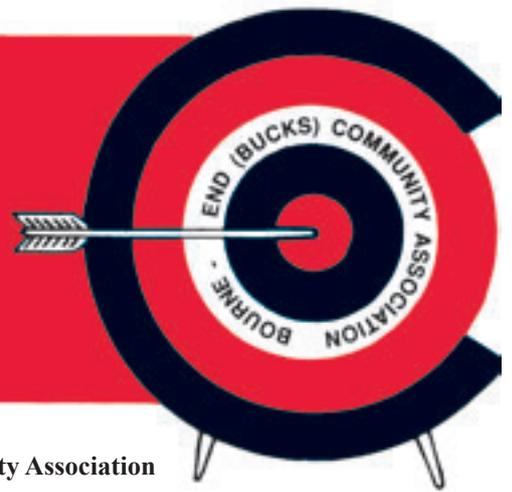


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## Our Diamond Champion

*Jean Peasley is one of only 480 to get this royal honour*

Over countless years Jean Peasley has made a difference to so many lives in the local community. Jean's commitment was recognised when she was named a Diamond Champion a national award created as part of this year's Diamond Jubilee.

"I was astounded when I read the letter," Jean admitted, "as I had no idea my name had been put forward."



Diamond Champions have been recognised as older volunteers who give their time to improve the lives of those around them. The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall (pictured below) were the royal patrons of the campaign, and Camilla designed the commemorative pin.

Nationwide, the Women's Royal Voluntary Service asked community organisations for their recommendations and Wye Valley Volunteers put Jean's name forward. From across the country the WRVS received 4,500 nominations and Jean was selected from among the 900 people nominated in the East and South East. In total 60 people were chosen from each region.

There was an invitation to attend a presentation at The Sloane Club in London and meet actress Patricia Routledge (Hyacinth Bucket from Keeping Up Appearances) pictured left with Jean. Each Diamond Champion could bring a guest and Jean immediately asked Sandra Garey, co-ordinator of Wye Valley Volunteers, to be there with her.

"It was a beautiful place and Patricia Routledge spoke to all of us," Jean said. "Sadly there wasn't an invitation to attend one of her candlelight suppers." Diamond Champions had time to meet others and swap stories about what they do. "One wonderful lady of 98 raised funds by doing a 200ft abseil," Jean said.

Patricia Routledge said that society would collapse if it weren't for volunteers. "That's why it's important to celebrate the amazing work they do. I think Diamond Champions is a great title, because it's kind of feisty." Jean agreed totally and loved the idea of being 'feisty'. "My grandchildren would like that," she added.

Jean was a founder member of Bourne End Good Neighbours, and later became co-ordinator when it merged with Wye Valley Volunteers. She has always tried to improve the lives of those in need and she continues to do so.

Not that Jean would ever admit to doing anything special. "Over the years I have received far more than I have given," she said. Jean has a wonderful humanity and humour along with great style – every inch a Diamond Champion.



Jean back home with her award



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# BULL'S EYE

I know the weather plays a big part in all our lives here in the UK, but I was genuinely surprised the other day when someone said they would be glad to see the back of 2012 because it had been such a dull year with "no summer".

Well maybe we never did get the promised heatwave, but 2012 has been a wonderfully eventful year. We've had the marvellous Queen's Jubilee celebrations followed soon after by the Olympic Games - which surpassed everyone's expectations (even the optimists). Then here in Bourne End we celebrated 50 years of our Community Association with some great local events.

*Target* has of course followed all these 2012 events closely and certainly as editor of this local publication - there hasn't been a dull moment!

I'm now looking forward to 2013. There may not be many BIG events on the horizon, but I genuinely feel that, especially here in the South East, we are starting to feel like we have turned the corner from the recession.

On that note I'd like to thank all our regular advertisers for sticking with *Target* through the leaner times. As a thank you and to encourage your loyalty we have kept all our advertising rates at the same price for 2013 - meaning they haven't increased since 2010 (see the Community Centre website for details - you can use one of the QR codes below to click straight there from your phone).

So here's to a prosperous and happy new year for all of us! I hope to see lots of our *Target* readers at the Bourne End Fun Night on Friday December 7th (see page 4 for more details).

**Debra Aspinall, editor**

### **QR Codes**

Have you noticed the small square "bar codes" that are appearing in adverts, on estate agents boards and even on your new driving licence? This type of code is called a QR code (which stands for quick response) and it directs you straight to a given web site by using a smart phone to scan and capture the data.

Why a new code? Well it is a smart update on the bar code you find in shops - you only need a smart phone to read the code, and it can be created and offered by anybody who has a web site without any costly contracts.

#### **So how does it work?**

Each QR code is different and only applies to one web site or even only one page of the web site so different pages on a web site can have a QR code for each one. The QR code is free and it is easy to set up if you use a computer and prepare your own web site.

Smart phones (so many people these days are using smart phones) are phones that can download apps and have camera facilities. You need to go to the "App" and download a QR code reader such as BeeTagg: these are normally free downloads, then take a snap shot of a QR code and immediately the phone or iPad will direct you to the web page the QR Code refers to.

By using this system you can obtain all the data on a subject in a single scan whether this be a house for sale, where you could be directed to the agent's web page or see details of the house, or maybe see a short film of a product of your choice. Dulux paint pod advert is a classic example - the code is in their catalogue.

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So if you have a smart phone, why not try and scan the two codes here and see where you are taken?

**Alan Ford**

## 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.

*News Flash... Plans for Parade Court in Bourne End revealed...*

Let me start these brief lines with a first for the residents' association article – a journalistic scoop! We can report that the Parade Court site on the corner of Oakfield Road and the Marlow Road has been sold.

Comland, the previous owners, struggled to see a potential market for their proposed development. However no such reservations for the new owners who are McCarthy & Stone. We know that they are the market leaders in developing retirement homes for owner occupiers.

In their initial approach to the residents association McCarthy & Stone have stated that they see great potential for a development of retirement apartments on the Parade Court site. They feel that the location is right and the position close to the village centre and shops is perfect for the requirements of the future homeowners.

The scheme will also include a 4500 sq/ft retail space. Sainsbury's is committed to opening a convenience shop on Parade Court and discussions are continuing regarding the final design. We have been assured that full public consultation at all stages is the way they deal with a new application. Time will tell but I can report that the initial approaches from McCarthy & Stone have been excellent and their spokesman has said: *"McCarthy & Stone's strength lies in our experience of building superb homes tailored to the needs and aspirations of our older residents promoting independence and allowing older people to continue to lead healthy and active lives."*

*"Our plans aim to meet the needs of residents keen to remain in Bourne End. We are keen to develop a scheme which positively contributes to the local community both through the high-quality, attractive design and the increase in local housing choice the development would bring."*

*"McCarthy & Stone is committed to engaging with the local community and will be offering residents the opportunity to meet with the project team to discuss the early proposals in the New Year."*

It would be good to be able to be so sure when commenting on two other sites that are set for redevelopment. Firstly the conversion of the Wharf Lane business area to housing. Long ago this small industrial area, surrounded by housing, was deemed to be 'a badly sited user'. Housing would almost certainly be an improvement in the long term.

Secondly, clearly something is going to happen to the Firefly, or Railway Hotel as some of our older residents still remember this public house. Personally I have found some comments regarding what may, or may not, be planned for this site both distasteful and questionable. Simply let us wait and see the details in a planning application and then we can judge and have our say.

Now an update on the best news story of the past few months. Plans continue for the continued provision of a service for the elderly and needy at Bourne End Day Care Centre. Fortnightly meetings are taking place with the Friends of Bourne End Day Care Centre, Bucks County Council officers, the Red Cross and the Fremantle Trust who are to be the new professional providers of the service.

Of course odd problems have occurred, but everyone is now looking positively at the ways that they can be solved. The overriding optimism of the Bourne End villagers has rubbed off on all the different parties and solutions are being found.

We, as a village, should be proud that, out of 22 day centres closed by Bucks County Council, ours, and one in Princes Risborough, are the only ones continuing to operate.

We should also offer a vote of thanks to Helen Birkett, with her staff and volunteers, and the Fremantle Trust, who together will be providing the service in the community acquired day centre.

Please call in on Thursday December 20, after 11am, and show your support for this achievement which has kept a greatly loved facility open. In keeping with the festive season there will be mulled wine and mince pies. Share in the feeling of satisfaction at the achievement so far – and it is only so far – given time the service offered will be bigger and better suited to everyone needing help and care.

Personally I feel a real optimism about the future for Bourne End. So thank you for reading this article and if you have any questions or comments please give me a ring.

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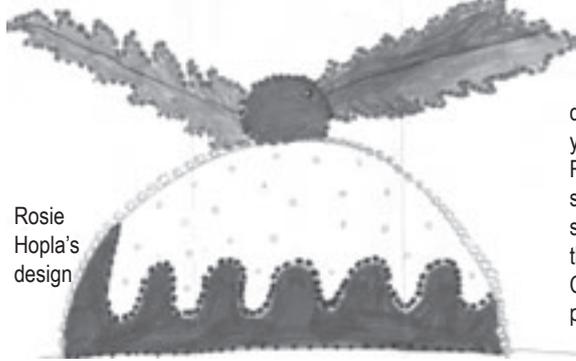
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# Bourne End's Fun Night December 7



Rosie Hopla's design

Everyone is invited to Bourne End's Late Opening and Charity Fun Night, which takes place on and around The Parade on Friday December 7 from 5pm.

The Community Association, the shops and businesses of Bourne End and the Rotary Club of Cookham Bridge have joined forces to stage our annual festive get-together for local people.

The children's light design competition was won by Rosie Hopla of Claytons school and her light will be switched on at 5pm to start festivities. As well as Bourne End's usual great display of Christmas lights, look out for the new lights that have been funded by our generous Bourne End shops and businesses.

