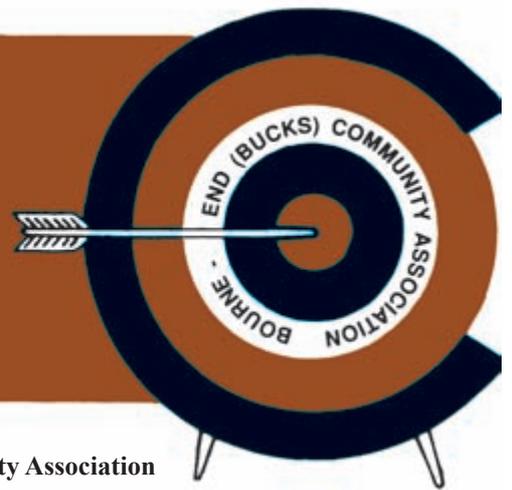


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## Simply the best... Little Marlow wins again

Little Marlow village has been named the Best Kept Village in Buckinghamshire (populations under 500) and now has a shiny new cup and sign. It's the second time the Gurney Cup has come to the village (it was previously won in 2002 and last year they were runners-up). Villages are judged on general tidiness and facilities and Little Marlow scored very highly. The recreation ground, nature reserve and local pubs all got a mention along with the parish council's informative notice board. The Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, Alexander Boswell, awarded the cup to Residents' Association chairman William Northcroft and Little Marlow Parish Council chairman Dallas Banfield. See more pictures on the Target Magazine Facebook page.



## Our centre has been saved!

Bourne End residents will be delighted that Bucks County Council has approved plans which secure the future of the day centre.

At their cabinet meeting on Monday September 10 they agreed that the Friends of Bourne End Care Centre should take on the project, in partnership with the Fremantle charitable trust who are experienced in delivering care and running a care service.

In 2010 Bucks County Council proposed changes to the way they deliver day care services. Their public consultation set out a programme that signified the

closure of about 20 small centres in the county and the creation of large units.

Letters, emails and a petition in opposition to these proposals failed to alter the county council's proposals which were eventually confirmed in March 2011.

In spite of this the local community never accepted that our day centre would be closed. They responded instantly when the county council said that first refusal would be given to any community organisation able to present a good business case on the future running of the day care service.

Those using the day centre and the caring staff had no future security. And for those trying to retain these services it meant countless meetings and discussions on the best way forward. At all times there was total optimism that somehow they would find a way to keep the day centre open.

Supporters thought back to the building of the day centre when members of the local community 'bought a brick' to support the cause and later found money to equip the building. Now, 28 years later, these people were feeling devastated at the prospect of losing a

part of the village centre alongside the library and the community centre. Now everyone can move forward positively.

Fundraising and grant applications will be needed initially to provide money for essential repairs and improvements. These are necessary because of neglect by the county council and to meet modern Health & Safety requirements. The Friends of Bourne End Care Centre will have a ten-year lease at a peppercorn rent with an option, during this period, to purchase the building at its community use value.

Carole Sawyers, Chief Executive of The Fremantle Trust, said: "We are delighted that Bourne End Day Centre will remain open to provide a valuable service to the local community and we are looking forward to working with the existing staff team to build on all they have achieved.

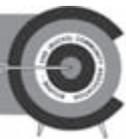
"As a Buckinghamshire-based charity Fremantle is fully committed to providing local services that are connected to their community. We see the Bourne End Day Centre as a very exciting opportunity to deliver this."



*Who does this gold medal belong to? Find out on page 13*

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# BULL'S EYE

Much has been said and written about the wonderful effect the London Olympics had on everyone. Even the pessimists who predicted transport problems and a lack of British enthusiasm had to eat their words as we all became gripped by Team GB fever.

Nowhere was the excitement more keenly felt than in Wooburn Green, home of kayak gold medallist Ed McKeever - see page 13 for our focus on Ed and the back page for some Wooburn supporters' images.

Target's managing editor, Barrie Penfold, was excited about the Olympics from the moment it was announced we would be hosting them. Under her orders the magazine had slogans of support running on our pages (and the Olympic logo until we found out we could be fined for reproducing it!). And when the tickets for the rowing events at Eton Dorney went on sale, Barrie was quick to apply. It took several attempts for her to get a ticket, but she finally got one - which arrived on her birthday - and she was rewarded for her unstinting support of the games with the luck to be in the thrilled crowd when the first Team GB gold medal was won on the rowing lake.

Here is her report of that day (check out her picture on page 34 along with our other Olympic snaps). Barrie's pictures are also on our Facebook page.

**Debra Aspinall, editor**



*"Memories are definitely made of this. I will never forget the roar of the crowd as two girls crossed the finishing line way ahead of the competition for Team*

*GB's first gold medal.*

*But way before that there was the train journey from Bourne End to Maidenhead. Then, outside the train station, a fleet of buses were ready to go - packed with excited ticket holding spectators for Eton Dorney.*

*Everyone wanted to enjoy the day, the experience and the feeling of being part of history.*

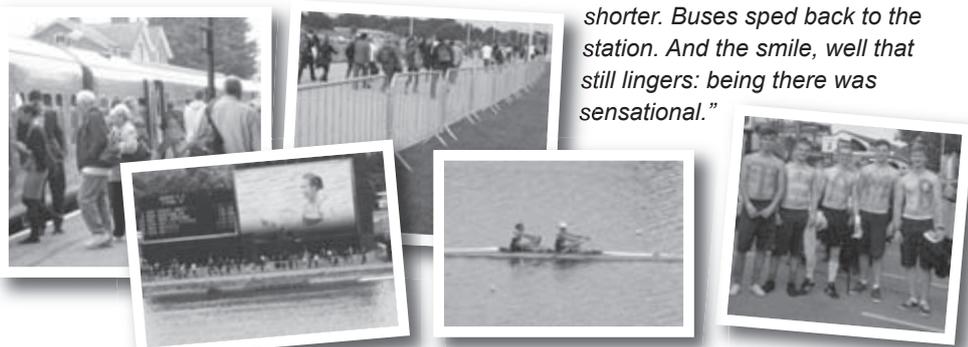
*Yes it really was a long walk through the racecourse to the entrance, but the cheerful banter of the volunteers kept everyone going. No problems finding your*

*stand, row or seat. Then it was a case of cheering Team GB and everyone on the water. And back towards the start you could hear the cheers getting louder and then developing into 'the roar'.*

*Being there for Team GB's first gold medal was just wonderful. Great that it went to two girls who just went to the front - and stayed there. Pictures on the big screen kept everyone informed. No confusion or wondering about the result. The organisation was superb.*

*Asking one stand to wait while others moved through to the buses was a great idea and those waiting were rewarded with watery laps of honour from the successful teams. Another chance to cheer and cheer. And finally all went quiet on the stand with seats ready for the next day's spectators.*

*The band marched through as an extra treat and the walk back seemed much shorter. Buses sped back to the station. And the smile, well that still lingers: being there was sensational."*



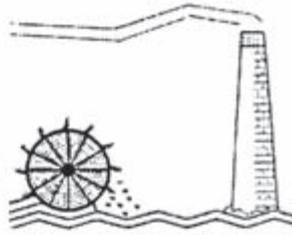
## ABOUT TARGET

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. Fund raising and determination saw the Community Centre open in Wakeman Road on 28th October 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.

# WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



Now that the moist delights of the Jubilee celebrations are a happy memory, and Wooburn has welcomed its first Olympic Gold Medallist, Ed McKeever, we can look forward to a winter of hard work and fun.

A project that is much broader than the usual work of the Residents' Association is about to take flight – in the long run, it may affect the lives and environment of all who live in our precious village.

**The Future of Wooburn** is a community led plan which gives us an opportunity to say what we want to achieve for our community. Its purpose is to make Wooburn a better place in which to live, and can include anything that is relevant to the people that live and work here. It will identify what people value, as well as problems and opportunities in the Wooburns. It will show how residents want the community to develop, and will identify actions needed. All this information will be incorporated into a public document with a view to implementation.

### We need your views!

Residents and visitors can give their views on Wooburn; what you like, and/or dislike. You will also be asked for suggestions for the future and how to resolve any current perceived issues. It is expected that a wide range of topics will emerge including amenities, transport, highways, the environment, recreation, youth provision, protection of our rural community etc. – but views are not restricted to these topics alone.

To have your say, or get directly involved, watch out for notice of a public meeting which will be held in Spring 2013. This is NOT an initiative being taken by the Residents' Association alone – it is part of a national campaign, and many towns and villages have already devised their plans. The plans will be used to influence District and County Councils and other 'powers' who hold purse strings, to ensure that they know what the population wants. Without a plan, we can't complain if we only receive the leftovers!

The meeting of the Residents' Association on Monday November 5, will provide an update on this project, and we will be hoping to invite representatives of community groups to become involved - but, of course, all are welcome.

### Road safety

Safety on the main road between Wooburn Green and Cores End (Brookbank and Town Lane) has been causing concern recently, particularly in view of speeding traffic impatient with 'calming' devices such as pedestrian crossings and speed warnings.

Transport for Buckinghamshire has re-painted the three pedestrian crossings involved, and has given assurances that vegetation which can narrow pavements dangerously, or obscure signs, will be cut back regularly. Some pavements along this road are very narrow, and must be kept clear to benefit children walking to school and to allow the passage of wheelchairs.

A request will be submitted to re-site the 'Children's Playground' sign before Wooburn Park pedestrian crossing to the correct (i.e. left) side of the road.

### Christmas lights event

Now for the fun! Wooburn Green Christmas lights will be switched on at 4pm on Saturday November 24 at the Wooburn Club, with mulled wine and mince pies available, and a Christmas Medley will be sung around the tree. Father Christmas may pay a visit if he can fit us into his schedule.

Film entertainment will keep the children occupied at 5pm, and the club will lay on disco music until 8pm. A lively evening will reach a climax with a performance by the 'Jersey Lads' at 9pm. The Jersey Lads are a tribute group, following the famous 'Jersey Boys', Frankie Vallie and the 4 Seasons – music from the golden age of rock.

All these events are completely free, so come along with your family and friends and enjoy a pre-Christmas romp.

### Wooburn Residents' Association

Since the last issue of Target featuring WRA news, we have appointed a new chairman, Susan Rogers, who is also the Secretary of the Wooburn Club. Chris Baker has been elevated to the post of Honorary President.

The final meeting of 2012 will be held at 8pm on November 5, and all are welcome to join us at the Wooburn Club.

*If you would like to comment on anything in this article, please ring Sue on 01494 673223'*

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**Chris Pow**  
Hawthornden Surgery, Bourne End

### Charity Christmas cards

The Cards For Good Causes charity Christmas card shop will be open from November 13 to December 13 at St Dunstan's Church.

Opening times are Monday to Saturday, 9.30am to 4pm.

We will be selling more than 250 designs of cards from 31 different charities this year, including last year's best sellers, which were Iain Rennie Hospice, MacMillan Cancer Support, the RNLI and Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust.

As usual the shop will be staffed by volunteers, many of whom have been helping out since it started seven years ago, so we would like to say a big thank you to all of them.

