

Disappointingly there was no Donkey Derby this year.

Roy Harris, leader of the 1st Bourne End Scout Group, wrote to *Target* saying:

"Sadly we had to cancel this year's Donkey Derby. On the evening of June 18 we held a meeting of the Group Executive and the Donkey Derby Sub Committee, and had to make a decision whether to try and continue, or cancel this year for the first time in over 40 years.

"The decision to cancel was not made lightly; but some things were beyond our control, and there was a considerable shortage of help, so with only 11 days to go, it was voted to cancel this year.

"I am not sure how many people are aware of the size and amount of work that goes into this event; from the work before the day, to the site building on the Friday evening, and the clearing up of the site on the Saturday evening.

"This will be a very sad loss financially for the Group, as this is the only fundraising event we do. One of the saddest sights for

me was to see the hurt expressions on the faces of the very small team of six (three who are not parents) who have been working on this year's Donkey Derby since October 2011."

Roy went on to say that the committee had already met up to discuss what they could do next year. And the group will meet again in September to start planning.

I just hope that more people will come forward to help out.

I know everyone is busy with their lives and I know that your child's school, grandchildren's school, sports clubs or after-school clubs probably keep you busy and make demands on your time and pockets.

But how sad would it be if village events like this, which have been enjoyed by generations of children, are allowed to slip away from us for the want of a few more volunteers.

On a happier note, we could have filled *Target* with your great Jubilee pictures. We've included as many as possible (see pages 13, 18 and 40). Our next issue will be a sporty one so remember to send me all your Olympic pictures...

Debra Aspinall, editor

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## ABOUT TARGET

Target magazine was launched in 1964 to provide information about the new Bourne End Community Association, with the name referring to the money required to build a new community centre. Over the years the magazine has grown, and its distribution area has been extended as the population has expanded through Bourne End, Wooburn Green and the surrounding villages.

Bourne End Community Association was formed in 1962 by local people who wanted a social centre to meet the needs of a growing community. Fundraising and determination saw the Community Centre open in Wakeman Road on October 28, 1967. Another hall was added a few years later and constant improvements have been made over the years.

See pages 36-39 for more information on the facilities and activities available at the Community Centre.



## Please pay for your Target

I sincerely hope that everyone enjoys reading this magazine. It has a distribution of 5,000 per issue and covers a wide area.

There are views photographic and views personal. It includes news from the Sections and the Affiliates of the Community Association and many other items of interest.

The Editor is a paid position but the distribution and delivery to all the houses in the area of benefit is done entirely by volunteers.

If everyone paid 50p per issue there would be a potential income which would offset the cost of production. Please make your payment to the Centre Manager.

Target is: Available: Readable, has Good distribution, so Everyone receives a copy - Throughout the area.

**Penny Walsh, President BE(B)CA**

## Come to the Regatta!

I hope Target readers will come and support the Cookham Regatta on September 1 run by the Rotary clubs of Cookham Bridge and Marlow Thames.

It promises to be a great day of family entertainment. There will be lots to do on land – including the Cookham Challenge for teams of 20,

bungee jumping, water roller ball, a fairground and lots more. On the river boats of all shapes and sizes will be racing.

All proceeds go to charity and our lead charity this year is Wheelpower which provides specialist wheelchairs to facilitate disabled sports - a pertinent charity at the time of the Paralympics.

The Regatta runs from 11am to 5pm, entrance £5 adults and £1 children. For information on the boat races see [www.cookhamregatta.org.uk](http://www.cookhamregatta.org.uk).

**Peter Osborn, Chair Cookham Regatta  
Blind Lane, Bourne End**

## A dangerous crossing

We're keen to hear from readers with experience of the road crossing at Brookbank, Wooburn Green.

This zebra crossing is heavily used by children and their carers going to and from St Paul's School and nursery and many have reported incidents of dangerous driving, near misses and impatient drivers unable to wait until the crossing is free before continuing their journey.

It's also a crossing used by local residents accessing the bus stop, heading to St Paul's church and to Wooburn park.

There was an incident involving a child and a car on this crossing at the end of May and this has spurred several of us to start a petition calling on the county council to replace the zebra crossing with a controlled pedestrian crossing.

Early conversations suggest that this funding is going to be too expensive and that other options - including the use of a lollipop person - should be explored, although funding will remain a major issue.

We're compiling testimonials of bad driving to share with the council and an ongoing petition.

We're keen for as much support as possible, so would welcome readers sharing their experiences and thoughts, suggestions and ideas and, of course, getting involved in the campaign.

For more details please contact me at [roadsafety@stpaulspta.co.uk](mailto:roadsafety@stpaulspta.co.uk)

**Rebecca Griffith (representing Brookbank residents, St Paul's schoolchildren and parents)**

## Bourne End - Christmas Late Opening & Charity Fun Night

The Fun Night Committee seeks a volunteer to take on the role of managing the "Bourne End Late Opening and Charity Fun Night".

This annual Christmas event is attended by over 800 local people and this year will be held on Friday December 7 from 5pm until 8pm.

This is an important occasion for the village and is organised by Bourne End shops and businesses and Bourne End Community Association with help from the Rotary Club of Cookham Bridge. It is an enjoyable evening for locals, particularly young families who are the main focus of Fun Night.

The volunteer can be assured that all the know-how from the past will be available and help will be given by experienced members of the committee, as well as the undersigned, to ensure a smooth transition.

The vacancy has occurred because the undersigned, a Bourne End resident and volunteer, will be standing down after managing the event for 11 years.

If you would like to obtain more information about the role please contact the Community Centre office in Wakeman Road on 01628 522604 and your enquiry will be passed to the Fun Night Committee.

**David Davis**

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# Dorney Lake, the 2012 Olympic Rowing and Flat-water Canoeing venue

By Tony Evans, British Rowing Council

The copy deadline for this edition is just 27 days before the start of the Olympic Regatta at Eton Dorney, which is just about the time that *Target* should drop through your letterbox. The GB crews have been selected and are currently abroad at their final training camp, hoping to gain that little piece of fitness and skill that will make the very small difference required to win an Olympic Medal.

Since I last reported, the crews have raced at the three World Cup Regattas. At the first, in Bled, they all did extremely well, but at the later events staged in Lucerne and Munich, against better crews, results indicated that no one can take a medal for granted. The most consistent performers were the Women's pair and Women's double scull, both of whom have an unbeaten record this year. In fact, the Women's squad had a very good Munich Regatta, since they also won bronze medals in both the eight and the quadruple sculls. It is to be hoped that these crews can keep up this level of achievement at Eton Dorney.

The Men's open weight crews found that they have some work to do in the next few weeks. None of them won gold medals at Munich but the four won silver, the eight and single sculler, bronze. The greatest disappointment all season has been the apparent loss of form of the lightweight double scull who, having suffered illness during the winter, still seem to lack a little fitness. Perhaps it is no bad thing for crews to receive these 'reality' checks while there is time to improve. Even Steve Redgrave had some poor races before his gold medals!

On the domestic front, both the Metropolitan Regatta and Marlow Regatta have been staged at Eton Dorney. Marlow Regatta was particularly affected by the 'build' of the infrastructure necessary for the Olympic Regatta, and the

unavailability of the usual boating rafts made for a completely new layout. On top of this, it proved to be one of the windiest weekends ever seen at Dorney, with gusts recorded as high as 68mph blowing directly across the course. Let's hope there's no repeat for the Olympics! Henley Royal Regatta had no Olympic crews racing, but there are no fewer than 133 overseas entrants mixed in with 366 home entries racing over the five days.

I hope that everyone has now received their tickets for the Olympic Regatta. It should be a really fantastic event.

The crews will be the best in the world, the racing will be absolutely nail-biting, and the venue is without equal. If you are unable to be there in person, then, judging by the camera positions being established, the TV coverage will be a very good substitute for the real thing, and you can always shout encouragement at the TV!

Stop Press news: Sir William Borlase's Grammar School beat Marlow Rowing Club at Henley Royal Regatta in the Final of the Fawley Cup, both having beaten crews from Australia in the semi-finals!

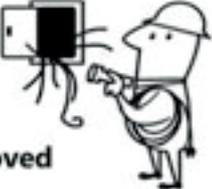




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# Marina Life with Peter Osborne



“Whether the weather be fine, whether the weather be not, whether the weather be cold, whether the weather be hot, we'll weather the weather, whatever the weather, whether we like it or not.” Enough said.

An interesting year to date. In June at the Thames Pageant in London, three Dutch barges and a Bates cruiser from our reach were included - a great honour for them.

I watched it on TV, beer in hand, and I have to say I cannot remember seeing such a poor coverage of an event like that.

## Tow

In July HM the Queen was at Hambleden Lock to board *Alaska* for a visit and garden party. On that day they closed the river for a few hours upstream of the lock to accommodate proceedings.

It just so happened that a local narrow boat broke down above the lock on that day, but was ordered by the security people to move below the lock as they thought it was a ruse to get a better view of the Queen.

But broken down they were, and they were moved through the lock on their ropes. Now it was my turn to make my way up there in the tug to tow them back to Bourne End.

The tug is about 28ft long and the narrow boat was about 50ft long and to tow such a boat we tie the tug alongside at the stern

(back) of the narrow boat. So you can see my problem.

The narrow boat protruded some 20ft in front of me so I couldn't see what was coming round the bends. Fortunately I had a boat owner with me who was able to direct me, which was helpful, although to say Tug and Tow steered with my wishes is somewhat of a lie. Thanks for your help, Derek, you were my eyes that day.

## Regatta

The usual festivities went without a hitch during the rowing regatta at Henley, although I was unable to visit. Capt Chaos took my boat up and represented the marina (you can imagine how nervous I was about whether I would see my boat again). Fortunately people were reporting sightings and I was getting messages to say my boat was still afloat (it was also seen outside a bar in the early hours).