Bourne End Motor Company, the library and Brookhouse Vets have organised indoor events ranging from Santa's Grotto to face painting and to displays of reptiles. A funfair and a bouncy castle for young children have been arranged and for adults free Rebellion Beer will be available. Many of Bourne End's shops will be open for retail therapy and to offer drinks and seasonal snacks to add to the festive cheer. In addition there will be all manner of goods on sale from our Youth Club, the WI, Youth Enterprise groups and local producers.

Generous donations of sausages, buns, onions and charcoal from our shops will ensure that the Famous Bourne End Hot Dogs will be ready for you to enjoy. And don't forget the scouts' hot chestnuts.

Local school choirs, a saxophone band and a handmade music machine will serenade you with carols and Christmas music. There is so much more to see and to do, so come down to The Parade and enjoy an evening with friends.

Oh! By the way, thanks to our local councils there is free parking in Wakeman Road car park all day on Friday December 7.

Check our **TARGET MAGAZINE FACEBOOK** page for photos from the Fun Night.

## Glory Mill Bowls Club winners

Shining cups and shields were presented at the annual awards dinner by club captain Ron Yates and chairman Sid Rose. Prize winners were Joyce Berry, Dave Currie, Len Rodgers, Margaret Hunt, Sue Gandy, Fred Hawkins, Ron Yates, John Palfreyman and Shirley Churn. Runners up also received awards.

The club has entered four teams in the indoor winter leagues and is still looking for new members. The club has one of the lowest membership fees in Bucks with free coaching, the loan of bowls to new members and a hearty welcome. If you are interested contact our secretary Shirley Churn on 01494 673859 or email her at [shirley.churn@btinternet.com](mailto:shirley.churn@btinternet.com)



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# Marina Life with Peter Osborne



River usage by boats this year was devastated due our British Summer and at the time of writing it is estimated that usage could be down 30% over last year. This will have undoubtedly had an effect on the businesses reliant directly on the river and especially shops, pubs and restaurants etc that benefit from tourism that river traffic brings. We seem to have been lucky as it has only had a minor impact on our river sales.

At long last the railway bridge over the river is to be painted. This should commence in January, fingers crossed.

We have been involved in the quotations to assist the contractors who wish to utilise our crane and wharf to help in the supply of materials and possibly waste being brought ashore. I have no idea what colour it will be decorated but feel we should have some sort of competition for the locals to decide: no, ladies, curtains and carpets don't come into it!

## Tug

Many of you will be pleased to hear that we Marina Boys have passed our Helmsman's Certificate (drinks all round, bar steward!) but not without some excitement. We received a phone call from the training school a few days before the course to cancel the tuition due to the adverse river conditions and the fact that the

red boards were being displayed at the locks. That's odd, I thought, we use the tug a lot in flood conditions and here was the school saying it was too bad to go out: Health and Safety? A telephone call to the principal and the course was back on. It was most strange that the tug did not break down all day, it would have been embarrassing if it had. My coffee flask never ran out either!

The tug has had to go on a few missions recently. We took a wide beam canal boat off the weir at Boulters, and on this occasion we had to call up the assistance of another tug due to the flow and hence pressure forcing the boat onto the weir. All worked well, the boat was freed undamaged and the boat owner made coffee all round.

Also, we had to attend the sinking of Paul the window cleaner's boat moored over at Cockmarsh. In order to raise her, Paul had to roll up his trouser legs and get into the boat to assist. The lady of the house where it was moored, Adria, was more intelligent and got into the boat having donned waders first! She also had time to make us a coffee. The boat was salvaged to the marina, engine checked over and then made her own way back to the mooring.

Hang on, we seem to be drinking too much coffee each time we take the tug out, what happened to beer?

For some unknown reason we seem quite

busy on the boat maintenance front, craning, jet washing, painting, repairing and launching the boats on completion - to be honest it interferes with our social life. Still, I guess it keeps us in employment and keeps the marina owners off our backs.

## Forgery

Clients beware! Jack was paid his wages the other week and he took some of the cash out with him one evening. It happened to be his round, a rare event, I know, and he paid with a £20 note. The bar steward looked strangely at the note and then at Jack. The note was fake, the manager was summoned, and Jack didn't get it back and had to borrow money to pay for the drinks! Well, we now have a fake money detector by the till, notes will be checked! Please do not try it on here, thank you. Jack has since repaid his debt, he was reimbursed his loss by the marina and the owners are £20 down, not good.

## Skive

Matty and Chaos are finding it hard to skive at the moment as a result of the work load and they are finding life quite tough as a result. The more work they do the more tired they get, the more tired they get the more they want to skive, the more they want to skive the more work I give them!

It is all very simple really. In between finding them work I tend to have a little nap - oh, and write this article - this is only because I want to come across looking refreshed when I give them their next task. The more refreshed I look, the more they wonder how I keep up!

Until the next time.

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### Cemetery Gates and Railings

Some of you may have recently spotted our groundsman hard at work re-painting the gates and railings to the front entrance of the cemetery on Town Lane.

They were in a bit of a sorry state and although not yet finished already look so much better. We are hoping to have them finished as and when time and weather allow.

### Village Sign

The Parish Council has commissioned a village sign to be placed on the small concrete triangle near the doctors' surgery. Currently under construction it will depict St Paul's Church in Wooburn.

Completion and installation should be within the next few months.

### Notice Boards

The Parish Council would like the residents of Wooburn and Bourne End to consider where they might like to see notice boards placed within the parish. One suggestion has been outside the post office in Furlong Road. If you have any other areas in mind please contact the office by the end of January. All suggestions will be considered.

### Parish Improvements

As per the notice board request, the Parish Council would also be very interested to hear residents' thoughts on any improvements that they think would enhance the parish. This could be anything from road improvements to extra signage to more trees or plants. Again could you please send any ideas to the office by the end of January.

### Shop Fronts

It has been noticed that there are two shops that stand out in the parish that deserve a mention. The Last Viceroy has had an outstanding display of flowers outside their restaurant again this summer which has really enhanced that area of The Parade and Mankind the barbers has entered into the spirit of the occasion with its wonderful window display tribute to all the medal winning Olympic athletes and then all spooky with its take on Halloween. The Parish Council would like to congratulate them both on their continued efforts.

### Dog Waste Bags

The Parish Council has a limited supply of free dog waste bags in the office to give to members of the public on a first come - first served basis. If you are in the area please call in and ask for some.

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### Christmas

Autumn has finally arrived and the trees have been all shades of beautiful. It won't be long before we are pulling on the thermals and turning the heating up. The councillors and office staff would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the parish a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

### Events

**Nativity on the Green**, Saturday  
December 8, 6pm – 6.45pm

**Bourne End Fun Night**, Friday  
December 7, 5pm – 8.00pm

**Carols on Wooburn Green**, Saturday  
December 15, 4pm – 5.30pm

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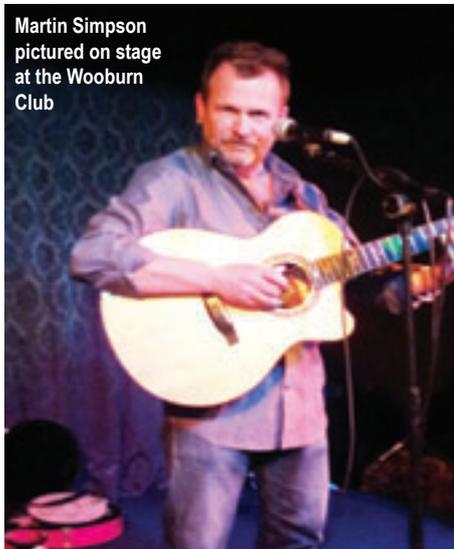
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During this year's Wooburn Festival the club was the venue for a very popular folk supper with Martin Simpson (Musician of the Year in the BBC2 Folk Awards 2012). This was a sell-out event and was followed by something completely different; The Rat Pack who took to the stage for a music tribute supper!

Club manager Susan Rogers says she wants to encourage families to come to the club and for it not just to be seen as a working men's drinking venue.

She was particularly proud that the club was nominated in three categories of the Mirror Club Awards (Committee of the Year, Website of the Year and overall Club of the Year) and she attended the star-studded awards event on behalf of the club. They didn't win - this time - but it was quite an achievement to be a finalist.

As well as the regular Wednesday cinema nights at the club they have live music events, and privately booked parties and discos lined up well into 2013 starting with The Dixieland Swing Kings on Friday December 7 and Edison Lighthouse's Andy Locke on Saturday December 15.

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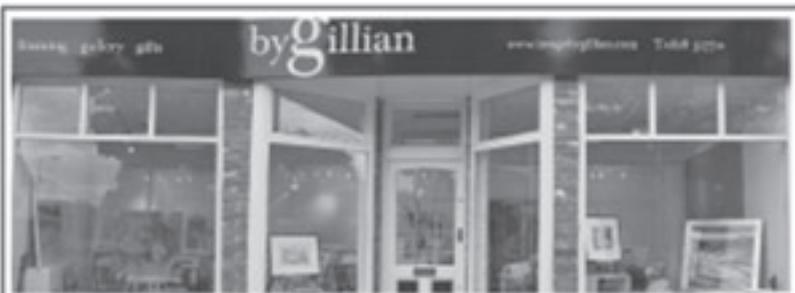
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## Preparing the Community Plan for Bourne End

By the Future of Our Village Forum Committee

We are pleased to tell you that the Community Plan has been finalised. The Community Plan represents the choices made by the people of Bourne End as expressed in the village wide surveys held in the summer of 2011 and in the Priorities Questionnaire of March 2012.

It also incorporates ideas and suggestions gathered at village meetings and from previous surveys that go back as far as 2008. These surveys have helped to measure and quantify what local people consider to be important and to prioritise actions in a realistic and practical manner. Thus the Community Plan highlights the aspects that the community likes and also those that residents consider need to be addressed.

Complete versions of the Community Plan containing all the data and an 'action plan' will be sent to local councils and other agencies that will be the keys to ensuring that the actions are taken.