And new volunteers are always welcome – please contact Marilyn Clarke (01628 528111) or Myra Hurley (01628 524214) if you can help.

**Marilyn Clarke**  
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### College offers help

If you think that you are possibly a victim of this year's harsher marking of GCSE English, then don't worry, Wycombe & Amersham College may be able to assist. Simply pop into the College to chat with our friendly staff and we'll do our best to help.

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Worried applicants and their parents are wholeheartedly encouraged to come to the College – either Amersham or Flackwell Heath campuses to chat about their options.

We have an open evening on October 3 and another in November. See the website [www.amersham.ac.uk](http://www.amersham.ac.uk) for more information.

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### Crime prevention

Under the banner 'One Community against Crime', local groups Neighbourhood Watch, Trading Standards, CrimeStoppers, local drug agencies, the Fire Service, Community Safety Team and police will be joining forces between 10am and 2pm on October 20 at the Chilterns Centre in High Wycombe to host a Crime Prevention Event - please do come along to talk to us about how we can fight crime on your doorstep.

The message of the event is that you are less likely to be a victim of crime if you are aware of the issues in your area, and you are also less likely to be afraid of being a victim of crime if you are able to take steps to prevent it.

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# Marina Life with Peter Osborne



So, the summer has passed. It was marked by Sred boards closing the river in July due to adverse conditions such as hail storms, torrential rain, tornadoes, floods etc, the usual summer conditions.

This reduced the boat movement; it has not been as active a year as one would have wished. Many businesses, especially in the retail sector, have had a bad time and have cited the Olympics as a cause for people staying at home watching the TV. Maybe this has also affected the river? Having said that, business has been brisk here and we are looking at the same revenue from river trade as last year.

It always amazes me that in these times of austerity, demand for moorings here are as high as ever and always in excess of supply. Maybe people's leisure time is extremely important to them and they'd rather reduce other aspects of their life before compromising their leisure activities?

The river not being as active as we would have expected has caused us a few problems. We accept many overnight and weekly moorers in the summer. These boats are moored in berths vacated by those that have departed for a week or so up river. So, if boats don't go out we are short of berths. We solve this problem by simply moving boats about and rafting some alongside other boats to free up a mooring. It

sometimes appears as if you can walk across the river to the other side by stepping on all the boats!

The Olympics were a huge success, as were the Paralympics. Matty and Richy were in training for the 'Emptying the Beer Barrel' Time Trial but were disappointed that there was no such event. It was the same with the 'Jager Bomb' Pentathlon. Still, I am sure Bounty Dave will give them a Gold Medal for their efforts. In fact they are still in training for the next time the Olympics come to the UK. I haven't the heart to tell them this could be decades away. Bless them!

We now have our 'winter hats' on as we turn to the maintenance required before next season. All machinery will be serviced/overhauled and pontoons checked for loose nuts and bolts. Piling too will be painted so that, come the spring, all is nice and shiny and in good serviceable order, as it always is, of course!

I am pleased to advise that the theft of petrol from the marina is at the lowest level for years. Boat owners now take the fuel home and do not leave their portable tanks on the boat so there is nothing for the village idiots to steal. Let's hope they now have to put their hands in their pockets and buy the fuel, a novel concept to them no doubt. Another reason that the idiots may not have been down here for a while is

that they actually stole some petrol cans that had been laced with bags of sugar! I often wonder what it was used for and what effect it had.

For those of you who were aware of the swan who laid eggs here earlier in the year which were washed away in floods, we are pleased to tell you she returned and laid more. Happily these hatched and three cygnets survived and have now moved away.

We have noticed that there have been late-born ducklings and coots and some coots, as I scribe, are still looking to make nests, it's a funny old world.

The red tape that people are always talking about has caught up with us. For many years the Maritime and Coast Guard Association has said marina staff must have a Boatman's Licence in order to operate vessels such as our tug. I understand this but they could never advise exactly what was required of us.

Anyway, all three of us are to attend a day's course to learn how to manoeuvre the tug, how to tie it up and how to use a lock. There is no exam, you only get the licence by doing the course.

We have at least ten years experience each in pulling boats off Cookham Weir during the floods, towing dead cows and garden sheds, let alone sunken/distressed boats and other such operations (sometimes in full view of the Environment Agency) but we still have to do the course. This costs money and takes three man days out of our week. In some respects we are more experienced than the instructor who will teach us. Why is there not just an exam we can take? The world has gone mad!

Well, it's back to tanning ourselves now that we at last have some sunshine, a good book and a chilled beer. An Indian Summer? I'll check the reservation!

Until the next time.

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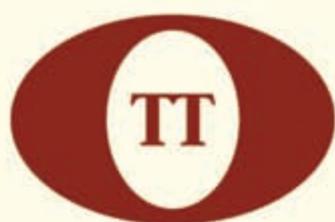
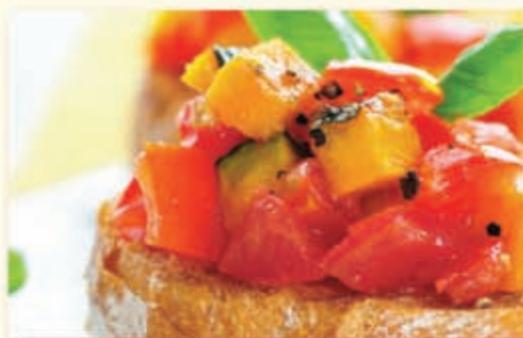
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### Office Hours

Please note that the normal Parish Council office opening hours are now 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

### Parish Guide

The Parish Council has recently reviewed the Parish Guide Book and has now received the new updated version.

Copies have been distributed to various outlets in the Parish. If you would like a copy they can be found in the Library, Community Centre, GP Surgeries, Petrol Stations and Tesco. Alternatively please drop into the Parish Council Offices if you

are passing and pick up a copy along with a smile and a friendly word from the staff. Many thanks to Cllr. Mrs Marshall and Cllr. Mr Garrido for their time in checking details and providing new photos.

### New Benches

The Parish Council has been very fortunate to secure grant funding from Wycombe District Council's Local Area Forum to replace some of the Parish benches.



Our groundsman has been kept very busy putting four new benches in Wooburn Park and one on Blind Lane (pictured).

We have also had donations of benches from District Cllr. Mrs Julia Adey whose bench has been placed in the Holtspur Avenue Play Area and District Cllr. Mrs Julia Langley whose bench has been placed in Brookbank.

We have also received a donation of a bench from the Hawks Hill and Widmoor Residents Association which is now in position in Sappers Field. Our thanks go

to both District Councillors and the Residents' Association for their generous donations.

### Olympics

Well done to all the Olympic athletes for an outstanding performance in the recent games and congratulations to all our local men and women who took part, in particular local resident Ed McKeever who won gold in the men's 200m kayak (see page 13).

At the time of writing this article the Paralympic games are in full swing and already we are notching up medals left, right and centre. Good luck to all the competitors who are truly an inspiration to us all.

### Meeting Dates 2012

#### Full Council:

October 23, November 17

#### Finance & General Purposes Committee:

October 9 (date moved from scheduled date in September)

#### Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials:

October 2, November 4

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## Farewell celebration

It was a service of praise, fun, laughter and great affection even though it was also the parishioners' time to say farewell to their vicar, the Rev Ann Trew.

For some months parishioners at St Mark's and St Nicholas' had known that she would be taking early retirement on health grounds. But there had to be an occasion for those whose lives had been touched, and even changed, by knowing this very special priest. And it took place on Sunday July 15 with tea to follow in the church hall.

Ministers who had worked with Rev Ann recalled hilarious moments from her more modern approach to retreats – more like a health spa than a monastery. Her fellow church workers remembered her kindness and gentle guidance. Rev Ann was a great believer in letting talents grow and encouraging them. She threw herself into any new project and was totally committed.

She said goodbye to everyone individually at the end of every service. Then, on this last occasion, she walked out with husband Adrian to smile for the camera.

**Pictured: the Rev Ann Trew with husband, Adrian, outside St Mark's Church**

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# Help save The Gari

*Could The Garibaldi in Hedsor Road be the next local to close its doors as a public house? Not if the locals have anything to do with it. Here Roger Robinson and Andrew Dunning tell us why we should support the campaign to save the Gari.*

Where can you go where you always get a friendly welcome? Where the locals are all within walking distance and everyone eventually knows your name? Where you can partake of a meat raffle on Sunday nights, catch up with friends on a Friday night – or relax with a drink and simple pub food any other day of the week?

There are pubs like this but their numbers are dwindling as, one

after another, they are closing; being demolished to make way for housing or being turned into restaurants.

Now The Garibaldi Pub in Hedsor Road, Bourne End is under threat. This traditional 19th-century pub, named to mark Guiseppe Garibaldi's visit to nearby Cliveden in 1864, has been the centre of this local community for more than a century.

The 'Gari' as the locals call it, is the meeting place for friends and neighbours as well as a regular stream of passing walkers, cyclists, tourists, shoppers and other enthusiasts who have been lucky enough to discover this cosy little hostelry that fits so snugly into the lane.

The Gari has now been temporarily closed by the owner, Punch Taverns Ltd, who have put it up for sale saying an interim manager will be appointed to run the pub until a suitable buyer is found.

As a result, a group of Bourne End residents and loyal customers from the surrounding area are launching a campaign to keep The Gari open as a pub. The campaign has two aims, firstly to oppose any change of use of the site (i.e. to residential) and secondly to gather support for a community purchase of the freehold of the pub.

This isn't unprecedented. There are many successful examples of 'community-owned' pubs including The Jolly Farmer in Cookham Dean, The Boot at Bledlow Ridge and The Russell Arms at Butlers Cross.

All it needs is the funds to purchase the freehold. The Garibaldi campaign is well on the way to achieving these objectives but it needs more support and financing.

If you are interested in supporting the campaign whether by opposing re-development or helping with a community buyout, then please get in touch. Email: [info@garibaldipub.co.uk](mailto:info@garibaldipub.co.uk), [www.garibaldipub.co.uk](http://www.garibaldipub.co.uk) Twitter: @The\_Garibaldi.

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## Where the money goes...

This was the moment when lifesaver met fundraisers. For Jen Payne it was a chance to say thank you to two fundraisers, while for Diana and John Spokes of the RNLI Bourne End and District Branch, it was a fascinating opportunity to hear about real-life rescues at sea.

Jen (centre) showed Diana and John the award she had received as a member of an Inshore Lifeboat crew following the rescue of a lone sailor who found himself facing a Force 8 wind dressed only in jeans and a leather jacket. The lifeboat crew came close to capsizing, but managed to board the yacht and assist the sailor. "People don't always think when they set sail," Jen said, "and don't check weather forecasts."

Jen has been a RNLI volunteer for four years based in Penarth, south Wales, where she also works as an events manager. She grew up in Bourne End and is the daughter of the Rev Rosemary and Michael Payne.

After university in Cardiff she stayed in Wales enjoying wind surfing and sailing in her spare time. Joining a lifeboat crew was simply a way to give something back – especially as her aunt had drowned at sea.