I am pleased to report that she arrived home safely and what is more, Chaos and the crew actually cleaned her up. The music festival was a success but the Traditional Boat Rally was a casualty of the weather/river conditions and had to be cancelled.

## Grease

We were lifting a boat with the crane a while back when we had to turn it with the

boat high in the air to place her down on the hard. The crane was making strange groaning noises, started juddering and then finally stopped with the boat swinging like a pendulum about 5ft over a boat.

It then came to light that in the 11 years I have been at the marina no one had ever applied grease to the turning mechanism, which could account for the groans, shuddering and ultimate demise.

We then discovered that those pointed things sticking out around the turntable mechanism every six inches were, in fact, greasing nipples. We took some grease out of the stores but could not figure how to get the grease into the nipple.

The day was saved when Matt the mechanic produced a grease gun and half of the UK supply of grease was pumped in.

Now all we had to do was rotate the crane to spread the grease over the surface of the turntable.

As the crane was seized it took much revving and many rapid sharp 'left and right' movements of the controls to free the crane which in turn spread the grease and 'hey presto' all was good.

Now I had to stop the boat swinging like a madman with Matty and Chaos hanging on to the boat's ropes while flying through the air (a bit of poetic licence here). All ended safely and now we understand the importance of greasing the crane!

## Swan

Some of you may be aware that we had a swan build a nest and lay eggs in it only for the rising water levels to wash the eggs away. The good news is that she laid a further batch of eggs and four cygnets were hatched. Let's hope they survive having been born so late.

Until the next time.

Peter Osborne, Marina Manager

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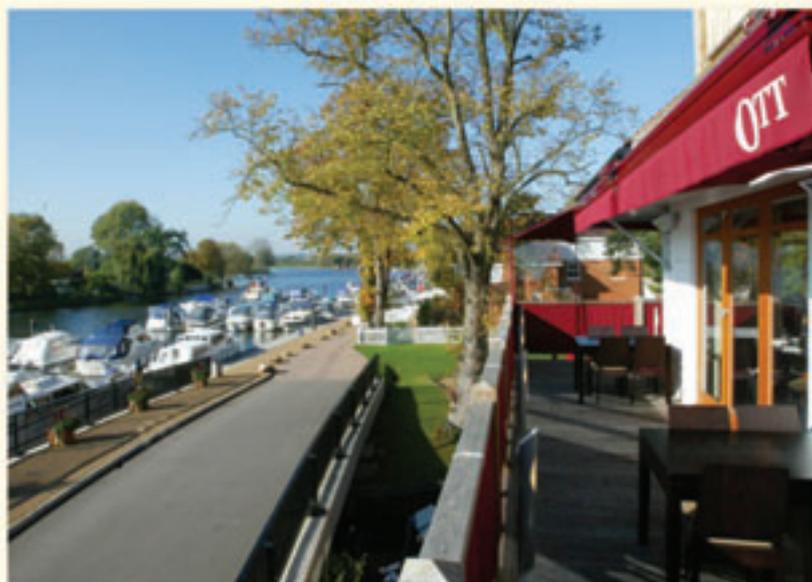
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If you would like more information or would like to discuss the possibilities personally please contact either the Clerk on 01628 522827 or Chairman on 01628 524122.

### Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Despite the awful weather the scheduled Diamond Jubilee Celebrations went ahead.

The organisers who had hired the Parish Council's open spaces dug out their wellies and waterproofs and the good old British tradition of getting on with things took over.

There seemed to be an air of "we will enjoy ourselves despite the weather" and a good time seemed to be had by all.

The Parish Council lit the beacon at Sappers Field at 10.15pm on Monday June 4 in conjunction with all other Parish, Town and County Councils. This time the weather was kind to us and a dry evening ensured that the beacon lighting went ahead with only a slight hiccup. It took a few attempts to light but once the beacon realised our groundsman meant

business it finally took hold and did the Parish proud.

The lighting up was well attended and the Parish Council would like to thank the Wooburn Scouts for providing all the refreshments, in particular John Dalton and Neil Axtel.

### Wooburn Pavilion

The newly refurbished pavilion is now up and running and the Wooburn Narkovians held a grand reopening on Tuesday June 5.

Unfortunately "rain stopped play" but the bar and barbecue had no such problems and the refurbished pavilion has now been well and truly christened.

### Free Parking Dates

In conjunction with Wycombe District Council the Parish Council have put forward the following date for free parking in Wakeman Road car park:

Friday December 7, 2012 – Christmas Fun Night. There will be no charge for use of the car park on this date. A further date has yet to be decided.

### Forthcoming Events

Children's Fun Day at Watery Lane – August 9.  
10km Run from Wooburn Park –September 9.

### Meeting Dates 2012

**Full Council:** September 25.

**Finance & General Purposes Committee:** September 11.

**Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials:** September 4.

**Planning, Highways & Lighting:** August 1, August 22, September 12

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### The Wooburn 10K in its 10th year

The popular annual Wooburn 10k and 3k runs, which start in Wooburn Park, are taking place this year on Sunday, September 9.

Wooburn Park Sports Association, the organiser of the races, was originally formed to raise funds for improved sporting facilities in Wooburn Park and over the years has raised £15,000 for the pavilion refurbishment and other causes, most notably, local primary schools.

The association is delighted that regular runners will this year see the newly refurbished pavilion in Wooburn Park.

Angus Porter, Chairman of both the Sports Association and Wooburn Narkovians Cricket Club, commented: "With my cricket club hat on, I can say we are delighted with the new pavilion, and grateful

both to Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council, which funded the majority of the project, and to the Sports Association, which has allowed profits from past 10k runs to be used to make a donation towards the cricket club's financial contribution to the work.

"We would like to pay particular testament to the work of Wendy Jackson, Jerry Bailey, and Keith Tomkins, who have been driving forces behind the work of the association since its formation."

The Wooburn 10k run is celebrating its 10th anniversary and combines an enjoyable and challenging run with a gentler 3k run, targeted at families, and sprint races for younger children. A bar and barbecue complete the picture. For more information you are invited to visit the website at: [www.wooburnpark10k.com](http://www.wooburnpark10k.com)

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# Wooburn Festival

Art, music, literature and the movies combine to make this year's Wooburn Festival another celebration of the best of new talent along with a host of seasoned professionals. This is the 46th Wooburn Festival and it promises to be just as exciting as the previous ones.

The library in Wakeman Road welcomes a wide-ranging feast of literary talent with Gabrielle Kimm, Gerry Hanson, Susan Howe and local author Quentin Falk. Down at the Wooburn Club both jazz and folk will attract top musicians along with a night of tribute music remembered in the Rat Pack Experience.

There will be a Festival Film introduced by Quentin Falk who will also talk to BBC's Film Show host Barry Norman. And classically there will be opera with "The Magic Flute" performed by The Complete Singer at Bourne End Community Centre on Friday September 28.

The superbly varied work of the late Diana Johnson will be featured in the Visual Arts Exhibition, which will be opened with a tribute from her daughter Emily Lamont. Diana had been an inspiration to Wooburn Festival over many years, especially with the Visual Arts Exhibition and the local history walks. Knowing so many talented artists, she led the selection team to create a perfect show every time. There's no scheduled walk this year but copies of her beautiful trails around the local area will be available throughout the festival.

A full schedule of all events can be found on page 34 along with a booking form.



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# Little Marlow Parish Council

By Gloria Barclay, parish clerk

## Recreation Ground

The work to re-shape and maintain the lime trees has begun. The cutting has been severe, but the highly experienced arboriculturists assure us that this is needed and the trees will look all the better for it once the re-growth starts. The trees were reduced in height last year as the start of our management plan after the original severe pruning that took place approximately 20 years ago. Cutting back to the high pollard enables us to create a framework for cyclical pruning of these trees keeping them as safe as we can. The nature of lime trees enables us to carry out this pruning and the trees will re-grow quite well from these pruning points, which is not the case with all other tree species.

## Cemetery

Work to repair the driveway will take place very soon. A new seat has been placed in the wildlife area to the memory of Wilfrid King, a long-time resident of Little Marlow. The seat was kindly installed by the Village Amenities Committee. Some trees in the wildlife area have been marked with a view to felling. This will promote the healthier growth of the remaining trees. The guard for the stained glass window at the Chapel has been ordered and should be installed soon.

## Little Marlow Fête

Don't forget to visit us on our stand at Little Marlow Fête on August Bank Holiday Monday, August 27 (see opposite). Councillors will be there for you to chat to and raise any issues you may have. We will also have a display of what has been happening over the last year, and our plans for the future.

## Neighbourhood Plan

A preliminary meeting was held at Abbotsbrook Hall on May 22 to discuss whether we want to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan. The meeting was well attended and interest was shown, but a decision has yet to be made. The issue will be discussed again at a later date.

## Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at The Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Little Marlow on Tuesday August 7 at 8pm. You are very welcome to attend and will have a chance to speak if you wish to do so.

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## Little Marlow Village Fête on August Bank Holiday Monday

You may think we are being brave or just foolhardy but we are still planning to go ahead with the Little Marlow Village Fête on Bank Holiday Monday, August 27.

Surely the rain will have stopped by then and the sun will shine for us, even if it is a Bank Holiday?

As usual, the Fête will take place from 2pm to 5pm on the Little Marlow Recreation Ground (off Church Road). We can promise you will find plenty to keep you entertained.

As well as the usual range of stalls selling bric-a-brac, books, home baking, vegetables and local crafts, there will be information stands run by the Parish Council and the Little Marlow Lakes Country Park: Community Partnership, a chance to see the Royal Coach Collection again and of course lots of activities including children's races, children's rides, a bouncy castle, a dog show, plate smashing, fastest shot, coconut shy, face painting and tombola.

You won't go hungry or thirsty: we will be serving afternoon tea and coffee, soft drinks, hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cream.

All the proceeds from the Fête will go towards local good causes as well as to projects and activities which benefit the residents of Little Marlow. So please make sure that you put the date in your diary now!