Additional copies will be available to everyone at locations within Bourne End for example in the library and at the community centre. Online versions are also being made available at [www.bourneendbucks.com](http://www.bourneendbucks.com).

The highlights of the plan have been summarised and copies of this summary will be distributed to every home in Bourne End before the end of the year.



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## Rotary boost for the fight against polio

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Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 20 years and have played a part in getting it down to three countries (Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan) and fewer than 2,000 incidents last year.

The club's current president, Peter Yeeles, went to India last year to help with the inoculation programme. Rotary will keep on top of this issue because, he says: "If we slacken off now, the disease will be back with a vengeance, so we have to make the final push."

Hence the finger gesture by Rotary members (from seven local groups) in the group photo above explaining "we are 'this close' to eradicating polio from the world".

Our second picture shows BE&C Rotary President Peter Yeeles of Flackwell Heath presenting Judith with a cheque for £500 to add to the £1,000 already donated.



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# Little Marlow Parish Council

By Gloria Barclay, parish clerk

## Little Marlow Cemetery

We are now looking into the levelling of the land behind the current ashes area fence.

This work will probably not be undertaken until Autumn 2013, but the fence will be removed this winter when the vegetation has died down. The marked trees in the woodland area have been felled to allow the remaining trees to grow stronger.

We are also planning to get the track from Sheepridge Lane surfaced with similar materials to those used on the driveway from Fern Lane.

## Recreation Ground and Pavilion

Our 2013-14 budget has now been set, and among other capital projects, we plan to update the equipment in our play area in the Recreation Ground. Work to pollard the trees that was not done this year will be undertaken and, weather conditions permitting, we will be treating the cricket outfield with fertiliser and weed killer.

We have also budgeted to cut the hedge back alongside the main road to tidy this up as it has been allowed to grow too tall in recent years.

## Abbotsbrook Hall

We have regular problems with the drains at the hall as they are shallow and old. We have budgeted to have them re-dug to alleviate the problem.

## Neighbourhood Plan

A flyer was included in our recent newsletter which was delivered to all households in the parish asking if you would be interested in helping with a Neighbourhood Plan. We have had some replies to this, but if you did not get a flyer, or have mislaid it and would like to be involved, please let us know.

## Autumn Newsletter

As mentioned in the above paragraph, our Autumn 2012 Newsletter was delivered to the whole parish. If you did not receive a copy, or live outside the parish and would like to receive one, please contact us.

## Next Meetings

The Parish Council meetings are held at The Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Little Marlow and you are very welcome to attend and, if you so wish, you may have an opportunity to speak.

Meetings start at 8pm and are on the following dates:

**December 4 and January 8**

*We wish all readers a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.*

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## Raising vital funds over a cuppa!

Dedicated fundraisers Elaine Baudouin and Alan Ford of Grange Drive held a coffee morning at their home to highlight Scannappeal's breast cancer awareness campaign. Money raised was put towards the £500k appeal to create a totally digital breast screening service making Bucks one of the few counties to offer such a facility and radically improving diagnosis of early breast cancer.

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Jon Briggs has one of the most well-known voices in the land, yet he can stroll through Bourne End totally unrecognised.

As well as being the stat man on *The Weakest Link*, a radio and TV reporter and announcer he's one of the most sought-after voiceover artists in the industry.

He's the voice of Apple iPhone's Siri, as well as a popular choice on sat-nav devices and he even finds time to host a weekly BBC Radio Oxford show.

*Target* went along to meet the man behind the voice at his beautiful converted barn home in Bourne End.

### How did your career start?

I was still at school and I went to BBC Radio Oxford. They had an Open Day – a 20 minute tour and they asked for volunteers to try out reading the news. I read the script without falling over myself and then they did some little tricks on me where they played back my own voice in my earpiece with a ten second delay which makes you go blah blah blah... but I loved it. I came away and realised I just loved it. And of course the director ignited the flame by saying I was rather good.

I then badgered and badgered them until eventually they said come in for a day. So I went in and made the teas and by the end of the day I'd done a trailer with Timmy Mallett.

Both Chris Evans and I were Timmy's gofers. He spotted people who were really keen and had some talent. You did everything with Timmy, write scripts, did voices.

### Was your first full time job at Radio Oxford?

No I became a Radio 4 reporter on the BBC's first IT programme *The Chip Shop* aged just 19. This led to me hosting the BBC Radio 5 Morning Edition.

Over the years I have done both radio and voiceover work in parallel. I've presented regularly on BBC Radio 2 and BBC Radio 4 and I've anchored news, sports, political and entertainment programmes for LBC during the last 15 years. I worked as an announcer for Channel 4 in the late 1980s and that led to three years as the main promotions voice for BBC1 and seven years as the voice of Sky Movies.

I currently host the Saturday morning request show back on BBC Radio Oxford.

### How did the Siri job come about?

It was a complete accident. I recorded a system for a company called ScanSoft that wanted to create synthesised speech so people could hear emails being read out loud.

Words are made up of phonemes. It's a very complicated thing to put together synthesised speech and there are very few companies who want to invest the time and the energy into doing it.

Scansoft then got sold to a company called Nuance. Apple has always incorporated synthesised speech into their products and they licensed the Siri voice from Nuance.

I do the English British voice, but there is an English American voice – which is female – and other Siri voices all over the world.

### How was it recorded?

There were over 3,000 sentences that had to be recorded. They were not necessarily everyday sentences, but they contained all the possible permutations of phrases and intonation necessary. It took two to three weeks to record.

### What makes your voice special?

It is plain and clear. A lot of my work now is at conferences. I get to go all over the world as a conference host or on corporate stages. When they want a clear speaker they call me.

A friend who works in radio said my voice is constant. There are no sudden changes in my voice. Everything I do is very even and regular. As a result it's easier to cut and edit my voice.

### Where is your work base?

I have a recording studio at home in Bourne End, but in 1996 I started my own voiceover company based in London. It's called Excellent Talent as we look after TV presenters as well.

### When did you move to Bourne End?

August 2009. I was going out with a girl who lived in Maidenhead and once I sold my Ealing home I looked at a bunch of places around here. I thought it was a good idea to move out of London and I'd always wanted a converted barn.

I'm not totally convinced that being out in the country is ideal now I am single again, but I do love living here. I think it would be a nicer place with two of us here. I probably need a partner, 2.4 kids, a Volvo and a dog to complete the picture.

### Have you settled into village life?

I really love the pace of life here, but one is regarded with a certain amount of suspicion being a single person in a village!

And I'm often working big conferences and corporate events in London so I could probably do with a little pied-à-terre in the city.

### What do you like doing around the village?

I share a border terrier called Cleo with a former girlfriend so when I am dogsitting I enjoy walks down by the river.

I love just being at home. I often work away so it's great to spend time here. This barn is Grade 2 listed and 350 years old, but it is also brand new. I love the thought that there are timbers in this barn which could have travelled around the world because there used to be this rule in the 1700s that you couldn't chop down oak for housing. Any oak had to be used for boats because we were at war.

When the boats came back and were taken apart you could then use the timber to construct farm buildings. I love that idea.

### Do you frequent the local pubs and restaurants?

I like the Royal Oak just north of Marlow and The Royal Standard of England in Forty Green. The Spade Oak is close to my home, but they don't allow dogs and I'm usually passing it with my dog after a walk.

I love The Crooked Billet at Stoke Row, they do the best Sunday lunch. And I've been to the White Oak in Cookham, can't get a table at the Hand and Flowers at the moment, but I've just managed to get a table at The Fat Duck, Bray. I'm taking my brother there next week. It's an experience.

Worth recommending is The Last Viceroy on The Parade. Without fail every single meal they deliver is excellent, properly spiced and I don't know anyone who hasn't been there and come away saying that was really tasty.

But if I could I would take the centre of Bourne End and bulldoze it to open it all up to the river. It could be so beautiful. And how have we ended up with two Co-ops?

### What will Christmas be like at your home?

Do you know in the three years I have lived here I've been too busy to even put up a tree... but I do love Christmas and all the paraphernalia that goes with it. I'll try to make the effort this year!





## Hot lunchtimes @ Claytons

Headteacher David Orford eats with the younger children. Left pupils enjoy the choice of hot meals

Hot school meals are now a reality at Claytons Primary School. And they're proving very popular. For £2.40 a day there's a choice of hot meal with a bread roll and a dessert. Vegetarian options are also available along with fruit juice and water.

Financed by the county council and a government incentive the hot meals project meant refurbishment of the original PTA kitchen off the school hall. The food is supplied by a local 'hub' school (Beaconsfield High School) and the ingredients are locally sourced wherever possible.

There was an initial presentation to a packed hall of parents, then mums and dads were given a taste of what their children would eat.

Particularly impressive is the cashless till so parents can pay money directly to their child's account - all very high tech!

The children and parents are able to view the menus online in advance.

At lunchtime there's a staff group consisting of current and previous pupils' parents, which gives a great community feel, and other volunteers are also encouraged to offer their help.

Tempting smells start the lunchtime experience with a lively buzz of children lining up, collecting food and carrying their trays to the specially designed combined table/seats where children can sit with their friends. As Claytons has more than 300 pupils there are three lunch sittings.

The school is very proud to be able to offer this healthy option to its pupils and pleased that the initial 18 months have proved successful. The school is hoping to obtain a further grant to refurbish a larger area for serving and preparation as the meals become more popular.

Greg, a Year 4 pupil said "Hot dinners are very good and taste nice."

Sophie, also a Year 4 pupil, commented "Hot meals are very tasty and you even get to choose what you would like!"



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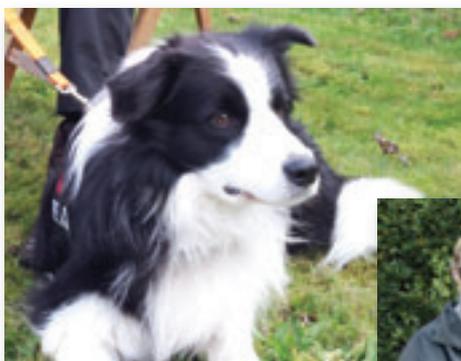
There were all shapes, colours and sizes of pets at the annual Animal Welfare Service at St Nicholas' Church, but they all had one thing in common. They were all dogs.