Jen explained how the funds raised by the RNLI provided the latest equipment for the lifesavers. "Our boat now has radar to make finding a boat or a person a lot quicker," she said, "and the kit we wear is designed to keep us safe so that we can help others." Last year Jen's crew were called out more than 50 times.

Founded in 1973 the Bourne End branch of the RNLI has raised huge amounts of money with their efforts recognised with five gold and seven silver awards. Jen said: "That's why it is so good to be able to say 'thank you' to those who raise the funds."



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## “We need a safer crossing”

Parents of children attending St Paul's C of E Combined

School are campaigning to get a safer crossing for the main road near the school in Wooburn Green.

Brookbank, the stretch of road leading from Cores End into Town Lane, Wooburn Green, already has a zebra crossing, but there have been several near-misses there and in May a secondary school boy was knocked down and injured as he crossed the zebra to catch his school bus.

Campaign leader, Rebecca Griffith says the parents, who have the support of a local county councillor and their local MP, are now determined to get something done here to prevent a tragedy happening. At the very least they want more obvious road signs warning of a school crossing ahead, along with traffic calming measures, but ideally they would like a light-controlled crossing or lollipop patrol.

The first of what is likely to be a series of “Safer Brookbank” meetings was held in September and a plan of action drawn up.

Rebecca, who has two children, one at the primary school and the other in their nursery, told Target: “The meeting helped us become more focused. We realise that it would cost in the region of £35,000 to have traffic lights at the crossing and while we are willing to do everything necessary to help with this – including fundraising towards the costs – realistically we would be grateful in the meantime to have better signs on the approaches and some means of reducing the speed of traffic. Something more obvious, brighter.

“Councillor Mike Appleyard is helping us determine what can and can't be done on this stretch of road. There are limitations because it is an A road.

“And Bucks County Council is to carry out a survey into the number of children who use the existing crossing. The results of this survey could

## Preparing the Bourne End Community Plan

by the Future of Our Village Forum (FoOV)

We are pleased to let everyone know that the document that will form the Community Plan is nearing completion.

Information from the March Priorities Questionnaire has been brought together with local people's comments and also feedback from surveys and meetings held over recent years.

The objective is to prepare a plan to be published this autumn and our thanks go to all the people who have helped to bring this information together and to local people who have made their voice heard.

There will be a full report in the next issue of *Target*.

determine whether we can have a lollipop person or not, although funding will still be an issue.

“The Bourne End and Cookham Rotary Club has offered to sponsor new signs for us and our MP Dominic Grieve has said he will do what he can to help too. We have the support of Wooburn Residents Association and the school is of course backing us all the way.”

An e-petition calling for traffic calming at Brookbank has been submitted to the Local Area Community Partnership.

“There are so many different authorities and organisations which have to pull together on this,” says Rebecca, “but the one thing we all have in common is wanting to protect our children and make it safer for everybody to cross the road.”

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## Local Lives this issue focuses on Ed McKeever, Wooburn Green's Olympic Golden Boy



**O**n August 11 Olympian Ed McKeever put on a stunning display of manpower to win a gold medal in the Men's Kayak Single 200m final.

Just a few days later, on August 16, he returned to his home village of Wooburn Green to a hero's welcome, bringing his fiancée Anya Kucjak with him to share the limelight.

The couple were clearly now concentrating on their wedding just a few short weeks away at St Teresa's in Beaconsfield. In fact Ed told the press after winning his medal: "Anya was overjoyed. Now we can get on with planning the wedding."

"But on the [wedding] day I will leave the gold at home. We don't want to take the focus away from the bride, do we?"

Anya has said that it was tough being apart from Ed during his pre-Olympic training in Barcelona. Before that the couple had been separated for an even longer stint: "He proposed to me in January and then went away to Australia for six weeks to train. He popped the question over a bowl of ice cream at home. I guess you could say it was romantic."

But the hours of training and days of separation paid off.

It was an inspired decision to ask trainee accountant Ed to visit the Wooburn Club on the same day as local MP Dominic Grieve – who is also

Attorney General.

The occasion turned out to be a truly Olympic one as local children from a summer camp replicated everything from the torch, to the cauldron, medals and Olympic rings.

Among the well-wishers were David and Pauline Hughes from Flackwell Heath who run the canoe section of Bourne End Junior Sports Club. David and son Kevin were among the 20,000-strong crowd watching Ed's medal-winning kayak sprint at Dorney Lake the previous Friday. And like the rest of us, they wanted to shake the hand of our Olympic hero.

A smiling Ed was happy to pose for pictures and sign numerous flags and programmes. When Dominic Grieve arrived he added to the crowd's congratulations and checked out the weight of the gold medal.

Then Club Membership Secretary Chris Baker had the pleasure of presenting both men with Life Memberships of the Wooburn Club.

Coincidentally August 16 has other local significance for Ed and Anya. Two years ago to the day the couple, who met at Bath University, moved into their home in Wycombe Lane. They've both said how much they love living in the village.

The honeymoon will have to wait until Christmas as Anya teaches PE at a school in Slough.

Then there's the big question of 2016 and the next Olympics in Rio. "We will just have to see how the training goes" is all that Ed would say on that subject, but he will be back training this month and has been quoted in the national press as saying: "I haven't made any long-term plans. I'm 28, so it

could go either way. I'm just so happy I could contribute to the medal table."

Talking immediately after his gold medal success Ed said: "I just felt relief, not elation. But I am so happy I could do it in front of the home crowd, it's brilliant."

A couple of days later he wrote on his website blog: "So that was a pretty crazy couple of days. In my first interview after the race I said 'I woke up on Saturday morning, like a kid at Christmas, raring to go and get my presents' and in all honesty that's how I felt. I couldn't wait to race because I felt fast and confident."

"I'm not really going to describe the race as it all happened so quickly, all I know is that I got a good start and that laid the foundations for a good race, and the last 40m really hurt into the strong headwind."

"I feel really privileged to have been able to race in front of a home crowd, who were so amazing and enthusiastic, even if many may have been previously unfamiliar with the sport of sprint canoeing, but I'd like to think they enjoyed what they saw."

He went on to thank all the people who had contributed towards his success.

### More about Ed

Ed joined his first canoe club in Bradford-on-Avon aged 12 when a school friend introduced him to the sport. His natural ability and talent for Kayaking soon became apparent.

He first represented the Great British Team at the 2001 Junior World Championships in Curitiba, Brazil finishing ninth, and progressed through to the GB senior team at the World Championships in Gainsville, USA in 2003 and has competed at every World Championship since.

A promising junior athlete, Ed's main focus was on the 500m K1 but the discipline was dropped from the Olympic programme in 2009. A shift to the shorter and more

explosive 200m K1 suited Ed's physiology and within 12 months he'd become the European Champion. Before the end of the season he had become World Champion.

With the 200m K1 introduced to the 2012 Olympics for the first time, Ed was one of Britain's brightest hopes for an Olympic gold medal in London and didn't disappoint.

As well as his sporting achievements, Ed has a BA Hons in Accountancy and Finance. Ed continues his accountancy studies around training and competing and will shortly be fully qualified as an ACCA chartered accountant.



## Ducks galore...

Ducks were a delight for Ellie Williams and it's right that she should be remembered through a glorious painting of ducks commissioned by her family. Ellie lived at Kingfishers Nursing Home in Fieldhead Gardens for 18 years and before that her family home was in West Ridge – where she kept ducks, and chickens, in the garden.

Ellie's father was a previous *Target* subeditor and the family were active members of the local community. During her time in Kingfishers Ellie was a regular at events including the annual Forum Players pantomime and the Link Up Club at Cores End United Reformed Church.

Visitors to Kingfishers miss Ellie's cheery greeting and enquiries about their family. She had an amazing memory for names and occasions going back over many years. They miss her help with laying the tables, serving morning drinks and working at her patchwork.

The painting by Gahan Oliver was presented by Ellie's sister Alvary (right) to Orcilla, Kingfishers' Matron.



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## RIP Olive Mee

Champion cyclist Olive (Bobbie) Mee lived at Kingfishers Nursing Home in Fieldhead Gardens for the last years of her life.

She died earlier this year aged 89. During the 1950s Olive held many titles and was the holder of many national and international cycling records.

At the time of her death she was still the current holder of the North London and Home Counties place-to-place record between Watford and Banbury.

It is also reported that in a 12 hour time trial Olive overtook one of the male riders after cycling over 200 miles.

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# Tea & Talent

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For some of the youngsters this was the first time they had been on a stage in front of an audience of strangers. "That takes a lot of doing," says Jay Dodds, leader of Wye Valley's Musical Theatre Group. She introduced each of the students, explained their musical interests and then handed over the microphone. There was great applause for Harry Holmes, suffering from a dreadful cold, who talked his way through his Michael Buble number.

"They are so good," were the constant words of praise from the older generation in the audience. Dancers from Wye Valley's award-winning team showed their skills in a number of routines. Finally the show ended with the stars from the school's end-of-year production of Oliver. Peter Yeeles, president of Bourne End and Cookham Rotary Club, thanked the school for organising such a wonderful event and also the staff, helpers and students who worked so hard through the afternoon. The final thanks went to the youngsters who had provided such wonderful entertainment for everyone.



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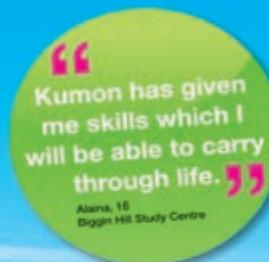
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# Little Marlow Parish Council

By Gloria Barclay, parish clerk

## Fern Lane Cemetery

We have had a stained glass window guard installed on the east window of the chapel. It has been very expertly installed and is not at all intrusive. The window is of interest as it was designed and made by H.A. Hymers who also did a window in St Lawrence Church, Towcester and the window in the chapel is a copy of that. He also made windows for other churches in Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire.

The cemetery road has been repaired and resurfaced during August. In the autumn, we will be felling selected trees in the woodland area to ensure those remaining can grow strong.

## Little Marlow Fête

It was interesting to talk to those who visited our stand at the fête and to hear what issues concern you. We hope you found our display interesting. We welcome any comments on any aspect of the Parish or Council, either via our website, letter, phone or your attendance at our Parish Council meetings.

## Proposed Re-siting of Athletics Track at Westhorpe

There has been much interest in this proposal by Wycombe District Council. We encourage you to look on the WDC website for further information.

## Allotments

We currently have vacancies at our allotment site in Chapman Lane. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk.

## Next Meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday October 30 at 8pm at The Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Little Marlow. You are very welcome to attend.

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## All the fun of the fête

It seems to be something of a tradition that the sun always shines on Little Marlow on the afternoon of the village fête in spite of the fact that it is held on August Bank Holiday Monday. This year proved to be no exception, although I have to admit we were worried when we were setting up in the pouring rain in the

morning. But we should have had more faith!

The public came out in their hundreds to spend their hard earned cash on bric-a-brac, books, home baking, jams, plants, vegetables and local crafts and to take part in the various activities on offer such as the children's races, the children's rides, the bouncy castle, the dog show, plate smashing, the fastest shot, the coconut shy, face painting and the tombola.