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# Bourne End Youth Club by Emily Fowke

Three weeks in and Bourne End Youth Club (BEYC) has got off to a flying start, with an average of 20 youngsters coming along to St Mark's church hall every week.

We've been fortunate with the weather so far, so the volunteers have been kept busy overseeing football and table tennis games, joining in (a.k.a getting beaten at!) table football and pool, and generally ensuring the kids are having fun without breaking any church windows.



Apart from the activities already on site, and the eagerly anticipated games console, the fully stocked tuck shop, run by the lovely Joan and Yvonne, is particularly popular and ensures energy levels remain high for the two hours the club is open.

With only a few more weeks until the school summer break, the youth club will be planning a number of in-house activities and, after some enthusiastic suggestions from the members themselves, trips such as bowling, ice skating, skate park and theme park visits etc. will be on the agenda when everyone returns in the new school term.

However, much to the children's disappointment, current funding does not run to the more extravagant suggestion of Disneyland (Paris or USA).

Bourne End Youth Club is open to 11-15-year-olds and runs on Monday evenings 6.30-8.30pm. For more information, contact [becysecretary@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:becysecretary@hotmail.co.uk) or come down and speak to the Club Leaders Kylie and Emily.



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# Fifty years on the railway

When he was 15 years old Bernard Wheeler got his first job on the railway. As a lad/porter at Bourne End station he earned £3 and 15 shillings for a 44 hour week. That was in 1962 when Bourne End was a very busy station with sidings going off into the paper mills and the line continuing through to High Wycombe. Bernard was on the bottom rung of the ladder in a staff of 17.

Now retiring 50 years later, Bernie has become the familiar face in the ticket office at Bourne End Station as the only member of staff.

With his retirement date confirmed his customers wonder how things will be without him. He reassures them that his job has been advertised and there will be a new booking office clerk in the future.

Asked about the changes he has seen over those five decades, Bernie has endless stories that would delight anyone who loves trains and stations. He paints a picture of Bourne End's industrial past and how it has developed into today's commercial centre with more people commuting to work each day. And he's delighted to report that the station is scheduled to have new automatic information panels which should make things easier for his replacement.

Stopping to answer a query about the next train and then issue a ticket, Bernie remembers that after two years in Bourne End he was able to move to Maidenhead and work their shift patterns which meant a wage increase to £9 and 8 shillings a week. Then he moved to Taplow Station. "It was a great job. I was on my own and did everything."

Geest bananas had a depot at Taplow and a number of coal merchants had premises in the goods yard. There was heaps of paperwork depending on how long goods stayed in the yard. It was a six day week as there were no Sunday trains stopping at Taplow then. Occasionally he was able to work a weekend at Twyford Station which meant more money.

Then it was back to Bourne End. Times were changing with plans to close the train line from Bourne End to High Wycombe. Fewer goods were being sent by rail so many of the staff and signalmen would no longer be needed.

Bourne End's industrial sites became office blocks and warehouses, lots of new houses were built and people packed the trains at peak times to go into London or Reading. More restructuring left Bernie as the only member of staff at the station.

Now retirement is ahead with lots to do in his large garden. He has plans to

build a new workshop and has a scheme for his neglected outdoor swimming pool. Add to that plenty of dog walking with two Labrador puppies.

But will he miss working on the railway? "Well, it was never boring," he admits. "I know so many people and I've seen babies carried by mum or dad become adults and then have children of their own."

Bernie has seen huge changes in his railway life. He can remember when all the station lights were powered by gas and the only electricity in Bourne End Station was in the signal box. Tickets today are issued by computer at the press of a button but in Bourne End booking office there's still the frame which held row after row of cardboard tickets.

He will tell you that people used to send lots of goods by train and station staff would deliver personally. In Maidenhead there was the Ruff Donkey Stud and they sent stud donkeys all over the country by train.

After 50 years Bernie agrees that working on the railway was regarded as a good steady job when he started. His father had been a railwayman and his sister had worked at Reading Station for a while.

Bernie reckons that he has been lucky. "I've enjoyed it, but my job won't be repeated in this modern age."

He might not agree but Bernie is certainly a one-off and he'll be remembered with great affection by his train customers at Bourne End. We all wish him a very happy retirement.

Words by **Barrie Penfold**



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**Bourne End's Jubilee Picnic Tuesday June 5, 2012** - Photos by Emily Roberts



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## On track?

Local people went along to look at the plans for an eight-lane running track on land which has already been identified as part of the Little Marlow Lakes Country Park and lies within the Green Belt.

Many of those interested had been involved in the battle against proposals to relocate Marlow Football Club on land alongside the proposed running track site.

Eventually, after a number of planning applications and an appeal at public inquiry the football club scheme was rejected.

This new proposal to relocate the running track comes as part of Wycombe District Council's plans for a state-of-the-art sports and leisure complex at Handy Cross. The new centre would need the land at present occupied by the running track and used by Wycombe Phoenix Harriers and Speed Demons athletics clubs. It seems that both clubs say Little Marlow would be their preferred new location.

While there would be no new building on the Little Marlow site, changing facilities would be created by converting an existing barn. There would also be car parking provision and the installation of floodlighting into a currently dark area.

WDC points out that the plan includes an increase in the number of permissive paths and the possibility of a cycleway through the land.

Negative issues already expressed relate to the dangerous access point onto the Marlow Road, the lack of public transport and the possibility of setting a precedent which could result in the revival of the football club proposals.

Anyone who didn't make it to the exhibition can view the running track proposals at [www.wycombe.gov.uk](http://www.wycombe.gov.uk) - they're on the front page of the website at the moment as part of the Handy Cross redevelopment proposals. There's also a feedback form for comments.

The next stage in the proposal is to submit a planning application to Wycombe District Council. Details of this will also be on the website and it would also be considered by Little Marlow Parish Council. Their website is [www.littlemarlowparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.littlemarlowparishcouncil.org.uk)

*Our picture shows Coldmoorholm Lane residents Roger and Liz Reeve who are considering all the options.*



Clare Strange, Captain of the GB Paralympics Basketball team, paid a visit to Wye Valley School where she was presented with a special trophy made for her in technology lessons by student Nimrah Shah. The trophy design was based on the shape of a wheelchair and a basketball. Pictured are (l to r) Mrs Mulley, Mr Horton, Mrs Strange, Mr Oliver, Mrs Hassell, with student Nimrah Shah and Clare Strange in front.

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# You're hired!

Lord Sugar's catchphrase for his TV apprentice hopefuls is "You're fired". But two Bourne End apprentices heard two other, much more important words from a local firm: "You're hired!"

Alice Berry, 19, and Lucy Warner, 17, were keen not to fall into the NEET trap that almost one million youngsters are in these days (not in education, employment or training).

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"Alice and Lucy were chosen and we really couldn't be happier with them. They both show strong individual skills already which we can certainly use and build upon. The girls have already grown in confidence and are valued members of our team here.

"We feel we are doing a very important job nurturing these girls and equipping them with good skills for the future.

"Personally I hope that other companies in Bourne End and Wooburn will follow our example and help our young people because contrary to popular belief, they do want to work.

Both Alice and Lucy echoed these sentiments. Alice, who lives in Stratford Drive, said: "I am really enjoying the job. What has really surprised me is I have skills I never really knew I had. I can't believe how much pleasure I get out of working on balancing spreadsheets of figures." She's already got her eyes on Jo's job in the future!

Meanwhile Lucy is enjoying the convenience of the job (she lives "next door" in Station Road) and says: "I tried working in a shop, but it wasn't for me. I love the variety of this job and I'm really keen to learn all aspects of property management."

The young ladies get paid a salary by Hazelvine Property Management and, after a year on day release at Uxbridge, they will get an NVQ Level 2 in Business Administration.

*Our picture shows Jo standing on the left with Lucy, right, and Alice (seated).*



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So successful was their dance interpretation it came second in a major dance competition and catapulted the school straight into the finals of next year's Global Rock Challenge event as a Premier School.

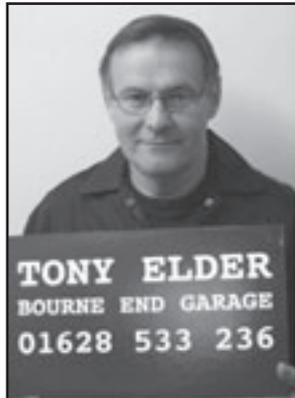
Student Rhian Comley, 18, (pictured far right on the group shots) explains: "We had to put together an eight minute routine. Our dance was called Ring O' Roses and was all about the plague. We did our first performance at Stevenage and got put through to the southern finals in Portsmouth on June 8. It was brilliant and we were thrilled to come second."

Ollie Greg, 13, (the hoody rat top left) takes up the story: "We heard them announce the fifth place, then the fourth and were thinking we hadn't been placed. Then they said we were second. It was amazing."

The competing dance students, who ranged from Year 7 to 13, were taught and choreographed by Wye Valley's Head of Dance, Emma Sykes, who is now busy thinking of a theme for next year's event along with her assistant Siân Edwards.

Emma praised her students for their hard work and dedication to their dance: "They gave up their lunch hours to rehearse and really put many hours of work into their performance. On the day it just came together brilliantly."

"A special mention must go to the sixth formers who did all the incredibly effective makeup."



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# Pageant stars

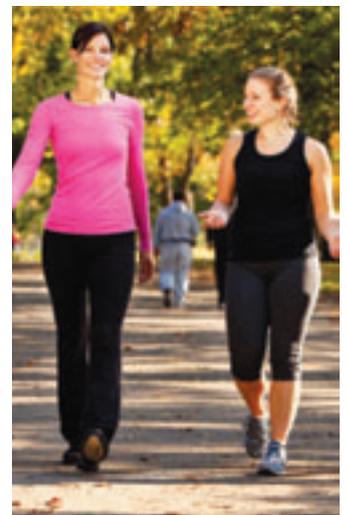


The steamship Alaska may look familiar to many readers. She can often be seen taking trips out of Bourne End Marina. But over the Jubilee weekend she was centre stage in London taking part in the Queen's magnificent river pageant.