Not a rabbit or a budgie in sight this year, but what the

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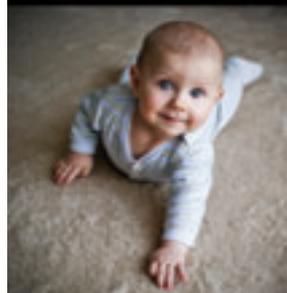
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## Youth club flourishes thanks to volunteers

Bourne End Youth Club is approaching its six month birthday and we're very proud to say that it is flourishing. Along with nights involving competitive games of table tennis and Xbox based dance-offs, we've had fantastic art & craft nights and a brilliant street dance session (big thanks to Callum and Emily!).

Many of the volunteers were itching to have a go at some of the moves, but decided against it for fear of outshining the kids...

To continue the fun and keep everyone entertained through the darkening nights, we held a fancy dress Halloween party (with added toilet paper mummification) and a real-world survival skills session by ex-professional soldier Jim Prendeville (courtesy of Greencraft [www.greencraft.me.uk](http://www.greencraft.me.uk)). We also held a quiz night at the Community Centre for parents and friends to raise much needed funds to keep the club running – details in the next edition.

We're incredibly pleased with the success of the Youth Club so far and are looking for more ideas, funds

and adult volunteers to get involved – if you would like to help out or even make a donation of equipment or funds, please get in touch [becsecretary@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:becsecretary@hotmail.co.uk)

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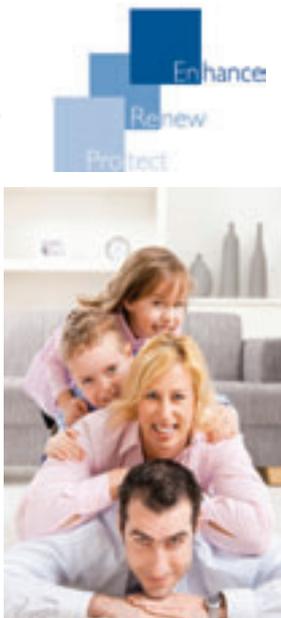
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## Laureate Julia charms the children

Popular children's author Julia Donaldson spent a lively morning entertaining local schoolchildren and several enthralled adults at Bourne End Library in October.

Julia, the current Children's Laureate, had been invited by Friends of Bourne End Library and the lucky children who attended from Westfield and Claytons Schools took part in Julia's skilfully choreographed poem recitals with music and mime. The Claytons pupils also got the chance to recite some of Julia's best-known poetry to her which she said made a lovely change for her.

The prestigious role of Children's Laureate is awarded every two years to an eminent writer or illustrator of children's books to celebrate outstanding achievement in their field. Julia has undertaken to do a tour of libraries during her reign to reach as many children as possible and encourage them to read.

Julia, known for her bestsellers like *The Gruffalo*, *Jack and the Flum Flum Tree* and *The Singing Mermaid* – to name but a few of her 157 published works to date – started out as a street theatre artist while studying in Paris as part of her degree course. She was joined in her busking sessions by medical student Malcolm, who she later married. Today he is a consultant paediatrician, but also supports Julia



on her library tours. He accompanied Julia on the guitar at Bourne End Library – also convincingly playing the part of a Chinese emperor when called upon.

The children had great fun enacting Julia's first ever published poem, *A Squash and a Squeeze*, and the Chinese story *The Magic Paintbrush*. They then did a Q&A session with the writer. Here are some of the children's questions and Julia's answers:

**What's your favourite book that you've written?**

Today it's *Jack and the Flum Flum Tree*. On some days it may be a different one.

**How did you get so good?**

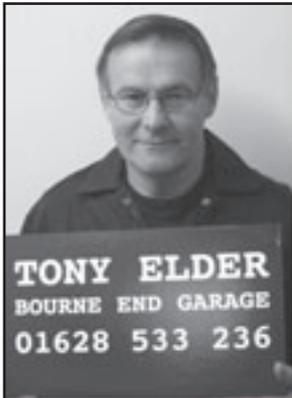
To be good at something you need to enjoy it and I have always enjoyed writing. You need to spend a lot of time in the bath as well, and walking about, you need time for ideas to come into your mind.

**How long have you been writing?**

My first book was published 19 years ago, but I started out writing songs when I was about 20. So a long, long time ago.



Main picture (top) shows Julia with (l to r) Chanze Ballantyne, Westfield, Evey-Grace Ayscough (7) Thomas Hawes (7) both Claytons



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## In the pink for Breast Cancer Research

Soroptimists of Thames Valley, their families and friends, donned pink wigs, scarves and sashes, to raise money walking from Foxes Piece in Marlow to Marlow bridge, where they were met and congratulated by the Mayor, Joyce Towns. Alison Crook of Marlow FM helped draw attention to the event with her eye-catching pink Mini, decorated with pink ribbons and balloons.

More than £350 was raised in aid of the Breast Cancer Campaign's tissue banks which have been set up around the country to provide material for researchers.

Event organiser Peggy Simson said "Our Soroptimist motto is 'Women inspiring Action' so what better action than a pink walk to show people that we care and want to help".

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## ABOUT BOURNE END JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB

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### 200 CLUB

You may recall we recently relaunched our 200 Club with two draws a year. All profits from this fundraising effort pay for some of our more senior members to take part in the Young Leaders Course.

This is money well spent as the majority complete the course and go on to support either BEJSC or another organisation in the future.

Congratulations to the winners in the July Draw. 1st prize number 10 - Matthew Todd, 2nd number 19 - Mike Appleyard, and 3rd number 6 - Gerry Paine.

The next draw will be held in December. If you were inspired by the Olympics and Paralympics, one way you can continue the legacy is by supporting our 200 Club. It's only £12 a year per number and you could be a winner in our December and July draws.

For more information please visit our website [www.bejsc.co.uk](http://www.bejsc.co.uk) or email [office@bejsc.co.uk](mailto:office@bejsc.co.uk) or call 01628 528110 and leave a message. Thank you for your support and good luck.

*Christine Norton*

### Football Section

All of our teams are well into the season after just finishing the half-term break. We are running teams this season from U7s to U16s, including our U14s girls team. In addition, we hold our "Junior Kickers" sessions on Saturday mornings which offers boys and girls a great introduction to football in a structured manner and in a safe environment.

As part of "Grow the Game at BEJSC" initiative we are looking to start two new girls teams (U10s and U12s), but to do so we need some volunteers (coaches, etc.) to assist with setting this up and players to join the two squads.

Also, the football section is looking for a chairman to work with an experienced group of committee members. Knowledge of football is not a prerequisite. If you are interested in any of the above or require additional information, please call Ken Murphy on 01628 525359 or email [info@bejsc-football.co.uk](mailto:info@bejsc-football.co.uk).



### The Badminton Section needs you!!

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### Inline hockey

We are looking for new members for Inline Hockey so if you are interested please get in touch. Our "Learn to Skate Session" has started and we have spaces for more members in this too. It is on Saturdays 1.30-2.20pm for age 7 to 14 years.



### What does BEJSC have to offer?

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, inline hockey and swimming.

If you fancy trying any of these sports then call us at the hall (24 hour answerphone 01628 528110) or email [office@bejsc.co.uk](mailto:office@bejsc.co.uk) and we will get back to you. Our Open Day in October attracted many more people than usual – hopefully an example of the Olympic Legacy taking effect. Watch out for the next Open Day in the Spring Term.

### Climbing Parties

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### What else is available at the BEJSC Sports Hall?

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# Art in Wooburn

This year's Wooburn Festival Visual Arts Exhibition was generally agreed to be the biggest and best to date.

It was up and running for just one week in October and showcased some stunning pieces in various media by talented local artists.

Featured artist for the event was the late Diana Johnson and several of her wonderful artworks had been loaned to the exhibition.

Organiser Mary Perkins welcomed everyone to the event and said: "Diana would have loved this. She worked so hard for this exhibition each year. Although she wouldn't have been up front like this speaking to you all. She would have been somewhere round the corner [behind the displays] keeping an eye on everything.

"I like to think that she's there now. Just around the corner."

Guest of honour was Diana's daughter, Emily Lamont, who gave a touching speech about her mum and said: "I am truly honoured to have been invited to open the exhibition and I know my late mother would have been so proud to be the featured artist among so many beautiful pieces."



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Ken's pictures attracted much interest



Scones, cream, jam and a cuppa at the WI tea



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Thanks also to the collectors who gave up their Saturday mornings to man the stalls.

We were particularly pleased that so many people gave £3 to pay for their *Target* for the next 12 months – at 50p an issue many of you told us it is great value for money!

*Target* is distributed by volunteers to 5,000 homes in Bourne End, Wooburn and the surrounding areas and although it pops through your letter box whether you pay for it or not, we do request donations to help cover the cost.

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Our pictures show, above: Rosie O'Hagan (left) and Kathy Jackson. Below: Susan Morrison (left) and Elaine Baudouin

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### Books

We have a book exchange in the school reception. This runs on an honesty system with suggested donations of 50p for paperbacks and £1 for hardbacks. We are open to donations of books or we can even set up similar schemes in your work place.

### Clothing

Three times a year we offer the parents an opportunity to get rid of all their unwanted clothes, which we sell to a company called Bags2School. They pay by weight of clothes donated. If you have clothes that you would like to get rid of, send us an email and we can arrange for collection or drop them at school in bags labelled Bags2School. The next collection is on December 6.

### Foreign and old domestic coins

If you have envelopes of foreign coins from holidays stuffed into various drawers around the house, please get in touch. It's surprising how much they make when added together.