An innovation this year was the classic car display which drew lots of interest, as did the Balthazar of wine which was won by the person who managed to guess its weight correctly. And of course there was plenty to eat and drink with the tea pavilion being particularly popular.

Thanks to the generosity of those who attended, we raised over £5,000. 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. Any suggestions on how to spend the money would be most welcome.

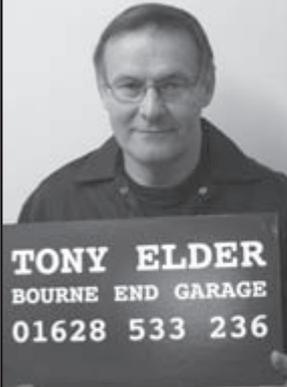
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# Makeover at The Meadows

They may all be smiling on these photos but some seriously hard work went on when The Meadows Combined School in Wooburn Green underwent a makeover day during the summer holidays with the help of a team of 27 volunteers from local business software company SAP, teachers, parents, pupils and local church members.

The Meadows School, which next year celebrates its centenary, is a local education authority managed school with 150 pupils aged four to 11.

The original school building was completed in 1913 with extensions added in the 50s, 70s and 90s and the school has an ongoing programme of improvement to ensure the children attending the school have the best learning environment possible.

To help with the ongoing improvements, the team of volunteers from SAP offered to lend a hand at the school with a revamp of some of its outdoor areas and some decorating.

So on August 7, the volunteers demolished and cleared an old outdoor swimming pool in order to install playground equipment for the children. They also did gardening, put up some bike racks and created outdoor shelters in the playground.

John Antunes, sponsor of the project on behalf of SAP, is enthusiastic about the positive effect that volunteers can have: "SAP is a large organisation and as such, we have a responsibility to support our local community in the best way we can.

"Many of our volunteers have young children in schools so this is something we feel extremely passionate about."

Brendan Aspell, headmaster at the school since January, said, "We were delighted to have SAP come to our school and work on improving its environment. This will make a real difference to the school community and give it a boost leading into its centenary year."





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# SCAN Sports Club Activities and News

## ABOUT BOURNE END JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB

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### OLYMPIC FEVER

What a tremendous experience the Olympics has been! It has come across to the whole country as a wonderful expression of true spirit of effort and enjoyment by everyone. Below, Wendy Chaplin, who is the club Treasurer and Trustee, talks about her experience as Games Maker. In spite of long hours on duty she has had a fantastic time and is already looking at future opportunities to volunteer.

It is through volunteering that BEJSC exists today – it is still run by volunteers after 42 years since it began. It is worth noting that many of the successful Olympians started at clubs such as ours, run by volunteers who introduced them to their sport.

If you have been inspired by the Olympics we can provide the perfect opportunity for you to volunteer to help continue the legacy of the London 2012 Olympics. Giving up a few hours a week is a small price to pay for the satisfaction and pleasure of supporting young people participating in sport.

We need regular helpers; we can arrange training if you wish; we can give you support and encouragement. Bourne End has a wonderful culture of volunteering. So please get in touch to find out more – [liz@bejsc.co.uk](mailto:liz@bejsc.co.uk) – it can be in a sporting capacity or to help with admin and other tasks.

### Games Maker – Wendy Chaplin

I have been involved with BEJSC since a child; I started with the Club in drama, badminton and canoeing. As an adult I have helped organise fundraising events and at various sports such as short tennis and climbing.

Giving something back to my community has always been important to me and I have been a Director and Club Treasurer for many years. I got the chance to volunteer as a sports massage practitioner at the Olympics and Paralympics and leapt at this opportunity to do my job and volunteer.

I had to go through various selections and interviews, and was thrilled to be accepted. I worked at Eton Dorney and the Rowing and Canoe Sprint Village at Royal Holloway during the Olympic Games and for the Paralympics I worked at Excel with judo, table tennis, wheelchair fencing and sitting volleyball; also at Mayesbrook Park, a training ground for the track and field athletes.

The atmosphere at both games was great and the athletes were very appreciative of the support. Everyone is talking about the Games Maker, that's the volunteers like myself who were dressed in red and purple. There were 70,000 of us selected from over 250,000 applicants. We all had to work hard, long hours and walked miles, but I am sure you will agree it was all worth it! Now the next move is up to you..... start giving some time to your community and reap the rewards, if you have ever played sport you will know it's a great way to meet new friends. See Wendy's picture on page 34.



Members of our Canoe Section were delighted to meet gold medal winner Ed McKeever at the Wooburn Club. Ed talked to them about the club and the young people who canoe on the river regularly. Pictured, l-r, Pauline and David Hughes with Ed and club coach Pete Selwood. The club is looking for more young people to join the canoeing section so get in touch now if you think you'd enjoy this great river sport.

### Welcome back to BEJSC

The children and young people living within the area are fortunate to have BEJSC enabling them to try various sports. Remember we offer Badminton, Basketball, Canoeing, Climbing, Football, Judo, In-Line Hockey and Swimming. If you fancy trying any of these sports then just get in touch.

### Wheelchair Basketball Tournament

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# GLORIOUS HISTORY DAY

Did you notice the yellow signs which appeared around the village early on Sunday morning September 9? They were there for the enthusiastic families who set out from the community centre on the Family History Trail which was organised as part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the community association.

No problems with the weather and perfect for a walk with a bit of history thrown in for good measure. There were lots of comments like "I didn't know that!" and "Isn't it lovely!" as the walkers found out more about Bourne End, its history and how places developed as the village grew.

Children had questions to answer on the way round which got them counting their paces through an alleyway and up a wall, dropping twigs from a bridge into moving water and counting how long it took for the twig to appear on the other side of the bridge. They had to think about the route of the railway when it used to go through to High Wycombe and remember the seasons of the year.

One group were alongside the small lock in Abbotsbrook when it was opened to allow a canoe to be paddled down to the River Thames. "That was amazing" was the comment there. Families found Hideaway Cottage in Camden Place very interesting with lots of intriguing suggestions on how it came to be built and who might have lived there.

Back at the community centre it was time to enjoy a hot dog from the barbecue, a drink from the bar and a sit in the sun to snoop stories. It had been an interesting day and even those who knew the village well admitted that they had found out something new.

The anniversary committee are grateful to Bruno and Linda who did a great job marshalling through Abbotsbrook, for the cooperation of the Abbotsbrook Estate and everyone who gave permission for those yellow signs. Check out events in the Week of Celebration on page 36.

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# Your golden quiz challenge

This is your *Target* Quiz number 71, but it's a very special one from Community Association president

Penny Walsh.

To recognise the Golden Jubilee of the Association all 50 answers include the word **GOLD** or **GOLDEN**. The prize will be doubled for this quiz, so do as many as you can and hand in the form at the Community Centre (along with your £1 entry fee). Funds raised go to the Community Centre.

1. Former name of Ghana.
2. Author of 'Lord of the Flies'.
3. He was defeated by Lyndon Johnson in 1964.
4. Anthology of poetry by Palgrave.
5. Used for gilding woodwork.
6. An underground source of wealth.
7. One of Britain's smallest birds.
8. Inlet of the Bosphorus in NW Turkey.
9. The middle course between extremes.
10. Foodstuff made by Tate & Lyle.
11. Waltz by Strauss.
12. Brand of Nestle's coffee.
13. Large bird of prey.
14. Tall garden flower.



15. A bridge near San Francisco.
16. Wordsworth saw these in Cumbria.
17. A horse-race at Cheltenham.
18. Movement of many people to a goldfield.
19. Mongol and Tartar army.
20. One of James Bond's adversaries.
21. Popular captive fish.
22. Brightly coloured seed-eating bird.
23. Idol of gold made by Aaron.
24. Jason and the Argonauts 'stole' this.
25. A leaving present.
26. Drake's ship.
27. Fiftieth wedding anniversary.
28. A mercenary woman.
29. Type of apple.
30. Diving duck with bright yellow eyes.
31. Large dog.
32. She slept in a bear's bed.
33. First prize at an Olympic event.
34. Author of 'Vicar of Wakefield'.
35. Brand of marmalade.
36. Sea-front at Blackpool.
37. US film producer.
38. Pet rodent.
39. Old hit record which is still popular.
40. Bull's eye of archery target.



41. Sikh place of worship at Amritsar.
42. Visible feature at West Wycombe.
43. Bird that lays golden eggs.
44. Proverb advocating quietness.
45. Payment made to attract a recruit.
46. Element, Atomic Number 79.
47. Award given to a recording artist.
48. Vessel made of gold.
49. Whoopi? (comedienne).
50. Preferential charge card.

Closing date: Tuesday November 6

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ANSWERS TO QUIZ No 70

1. Vaccination 2. Valletta 3. Varicella 4. Valley 5. Vague 6. Vagrant 7. Van 8. Vermicelli 9. Venus 10. Vatican 11. Vestry 12. Vesuvius 13. Vet 14. Verse 15. Victor 16. Viking 17. Vienna 18. Virgo 19. Vision/visual 20. Visit Extra. Viper! The winner of the last quiz is: Mrs H Finney, Wooburn Green.

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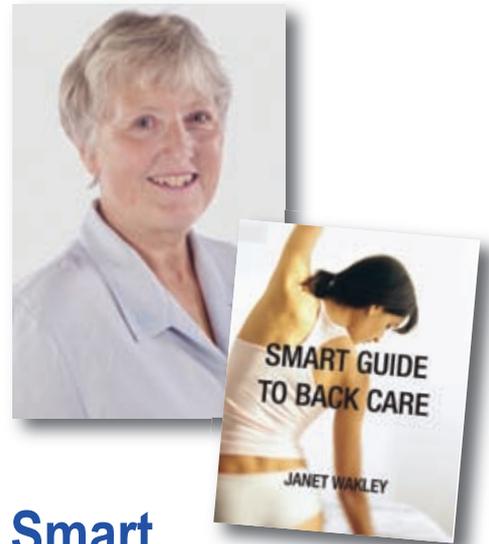
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## Smart words from Janet

This summer saw the publication of Wooburn Green author Janet Smith's new book on back care.

Janet, who has lived in the village for 38 years and has written the book under the pseudonym Janet Wakley, worked for 28 years as a theatre recovery nurse at Amersham and Wycombe Hospitals.

Her book, *The Smart Guide to Back Care* is published by Hammersmith Health Books.

She told *Target*: "Having personal experience of back pain, I also trained to teach 'Moving and Handling' sessions to other members of the hospital staff and, now retired, decided to write a guide to the principles of safeguarding our backs for those carrying out the myriad of household and leisure activities in the home.

"Written in plain, easy-to-read language, I have endeavoured to explain the way the spine and back muscles work, what to do if back pain occurs, when to seek professional advice and have explained some simple strengthening exercises to help prevent occurrences.

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From assessing risk to reducing it by improving the home environment, Janet's book offers simple advice and steps covering the principles of moving and handling which many of us take for granted. The book covers everything from choosing the right buggy to sitting at a desk, or loading and unloading the washing machine.