Alaska was just one of several boats chartered out by the Henley Sales and Charter company that day. The company's owner, Gillian Nahum, co-owns another splendid boat, New Venture, moored at Bourne End Reach, which was also in the pageant.

She told *Target*: "It really was a fantastic occasion. The people lining the riverbanks and cheering us on made it a really joyous event. It was wet, but it was great."

Gillian took this picture (below) on the day as the man powered craft rowed down stream ahead of New Venture.



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The aim is to visit as many participating churches in Bucks and adjoining counties as possible on the day up until 6pm. Representatives of participating churches will sign the sponsorship forms to vouch for the visits by riders and striders.

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# SCAN Sports Club Activities and News

## ABOUT BOURNE END JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB

Founded in 1970, Bourne End Junior Sports Club (BEJSC) is a registered charity run by volunteers, many of whom are highly qualified in their own sport. The New Road Sports Hall was built in 1982 and later extended to include a climbing wall and a club room. The multi-sport centre is used extensively by club members and throughout the whole community. Please visit our website for more information: [www.bejsc.co.uk](http://www.bejsc.co.uk)

### BEJSC Annual Prizegiving

BEJSC Annual Prizegiving took place on July 6 when Tom Ingram, Ginetta Junior Champion, came along to present over 100 awards to club members. It is one of the few occasions when all the sections come together to recognise success, achievement and voluntary contribution to the club and the individual sports.

As a young sports star in his own right it was highly appropriate to have Tom as our special guest providing a wonderful role model for our young members. He has achieved great heights in his chosen sport and competes with great success and dedication. The awards were presented by Tom for all of our sports, marking skills and improvements as well as recognition for effort and endeavour. Twenty awards recognised the very valuable contribution members make in helping younger members in their particular sports or through the Junior Committee.

The John Williams award for contribution to Club and Community was awarded to Ken Murphy to recognise the massive role he plays within the Football Section. Special mention was made of his role in organising Sportsfest with a team of volunteers; during the immediate past he has been successful in working in partnership with Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council and Wooburn Narkovians CC to refurbish the pavilion on Wooburn Park.

Our two top awards for members are Club Boy and Girl presented to those who give support to Club and Community. This year our two winners are Joe Lawrie, Club Boy, and Ellie Couves, Club Girl. Both give very generously of their time and effort through their sport and as Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Junior Committee. Our club encourages young people to "put something back" and all of these people recognised on the night do just that, making our club the huge success that it continues to be. Directors and Trustees thank everyone for their amazing support and hard work.

**TOP:** Ken Murphy with Pip Collin, John Williams' daughter, who attended to present the memorial trophy

**ABOVE:** Club Boy Joe Lawrie and Club Girl Ellie Couves with special guest Tom Ingram and Liz Hutton, chairman of Bourne End Junior Sports Club



### Young Leaders

Three young people from Junior Committee received their Young Leaders Award after successfully completing the Action4Youth Course earlier this year: Emma Couves, Tommy Ruler and Sian Wotherspoon.

### Roof repairs and solar panels

A very big thank you to the Wye Valley School, neighbours and club users who were so patient while our roof repairs were carried out in May/June. It is a long time since we have had to inconvenience everyone in this way but necessary re-sealing on the roof had to take place. In addition we are pleased to say we have successfully installed solar panels on the roof which, apart from being green, are saving the charity a considerable expenditure on electricity for years to come.

### FOOTBALL SECTION

Sportsfest, the big 6-a-side competition, took place on one of the very few dry days in June. Huge thanks to volunteers, parents, supporters and sponsors for making this yet another successful event. Profits from the event go towards supporting the Section over the winter months.

### Open Day Saturday October 13

from 10am to 12 noon – come and see us!

### Climbing Parties

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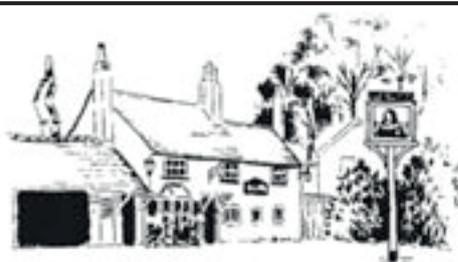
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## The Meadows Parents Association by Clare Leighton

On a rainy day in June The Meadows Parents Association (PA) set sail, or so it seemed, for the Diamond Jubilee celebration on the Green in Wooburn Green.

We were running the tombola and teddy bear lucky dip and this was the first event for the new PA committee so we had no idea what to expect.

Local companies had been incredibly generous with donations for the tombola and our large number of prizes and the weather meant we thought we were well stocked for the day.

How wrong we were, despite the pouring rain, people came in their droves and we were all sold out within two and a half hours - a brilliant first event raising over £300.

During the summer term we have run a number of activities both within and outside the school. These include cake sales, a Sports Day raffle and End of Term Disco.

We are trying to widen our links with the community to make the school a big part of the

village that it once was, and so we would love to hear from you if you can help us with any of the following:

\*Donating prizes for either our raffle or tombolas that we will hold throughout the year

\*Donating unwanted books (adult, kids, fiction, travel etc.) for the school book exchange or choosing your next holiday read from our selection in the school's reception area.

\*Donating unwanted soft toys in good condition for teddy bear lucky dips at various fêtes and fairs

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\*Considering "adopting" the school for community based projects

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*Bourne End Jubilee Picnic winners were Mia and Joseph who were top scorers in the Roll-a-Ball and Carole Barber who guessed the correct name for the duck. Well done to everyone who took part. Lots of prizes were presented on the day.*

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# Charity dancers

Barbara and David (pictured) organise regular social dances at the community centre and have a loyal following of keen dancers who enjoy a great evening together. Added to these are the special charity dances which, over the years, have raised over £4,000 for local good causes.

On Friday August 10 it will be the 13th charity dance, in aid of the Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust.

Doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm dance start. Between dances there's time to have a go at the Charity Tombola where everyone is guaranteed a prize.

To revive energy levels there will be an American Supper halfway through the evening with a grand raffle at the end. It all adds up to great ingredients for a special evening of dancing and fun with the added bonus of helping a valued rescue service continue their work to save lives.

Tickets are £7.50 and you can get them at Barbara and David's regular Sunday evening dance sessions in the small hall or pay on the door. Whatever you do just make sure you've got your dancing shoes ready for August 10. If you have any queries ring 01628 629563.



# Jubilee tree grows strong

What can George Parker and his wife Joan be looking at (left)? A UFO perhaps, another escaped balloon over Wooburn?

No, George explains: "In 1977 the residents of Brookhouse Drive and close by neighbours had a street party for the Queen's Silver Jubilee. "To celebrate the event we planted a silver birch at the entrance to Brookhouse Drive which now, 35 years later, has grown into a fine mature tree."

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The Claytons pupils were among 201,948 four to 16-year-olds across the nation who created self-portraits and uploaded them onto the Face Britain online gallery.

At the end of the year, they will also become part of history in the making when the entire collection of portraits will be handed over to The British Library, to provide a lasting legacy and a vibrant snapshot of the 2012 generation. The children's self portraits were combined to form an image of HM The Queen that was projected onto Buckingham Palace for three nights in April, to coincide with Her Majesty's birthday

Teacher Jas Bansel said: "It's been wonderful to be involved in the UK's largest ever art project and great to know that the portraits will become part of history. It's so exciting to learn that our pupils have become Record Breakers as well. Everyone from nursery up to year 6 took part and the art work produced was amazing!"

To view the record-breaking portrait collection visit the online gallery on the Face Britain website [www.facebritain.org.uk](http://www.facebritain.org.uk)



## Bright and breezy



Maura Carr with Rev. Rosemary Payne

A bright, blustery day at Orchard Dene provided the perfect setting for this year's Hedsor Fair. There were all the traditional attractions that make this a lovely family event. Boat owners constantly loaded up with passengers to take trips on the river (and that included the weekend sailors from Cookham Reach).

There was music, challenges, tombola, plants, face painting, strawberries and cream, tea and cakes, hot dogs and burgers. Someone will have tucked into a superb fruit cake – provided they guessed the correct weight. Scarves looked like medieval banners and the bouncy castle was never still for a moment. Perfect.



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# New home for Claytons Bell Tower

Nostalgia and youthful enthusiasm blended together in celebration of a job well done. Old Claytons Bell Tower was officially declared open on Thursday June 28 to cheers and applause. Former pupils of Old Claytons School had been invited to the ceremony and to see the renovation of the old school bell tower. It was also a chance to meet up with friends who remembered the school in Station Road before it was demolished in 1982.



At that time the bell tower was kept and eventually moved to the corner of the Wakeman Road car park outside the newly built Bourne End Day Centre. Sadly this open position meant it was repeatedly vandalised.

That might have continued until the tower was beyond repair but there was too much local feeling about its importance to let that happen. At the end of 2011 Bourne End Residents Association stepped in with a rescue scheme which would see the tower restored and located within the grounds of Claytons School in Wendover Road. Among the team dedicated to this plan were some former pupils who recalled the

old school with great affection and who believed that the bell tower would be a tangible link with the past.

Hours of weekend work were rewarded in the sunshine as ten-year-old Georgina Shakespeare rang the bell for the first time. It will now be used regularly during the day at the school. Then there was time for stories about old school days while present-day pupils competed in their sports day. A job well done.

Below, l-r Dave Kimber used to ring the bell at Old Claytons School, Sid Rose went to Old Claytons School in 1945 and Jill Deakin, teacher when Claytons School opened in Wendover Road and then headteacher



Ron Stokes who went to both schools and has lived in Bourne End all his life



Georgina Shakespeare rang the bell to formally announce that the Old Claytons Bell Tower had been reunited with the school which carries its name

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## Diamond Fellowship

Sixty years of fellowship was celebrated in St Mark's Church at the end of May. "Another Diamond Anniversary," explained Jean Peasley, "just like our Queen." Her Majesty would certainly have enjoyed the memories, decade by decade, in pictures, words and music.