### Teddy bears and soft toys

Our teddy bear lucky dips at various fairs throughout the year are hugely popular. We tie a string around teddies large and small and children pay £1 to pick a string. As there is a winner every time the children love it. We are lucky to get support from local charity shops which get soft toys donated which they cannot sell. This is both a popular game and an excellent moneyspinner.

### Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers

If you are one of the people at the supermarket who answer 'no' to the question 'are you collecting vouchers for schools?' – please can you change your answer and donate them to the school? They will go a tremendous way towards the purchase of new equipment for the school.

### Tombola and raffle prizes

After Christmas we collect up any unwanted non-perishable gifts for our tombolas or raffles, repackaged if needed.

*The Meadows Parents Association is a registered charity whose purpose is to provide entertainment and fundraising to benefit the children of the school. If you are able to support us in any way we would love to hear from you at [themedowspa@gmail.com](mailto:themedowspa@gmail.com)*

## Update on the Brookbank road safety campaign

by Rebecca Griffith

The Chepping Valley Local Community Partnership (LCP) met in October and provided the 'Safer Brookbank' campaign with the opportunity to present its concerns about the zebra crossing at Brookbank. We highlighted the speed of traffic coming from both Wooburn Green and Cores End, the poor standards of driving seen by those waiting to cross the road and the lack of visibility on a crossing heavily used by young children. All issues we felt contributed to recent near misses.

The members of the LCP were very supportive and agreed to make a recommendation to the County Council that work be undertaken to improve the visibility of the crossing and to prevent vehicles overtaking on this stretch of road. It is likely that this will involve a single line being painted in the middle of the road in the immediate vicinity of the crossing, with some use of colour to make the crossing stand out and an examination of existing signage. Details have yet to be confirmed, but it is hoped that the work will be carried out early in 2013.

As a follow-up to this LCP meeting, and also meetings with the Police, children from nearby St Paul's school went out with the Police to carry out some speed checks. Junior Road Safety Officers witnessed more than 40 vehicles speeding in a very short period of time and took registration numbers for Police warning letters to be sent to drivers. Bearing in mind the children and staff were wearing high-visibility jackets and were accompanied by Police officers, this is a pretty alarming statistic and adds weight to the Safer Brookbank campaign's hope that the existing zebra crossing will be made brighter and more visible sooner rather than later.

## HELP NEEDED

Would you be prepared to deliver about ten bundles of *Targets* to addresses in Wooburn Green every two months? The regular distributor cannot continue the delivery and a replacement is needed if parts of Wooburn Green are to continue receiving the community magazine.

*Target* is published every two months on the last Friday. The bundles would have to be collected from the community centre during the afternoon. Then delivered to individual addresses.

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## **Bourne End WI by Jenny Boas**

Our members visited Denman College in October and were shown around the house and grounds and the accommodation for visiting guests. We were also treated to a cookery demonstration. It was the first visit to WI headquarters for most and the feedback was very complimentary. We are indeed lucky to have such a fantastic facility so close by.

Our October speaker was Judie Abbot, a lady cruise director who is employed by Silver Seas Cruise Line. She kept everyone enthralled with stories about her life on the ocean waves. The evening dresses she produced from Marks & Spencer bathing suits were amazing; some covered in Swarovski crystals were unique.

At our November AGM we chose a new committee, President, Secretary and Treasurer for 2013. Sue Rand, County Advisor, was in attendance to help us through our first AGM.

Our speaker for November, Janet Chambers, taught us to make a Christmas table arrangement, and our Christmas party took place on December 6. We invited two members from each of the local WIs to join us for festive refreshments and we were entertained by the Marlow Music Makers who sang traditional carols and seasonal melodies with audience participation at the end.

## **Probuss by Howard Fitzer**

At our September meeting Edward Dixon spoke on Animal Heroes and Villains of World War One.

He spoke of the savagery of the 1914-1918 war – the sea of mud created on the battlefield by incessant rain and constant shelling into which many soldiers, especially those killed or wounded, sank without trace.

The only immediate relief from this and other horrific privations endured by the soldiers was the assistance and companionship of animals and birds. Dogs laid communications cables, took messages, mounted guard and found wounded soldiers – all under fire. Birds (canaries in the trenches) and even mice (at sea in submarines) contributed by giving warning of poisonous gases. Pigeons achieved a 95 per cent success rate in carrying messages – a service considered so valuable that any person in England during the war caught killing or wounding a pigeon faced six months in prison and a fine of £100.

Only the horse, the primary 'hero', was capable of hauling heavy guns, equipment and men through the glutinous mud. This encouraged the British Army to press into service well over a million horses (165,000 in the first 12 days) at a total cost to the government of £36 million. In all, 256,000 British horses were killed in action and those surviving that were returned to this country after the conflict were officially adorned with a medal inscribed 'Treat me well – I have done my bit' in recognition of their vital contribution to the war effort.

The chief 'villains' were the flies and the rats – millions of them - which by their nature caused outbreaks of trench fever, Weil's disease and

cholera. The flies swarmed over the men's food as they ate and "clouds of them hid the sky". Rats, through the spread of disease, were said to have "killed more men than bullets" – a remarkable statistic that reflects, yet again, the horror of war.

In contrast our guest speaker in October, Neil Somerville, introduced his subject 'The Mysteries of the Mind', which, rather than a treatise on psychology and associated subjects, was a lighthearted sally into extra-sensory perception which one suspects was more in the realms of the conjurer and illusionist.

Relocation of some members has left the club open to new blood (or any old blood come to that) so those interested in joining us are invited to contact our secretary, Brian Print, on 01628 523739.

## **Upper Thames Sailing Club by Colin McCluskey**

In the 1890s a wooden sailing boat was built at Bourne End. Specifically designed for the River Thames, it was the first racing dinghy ever to appear on the river. With a length of 26ft and a huge spread of canvas on a 46ft mast, the class was given the name Rater - later A Rater to distinguish it from the B Rater which was a half-size version. For over 100 years, new A Raters have been added to the fleet, usually constructed in the material of the day: in 1984 wood gave way to fibre glass and in 2002 and 2010 two new A Raters were built in carbon fibre.

The fleet of 23 boats is split between the sailing clubs at Bourne End and Surbiton; once each summer they compete at Bourne End during UTSC's Bourne End Week Regatta where they race for the Queen's Cup - a trophy presented to the club by Queen Victoria in 1893. In all that time they have never raced outside Bourne End Week - until now. This year a new Open Meeting for Raters was inaugurated at Bourne End and sailed over the weekend of October 13-14, helped along with a Curry Night at the clubhouse.

The Victorian age was radically different from the world today, and no doubt the world of 100 years hence will be vastly different from now, but just maybe the Thames A Rater, perhaps rendered in new materials, will still be there.

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

Members have enjoyed a particularly busy year with interesting speakers and events, and many outings and theatre trips organised by Val Clarke. Val has been organising these for many years but now feels it's time to step back and take a well-earned rest. We owe Val a great deal for all the time and effort she has put into making these varied outings a success. Sincere thanks go to her.

We hosted the Carrington Group Autumn Meeting in the Pavilion in October. Members were entertained with a most interesting slide show and talk on English cathedrals.

In December members will be welcoming the festive season with a Christmas Tea and a Christmas Lantern Show presented by Tony Brown

and Gordon Casbeard. Christmas Lunch will be held on December 10 at Winter Hill Golf Club by popular request. This venue is a favourite of members. January's meeting is an Open Meeting as usual, with members discussing events for the coming year. Further details about Little Marlow & Well End WI can be obtained on 01494 523998.

## **Inner Wheel by Lizzie Yeeles**

The Inner Wheel of Bourne End and Cookham continue to meet on a monthly basis. We have recently packed and dispatched 23 bags of items to Eastern Europe. These included baby clothes and dried food. We were also able to make up gifts of handbags with, for example, a lipstick or scarf inside - small items but a luxury to recipients. One member had also managed to obtain two unwanted sewing machines which have also been sent off.

Our annual Christmas tea in December is already sold out and we are guaranteed a good afternoon as our guest speaker will be Mary Berry.

## **Wooburn WI by Isobel Swain**

We meet at 2.15pm on the first Wednesday in the month at St Mary's Pastoral Centre in Glory Mill Lane at Wooburn Green. There is ample car parking.

At our October meeting we heard about Mercy Ships that are fully equipped as hospitals cruising around the coast of Africa. In many places they are the only means of obtaining medical care for a huge number of people.

On December 5 we welcome Mike Dewey who will be talking about and showing old pictures of Wycombe. Then we start the New Year with a talk entitled "Not in front of the servants" which sounds very intriguing. If you are interested in joining us do come along. You will be most welcome.

## **Rotary Club by Richard Monger**

A recent highlight was the visit of District Governor Judith Diment of the Windsor St George Rotary Club. On October 24, International Polio Day, Judith did a mammoth drive around the district to highlight this day. See the report on page 11.

Our website is being revamped by one of our new Rotarians, John, who, as a professional musician, is bringing a bit of show business to the site.

December sees us out on the streets again with our Santa Sleigh and carols, so if you hear us as we come knocking on your door, ALL the money we raise goes to our charities, the two main ones this year being Thames Valley Adventure Playground and UCare. To help us with our street collections we have help from our Interact Club and our Rotaract Club of which a proportion of the collections go to their charities.

For more information about our Rotary Club, either visit our website [www.beac-rotary.org.uk](http://www.beac-rotary.org.uk) or call 01628 530183.

# Tales of a riverbank

The charms of a riverside walk at Bourne End are obvious, offering wide vistas and tranquillity, boating and birdlife. But the Royal Geographical Society wants us to look a little wider and deeper. It has launched a project to produce 100 walks which will get people enjoying the British countryside in a different way.

Mike Jackson, a fellow of the society and a former BA manager, has prepared a guided riverside walk from Marlow to Bourne End which highlights a wealth of background information on the geography and history of this stretch of the River Thames. Mike, who lives in Marlow, says: "Walking is growing in popularity. This project is saying: why not try to understand the landscape you are walking through, and work the brain as well as the body? There's a fantastic story to be told."