Back pain in the UK is claimed to be the next most common ailment after the common cold and with more injuries occurring in the home than anywhere else, her publishers say Janet's book will be invaluable in helping prevent, and speeding recovery from, back pain.

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## Take Your *Target!*

The imminent arrival of twin granddaughters sent Linda and Mike Axford off to New Zealand with their *Target*. Daughter Georgie was about to give birth.

She moved there from England, along with husband Dave and two-year-old daughter Rosie. Linda and Mike were thrilled to visit them and to welcome Sophie and Holly.

At the same time they were able to do some sightseeing and selected the Governor's house in Rotorua as the ideal spot for a *Target* picture. Linda says the North Island is lovely with wonderful views. Linda has been following all the news about the celebration of the community association's 50th anniversary. Her father Geoff Gardener was a founder member and Linda was a former "Miss Bourne End" during the fundraising years.

## Take Your *Target* too!

Charley Darby was delighted when a river trip along the Thames provided an opportunity to see one of the Royal Navy's largest warships. HMS Ocean berthed at Greenwich in east London and was part of the security arrangements for the London Olympics. The warship was a launch pad for eight Lynx helicopters and a base for Royal Marine snipers.

Charley Darby lives in Blind Lane and served his country during the Second World War. He was delighted to see this warship close at hand.



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# Murder in Little Marlow...

Susan Morrison reviews *The Musical Milkman Murder* by local author Quentin Falk. The book is based on a true event that happened in Little Marlow in the 1920s. Susan's full review can be found on [www.bourneendbucks.com](http://www.bourneendbucks.com).

Quentin Falk's true crime novel, *The Musical Milkman Murder* is an incredible tale, superbly told, and one that will be particularly compelling to *Target* readers because the setting seems so familiar. The murder in question took place in Little Marlow and the victim was buried there. Her husband, the accused killer, worked delivering milk in Bourne End. The trial took place in Aylesbury and was covered extensively by the *Bucks Free Press*.

But don't be fooled, because this murder took place in 1920, and despite the familiar surroundings, they did things differently then. For example, we learn that the preliminary formal inquest into the death was held at Little Marlow's King's Head pub, less than 150 yards from where the murder had taken place just a few days earlier. Even in the make-believe TV world of *Midsomer Murders*, it's hard to imagine that happening today.

Falk does an excellent job bringing the past to life in this book, perhaps because his link to the events is a very personal one. In 1923 his grandfather purchased the Little Marlow cottage where the murder occurred, and Falk lived there himself. He still lives in Little Marlow today, but in a different home.

In the book's introduction he describes a series of revelations and encounters over many years that motivated him to investigate and recount this amazing story. To have local resident George Bailey accused of poisoning his wife Kate was an intense personal tragedy and a shock to the local community, but Falk also puts the murder, the trial, its aftermath, and all the protagonists in larger historical context.

The case involved a number of important figures in the justice system of the



Left, Quentin Falk, author of *The Musical Milkman Murder* and President of Little Marlow Cricket Club, with Richard Tedham, groundsman and Hon Secretary of LMCC, who helped research the book.



day. Bailey's trial made legal history as the first one for murder in England to include women on the jury. The three women jurors were scrutinised relentlessly. How would they handle the gruesome and prurient details of the case? Would delicacy prevent them from rendering a guilty verdict if that meant death for the accused? As Falk discovered, after the trial one newspaper reported that "Women at Aylesbury have disposed finally of the theory that the evidence in certain unpalatable cases is not fit for feminine ears."

For me, the most poignant characters are the victim Kate, about whom we know very little, and her daughter Hollie, orphaned by a murder and an execution. For indeed in the 20s men and women found guilty of murder were hanged. Bailey's trial lasted four days and within five months of his wife's death, he was executed at Oxford Prison.

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Walk the walk - Spade Oak to the Marina

## Probus by Howard Fitzer

Lunch at the Grovefield House Hotel on July 18 was followed by an account by Sheila Kennedy of her experiences as an airline employee at Heathrow during the early 1960s. Those fledgling years of post-war civil aviation were a period when airline operations were for both employee and passenger a somewhat adventurous undertaking. Her duties tended to be wide-ranging, the first being to escort and embark a group of passengers only to discover that they had boarded the wrong aircraft, entailing disembarkation and re-boarding of the correct one. Very embarrassing.

Among other duties was a spell at check-in, where passengers' luggage was literally dispatched through a hole in the wall.

Incredibly, this included items such as a motorbike and the constituent parts of an entire kitchen. Perhaps it's as well that excess luggage charges did not apply then.

On another occasion, it seems that a passenger checked in a live parrot in a cage only to be asked (with a straight face) "Has this bird flown before?" Apparently the parrot made no comment whatsoever. Continuing in this vein, it was an amusing and much-appreciated presentation.

Among presentations to be featured shortly are "Animal Heroes and Villains of WW1" by Edward Dixon, "Mysteries of the Mind" by Neil Somerville and "Ruth Ellis – My Sister's Secret Life" by Monica Weller.

On August 15, Tony Weston told us the story of Anne Marie Grosholtz, born in 1761. Taught wax modelling by a Swiss surgeon, she later became world-famous for her modelling exhibitions following her marriage to Francois Tussaud in 1795.

Now established in locations such as Bangkok, Berlin, Sydney and Washington DC, perhaps the most controversial amongst notable exhibits such as Horatio Nelson, Sir Walter Scott and Napoleon was Adolf Hitler. At the Berlin exhibition in 2008 his wax figure was decapitated by an irate German, and after repair has had to be closely guarded.

## Inner Wheel by Lizzie Yeeles

As a gesture of friendship to visitors during the Olympics, our President Diana Hyde initiated an arrangement with the Parish Church in Windsor whereby we were able to serve teas during the two afternoons of the middle weekend. Members of the public appeared to appreciate the peaceful setting of the church and we were even visited by our District Chairman Ann Thatcher. Donations collected will go into our charity fund and be distributed as usual at the end of our year.

Members are continuing to collect items such as baby clothes, household items (such as buckets and scrubbing brushes), dried foods and joy bags (handbags in which we pop little items of luxury such as hand cream, a pretty scarf or a piece of jewellery). These are all collected up and sent in convoy to Eastern Europe to needy families.

## Bourne End WI by Jenny Boas

Considering the summer's disappointing weather, our July Garden Party proved to be a triumph. Not only was the weather perfect for the evening, but the turnout was amazing; more than 50 ladies made the effort to attend. We were entertained by a fantastic jazz band who played our favourite tunes and encouraged us to sing along. A delicious buffet supper was provided by the members who contributed salads, nibbles and puddings to accompany the cold meats and salmon cooked by the committee. We all had a truly memorable evening and sat chatting by candlelight and enjoying our first big social event.

There was no meeting in August. Instead Bourne End WI was asked to host a Road Show where County Advisors travel to a certain area within Bucks to discuss issues and give advice to members. Invitations were sent to all WIs in the local area and two members from each were asked to attend.

We enjoyed an informative and sociable evening with refreshments provided by the host WI.

Members visited Brighton in August and Highgrove in September with a trip to Denman College planned for October.

Our September 6 meeting was an active one with a Zumba demonstration and members taking part in the exercise!

Our meetings take place on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in St Dunstan's Church Hall.

## Little Marlow & Well End WI by Diana Spokes

In July, members were present at the planting of the Jubilee Celebration rose to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by Little Marlow & Well End WI members. Our picture here shows the Town Mayor Cllr Jocelyn Towns assisted by President Judy Wilson planting the rose in the May Balfour Garden, Marlow.

The Annual Summer Show took place in August and was well supported. Grow a Potato in a Container attracted many entries and was won by Doreen Makins whose Charlotte potato weighed an amazing 3½lbs! The neo-natal baby knitting group produced a huge quantity of garments which were sent on to the Queen Mother's Clothing Guild. The winning matinee coat, hat and bootees were by June Baxter. Brenda Burton and Barbara Wallis won

the class of A Single Bloom and A Book Review respectively, and Margaret Hepworth won My Favourite Ornament, given to her many years ago by her two small sons who had bought it with their first pocket money. The Overall Cup was won by Brenda Burton and Barbara Wallis who will share it for 12 months. Pat Woolliams, the Vice-President, thanked Barbara Ramshaw and Barbara Wallis for organising such a fun afternoon and presented them with a flowering plant each.

Members enjoyed outings to Littlehampton, and several went to the National Needlework Archive. At the time of writing members are looking forward to visiting Buckingham Palace to see the Queen's Diamonds.

As usual, members made cakes for the Little Marlow Village Fête teas, and are also collecting clothing for Kosovo. Men's clothes are particularly needed.

Peter Smith spoke to the WI in September about his wonderful display of Royal Coaches which he has painstakingly made over the years. In October, Amanda Rayner will take on "The Language of Fans", and Little Marlow & Well End WI hosts a Carrington Group Meeting. There will be a Group Outing to "Hidden London" as well.

November sees our Annual Meeting when the president and committee are elected for the coming year.

The Rambling Group and the book club Cover to Cover are both thriving with interesting walks organised by Niki Ralfs and books read and discussed by the ladies of Cover to Cover.

Meetings take place on the first Tuesday of the month, 2pm at Little Marlow Pavilion. Visitors are always welcome.

## Wooburn WI by Isobel Swain

We had a lovely day in August for our annual Bring and Buy which was held in a member's riverside home. In October we will hear more about Mercy Ships from Jane and Ken Brazier. Later in the month we will join a group outing to "Hidden London and the Regents Canal".

Our AGM takes place at our November meeting when we review the year and elect a new committee.

We meet at 2.15pm on the first Wednesday in the month at St Mary's Pastoral Centre, Glory Mill Lane, Wooburn Green with ample car parking. Why not come and join us?



**Target Flag Day, Saturday October 8, on The Parade**

# Bourne End plays host to BBC's Any Questions?

Bourne End was brought to the attention of 1.5 million radio listeners when the Community Centre became the venue for a recording of one of the BBC's flagship panel programmes.

It was an exciting evening of stimulating debate when Radio 4's Any Questions? came to the village in August.

The programme, invited by the Community Association as part of their 50th anniversary celebrations, was chaired by Shaun Ley (standing in for regular host Jonathan Dimbleby). Shaun introduced the programme and referred to the fact that Any Questions? was first broadcast from here in 1967, returning in 1986 (indeed some of the audience from the 80s had come back this evening).

Only one member of the audience could lay claim to having listened to Any Questions? since its launch in 1948, but the rest of the audience were clearly fans and delighted to be taking part in the show.

As we entered the hall we were asked to hand in any questions we wanted to put forward to the panel. For our recording this comprised Baroness Susan Greenfield, professor of pharmacology at Oxford University since 1996, a cross bench member of the House of Lords and an expert on brain function and disorders; Simon Heffer, the strongly opinionated Daily Mail and Daily Telegraph journalist who is never afraid to ruffle feathers with his articles; Debbie Bannigan, chief executive of the drug and alcohol recovery charity Swanswell; and David Bell, the most senior education civil servant in the country and vice-chancellor of Reading University.