In the congregation were some of the founder members, now in their eighties and nineties, who got together back in 1952 and formed a group that they considered 'slightly different and forward looking'. Sixty years on St Mark's Women's Fellowship has proved itself and is still going strong.

Back on Sunday May 31 in 1953 they staged a Coronation Concert in the community centre and we looked at the pictures from that memorable occasion.

Over the years the church has benefitted from members scrubbing floors, cleaning the brass and donating prayer and hymn books. They have raised funds and last year made a sizeable donation towards the repair of the central heating boiler.

Each decade of the Fellowship was remembered in the music of that time along with a hymn. Activities were remembered and Shirley Mansfield made everyone laugh when she said: "I have been dressing dolls for bazaars forever."

Their annual 'Mystery Tour' was always to the garden centre, but why change a popular choice?

Bet Lockett has been secretary since 1955 and still has the minutes of all the meetings. The group was delighted to receive messages of congratulations from Fellowship members who had moved away. A special get well message was sent to Margaret Ware who had been involved in planning the celebration event but was in hospital so missed the occasion.

After filling the church with voices singing Jerusalem a blessing was given by the Reverend Ann Trew. Then, in true Fellowship, there was a cream tea to end the afternoon.

The Fellowship still meets on the third Wednesday afternoon in the month and they are always keen to welcome new members.



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## Take Your *Target!*

It was raining and grey here when this photo popped into the editor's email inbox.

Here is June Ward celebrating the Diamond Jubilee (and proudly displaying her *Target*) while sailing around the island of Levkas, Greece, in a flotilla of decorated yachts. The day culminated in a beach barbecue where everyone sang the National Anthem.

June has lived in Hedsor Road for 33 years and says she and her partner, Roger, now spend their leisure time "floating around the Ionian, Greece on their yacht HAPPY HOUR".

Bon voyage!

Don't forget to TAKE YOUR TARGET with you when you go away and email your picture to [editor@targetmagazine.org.uk](mailto:editor@targetmagazine.org.uk) so we can publish it in this column.



## Thanks Gpex

Peter Webb, from Gpex printers of Gerrards Cross, shows off one of the many eye-catching signs they created for the Bourne End Jubilee Picnic. Gpex print *Target* magazine and donated the signs for free! So thank you Gpex for a lovely job which was very much appreciated.

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Doors open at 6.30pm - ticket holders must arrive and be seated by 7.15pm - latecomers may not be admitted

Members of the audience will be asked to submit questions on the day for inclusion in the broadcast

Please note the minimum age for audience members is 14 years

## A question of what to ask...

Bourne End's Community Centre hosted *Any Questions?* back in 1986 and it returns in 2012 as part of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of the Community Association. So who do we know who actually appeared on that earlier programme and found their voice and question transmitted nationally and internationally?

Hilary Garland read her *Target* and wrote to say: *Your article about the forthcoming visit of Any Questions? reminded me of when the programme last came to the Community Centre and, much to my surprise, I found myself sitting in the front row of the Hall waiting rather nervously to put my question.*

*As members of the audience arrived everyone was invited to submit questions so that there would be a wide variety to be considered for discussion. Despite having had no intention of doing this I tried to think of a topical issue and scribbled something down.*

*At that time my children attended Claytons School and during the week the press had reported that a book called (I think) "Jenny Lives with Eric and Martin" was going to be made available in primary school libraries. This was regarded as highly contentious as the book featured a family parented by a same sex couple. How old fashioned it now seems that this situation should not be openly acknowledged.*

*My question asked for the panel's comments on what they felt about the book being introduced into school libraries and which book they personally would wish to see in every school library.*

*I'm afraid I can't remember any of the panel members or their answers! I do know that John Timpson was the very skilful and charming question master at that time and that the programme was transmitted throughout Europe as I subsequently had phone calls from friends in Holland and Germany who had been listening.*

Our 2012 panel will not be finalised until just before the event and there may be last minute changes. One of the panel is likely to be eminent scientist, writer and broadcaster Baroness Susan Greenfield. Her speciality is the physiology of the brain including research into degenerative diseases such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's.

Look out for posters in the Community Centre and check the Centre website where the panellists' names will be displayed as soon as they are confirmed.

PLEASE NOTE: Doors open at 6.30pm, and the audience must be seated by 7.15pm in time for the introductions and warm up - late arrivals may not be admitted. There will be pressure on spaces in the Wakeman Road car park, the Centre car park will be reserved for the BBC outside broadcast lorry and panellists. Ticket holders should consider walking or car share and find an alternative place to park. Anyone attending *Any Questions?* is welcome to use the Centre Bar before and after the programme.

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## **Bourne End WI By Jenny Boas**

Our May meeting was concerned mainly with discussing the forthcoming National Federation's AGM resolution at the Royal Albert Hall. This calls on the Government to make available extra funds to train more midwives; there is a shortfall of more than 4,000 in England alone. Our guest speakers were Sue Rand (County Advisor) and June Martyr (Practising Midwife), who gave us an overview on the subject and then invited questions. A lively and informative discussion ensued.

In June we celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by holding a party. Committee members baked cupcakes and decorated them with red, white and blue icing, and flags and bunting hung from the walls. We were entertained by Jon Dunsterville, who had us all singing along with hits from the past and stories of his days performing with various pop groups and recording artists. We ended the evening by singing a medley of songs, including a rousing rendition of 'Jerusalem'.

In July we plan to hold a garden party (weather permitting) where members will be entertained by a jazz band followed by a scrumptious buffet supper.

Visits are planned to Brighton in August, Highgrove in September and Denman College in October. In August, Bourne End WI are hosting a WI Roadshow for County, where we will meet members from all over Bucks for afternoon tea and a chat with our Advisors.

The various groups within our WI continue to flourish and recently a group has been formed to create a banner.

Our meetings take place on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in St Dunstan's Church Hall. Do join us, you are most welcome!

## **Little Marlow & Well End WI By Diana Spokes**

In June 37 members sat down to a very special Jubilee Tea. The ladies arrived in their best outfits complete with hats and sang 'Jerusalem' with gusto. This was followed by glasses of fizz to toast the Queen and the singing of the National Anthem. Janet Chambers and her team provided dainty sandwiches, cakes and meringues. Credit goes to Janet for organising such an enjoyable occasion. There was a light-hearted royal quiz and a wonderful display of royal memorabilia.

The July speaker, Maureen Dennis, gave members a most interesting and informative talk on Jane Frances Dove, who founded Wycombe Abbey Girls School in 1896. Maureen's interest came from an encounter she had with Ivy Tilbury, born 1894, daughter of a Wycombe chair-maker. Ivy was a housemaid in Wycombe Abbey School and earned £8 a year!

This led Maureen to research the life of Miss

Dove who was a pioneer for the better education of girls in a time when the only opening for single women was as a governess. Jane Dove founded the High Wycombe charity, Central Aid, which is still in operation. After retirement she became a Town Councillor and was elected Mayor in 1908, the first woman in England to hold this position, but was de-selected two years later because she was a woman! Maureen was warmly thanked by Anne Dowling for her talk.

Val Clarke has various outings in hand, one being to Buckingham Palace to view the Queen's Diamonds Exhibition in September.

The Annual Summer Show takes place in August, and members will also be donating cakes for Little Marlow Village Fête on Bank Holiday Monday. Peter Smith is the speaker in September, displaying his amazing collection of Royal Carriages.

Visitors are welcome to the meetings, further details from the secretary, 01494 523998.

## **PROBUS by Howard Fitzer**

It is as well that a presentation by Maureen Dennis entitled "Disease, Drains and Women Doctors" was delivered after, rather than before a lunch at the Grovefield House Hotel since such a subject is hardly likely to stimulate the appetite.

The average human life expectancy is now nearly 80 years, in contrast to 20 years in the 14th century (the time of the Black Death). Since then, the steady progress in longevity had more to do with improved hygiene than with medicine. Early medicines, described as "crushed snails, spiders and worms", were totally ineffective against the ravages of diseases such as typhoid and cholera implicit, for example, in street water pumps.

From the time that Thames water (small "w") was described as "monster soap" the gradual introduction of clean water, soap, proper drains, sewers and surgeons who were actually trained in anatomy did more to counteract disease than the "kill or cure" ministrations of those who took the Hippocratic Oath ("do no harm"). It is an intriguing thought that "binge drinking" may originate from those times when beer and gin were consumed in copious quantities as a safe substitute for contaminated drinking water.

Curiously, the male-dominated medical establishment regarded women's brains as "too small" to cope with medical practice. Elizabeth Garrett Anderson responded by learning French to take a medical degree in Paris. Banned from practising in any British hospital, she became an ardent feminist who opened her own private practice in London in 1865. The rest, as they say, is history.

The June meeting featured our summer Ladies Lunch, also at the Grovefield, as always a happy and amusing occasion. Among the after-

lunch presentations expected in the near future are "High Times at Heathrow" and "Animal Heroes and Villains of WW1". Should be interesting.

## **INNER WHEEL CLUB by Ann Bown**

The Inner Wheel year came to a close at the end of June with a Changeover supper at President Diana's home. Diana was thanked for leading us so ably last year, then welcomed as Club President again for the coming year. Arrangements have already been made for a walk around the grounds of The Odney Club in July and a visit to Danesfield Gardens in August.

In raising £2330 for charity we made donations to: Flackwell Heath and Loudwater Age Concern, Wye Valley Volunteers, Elizabeth House, Cookham, AYME, Cystic Fibrosis, Scannappeal, Alzheimer's Society, Help for Heroes, Salvation Army, Breakthrough Breast Cancer, Bletchley Park, Miriam Dean, Sightsavers, Mercy Ships, Hope and Aid Direct

The Inner Wheel Clubs of Great Britain and Ireland raised a total of £1,251,332. We now look forward to organising the social/charity events for next year.