Don't worry, it's not too academic: it's all about weirs and wharves, lace-making and eel-trapping and aspects of the two towns' history whose effects are still seen today. Mike's themes include livelihood, leisure and literature as well as the landscape.

The guide talks of the little wharves



which brought trade here, and the mills that produced more than corn: one 17th-century mill produced two million brass thimbles a year (some of them used as a measure for spirits), while another produced gunpowder for the Civil War.

Quirky tales of puppy pie and a cardboard castle add fresh interest to a riverside ramble, while the treacherous job of hauling barges over weirs, and the fascinating background of Seven Corners Passage in Marlow, remind us how hard river life used to be.

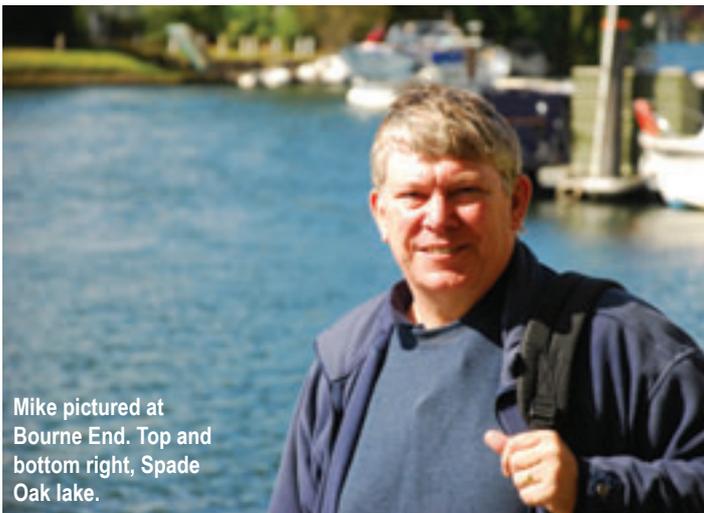
Mike and his walking companion Gary Gray know the area well, but researching the walk turned up new insights. "I hadn't realised how big Bourne End's sailing regatta has been over the years, how highly it ranked on the social calendar alongside Cowes and Henley," Mike says. "The Victorians could



reach Bourne End more easily than Henley and it became very popular. They turned the town from a trading river to a playground."

There are of course many books of walks around. This is different. All the walks are available online on the Royal Geographical Society's website. You can print the map and detailed walk directions or download as audio, and view a gallery of photos of each walk. These are all free, or the Marlow to Bourne End guide is available as a 36-page book to purchase at Marlow Tourist Information Centre. [www.discoveringbritain.org/walks/region/south-east-england/marlow.html](http://www.discoveringbritain.org/walks/region/south-east-england/marlow.html)

Thanks to Mike for allowing us to reproduce some images from his guide.



Mike pictured at Bourne End. Top and bottom right, Spade Oak lake.



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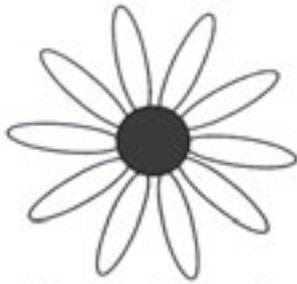
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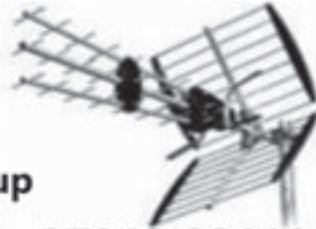
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## Bourne End Library

By Inka D'Agostino, library manager

Julia Donaldson's visit to Bourne End Library in October was the highlight of our year. We have always worked closely with our Friends of Bourne End Library group and were absolutely thrilled when Katherine Findlay submitted a successful bid to host Julia at our library.

Julia Donaldson as Children's Laureate has made supporting libraries a special priority, hence her Library Tour of England and Wales this autumn. We were one of the 24 libraries chosen which was indeed an honour.

The event organised by Katherine involved not only Year 3 children from Claytons and Westfield Schools who performed in front of Julia, but also the whole community who were invited to engage in a piece of art work, illustrating Julia's library poem.

Children, parents and library borrowers were asked to choose a word from the poem and illustrate it. The work was then assembled and displayed in our new Library Community Rooms, which you can see in the video which is on Bourne End Library page on the county website. Everyone both young and old enjoyed Julia's interactive storytelling and music.

Just as *Target* was going to Press we have had last minute news concerning the future of the library. I have not yet been fully briefed but the news is that there will be no immediate decision on how the three lottery libraries (of which we are one) relate to the County and Community model.

The council is keen to continue to work with the

Friends' groups and to give the lottery libraries sufficient time for new activities and arrangements to be properly developed. If you would like an active role in the Friends of Bourne End Library please contact us, or send a message via Facebook or Twitter.

This is the time of year when we are preparing for the **Christmas Fun Night** on Friday December 7. As usual we shall be extending our opening hours to 8pm, so please join us for mulled wine and fun activities. We shall be grateful for any donations for our tombola.

For children we have organised a **Christmas Craft session** for Saturday December 16 at 11am.

The last meeting of the year of our very popular Lifestyle Club for the Over 50s will be on Friday December 21 at 10.30am. Join us for coffee, mince pies and carols.

**Internet taster and Ancestry sessions** take place on the first Friday of the month.

For what's on and further information on Library activities please contact us by email on lib-boe@buckscc.gov.uk, tel:0845 230 3232 or browse our library website on www.buckscc.gov.uk/libraries and click on the link for Bourne End.

Friends of Bourne End Library have their own Facebook page and Twitter account, and will have updated information on Bourne End Library.

*Once again I should like to thank all our customers for their continued support and concern over the past year.*



## ART ON DISPLAY AT THE LIBRARY

Bourne End Library is once again being used as an art exhibition venue.

Local artist Juliette Palmer suggested bringing back the continuous displays of art on the walls in this community space. On show and for sale will be paintings, craft prints and photographs from local artists, with the exhibition changing each month.

Juliette says: "The exhibitions will be attractive, approachable and enjoyable. The artists and library staff hope that people will get used to dropping in to view the latest show during library opening hours, browsing among the books and joining the many other activities that take place there".

Juliette, from Cookham, started the line-up in November with her works on Ancient Lands, a selection of watercolour paintings recording some of the exciting places she has visited in the past, from the Mediterranean to the Middle East (see below).

The artists showing paintings at Bourne End Library during December are Joan Wilcox (pictured above) who lives in Wycombe Lane, Wooburn Green; Gillian Blandy from Claytons Meadow, Bourne End and Ann Rossiter, from Penn.

During January the featured artist will be Keith Beckett-Hester, who lives in Marlow Bottom, and is known for paintings of very detailed fine brushwork showing the Chilterns' beechwoods through the seasons.





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# Past times...

## Kidnap plotters

Some houses have an air about them. For whatever reason you wonder who might have lived there? Would there be a tale to uncover if the walls could talk?

If, eventually, newspapers publish a story, locals gasp with surprise as they recognise the name of a house they know. More frightening when they realise that they were on friendly terms with someone who has been arrested.

Down at Bourne End Marina is an interesting house called The Platt (pictured right). Its curved bow windows give views out over the river and along the two paths that surround it.

It was here that a group of villains plotted to kidnap Lord Nuffield, one of the richest men in the country and founder of the Morris Motors Company. Experienced blackmailer Patrick Boyle Tuellman, who was later tried under his alias John Bruce Thornton, decided Nuffield was a vulnerable target. He concocted a ruthless kidnapping plot and recruited an accomplice to help put it into action. Posing as a journalist, Tuellman arranged a meeting with Lord Nuffield in May 1938.

Tuellman drafted a letter to hand to Nuffield at the interview, which began: "Read this carefully before passing any remark and do not show it to any other person". Then followed specific instructions which might have resulted in kidnap, torture and death.

Lord Nuffield was to be persuaded to sign a letter of authorisation, which would allow Tuellman to collect £100,000 from Nuffield's bank account.

On finding out the true nature and scale of the planned crime, the accomplice decided he wanted no part in it and went to the police. Now secretly working on police instructions he went along with the plan so as not to arouse Tuellman's suspicions.

Meanwhile Oxford City's Chief Constable, Charles Fox, organised an ambush at Nuffield's Cowley offices. Tuellman was arrested without a shot being fired, but was found to be armed with an unloaded Browning automatic pistol. A second handgun was found in the boot of the car (which had false plates) along with ammunition, a disguise kit and other documents

to be used in the kidnap.

Tuellman, alias Thornton, was brought before Birmingham Assizes later that year, and convicted. He was sentenced to seven years and died soon after his release.

Lord (later Viscount) Nuffield lived well into his eighties.



## The Speller and Woodley Families

Christopher Deane wrote in to *Target* asking for readers' help in identifying some family members on these photos. He has found the graves of two ancestors called Speller at Hedsor Church and knows their descendents lived in Hedsor and/or Wooburn.

He writes: "Ancestors on my mother's side were the Speller and Woodley families, who lived in the High Wycombe area through the 19th century and into the 20th century.

"The censuses from 1841 record the Spellers living in Wooburn, Bourne End and Hedsor. My direct line resided at Rose Nursery, Heavens Lea from the 1881 census. My grandfather was Richard Thomas Speller, born 1894, the son of Thomas and Lizzie (Boreham). Their other children were James, Lizzie Amy, Dora, Joyce Ellen and Brenda.

"The same censuses record the Woodley family at addresses in High Wycombe, including Beckfords Yard in 1901 and 29 George Street in 1911 (and through to the 1930's). My grandmother was Alice Helen Woodley, born 1893, the daughter of Frederick and

Emma (Redrup). My grandmother had three older brothers – William, Arthur and Frank.

"One of the photos shows a family group at my grandparents' wedding on 6 April 1921 at All Saints Church, High Wycombe. I would like any help to identify the family members on this or the other photos."