I met the producer, Miles Warde, backstage as he looked through the submitted questions to make his selection.

He confirmed that the panel would not get to see the questions beforehand and was full of praise for Bourne End and the way the event had been organised (take a bow, Helen Ilic).

He said: "We've been very impressed with Bourne End. It's lovely to come to a venue where everything has been so well planned. It certainly makes the production team's jobs easier."

As the clock ticked towards 8pm and the start of the show, warm-up man Jon Briggs took to the stage delighting us with media anecdotes and revealing that he was the voice of statistics man on The Weakest Link and, even more excitingly, the voice of i-Phone's Siri in the UK. Jon, who lives in Bourne End, has promised *Target* an interview.

Those whose questions had been selected were then invited to take their prime, front row, seats and after a final sound check we went live.

Each of the panel was given the chance to answer all of the questions and the audience reacted enthusiastically to many of the responses.

Sheila McNab asked about the Julian Assange situation and his battle against extradition to Sweden and his asylum at the Ecuadorian Embassy in London; Rachel Pope asked about elected suicide (locked-in syndrome sufferer Tony Nicholson had just lost an appeal to die with his GP's help without fear of prosecution). Local councillor Brian Pollock asked about the apparent decline in A level results and Susan Morrison wanted to know what the panel's views were on passengers carrying the burden of increased rail costs.

But it was *Target* quizmaster Penny Walsh who neatly brought the proceedings full circle.

Her question about who the panel would choose as their shipmates if they re-enacted Jerome K. Jerome's Three Men in a Boat was the exact same question she had submitted back in 1986. This time it made the programme.

Penny was asked who her choice would be. Presumably her answer has changed over the intervening years. Now her first mate would be Ben Fogle who, she said with feeling, "can turn his hand to anything".

It was a fun way to end a very lively evening.

Report by Debra Aspinall



Left David Bell, above Debbie Bannigan, and below Susan Greenfield and Simon Heffer



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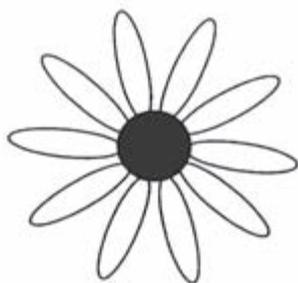
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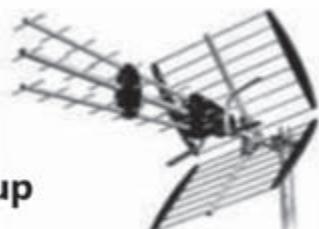
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## Bourne End Library

By Inka D'Agostino, library manager

### Library Activities

With the excitement of the Olympics and Paralympics over we now look forward to autumn and winter. Over the summer we were impressed with the number of children (70 in total) who were inspired by the games to complete the summer reading challenge and gain their own gold medals. Well done to all of you and I hope you will continue to take pleasure in reading.

After a successful bid by our Friends group, Bourne End Library will be welcoming a visit by Julia Donaldson, Children's Laureate, as part of her National Libraries Tour.

This autumn Julia Donaldson – bestselling author of more than 150 books including *The Gruffalo*, *What the Ladybird Heard* and *Zog* – will be embarking on a tour of libraries that will take in England, Wales and Scotland, from John O'Groats to Lands End, over six weeks. The tour will celebrate libraries as a precious community resource at a time when a great many are threatened with closure.

We are greatly honoured as we are one of only 35 libraries to have been chosen and the only one in Buckinghamshire. Look out for the full report in the next issue of *Target*.

### Adult Classes and Events

**Tai-chi:** Thursdays 1-2pm. Contact Audra Woodburn, Wutan Martial Arts 07971 296698

**Yoga:** Tuesday evenings 6-7.30pm. Contact Siva on 07932 038202

**Lifestyle club for the over-50s** meets on a Friday once a month. For dates and details of

talks please contact the library or look on our web page.

**Afternoon book club** meets once a month on a Tuesday at 2.45pm. New members are always welcome. For the next date please contact us on lib-boe@buckscc.gov.uk

**Internet Taster Session:** Friday October 5 and November 2, 10.30am – noon.

**Ancestry Session:** Friday October 5, 12.30-2pm.

**Bourne End Twinning Association** will be holding a Coffee Morning at the Library Friday October 12, 10.30am - noon.

**Cantering through a Busy Life**, with Susan Howe (final Wooburn Festival event) Saturday October 20, 7.30 pm. Tickets £4.

### Children's Activities

**Action Kids:** Mondays 10-10.45am and 11-11.45am. Booking essential, please email or call james@actionkids.co.uk, 07877 828251.

**Look Who's Talking:** Thursday 10.30-11am, 0-5 years. No need to book, just drop in.

### Room Hire

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Finally, we still have no news concerning our future. We are waiting for the decision to be made in this month (October). However, please continue to support us by borrowing books, and coming to coffee mornings and library events.

For further information please email lib-boe@buckscc.gov.uk or phone 08452 303232.

## Bourne End Community Market

### focus on Harris Handicrafts

I am a founding member of Bourne End Community Market having previously been a member of Cookham Country Markets. My craft range consists of cupcakes, celebration cakes, handmade cards and jewellery but, at Bourne End, I concentrate on jewellery.

I started making jewellery for myself four years ago. Friends and family expressed an interest and slowly I built up to selling it locally. Personally, I like to wear jewellery that has meaning or is unique, so I looked into producing my own glassware. I found a wonderful place in Oxford ([www.glassjewels.co.uk](http://www.glassjewels.co.uk)) run by a lovely couple, Sue and Vince, who have a glassware studio in their home and I regularly visit to make pendants I sell at the market. As well as pendants, I sell a range of suede and chain necklaces and also produce bracelets and earrings as well as holding a vast range of 'Pandora-style' beads and bracelets in stock. I always use zinc and lead-free components. Bourne End Community Market has a wonderful village atmosphere, being in our community, for our community. We have our lovely regular customers who we look forward to seeing at every market. Being based in the village library couldn't be better; we feel we are in the heart of the village. The market is full of professional people whose hobbies have taken them into producing craftworks for the enjoyment of others. We all look forward to seeing you at the market on the second Saturday of each month in the Library.

Wendy Harris



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# Olympic memories

We asked you to send in pictures of yourselves at the 2012 London Olympics and you didn't disappoint. Here are some of your best pictures...



1. Barrie Penfold is the epitome of happiness as she watches team GB grab their first gold at Dorney. Read her story on page two. 2. Hockey-lover Arthur Wood (on the left) watched the hockey semifinals which included Team GB. Unfortunately they were beaten 3-1 by Australia. 3. Linda Jolliffe volunteered to be a Games Maker as it would be a once in a lifetime experience and she had a great time. 4. Local councillor Brian Pollock volunteered to help at Eton Dorney and said it was wonderful. 5. Bourne End's torch bearer, Dominic John, runs the TeamedUp organisation which offered people the chance to train with Olympic hopefuls as they prepared for London 2012. 6. Susan Morrison and her husband Bob are from the US but living and working in Bourne End. Susan is chairman of the MMPA (Marlow/Maidenhead Passengers Association) and she sent in a selection of pictures of her and husband Bob at various events. Here they are at the diving. 7. Sports and remedial massage practitioner, Wendy Chaplin, volunteered her skills and worked at both Eton Dorney and the athletes' village.

*More Olympic-themed pictures on page 40*

## OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

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

We hope you managed to join us during the summer months for tea/coffee and homemade cakes while our doors at St Paul's were open to visitors. Now the autumn months are with us our events are mainly indoors in the warm.

We are looking forward to the Buckinghamshire district councils' initiative Theatre in the Villages which is returning to St Paul's Church Hall on Saturday 3 November at 8pm.

An Evening of Heroes & Villains will be hosted by Isla St Clair, singer, actress and co-presenter of The Generation Game. Join us for an evening full of fun and laughter, with a nostalgic selection of folk songs and film clips from Patrick King's humorous recollection of 'screen baddies'.

Tickets are £10 – please contact Val Berry at the church office on 01628 525512 Monday mornings or weekday evenings on 01628 532394. Look out for more information on our website and for posters around Bourne End and Wooburn.

Our busy Children's Church will be learning about Saul, David and Daniel in the Lions' Den, among other Old Testament characters this autumn. Then we have our build-up to Christmas – our website will have details nearer the time.

St Mary's continues with regular activities, 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 website. For full details of our regular services and events, visit our website at [www.stpaulswooburn.org](http://www.stpaulswooburn.org)

### CORES END UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

At the end of July, after another successful fun-packed Holiday Club week, followed by a special church service and barbecue, our Junior Church team enjoyed a welcome summer break.

On Tuesday October 2 our Link Up Club welcomes Colin Mantripp, celebrated local woodcarver, to talk about Lillyfee Woodcarving Studio; on October 16 there is Music for Jubilee Year; on November 13 our own Geoff Britt entertains and on November 27 we have Cookham Bell Ringers. We meet every second Tuesday and the meetings are always friendly and the speakers varied and informative.

On November 3 we are holding a Quiz and Supper evening. Please contact Jean on 01628 483483 or Ann on 01628 526865 if you would



like to come along.

There is no need to make up your own table – we will have plenty of tables only too happy to welcome extra brain power.

On December 3 we have a coach going to the John Rutter Concert at the Royal Albert Hall.

On the first Sunday of each month there is a produce stall after Church, selling home produce and handmade cards to raise funds for the church. But our biggest fundraiser is our annual Yule Fayre so join us for the magic of Christmas. This will be held on Saturday November 24 at Bourne End Community Centre – doors open at 10am.

Buy Christmas decorations and gifts, homemade cakes, chutneys and jams or browse our good quality bric-a-brac and book stalls. Pre-order your table centrepieces and door swags and enjoy the fun of the tombola. This year we will be supporting three designated charities as usual and we look forward to welcoming everybody.

Finally, I wonder how many of you remembered that September 30 was Back to Church Sunday?

For more information about any of these events or our Church services go to [www.coresendurc.com](http://www.coresendurc.com)

### ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH

We hope our readers had a good summer and enjoyed the wonderful and inspiring Olympics and Paralympics. We heartily congratulate Ed McKeever from Wooburn Green for his achievement in winning gold at Eton Dorney and setting an Olympic record. Ed is also to be congratulated on his marriage last month to Anya, a parishioner of St Teresa's Beaconsfield, our sister church. We wish them both every happiness.

Another success story was the September 8 ordination in Northampton Cathedral of Michael Patey. Father Michael Patey spent some time at St Teresa's a few years ago when he was a student. We offer him our prayers and congratulations.

In his Apostolic Letter of October 11, 2011 (the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Ecumenical Vatican Council), Pope Benedict XVI declared a Year of Faith to begin on October 11 and concluding on November 24, 2013. We are asked to renew our faith during this time.

Our Charity Sales continue to take place on the first Saturday of each month from 10am to noon.

If anyone has some spare wool, our ladies who knit for charity would be very grateful if it could be left in our front porch, marked for Kathleen Wood.