## **Glory Mill Bowls Club by John Palfreyman**

Glory Mill Bowls Club are investigating the twinning of their club in Wooburn Green with Plimmerton Bowling Club in the North Island of New Zealand.

The innovative idea was raised at the club's committee meeting following a trip to New Zealand by club member John Palfreyman who was visiting his wife's family home in the village. He was made most welcome by the club and was loaned bowls and allowed to join in roll-ups and play for the club - all for free. He was amazed by the number of members and also by their range of ages, and was informed that bowls in New Zealand is regarded as a sport for all ages and in particular was popular with people of the six to 40 age-group.

The main part of the twinning would be to allow free temporary membership to visitors from either club for a period of time and the free loan of equipment that visiting bowlers might require. Our club sees this as another step in rejuvenating the club and promoting bowls to a wider user group.

As always the club is looking for new members, especially ladies. We have one of the lowest membership fees in Buckinghamshire and offer coaching, the loan of woods and a really friendly and vibrant club with coaching and roll-ups on all Tuesdays and some Thursdays at 6pm. If you are interested, contact club secretary Shirley Churn on 01494 673859 or email shirley.churn@btinternet.com

# A fest of footy

Forget Euro 2012, June was a big month for football locally with Bourne End Junior Sports Club involved in two major events.

The first to kick off was Sportsfest' 19, now a massive six-a-side footy event that takes place in Wooburn Park and involves more than 140 teams of all ages.

One week later, we hosted a group of children and their parents from Bourne End's twin town Octeville-sur-mer.



While parents enjoyed their own Entente Cordiale at a splendid barbecue lunch (complete with some magnifique cheese brought by the visitors) the children played some spirited football. Here is a special report by four of the children taking part on that very friendly twinning day...



## Our twin town football day

When our French guests from Oocteville-sur-Mer came to Bourne End and Wooburn on June 16 we had a wonderful day at Wooburn Park and the cricket pavilion.

The fantastic event began with a delicious BBQ with salads and quiches made at home by the Bourne End parents.

Our guests brought special t-shirts for all the Bourne End children and wine, cheese and cider which were enjoyed by the mums and dads.

Everyone was friendly and we all enjoyed lots of football matches.

When all the children's matches had finished, there was a dads' game and an awards ceremony at the end.

The Bourne End team was kindly given a big trophy and a badge each by the Oocteville-sur-Mer team and our guests were awarded trophies by the Bourne End team.

We would like to thank our guests for coming and putting up with a windy time on the ferry to see us, and all the mums and dads who did a great job with the arrangements for this fantastic day.

**Report by Callum Jeffery, 7, Flynn, 8, Zac Bayliss, 7, and Jamie Mitcheson, 8.**



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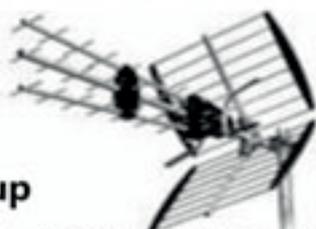
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# Bourne End Library News

By Inka D'Agostino, library manager

## Library Activities

Summer has arrived but sadly without the good weather. Looking on the bright side, if the children are bored with the long summer holidays then pay a visit to the library where we have a series of events and activities planned as part of our Summer Reading Challenge.

This year the challenge is centred around the Story Lab. The challenge is to read six books throughout the summer and pick up your bronze, silver and gold medals.

Enrolment forms can be obtained from the library, and on joining each child will receive a Story Lab pack.

## Summer Reading Challenge Story Lab Events

Story Lab Craft Session: Wednesday August 8, 10.30am.

Imaginative present "George's Marvellous Medicine" Wednesday August 22, 11am: A drama workshop bringing Roald Dahl's famous book to life. Advance booking required. Tickets £3.

## Lifestyle Club for the Over-50s

Many thanks to all our Lifestyle Club members who have attended our series of talks. After a break in August the Lifestyle Club will resume on Friday September 21 at 10.30am. Join us for coffee and cakes, and enjoy the opportunity to discuss the best books you have read on holiday.

If you are interested in joining a book club we have one at the library which meets usually once a month on a Tuesday at 2.45pm.

Tai-chi classes take place on Thursdays at 1pm. If interested contact Audra Woodburn at 07971 296698 or audra1@aol.com

Yoga classes are held on Tuesday evenings 6pm-7.30pm. Contact Siva on 07932 038202.

## Wooburn Festival

Once again we are delighted to host a Literary Week and Photographic Exhibition at the Library, September 24-29, as part of the Wooburn Festival.

For details and a list of events see page 34, pick up a Wooburn Festival brochure, or pop into the library.

For information about any of the above events or concerning joining the library or room hire please email lib-boe@buckscc.gov.uk or phone our contact centre on 0845 2303232.

## On Target Quiz teams needed

For one night only, as part of the community association's 50th Anniversary celebrations, there will be a revival of On Target Quiz. Four quiz teams, of four players each, are needed to make this special night happen.

In the past the competition involved quiz teams representing clubs, churches and other local organisations. It was a knockout competition through to quarterfinals and then a Finals Night. It was one of the many events to raise funds and provide a community centre where local people and clubs could meet regularly.

In recent years it proved difficult to find sufficient teams and eventually it became an annual Quiz Supper. Deep in the nether regions backstage the old equipment and Target Bullseye sits intact and will be brought out for this special occasion. We've every confidence buzzers will work on the night. Now we need the teams. And that's down to you. Could you make up a team or would you like to be part of a team? For anyone who hasn't been to one of the quiz rounds there's an outline of the procedure which can be emailed. Talk to your club, your friends or your family to put together teams for Friday October 12. Ring the centre office on 01628 522604 to express an interest or email 50years@bebca.org.uk



## Tai Chi at the Community Centre

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They testify that it is: "Calming, relaxing, good for balance and concentration, a good start to the day, ideal exercise for those recovering from breast cancer as it promotes the flow of lymphatic fluid through the body".

Tai Chi for Arthritis classes at Bourne End Community Centre are on Tuesdays during term time at the following times: 10.30am to 11.30am Intermediate and 11am to noon Level 2.

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 Wooburn Club, The Green, Wooburn Green  
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**Fri 5 OCT 8.00pm**  
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## OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

### CORES END UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Cores End has had a busy time recently. We enjoyed afternoon tea at the Manse to celebrate the Jubilee and there was a special service on the Sunday following the Jubilee weekend – much appreciated by all. Our Link Up Club welcomed Liz Payne, who is a tour guide at St Paul's Cathedral, as is her husband, and they were both invited to the Jubilee Thanksgiving Service – a really enthralling talk and slide show.



August brings a welcome rest for us all. Link Up closes until the beginning of September and our Junior Church team take a break and hand over to a group of willing volunteers until the end of the school holidays. September is Harvest and our Thanksgiving service on September 23 is being led by Dr David Henry with a lunch after the service.

September 30 is Back to Church Sunday and, if you haven't visited us before, please come along. You can expect a warm welcome. Our regular services are 10.30am, details at [www.coresendurc.com](http://www.coresendurc.com).

Saturday September 8 sees a sponsored Ride and Stride for walkers, cyclists and drivers around Buckinghamshire to raise money for the church or chapel of your choice. Cores End will be open between 10am and 4pm with coffee and tea available.

Finally, we hope to hold a Quiz and Supper event on the first Saturday in November. Details on our website or telephone Jean on 01628 483483 or Ann 01628 526865.

### ST PAUL'S CHURCH & ST MARY'S CHURCH, WOOBURN

Our 'Open Church' at St Paul's continues throughout the summer months every Sunday 2.30 - 4.30pm until the end of August. Do come and join us for tea/coffee and homemade cakes, plus take the opportunity to look around our beautiful church here at Wooburn Green.

Apologies to everyone who was looking forward to our annual 'Teddy Parachute Jump' in June as the dreadful weather forecast meant we couldn't risk having our Teddies landing in muddy puddles in the garden below! Weather permitting it will either be re-scheduled for September or go onto next year's calendar.



We are very pleased to be able to confirm that the district councils in Buckinghamshire initiative 'Theatre in the Villages' is returning to St Paul's Church Hall on Saturday November 3. For all those who remember the

lovely Isla St Clair - singer, actress and co-presenter of The Generation Game – keep the date available, check our website and we will give you more details in the next issue of *Target*. Tickets will go on sale in late September.

St Mary's will re-commence their regular activities at the beginning of September, continuing as a busy pastoral centre with Toddlers on Tuesdays, health visitors and our Friday 'Coffee Shop' from 10.30am to noon, communion service and lunch. 'Tots Praise' on Fridays in St Paul's Church Hall is at 9.45am.

The church hall and garden in Town Lane, Wooburn are available for bookings which can be made through the office on 01628 525512 and via the web-site. For full details of our regular services and events, visit [www.stpaulswooburn.org](http://www.stpaulswooburn.org)

### ST MARK'S CHURCH

We start this issue off a little sad as Rev Ann Trew announced her early medical retirement as Rector of the Parishes of Hedsor and Bourne End. She and her husband Adrian are leaving in August to live on the south coast. Until the appointment of her successor the two churches continue to function as usual under the leadership of the Churchwardens, Associate Priest the Rev Rosemary



Payne, Licensed Lay Minister Lyn Gooch and Parish Administrator and Pastoral Coordinator Sarah Byng. We wish Ann and Adrian well in their future and thank them for all they have contributed to the parishes.

On Sunday August 5 at 10.30am we will be following the theme of the Olympics with an 'Olympic Songs of Praise'. Join us for this friendly service and stay for tea or coffee and a chat. All are welcome.

Looking forward to September we will be holding another Messy Church session entitled 'Messy Summer' on Saturday September 1, 3-5pm in the church. Food will be provided for the children so for catering purposes please book your place with Lyn Gooch at [lyngooch@gmail.com](mailto:lyngooch@gmail.com) or 01628 530402. This is great fun and we have had two very successful Messy times previously with Messy Christmas and Messy Easter. So come and get MESSY!