Anyone who can help can contact Christopher on [chris\\_deane101@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chris_deane101@yahoo.co.uk) or call *Target* and we will pass your contact details on to him.



## OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

### ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH

Last year there was a film crew at St Nicholas' Church and Hedsor House, with Dustin Hoffman directing a film 'Quartet' starring Maggie Smith and Tom Courtney. We have permission to show it before general release in the church on Thursday December 6 so look out for the posters or ring Maura on 01628 530181.

We begin our Christmas celebration on December 9 at 3pm when we hold our Christingle Service (see advert in this *Target*). Our Christmas Midnight Service begins at 11pm on Christmas Eve and there's a 9am Service on Christmas Day.

Our very special Annual Epiphany Carol Service is on January 6 at 3pm with our choir directed by Dr Peter Wilton.

We now hold a Service of Morning Prayer with the choir on the second Sunday of each month and our children's 'Pebbles' service is on the third Sunday.



### CORES END UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Sadly we have lost our minister, the Rev Janet Hopewell, who moved on at the end of November. She will be missed, not least for her prodigious musical talent and her kindness to our congregation. We all wish her and her family well for the future.

The charities receiving a share of the profits from our Yule Fayre are Ian Rennie Hospice at Home, The Torch Trust, Sense and PARC.

A gift service on December 2 is in aid of High Wycombe Barnados.

On December 16 Marie and Peter Willingham host a Victorian Christmas evening with entertainment, mulled wine and mince pies at 9 East Ridge, Bourne End. All are welcome.



Carols by Candlelight is on December 23 at 4.30pm, with refreshments afterwards.

Our Christmas Day service is at 10.30am and children (and grown-ups) are welcome to bring their Christmas gifts along to share.

Link Up Club on alternate Tuesdays, 10am-12 noon in the church hall, always has an interesting programme and welcomes new visitors (see the article elsewhere in this issue). For information about any of these events, please contact our Church Secretary Marie Willingham 01628 521097, Jean Pearce 01628 483483 or Ann Pendergast 01628 526865.

### ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH

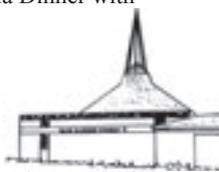
Our popular Christmas Fayre raised over £1000 for Wycombe Homeless Connection. Thank you to everyone who came along to join in the festive fun. Charity Christmas cards and gifts are still available from the Cards for Good Causes shop at the back entrance of the church.

At the beginning of October we joined in the

celebrations at St Teresa's in Beaconsfield, as their new Parish Centre was officially opened and blessed by Bishop Peter Doyle from Northampton. The weekend included a SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society) Healing Mass and Buffet Tea; an Adult Formation Talk and Discussion entitled 'The Church: where have we come from and where are we going?'; a Parish Family Fun Afternoon at Bekonscot Model Village and a Gala Dinner with entertainment. St Teresa's was also the venue for a wonderful concert as part of The Australian Voices' 80-gig UK tour.

As the Advent season begins, we look forward to another series of inspiring talks given by Liam Dunne.

We extend a warm invitation to our Masses at 6pm on Christmas Eve (Children's Nativity Mass) and 10am on Christmas Day.



### ST JOHN THE BAPTIST LITTLE MARLOW

A Dinner with Auction of Promises takes place at the Church Hall, The Causeway, Marlow on December 8 to raise funds for the youth work, details and tickets from Muriel Reynolds 01628 473020.

Church Services: December 11, Christingle at 11am.

December 16, Nine Lessons and Carols at 6.30pm. Christmas Eve, the Crib Service at 4pm followed by the Midnight Service at 11.30pm. Christmas Day, Holy Communion at 8.30am and Morning Worship with Holy Communion at 11am. For other information ring the Parish Office 01628 481806 or go to [www.marlowanglican.org](http://www.marlowanglican.org).



### ST MARK'S CHURCH

As someone said to me recently, 'Jesus is the reason for the season', and with that in mind let me tell you about all the things you can share in at St Mark's for the festive season.

On December 4 at 6pm we will be at Orchard House telling the story of Christmas. All are welcome to join us and help with the singing! For more information contact the Rev Rosemary Payne on 01628 523034 or the parish phone 07949 059187.

Our Songs of Praise service is on December 9 at 10.30am. This has a new slot on the second Sunday of the month. Come and practise your singing and raise the roof of the church!

There will be no monthly market in December.

On Saturday December 15, 3-5pm, there will be a Messy Nativity in the church and hall. Bring family and friends for this special Christmas event. Contact Lyn Gooch on 01628 530402 for more details.

On December 16 at 4pm there will be a traditional Carol Service in the church, a lovely way to spend a winter's afternoon. Do come and join us.

On Christmas Eve at 4pm we hold our annual Christingle Service which is very much enjoyed by children and adults alike. Come early if you would like a seat but early

or late you are very welcome.

Later that evening at 11.30pm when the little ones are asleep (you hope!) there will be a Midnight Service in the church. This is a lovely way to start Christmas.

On Christmas Day itself there will be a service at 10.30am. Come along and share in this special service.

Our first service of the New Year will be on January 6 at 10.30am. This is a sung Eucharist. Refreshments are always served afterwards so why not stay for a chat and a cuppa.

Our Songs of Praise service will be on January 13 at 10.30am.

Come and sing some well known hymns with us.

Our monthly market will be on January 19, 10am-12 noon in the church hall on Station Road.

Nearly new clothes, secondhand books and refreshments will all be on offer. Swing by and say 'hi'!

On Sunday January 27 Messy Worship will be held in the church hall, 10-11.30am. This is a very informal service for families to enjoy together including a themed activity, songs and food. For further information, please contact Lyn Gooch on 01628 530402.

Other weekly events can be found in our parish magazine 'The Bridge'. To help at fundraising events please contact us on the parish phone: 07949 059187.



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

Our Christmas celebrations begin on December 2, 11am-12.30pm, with a festive Advent Fayre in St Paul's Church Hall, Town Lane, with food, crafts and gifts – plus a rather special visitor for younger ones in Santa's Grotto... Do come and join us.

St Paul's and St Mary's will be re-enacting our popular 'Nativity on the Green' at 6pm on Saturday December 8.

Mary and Joseph visit the inns around the Green with their donkey and finally settle to rest on the Green, where the shepherds come to see the special baby. Carols are sung during the narration and we feel that this shows the true meaning of Christmas.

Our wonderful 'Carols by Candlelight' is on December 16 at 6pm in St Paul's Church, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the church hall.

The children's crib service is on December 24 at 4pm. Children are invited to come as either angels or shepherds to help with the telling of the story of the birth of Jesus. Midnight Holy Communion service starts at 11pm, then on Christmas Day there will be the Holy Communion service at 8am followed by our all-age Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion at 9.30am. Join us and share the celebrations!

All the normal groups will be back in January, with Tot's Praise and our Friday 'Coffee Shop' on January 4, 10.30-12 noon, Communion service and lunch and then Toddlers from January 11.

For full details visit [www.stpaulswooburn.org](http://www.stpaulswooburn.org)



# A week of 50th anniversary celebrations

Report by Barrie Penfold

As part of the Week of Celebration it was decided to have a Big 50th Raffle to raise funds. Local traders were very generous in finding prizes to make it a superb raffle. There were a huge number of prizes on offer.

The week started with a burst of music from the Bourne End Concert Orchestra as their annual concert celebrated the community.

Under golden bunting the music was a triumph for the musicians and a true delight for the packed-to-capacity audience.

Each day new notices were put up around the village publicising that day's events and the raffle. Monday at Short Mat Bowls was rather quiet but the sale of raffle tickets went well. Tuesday was Flower Club night with some beautiful displays created for the windowsills, stage and in the bar. At all these events there was special anniversary cake – baked and iced by David Hurley so grateful thanks to him. Again, raffle ticket sales went well.

Wednesday was Forum Players night and it went well with a reasonable audience and it was lovely to see Future Forum's award winning play again.

Thursday was a very busy day with Ken Townsend's display of old photos. Thanks to the library for the loan of 15 tables which were needed for the display. There is no doubt that these pictures were the star attraction of the week. More anniversary cake eaten and lots of raffle tickets sold.

Some of the pictures remained for Friday when the WI offered a cream tea during the afternoon. Visitors also enjoyed the pictures and we also welcomed Miss Bourne End 1973. On Target Quiz in the evening was a nostalgic farewell to that old favourite as well as to the Week of Celebration. Only a questionmaster with Bob Ginger's skills could work it out so carefully that the final answer to the final question was "Goodbye". Many thanks to Bob. The anniversary cake was finished and everything put away.

Looking back to the beginning of the year there were memories of the Blitz Ball, the Tea Dance, Jubilee Picnic, Any Questions, History Trail and, finally, the Week of Celebration. Thanks to everyone who helped to make these events enjoyable and successful. Special thanks to the small committee who made it all happen. Now it's time to look forward to new ideas, fund raising and activities at the community centre. All in preparation for future anniversary celebrations!

See a selection of event pictures on page 24.

## ANSWERS TO GOLDEN TARGET QUIZ

1. Gold Coast. 2. William Golding. 3. Barry Goldwater. 4. Golden Treasury. 5. Gold leaf. 6. Gold mine. 7. Goldcrest. 8. Golden Horn. 9. Golden mean. 10. Golden Syrup. 11. Gold and Silver. 12. Gold Blend. 13. Golden Eagle. 14. Golden Rod. 15. Golden Gate Bridge. 16. Golden daffodils. 17. Gold Cup. 18. Gold rush. 19. Golden Horde. 20. Goldfinger. 21. Goldfish. 22. Goldfinch. 23. Golden Calf. 24. Golden fleece. 25. Golden handshake. 26. Golden Hind. 27. Golden wedding. 28. Gold-digger. 29. Golden Delicious. 30. Golden Eye. 31. Golden Labrador/Retriever. 32. Goldilocks. 33. Gold medal. 34. Oliver Goldsmith. 35. Golden Shred. 36. Golden Mile. 37. Sam Goldwyn. 38. Golden Hamster. 39. Golden Oldie. 40. Gold. 41. Golden Temple. 42. Golden Ball. 43. Golden Goose. 44. Silence is golden. 45. Golden Hello. 46. Gold. 47. Gold Disc. 48. Gold plate. 49. Goldberg. 50. Gold Card.