### ST MARK'S & ST NICHOLAS'

Sunday October 7 at 10.30am is St Mark's Harvest Festival. The church will be decorated in the theme of harvest and will be in its full glory so come and join us for this lovely service.

On Saturday October 13 at St Nicholas Church, Hedsor there will be an Animal Welfare Service with the blessing of pets, for all animals big and small and their owners! The service starts at 3pm. For more



information please contact the Rev Rosemary Payne on 01628 523034.

Our Songs of Praise service is on October 14 at 10.30am. You will notice that this has a new slot and has moved to the second Sunday of the month. This is a chance to come and practise your singing and raise the roof of the church so we look forward to seeing you there!

Our monthly market will be on October 20 from 10am to noon in the church hall. Come say hello and stay for a cup of coffee and enjoy some homemade cakes.

On Sunday October 28 Messy Worship will be held in the church hall from 10 to 11.30am. This is a new Sunday morning service for families to enjoy together. It is 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.

Moving into November we will be holding a Service of Light on November 4 at St Mark's at 6pm to remember loved ones who have died. For more details please contact the Rev Rosemary Payne on 01628 523034 or the parish phone on 07949 059187.

November 11 sees the Remembrance Sunday Service 10.30am in St Mark's.

In November there will not be a monthly market but a Countdown to Christmas on November 17. Join us for a very festive occasion in St Mark's Church and hall and pick up some early Christmas bargains. There will be home made cakes, a tombola, nearly new clothes, books, toys, homemade preserves and chutneys and a Christmas raffle as well as refreshments in the hall. Please come by and say hello, we look forward to seeing you. For more details look out for our posters.

Messy Worship will be on Sunday November 25, 10-11.30am in St Mark's Church Hall.

All our other weekly events and services can be found in our parish magazine The Bridge.

If you feel that you might like to help at any of our fundraising events please contact us on the parish phone: 07949 059187.

### ST JOHN THE BAPTIST LITTLE MARLOW

We welcomed our new member of the Team Clergy, the Rev Sarah Fitzgerald, at the end of September and look forward to working closely with her at Little Marlow.

There is a dance with live music by 50:50 with emphasis on 60s, 70s and 80s music at Bisham School on October 20 at 7.30pm, £10 to include supper with a cash bar. Tickets available from the Parish Office 01628 481806 or 473020, and all profits go to the Community Youth Worker Project.

A special sung evensong to remember those who have died during the year is on All Souls' Sunday November 4 at All Saints' Marlow at 6.30pm with refreshments afterwards in the Church Hall.

Remembrance Service on November 11 at 10.45am.



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If you'd like to take part it's not too late to join the cast. Rehearsal dates are October 10 at 7.30pm, October 21 at 2pm and October 31 at 7.30pm then during the day on November 3.

The show's director and producer AJ Gibson says: "The more the merrier! I can even give you music for home learning if you can't make all of the rehearsals." Call or email AJ at [ajgibson1@gmail.com](mailto:ajgibson1@gmail.com) 07737753104

Big band enthusiasts will have already bought their tickets to the Bucks Berks and Oxon Big Band annual concert at the Community Centre on Sunday November 25 at 7.30 pm, but if you haven't... don't miss out. Tickets £10 include coffee/tea and a mince pie. All proceeds go to THROB - The Heart Rehabilitation Organisation of Berkshire. Tickets are on sale at the centre office.



*The Lisa Lear Fund Autumn Charity Ball is being held at The Curzon Centre in Beaconsfield on Saturday October 13 from 8pm. This is a dance cabaret with music by Let's Dance with Ray DJ, a licensed bar and raffle. Tickets £16, black tie preferred. Call 01628 521738.*



### BINGO AT THE CENTRE

Our regular Bingo sessions are going well so thanks to everyone who has come to support and play the game.

In October our dates are 5, 19 and 26 then in November they are 2, 16 and 23. Eyes down at 2.30pm in the small hall.

### About the Community Centre

The Bourne End Community Centre in Wakeman Road offers excellent facilities which are enjoyed by a variety of groups which meet to enjoy their chosen sport, activity or recreational hobby. There are regular music and drama events in the theatre hall, and a comfortable bar is open every day.

Sections of the Community Association with weekly bookings include Forum Players, Chess, Short Mat Bowls, Darts, Petanque, Wedmorn Badminton and Musical Players – you can read their latest news on these pages. And turn over to pages 38-39 for updates from the affiliated groups which meet every few weeks.

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## 50th Anniversary of the Community Association Week of Celebration 7 – 13 October

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**Monday October 8** – Invitation to try Short Mat Bowls at 7.30pm. Wear flat shoes please  
and no experience necessary. Tuition will be given. Free entry. Refreshments served.

**Tuesday October 9** – Flower Club Open Evening at 8pm. Watch members create displays  
for the anniversary and listen to their advice on flower arranging. Entry £2 with refreshments.

**Wednesday October 10** – At 8pm Forum Players present two one-act plays,  
*Animal Plan-It* featuring Future Forum and *Behind the Scenes*. Tickets £5 to include  
refreshments. A drama evening for everyone.

**Thursday October 11** – An exhibition of old photographs from the Ken Townsend  
collection and some new additions. Free entry. Refreshments served.

**Friday October 12** – Afternoon Cream Tea provided by Bourne End WI for £3. Raffle and  
music. Also a chance to see some of the old photos. Nostalgia over a cream tea for everyone.  
In the evening a special On Target Quiz with skilled questionmaster Bob Ginger.  
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**Saturday October 13** – Finale party... dinner and dancing to the music of the 60s, 70s  
and 80s to end the Week of Celebration. Tickets £25 include a three course dinner. Fabulous raffle  
with star prizes. For tickets and information contact the centre office on 01628 622604  
or email 50years@bebca.org.uk

## Chess

By the time this is published, the new chess season will be underway with interclub matches beginning. The first team will be trying to repeat their 100% record in the Bucks League and improve their position in the Berkshire League. The second team will presumably go again in the first division of the Bucks League and hope to justify their promotion in the Berkshire League, brought about by changes at other clubs. The third team will hope to repeat their success in winning the Bucks League Division Two. If you wish to be part of this success, contact secretary Roger de Coverly, on 01628 486676. You can also follow the club on [www.bucksvoice.net/bourneendchess](http://www.bucksvoice.net/bourneendchess).

## Darts

The bad news is that The Arrowman has given up darts and cannot captain the Winter League Team. We hope his disability, brought on by going on the wagon, will only be temporary and that he will soon be back.

However, the good news is that a team is entered in the Winter League and will be captained by Dave Stannard, a stalwart of the team for many years and one of our real enthusiasts. Dave will be supported in his roll by Sue Nash.

Matches start in mid-September and a number of games will have been played in time for our next report. Watch this space!

## Forum Players

Panto plea to young dancers: would you like to be part of this popular Forum production? Camelot – The Panto has show dates in January and a group of young dancers, aged eight and over, would make the chorus perfect. So if you are a member of a dance group or just enjoy dancing at school or with friends, why not contact Leigh Robinson on 01628 523292 or [leigh@forumplayers.com](mailto:leigh@forumplayers.com)

Parents should note that there might be some late evening rehearsals especially close to show dates, but every effort will be made to keep these to a minimum.

Grateful thanks to everyone who attended our production of 'Virus'. This was a very new concept for us and entirely driven by the members of Future Forum. We salute these young people who manage to combine busy school lives with their love of the theatre. On Wednesday October 10, as part of the community association's Week of Celebration, we are holding a drama evening with refreshments. Future Forum will present their award-winning play 'Animal Plan-It' and in the second half of the evening there will be a new one-act play featuring many familiar Forum faces. Details are opposite and we hope to see you then.

We will also be providing a team for the special On Target Quiz event on Friday October 12 so please come along and support us at this nostalgic evening.

## Membership costs and application form

### APPLICATION FORM

Cut out and send or hand to:

The Manager, Bourne End Community Centre,  
Wakeman Road, Bourne End, Bucks SL8 5SX

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TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP..... AMOUNT PAID.....

## OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

### 1st Bourne End Scout Group

I ended my last report to *Target* on a very low note when we had to cancel the Donkey Derby, but I can now continue on a high note. For the last 14 months I have been in touch with some very helpful people working with me to obtain a 21-year lease for our Scout HQ.

Prior to this we only had a seven-year lease. Seven years soon flash past, and the group would have had to pay legal fees every time for a new lease.

I received help from many people: Parish Councillor Margaret Marshall, who put me on the right track, and County and Parish Councillor Mike Appleyard, who supported us in the signing of the lease, and many others at Bucks County Council, Madeleine Howe (Localities & Communities Manager) who got the Youth Services to support us, Brian Dean (Estates Management for BCC), who with me, worked out the details of the new lease. Reena Mistry did the legal side at BCC and was most helpful, and of course the team at The Scout Association at Gilwell Park were a great help.

Perhaps you are wondering why I have gone to such lengths to mention all this – well, I am so happy that Bourne End Scout Group can now offer, for the next 21 years, Scouting to the youth in our area, and I could not have achieved my aims without the people mentioned.

This autumn term we are looking to improve our group by having one scout troop, two cub packs, and one beaver colony. I am assured by the County Scout Team and the Group Scout Leader this is the way to expand the group, with the help of new leaders, assistant leaders and helpers, all of which means getting parents and grandparents, who have many skills and hobbies they could share with the boys and girls, taking part. They could then see the enjoyment the children get from their scouting.

As the nights draw in, the scouts will enjoy night hikes, while cubs and beavers will enjoy walks locally with their torches. All these activities are part of skills and badge work.

Just a reminder of my contact details: Roy Harris 01628 526805 and our Membership Secretary is Jenny Benning, 01628 525674.

### RNLI BOURNE END & DISTRICT BRANCH

We are pleased to report that the recent two-day collection at Waitrose Beaconsfield produced an excellent result totalling £1,910. This was a first time for us there, and we had very favourable reports from the collectors about the pleasant reception they received. We also had a two-day collection at the M40 Service Station at Beaconsfield, which raised another £1,600.

As chairman of the branch, I would like to reiterate my sincere thanks to all the willing helpers who achieved these magnificent sums.

There will be more collections in October.

Unfortunately, we were not able to run the Lifeboat stall at Flackwell Heath Cherry Fayre due to the inclement weather but Margaret and Kevin Hourigan nobly took the goods to car boot sales instead and raised in the region of £180.

We had the privilege of meeting a real Lifeboat crew member in Bourne End recently. Jen is the daughter of the Rev Rosemary and Michael Payne and is on the crew of the Penarth Lifeboat. An account of the meeting is on page 11.

Committee member and teacher, Richard Stone, supervised his class at Beechview Junior School, High Wycombe, in a Lifeboat fundraiser. The children made cakes and sold them at the end of the summer term raising a fantastic £60.

Congratulations to the Golden Wedding couple who suggested their party guests donate to the RNLI in lieu of presents. The branch was delighted to receive a very generous cheque for £225 from them.

We have been invited to have a Christmas card and calendar stall at Harleyford Golf Club this month by the secretary of the Thames Valley Section of the Cruising Association who meet at Harleyford. Thank you David Kench for thinking of us.