Our Songs of Praise service is on September 2 at 10.30am. All welcome. On Sunday September 30 we have the first of our Messy Worship sessions - a new Sunday morning service for families to enjoy together. It starts at 10am in St Mark's Church Hall and will be a very informal service including a themed activity, songs and some nice things to eat and drink. For further information, please telephone Lyn Gooch on 01628 530402.

Our monthly markets will be on August 18 and September 15, 10am- noon in the church hall. Come and say hello, stay for a cup of

coffee and enjoy homemade cakes.

All our other weekly events and services can be found in our parish magazine 'The Bridge' or on our website: [www.parishes-of-hedsor-and-bourne-end.org.uk](http://www.parishes-of-hedsor-and-bourne-end.org.uk)

### ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH

Our annual Family Walk in aid of CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) was well attended and enjoyed by an intrepid group of parishioners and their friends, who despite the uncertain weather, managed to complete a scenic route before returning to the church hall for a well-earned rest and a delicious strawberry cream tea.



We have been campaigning with even more enthusiasm this year, as CAFOD celebrates its Golden Anniversary. From its humble beginnings over 50 years ago, when volunteer members of the National Board of Catholic Women organised the first Friday Family Fast Day, it has grown into one of the leading, most widely respected charities in the world.

Our recent diocesan campaign to raise awareness of and try to eradicate water poverty (783 million people worldwide live without access to clean water and proper sanitation) was boosted by a visit from Lemlem Berhe, an Ethiopian engineer and water irrigation expert. She visited several parishes and schools to describe her challenging work designing and building structures to improve water supply and irrigation in drought prone areas.

Liam Dunne, who is studying for the priesthood and spent a few months in our parish, gave a series of fascinating talks about religious art and music during Lent. He captivated his audience with an excellent presentation on the life and works of Vermeer and Caravaggio. We wish him well with his continued studies and hope he will be back to enlighten us again soon.

### ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, LITTLE MARLOW

Interesting times for two members of the team who are going out to Kimberley, South Africa, to join our link church of St James in Galeshewe for their 50th anniversary celebrations.

Monday August 27 is the Little Marlow Fete when the church will have the usual stalls selling marmalade, jams, preserves and attic finds. Our Harvest Festival is to be held on September 23 at 11am followed by a Harvest Lunch.



We are delighted that we will be welcoming the Rev Sarah Fitzgerald and her family in the autumn. This will bring the Marlow clergy team up to full strength.



## 50th Anniversary Events

Friday August 17 - Any Questions? BBC Radio 4's flagship political panel programme currently chaired by Jonathan Dimbleby. Details page 28.

Sunday September 9 - Family Historical Trail around the village with prizes and a barbecue at the community centre.

**October Anniversary Week**  
Sunday October 7 - Annual Orchestral Concert will Celebrate our Community Association. Guest soprano Lori Lynn. See advert and booking form on these pages.

Monday October 8 - Open Evening at Short Mat Bowls - everyone welcome for fun and bowls.

Tuesday October 9 - Flower Club Workshop Evening - come along and be guided by the experts to make a great display.

Wednesday October 10 - Forum Players present one-act plays with the highlight being Young Forum's award winning Animal Plan-It.

Thursday October 11 - Display of Ken Townsend's historical photo collection along with screening old films by Bourne End Video Club.

Friday October 12 - Afternoon Tea for the older generation, with some of the photo displays around the main hall. Bourne End WI will be organising the afternoon tea. In the evening there will be a special On Target Quiz. Skilled quizmaster Bob Ginger is working on the presentation.

Saturday October 13  
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## Celebrating Our Community

This year Bourne End Community Association is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary.

For the first of the celebratory week's special events, the Bourne End Concert Orchestra, with its leader Muriel Carpenter and conductor John Timewell, has chosen an outstanding programme. The concert will open with Shostakovich's exhilarating Festive Overture, a work that will very much reflect the mood of the evening. Tchaikovsky's music, always popular with the Bourne End audience, will be represented by his Capriccio Italien and the orchestra will also be performing Copland's Four Dance Episodes from Rodeo.

All is not feverish excitement, however, as the programme will also include a piece of pure nostalgia, the Glow Worm Idyll by Paul Lincke as well as suites by Debussy and Britten.

Soprano Lori Lynn, who has delighted the audience with her singing on several previous occasions, will be joining us again this year. All in all, it is an event not to be missed.

The concert will take place on Sunday October 7 at 7.45pm in the Community Centre. Tickets at £10 are available from Breeze on The Parade, from the centre office or phone 01628 522854.

## Bourne End Concert Orchestra

### Celebrating our Community



Tchaikovsky : Capriccio Italien  
Debussy : Petite Suite  
Copland : Dance Episodes from Rodeo  
Soloist : Lori Lynn

## Sunday 7 October 2012

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# CENTRE NEWS

## Forum Players

Our show in September is another first for Forum Players. Our young members have written *Virus*, which they will be presenting from September 12 to 15. As usual the Wednesday performance will be free for senior citizens. Ticket prices are £9 adults and £7 concessions from Thursday to Saturday. Our box office will be in the library or ring 01628 523291. Don't miss this theatrical event at the community centre. It will be special.

Seems impossible but we have a panto reading session on Monday September 17. If you've thought about joining an amateur dramatic group then a panto is a great way to start. Auditions will take place on Wednesday September 19.

### Bourne End Jazz Club

Sunday 23 September, 7.30pm to 10.45pm

Bring a Picnic and enjoy  
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Raffle and Bar Tickets £8  
from the Centre (from end of August)  
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## Darts

After the league season finished it was time for the end-of-season non-league competitions, such as the Individual, Pairs and Triples Championships, which were held at The Working Men's Club. Another series of competitions was hosted in The Community Centre in the form of the Secretaries, Captains, Landlords and Ladies competitions.

Sue Nash, not so saucy, won through to the final of the Ladies and Lee Bower, still as laconic as ever, won through to the Landlords Final. Why was Lee playing in the Landlords? Well, he does work in the bar and gallantly stood in for John Randell who was languishing on some foreign beach or bar at the time. Regrettably, neither managed to pull it off on Finals Night and both were losing finalists. Nevertheless, congratulations to both for a valiant effort.

On a sad note, because of a shortage of summer-time players we had to withdraw from the Summer League.

## Chess

The chess club resumes its normal weekly slot at the Community Centre on Wednesday September 5 from 7.30 pm. The month comprises club nights, an AGM and the Maidenhead friendly before inter-club matches start at the end of September. Before then, there is one summer meeting on August 1.

Otherwise it is time-off for many members. Perhaps some will take a look at the British Chess Championships on [www.britishchesschampionships.co.uk](http://www.britishchesschampionships.co.uk) which continue until August 4 with the opportunity to see live games online. Or perhaps find out what is happening on [www.englishchess.org.uk](http://www.englishchess.org.uk), the main web site. The recently finished season at Bourne End Chess Club can be seen on [www.bucksvoice.net/bourneendchess](http://www.bucksvoice.net/bourneendchess). This will be updated for the new season when the fixtures become available.



BINGO starts in the small hall at Bourne End Community Centre from August 3.

It's being organised by Yvonne Larkin, Joan Sykes and Avril Roll and the ladies say the more the merrier... so come along and try your luck at this friendly game.

Sessions are being held most Friday afternoons (see our Calendar of Events on page 39 for all dates) and start at 2pm for a 2.30pm eyes down.

The bingo will be a snowball format with a rollover if the main prize isn't won, and all funds from the raffle and teas will go to the Community Centre.

## President's Challenge



### Number 70

Answer these questions, set by Community Association president Penny Walsh, and hand in the form at the Community Centre (along with your £1 entry fee) for a chance of winning Penny's special mystery prize. Funds raised go to the Community Centre.

All the answers begin with 'V'.

1. Inoculation against whooping cough etc.
2. Capital of Malta.
3. Another name for chicken pox.
4. An elongated hollow between hills.
5. Uncertainty, indefinite, lacking precision.
6. A person of no fixed abode, a tramp.
7. Light vehicle used to transport goods.
8. Very slender type of pasta.
9. Goddess of love.
10. The palace of the Pope in Rome.
11. Room in a church for keeping vestments.
12. Volcano in S. Italy.
13. Animal doctor.
14. Poetry as opposed to prose.
15. The winner.
16. Scandinavian sea raider.
17. Capital of Austria.
18. A person born between 24 August & 23 September.
19. Of or relating to sight.
20. To pay a call upon.

Extra. Snake used to clear car window (joke).

The closing date is Tuesday September 4.

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### ANSWERS TO QUIZ 69

1. Ukulele. 2. Uganda. 3. Unicorn. 4. United Reform Church. 5. UB40. 6. U-Boat. 7. Usurp. 8. Uranium. 9. University. 10. Usher. 11. Utter. 12. Utensil. 13. Umpire. 14. UFOs. 15. Upper Thames Sailing Club. 16. Unique. 17. Uncle. 18. Utopia. 19. Utah. 20. Ulster. The winner of the last quiz is Mr E Weeks, West Ridge, Bourne End.

## Ticket Order Form Bourne End Concert Orchestra Sunday 7 October 2012

7.45pm in the Community Centre, Bourne End

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## OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

### 1st Bourne End Scout Group

Ten years ago at the Queen's Golden Jubilee, Berkshire Golden Youth Festival was held at Bisham Abbey on April 10 in the presence of her Majesty the Queen and HRH the Duke of Edinburgh. The youth in the local area were invited including Bourne End Scouts. Three Leaders and three Scouts went, taking along one of our swing boats to erect. We all had to be in place by 8.30am ready to start. What a day to remember!

Richard, Peter and I (the three Leaders) will never forget the displays by different youth groups and the inspection by the Queen, what a gracious lady she is. She was so relaxed talking to the Scouts, which put them at their ease.

This year's Diamond Jubilee was so different weather-wise as rain tried to spoil the celebrations, but without success. I was so pleased to see a Queen's Scout read a prayer in St Paul's Cathedral in the Service of Thanksgiving. The Queen has always been supportive of young people in this country and the Commonwealth.

A great effort was put into the Fun Picnic afternoon in the Recreation Ground off Furlong Road, with games, face-painting, cakes and a live band. The rain did make folk leave early as the temperature dropped with the rain and cold wind. We would like to thank the organisers so much for their efforts.

The weather affected both the Cubs and Scouts camps. The Leaders made the best of the programme and the young ones don't seem to notice a drop of rain. The boys on Scout Camp in Wales had a good programme and the rain, winds and mud could not put the boys off having a good time. I am sure the Scout Leader team will remember the awful conditions at camp.

If you are a parent or grandparent of a child in the group, or feel you would like to come and support our team of fundraisers to ensure we have an event like the Donkey Derby next year, just ring me, Roy Harris on 01628 526805. It can be very rewarding to help the young people in our group and the youth in our area.

### RNLI Bourne End & District Branch

The annual House-to-House and Flag Day in May raised the magnificent sum of

£4,230. This was followed by a two-day national collection at Tesco and the branch's hard working supporters managed to collect another £1,489. Unfortunately, there was a fire alarm at Tesco Loudwater on the Friday morning which closed the store for a time, usually a busy shopping time, when The Lifeboat volunteers were unable to collect. Happily, the fire appeared not to be serious.

The branch then manned a two-day collection in June, this time at Sainsbury's Beaconsfield where a creditable £1,253 was raised. Sincere thanks must go to our dedicated helpers and the shoppers at Tesco and Sainsbury's for their generosity.

At the time of writing, we are planning the Flackwell Heath Cherry Fayre in July and a collection at Waitrose Beaconsfield at the end of the month. August has a two-day collection at the M40 Service Station Beaconsfield and another in early September.

John Spokes continues to empty static collecting boxes across the district, while Linda Casey continues to give the branch donations from her monthly Magpie's Nest for which we thank her most sincerely.

The RNLI Christmas cards, calendars and diaries will be arriving in August and we shall be circulating Christmas leaflets to our regular supporters.

Contact Diana Spokes on 01628 523736 to learn more about the branch's fundraising events and to help in any way.

### Twinning Association (BEBTA)

The twinning visit of Octeville-sur-Mer provided good weather, good company and another great visit. We had been worrying about where to park the CJO coach as places used before were unavailable. Then we were told we could park it in Octeville Place and WDC would cone the area off. So it was that on Friday May 11 and 40 minutes early, the CJO coach came to a stop outside St Dunstons Hall. Following frantic phone calls to the hosts to tell them "they're here" and after the obligatory group photo (below) everyone moved into the hall for the Reception. Following the speeches the

BEBTA chairman told everyone that this year marked the 10th anniversary of BEBTA, Octeville-sur-Mer was discovered and our first meeting with the CJO. To mark this anniversary a special lapel badge was given to all the Octevillais. Cream Teas all round!

On Saturday visitors and hosts took a day trip to Warwick Castle. With the sun shining there was much to see and do. They climbed the ramparts, watched the birds of prey show, watched the trebuchet being fired, saw the state rooms and the Edwardian dinner party and so on. No wonder that by mid afternoon they were ready for a break and a typically English Cream Tea.

The Soirée on Sunday evening welcomed Dominic Grieve, QC MP and Attorney General, with his wife.

Mid-afternoon on Monday our friends departed for home. Judging by their comments the twinning visit was a great success.

Fifty seven people took part in the quiz night with quiz masters Tracey and Lawrence Huxley providing all the questions and answers plus the scoring, ably helped by their son, Alex. The "Dolly Mixtures" team were declared the winners and presented with their prizes of a bottle of wine each.

The Annual Garden Party will be held on August 25 at 38 Goddington Road. This members-only event will run from 3pm to 6pm and follow the normal pattern, with a photo competition and cream teas etc. Entrance is £4 per person (children free).

For more information please call 01628 520065.

### Soroptomists

In the past few years Soroptomists International Thames Valley has been a keen supporter of the Breast Cancer campaign, raising awareness and funds to help this national charity.

Recently the charity has set up a number of tissue banks around the country, where samples of tissue removed from patients can be stored for use in further research on the cause and cure for this cancer.

SI Thames Valley is encouraging all the



local women's groups in its area to join them in a Soroptimist International Pink Friendship Walk on Sunday September 30. Participants pay £5 to join the Walk and can also seek extra sponsorship to boost funds for the Breast Cancer Campaign.

The walk is in Marlow finishing with a picnic in Higginson Park, but it is hoped that other SI clubs will organise a similar walk in their own area, to roll out the action at a regional and national level.

If you belong to a local women's organisation please consider coming along to support us on September 30. For more information contact Peg Simson: [pegsimson@googlemail.com](mailto:pegsimson@googlemail.com)

#### Wooburn Park Tennis Club

Summer matches are progressing and club play is well supported. The American Tournament incorporating Seniors, Intermediates and Juniors was won by Jack Gleeson and Ben Davies, the runners-up being Peter Hatch and Toby Sowood. Our juniors have been very successful in the Aegon Team Tennis Buckinghamshire League with the following teams winning their divisions: 14-and-Under Boys, 18-and-Under Boys and 18-and-Under Girls.

#### Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

The next demonstration will be on September 4 with Area Demonstrator, Jackie Watson, whose title will be "Elements". On October 2 there will be a Members Demonstration "Autumn Glory", which is always a very popular event.

Demonstration starts at 8pm in the Main Hall at the Community Centre. The flowers will be raffled at the end of the evening. Visitors are welcome.

#### Bucks Family History Society

Our next meeting is on Tuesday August 14 in the small hall at the community centre when Debbie Kennett will talk on "The Facebook Generation". Then on Tuesday September 11 Stuart Raymond will give his talk on "My Ancestor was an Apprentice". For all meetings the doors are open at 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start. All are welcome, members free and a small donation for non members.

#### Bourne End Video Makers

At their recent AGM Barbara and Peter Norman were presented with the club's award of Film Maker of the Year by club president John Barlow. Also at the AGM it was decided to change the name to Bourne End Video Makers to keep it in line with modern developments in filming.

They also discussed the screening of old films showing Bourne End events during the Community Association's 50th Anniversary celebration week in October.

# CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

Events in the community centre unless otherwise stated

For details of events which are taking place as part of the 2012

Wooburn Festival please see page 34.

## AUGUST

- 2 Thu Quiz night in the Community Centre bar. The fun starts at 8.30pm.
- 3 Fri Bingo at the Community Centre small hall 2.30pm start.
- 5 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm.
- 7 Tues CentreJAZZ: live music from 8pm in the Community Centre Bar. Admission £5 includes raffle.
- 9 Thu Wooburn 10k run from Wooburn Park. See [www.wooburnpark10k.com](http://www.wooburnpark10k.com) for details.
- 10 Fri 13th Charity Dance in aid of the Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust. Doors open 7.30pm for 8pm start. Tickets £7.50 from Barbara and David's regular Sunday evening dance sessions in the small hall or call 01628 629563.
- 11 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am-1pm in the Library.
- 14 Tues Bucks Family History Society, small hall, 7.15pm "The Facebook Generation" presented by Debbie Kennett. Non members welcome.
- 17 Fri Radio 4's Any Questions? chaired by Jonathan Dimbleby at the Community Centre. Details page 28
- 18 Sat St Mark's monthly market in the church hall 10am to 12 noon with coffee and cakes.
- 24 Fri Bingo at the Community Centre small hall 2.30pm start.
- 27 Mon Little Marlow Village Fete 2pm to 5pm on the Little Marlow Recreation Ground off Church Road
- 31 Fri Bingo at the Community Centre small hall 2.30pm start.

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Sat Cookham Regatta at Marsh Meadow 11am to 5pm £5 adults £1 children.
- 1 Sat Messy Church Session at St Mark's Church 3-5pm with food for the children taking part. Book at [lyngooch@gmail.com](mailto:lyngooch@gmail.com) or 01628 530402.
- 2 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm.
- 4 Tues CentreJAZZ: live music from 8pm in the Community Centre Bar. Admission £5 includes raffle.
- 6 Thu Quiz night in the Community Centre bar. The fun starts at 8.30pm.
- 7 Fri Bingo at the Community Centre small hall 2.30pm start.
- 8 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am-1pm in the Library.
- 8 Sat Sponsored Ride & Stride. Cores End United Reformed Church open from 10-4pm serving tea and coffee. See page 18 for details
- 9 Sun 50th Anniversary Event: Family Historical Trail around Bourne End with prizes and a barbecue at the Community Centre.
- 11 Tues Bucks Family History Society, small hall, 7.15pm. Stuart Raymond presents "My Ancestor was an Apprentice". Non members welcome
- 12 Wed Free show for senior citizens. Future Forum present "Virus" at 8pm. Then ticketed shows nightly until Sat. Details page 37.
- 12 Wed Flackwell Heath & Loudwater Local History Group, talk on Machine Riots and the resulting deportations of 1830. Community Centre, Flackwell Heath 7.30pm. Tickets from Flackwell Heath Community Library £5 in advance.
- 15 Sat St Mark's monthly market in the church hall 10am to 12 noon with coffee and cakes.
- 21 Fri Bingo at the Community Centre small hall 2.30pm start.
- 21 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company.
- 23 Sun Table Top Sale from 9am, To book a table call Caroline on 01628 485642.
- 23 Sun Jazz Picnic 7.30pm to 10.45pm at the Community Centre. Bring a picnic and enjoy Sound Force Big Band, a raffle and bar. Tickets £8 from the centre from the end of August or call 01628 520170.
- 28 Fri Bingo at the Community Centre small hall 2.30pm start.

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