By then, the Christmas flyers will have been distributed to our regular supporters but if anyone would like one, please call Diana Spokes on 01628 523736.

We are still looking for extra help, particularly more committee members so please think about giving some time for this very worthy cause. Lifeboat crew members respond to a "shout" whatever time of the day or night and in all weathers. They are the true heroes.

### Bourne End Twinning Association

The weather forecast for August 25 was not good: showers, some heavy at times. Accordingly, we prepared by putting up six gazebos and placing all the tables and chairs beneath. The 56 members who attended were welcomed by their host Estelle Huxley and her garden was a picture with all the flowers in full bloom (there are pictures on the *Target* Magazine Facebook page).

We held a two-part quiz. With a score of 75 the winning team was the Thunderbirds. The Twinning Photograph Competition was won by John Marsh.

Refreshments of sandwiches, scones with jam and cream, and cakes, were washed down with tea or coffee.

Unfortunately with an hour to go a thunderstorm passed by and there was heavy rain until the end of the event. Several people got wet, but in the true British spirit shown at times of bank holidays they doggedly braved the elements and were determined to enjoy themselves. There were even cries of "Rule, Britannia!"

The Autumn Dinner will be held on October 27 at St Dunstan's Church hall. A two-course dinner will be followed by cheese and biscuits. There'll be a licensed bar.

Entertainment will be provided by Bass-ically-saxes. All are welcome to attend and are assured of a good evening. Tickets (£17.50 for members and £18.50 for non-members) are available from David on 01628 520065.

Have you taken part in Bourne End Twinning or want to know more about it? If so then come along to our Coffee Morning at Bourne End Library, 10.30am to noon on Friday October 12. This is your opportunity to find out what it is all about, and obtain a flavour of France, in an informal friendly atmosphere. Oh, and you get refreshments as well!

The Official Twinning Visit to Octeville sur Mer next year will take place from May 30 to June 3. This will be a special visit as we will also be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Twinning Charters.

### Upper Thames Sailing Club

A whiff of gunpowder marked the Royal Yachting Association's "Push the Boat Out" parade at Upper Thames Sailing Club on the Saturday before the Olympics. Alas, the RYA's call to clubs round the country to demonstrate support at 4 o'clock for the Olympic Sailing Team found UTSC with no wind. To avoid ignominy, club power boats heaved the fleet to Spade Oak Wharf, a few hundred yards up river. From here, bedecked with flags and dressed overall, the flotilla launched itself out onto the broadness of the Thames to ride the strong downstream current back to the club with the full appearance of sailing. Cheating or what? The reward for this ingenuity was a broadside of starting cannons from the club house, firing in salute.

The following Monday morning was hardly quieter. It was the start of the UTSC sail-training week for young people aged 10-16. UTSC is a RYA Training Centre and courses are open to all throughout the year.

Just to prove it a coach from Amersham Woodside School brought ten pupils to do their Stage 1 and Stage 2 RYA sailing certifications over two days - the training sponsored by Amersham Rotary.

For enquiries about membership call Tony Ketley on 01628 472389 or check out our website [www.utsc.org.uk](http://www.utsc.org.uk).

### Bucks Family History

On October 9 Meryl Catty and Audrey Gillet will give a talk entitled "From scribble to script". On November 13 Keith Withington will give an insight into the new Family Search Website.

Doors open 7.15pm for 7.45 start. All welcome with a small donation for non-members.

### Soroptimists

During the summer the activities of the Soroptimists of the Thames Valley club included a visit to their link club of Weston-super-Mare to celebrate their charter lunch. Friendships were renewed and fellowship enjoyed.

In September, thanks to their various fundraising efforts throughout the year, members were also able to contribute to the costs of sending off a container of goods to

their Kori Development Project in Sierra Leone. This on-going project helps women in Sierra Leone grow their crops for their own consumption and also to sell excess crops to finance their children's education. Excess money is also used for micro loans to help women start up their own small businesses.

On August 21 the club thoroughly appreciated and learned much from Rebecca Jewell's talk on "Learning to be a dietician for the NHS". Having received her degree in dietetics, Becky, the daughter of one of SI Thames Valley's members, is now finishing her Masters degree in the topic.

SI Thames Valley meet on the third Tuesday of every month in the Target Room of Bourne End Community Centre at 7.30pm. For more information visit: [www.sitv.org](http://www.sitv.org) or email [pegsimson@gmail.com](mailto:pegsimson@gmail.com).

#### **Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society**

We've had a good year of exceptional demonstrators who have presented their talent and stories of flowers. Many members and visitors have been lucky to go home with a raffle prize of one of the arrangements. They have also had teaching days, a tea party and an outing to Sussex to visit Penshurst Place house and gardens.

The remainder of the year will see demonstrations on October 2, November 6 and the National Demonstrator, Pat Dibben, who will do a "Winter Solstice" as the Christmas demonstration on December 4.

Demonstrations are in the centre theatre at 8pm. Visitors are always welcome. Further information from Liz Payne on 01628 476641.

#### **Townswomen's Guild**

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm in the small hall at the community centre. On October 10 we will have a Games Afternoon, then on November 14 we welcome back Colin Oakes who will talk to us about London between the Wars. We are a friendly group so why not come and join us. For more information ring chairman, Cynthia Houchin, on 01628 527931.

#### **Bourne End Horticultural Society**

Dr Michael Keith-Lucas will be speaking about Plants in Forensic Science on October 18 and on November 15 Brightwater Holidays are coming to tell us about some holidays they can offer with garden interest. Please come and join us as a visitor or become a member of our friendly society. Phone Penny Hampson on 01628 521482 for details.

#### **Wooburn Park Tennis Club**

Summer league matches are almost complete. Of the four teams entered in the Bucks Shield those who fared best were the Men's and Ladies' second teams, who will gain promotion.

Summer club tennis has flourished, with Sunday mornings being particularly well attended. We are now about to embark on our winter programme, with three teams in the county veterans leagues and two in the Farnham Common League.

# CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

Events in the community centre unless otherwise stated

## OCTOBER

- 2 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle.
- 5 Fri Bingo in the community centre small hall. The fun starts at 2.30pm.
- 6 Sat Flag Day with stalls on The Parade where you can pay for your Target
- 7 Sun Annual Orchestral Concert 7.45pm with guest soprano Lori Lynn. Tickets £10.
- 8 Mon Invitation to try Short Mat Bowls at 7.30pm. No experience necessary. Tuition will be given. Free entry (wear flat shoes). Refreshments served.
- 9 Tues Bucks Family History talk at the centre "From Scribble to Script". Doors open 7.15pm for 7.45 start
- 9 Tues Flower Club Open Evening at 8pm. Watch members create displays for the anniversary. Entry £2 with refreshments.
- 10 Wed At 8pm Forum Players present two one-act plays, *Animal Plan-It* featuring Future Forum and *Behind the Scenes*. Tickets £5 to include refreshments. For tickets call 01628 622604 or email [50years@bebca.org.uk](mailto:50years@bebca.org.uk)
- 11 Thur An exhibition of old photographs from the Ken Townsend collection and some new additions. Free entry. Refreshments available.
- 12 Fri Afternoon Cream Tea provided by Bourne End WI for £3. Raffle and music. Also a chance to see some of the old photos.
- 12 Fri Special On Target Quiz with skilled questionmaster Bob Ginger. Entry £1, raffle and audience quiz.
- 13 Sat Finale Party with music of the 60s, 70s and 80s to end the Week of Celebration. Tickets £25. Fabulous raffle with star prizes. For tickets and information contact the centre office on 01628 622604 or email [50years@bebca.org.uk](mailto:50years@bebca.org.uk)
- 13 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library
- 13 Sat Lisa Lear Autumn Charity Ball 8pm to 11.45pm at The Curzon Centre, Beaconsfield HP9 1RG. Dance cabaret with music by Let's Dance with Ray DJ, licensed bar and raffle. Tickets £16 call 01628 521738.
- 14 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm.
- 19 Fri Bingo in the community centre small hall. The fun starts at 2.30pm.
- 19 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm.
- 20 Sat Quiz supper at St Paul's Church Hall, Wooburn Green, doors open 7pm for prompt start at 7.45pm, licensed bar, tickets £10 (to include a hot two course supper) available from Wendy Keeble on 01628 524371.
- 20 Sat St Mark's monthly market in the church hall from 10am to noon with coffee and cakes.
- 26 Fri Bingo in the community centre small hall. The fun starts at 2.30pm.

## NOVEMBER

- 3 Sat Theatre in the Villages presents Isla St Clair in an evening of fun and laughter with nostalgic selection of folk songs and film clips. Tickets £10 from Val Berry on 01628 525512.
- 3 Sat Quiz supper evening at Cores End United Reformed Church. Contact Jean on 01628 483483 or Ann on 01628 526865.
- 4 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm
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- 10 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library
- 13 Tues Bucks Family History talk at the centre on the new Family Search website Doors open 7.15pm for 7.45 start.
- 13 Tues Charity Christmas Card shop opens at St Dunstan's Church until December 13. Mon-Sat 9.30am to 4pm.
- 16 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm.
- 17 Sat Countdown to Christmas market at St Mark's Church Hall. See page 35.
- 17 Sun Table top sale 9.30 to 11.30am. Call Caroline on 01628 485642 to book a table.
- 24 Sat Wooburn Christmas lights turned on at 4pm. Mulled wine and mince pies available in the Wooburn Club.
- 24 Sat Cores end United Reformed church Yule Fayre from 10am.
- 24 Sat The Meadows Christmas Fair -10am to 4pm at The Meadows School, Wooburn Green HP10 0HF.
- 25 Sun Big Band Concert in aid of THROB (The Heart Rehabilitation Organisation of Berkshire) at the community centre 7.30pm. Tickets from the centre bar £10 include coffee/tea and a mince pie.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** Bourne End's Christmas Fun Night will be held on Friday December 7 with stalls, entertainment and late night shopping. More in the next issue.

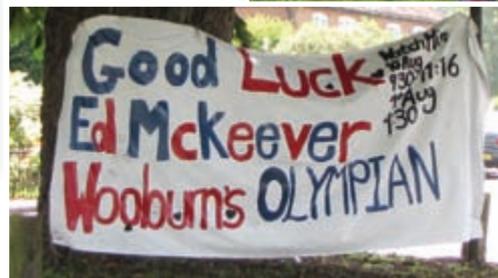
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# AROUND & ABOUT... More Olympic memories



Claytons School held an Olympic-themed sports day with the children in teams matching the colours of the Olympic rings.



Left: Residents around Wooburn Green were keen to support Ed McKeever with this eye-catching banner.



Left: Supporters at the Wooburn Club were patriotically decked out to watch Ed McKeever win his gold medal in the Kayak 200m sprint at Eton Dorney – then some went back to continue their Pilates class.



The Lifestyles group at Bourne End Library held an Olympic-themed tea with this wonderful cake by Lees Bakery on The Parade.



An explosion of medals is how Gillian described the wonderful tribute she created in the window of Mankind on the Parade to each and every GB medal winner. She is pictured, left, with fellow barber Cath.

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