Winner: Mrs Edith Smith, Orchard House, Bourne End.

# COMMUNITY

## 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.

## Forum Players

Back to days of old for the 2013 Forum Players panto with brave knights, skilled swordsmen and lovely maidens.

Be very wary of the supernatural skills of Morgan le Fay, look out for the witches and be astounded by Merlin and Son. It's all there in Camelot – the panto.

The script has received very good reviews and was a hit with Forum Players when they were looking for a suitable panto for 2013.

Rehearsals are underway and it certainly promises to be a really enjoyable show. On Saturday January 19 there are two performances, at 2.30pm and 6.30pm.

On Sunday January 20 there is one show at 2.30pm. Finally on Saturday January 26 there are two shows at 2.30pm and 6.30pm.

As usual senior citizens have their free performance and this will be on Wednesday January 16 at 8pm. They will see the first public performance of the pantomime and they are always warmly welcomed.

Box Office as usual will be in the library. Ticket prices are £9 adults, £7 concessions and £28 for a family ticket (two adults and two children).

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Michael Tims plays King Uther and Anthony Deacon is Merlin

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# CENTRE NEWS

## Darts

As reported earlier we didn't play in the Summer League and, after a summer lay-off which seemed like an eternity, we are now back in serious league action.

The Friday team, who play in the Wycombe League, looked like getting off to a glorious start but hit the banana skin. Losing the last two games negated all the good work done by the early players. Next time? Hope springs eternally in this team.

The Wednesday side, who play in the Wooburn Green league, lost their opening match against the much-fancied Wooburn Working Men's Club side. In the words of Sue Nash (Saucie Sue from last year) they failed to

collect any points. In other words, a whitewash.

In spite of these losses spirits are high and the players all enjoyed their games and look forward to the rest of the season with eager anticipation.

Both sides have very few players "on the bench" and would appreciate a few additions to swell their ranks. Why not join us?

## Chess

At the time of writing, the new season is slowly getting underway. The first team has recorded victories against the second team, Newbury and an under-strength Gerrards Cross team.

Meanwhile the B-team has lost to Eton College A and Basingstoke A, both with higher rated players. The third team will start their campaign shortly. The club is always interested in new recruits and the secretary, Roger de Coverly, can be contacted on 01628 486676.

## Crib

We are doing very well in the crib league and at this time have won all four matches we have played putting us top of the league.

It is still early in the season but we are ever hopeful that we will continue with this success.

## Bingo

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

See *Target's* calendar of events on page 39 for dates in December and January.

## President's Challenge



### Number 72

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

**All the questions have a wintry/seasonal theme.**

1. Which common is 2 miles SE of Watlington?
2. Which god looked both ways?
3. When is the winter solstice?
4. Who wrote 'Auld Lang Syne'?
5. Where is Wenceslas Square?
6. Who wrote 'The Winter's Tale'?
7. What is the capital of Iceland?
8. What is the star sign for Dec 25th?
9. What hill overlooks Cock Marsh?
10. How many sides on a snowflake?
11. Who wrote 'A Christmas Carol'?
12. How many dwarves in 'Snow White'?
13. Whose feast-day is on Boxing Day?
14. Who was crowned Christmas Day 1066?
15. What is the freezing point of water?
16. Where does Up-Helly-Aa take place?
17. What is the common name for hederas?
18. The traditional home of the Inuit people?
19. What is the largest atoll in the world?
20. When would you see '3 ships a-sailing'?

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## OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

### 1st Bourne End Scout Group

As we advance into the winter the boys and girls will spend more time on activities in the Scout Headquarters rather than outdoors. All our programmes are based around working together as a team, helping the other person, leadership skills, and a role in our village life.

This term Beavers have been having evenings on emergency aid, safety, chip shop hike (Green Cross Code) and a pet show.

Jubilee and Jungle Cubs have had athletics in the park, a visit to the fire station, planning a night hike, the following week night hike, training and then taking part in the County Orienteering Competition, as well as lots of badge work.

Scouts have taken part in indoor and outdoor games, map work, getting a bearing, and the County Orienteering Competition.

The Executive Committee and the Fundraising Team are now working on building up our support from parents, friends and leaders for the new year, and started with a Family Fun afternoon/evening in November.

On Fun Night Simon (Quarter Master), James (Assistant Leader) and I will be roasting chestnuts again. So many young people don't know what chestnuts are or what they taste like. The reason is that most homes now do not have open fires to roast the chestnuts in the hot ashes; perhaps it is only some of us golden oldies who remember the taste. This is not a fundraising venture for us, but is just to take part in a village evening. Our village looks so pretty at Christmas every year, thanks to the support of the traders who donate money for the Fun Night and the lights.

Since I last wrote some of our leaders have been on advanced training, child safety, and first aid. These courses are great fun (meeting old friends) as well as keeping everyone up-to-date with new Scout policies.

Contact details for our Group: Membership Secretary Jenny Benning 01628 525674 and Roy Harris 01628 526805

### Wooburn Park LTC

Summer matches are now over and we are into the winter programme. Club Championship Finals took place in September, the winners being: Men's Singles Ben Evans, Ladies' Singles Taisa Lane, Men's Doubles Peter and Greg Lim, Ladies' Doubles Janet Jamieson and Taisa Lane, Mixed Doubles John Rixon and Taisa Lane.

### Flower Arrangement Society

We have had a good year with many

interesting demonstrations and amusing stories from those creating flower displays. The October meeting was given by five members who each did a display that was exceedingly professional, each in a different style.

Our Christmas demonstration will be on Tuesday December 4 with Pat Dibben presenting her interpretation of Winter Solstice, which will get you in the mood for your own Christmas decorating.

We have our AGM and party on Tuesday January 8, followed by our first meeting on Tuesday February 5 with demonstrator Ninon Linnel.

For further information please contact Liz Payne on 01628 476641. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings on the first Tuesday of each month in the main hall at the community centre (entry fees apply).

### Bourne End Twinning Association

We held a Coffee Morning at Bourne End Library on October 12. This was to promote the association and we also took donations for Medecins Sans Frontieres. The committee set up one table with twinning items, another for donations and a number of tables with French food. All morning there was a steady stream of people talking, asking questions and enjoying coffee and tea. Overall the event was very successful and five new members joined.

At the association's Autumn Dinner in October 61 members and friends attended including Dominic Grieve, Attorney General, QC, MP. They were entertained by Bass-ically Saxes who did a musical quiz which was won by Jill Smith's team.

Our Annual Dance Night will be held on Saturday January 26 and this year we are having a Square Dance. Tickets: members £11, non-members £12 from David on 01628 520065.

The official twinning visit to Octeville sur Mer will take place from May 30 to June 3. Members are asked to please put these dates in their diaries and keep these dates free. A letter will be sent to all members inviting them to participate. This will be the 10th anniversary of the signing of the twinning charters and to mark this event the visit will be over five days and there will be a day visit to Paris.

If you are not a member, why not join and then you could come to Octeville sur Mer! Becoming a member of the Association couldn't be easier, just call 01628 520065 or email [bebta@ukgo.com](mailto:bebta@ukgo.com). Family membership is £6 per year and single membership £3 per year. See [www.bebta.ukgo.com](http://www.bebta.ukgo.com) for more details and photos of our twinning events.

### RNLI Bourne End & District Branch

So far this year the branch has banked £15,500, a wonderful result in these difficult times. We have another two-day collection in December by kind permission of Tesco

Loudwater and at the time of writing John Spokes is organising a two-day collection at the M40 Service Station Beaconsfield. It had originally been planned for September but unfortunately at the time there was no one available to organise it.

The Sainsbury's collection in October raised just under £1,500 and the sale of Christmas cards, diaries and calendars has also gone well. There are still a few left for last-minute purchases!

The branch owes a great deal to John Spokes who has worked tirelessly organising all the two-day supermarket collections this year. The work entails innumerable phone calls and much letter writing and we congratulate him on the end result.

We would like to thank the many supporters who volunteer time and time again to stand outside the supermarkets with their collecting buckets. The branch is most fortunate in having so many helpers, however we are always delighted to welcome even more supporters if any *Target* reader feels they could spare an hour or so. Contact 01628 523736 with any offers of help, or for details of our branch.

### Bucks Family History Society

The Christmas social evening for members is on December 11.

On Tuesday January 8 Dr Colin Chapman gives his talk on 'Was your ancestor really married?' - an illustrated outline of what constituted a valid marriage recognised by both church and state, and the circumstances under which our ancestors undertook their marriage vows. Surviving records will be highlighted. Doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.45pm start in the small hall at the community centre.

### Marlow/Maidenhead Passenger Association

We held our regular meeting with the First Great Western management team in October. The franchise renewal bid is suspended at present and FGW is talking to the Department of Transport regarding an extension of the current franchise until the bidding chaos is sorted out. Long-term investment plans by FGW are on hold but otherwise operations continue as normal.

There are no major changes in the December timetable but there will be some reductions after 10pm due to Crossrail preparatory work. These will mainly affect Heathrow Connect but the 22:27 Paddington to Reading replaces 22:10 and 22:45 departures. A bigger change is planned for Easter 2013 when tracks will be shifted to the new platforms at Reading.

At Paddington there are still problems with notifying departure platform details. Platform numbers are not shown in the public timetable booklet in case there are last-minute changes, although FGW say they are in the working timetable available on Network Rail's website - only useful if you have a suitable mobile device.

We have passed on evidence regarding conflicting ticket prices given on the FGW website with those from ticket office staff. FGW explained that there were fluctuations in the workload of Customer Service agents and they had targets for the number of enquiries dealt with. Now we understand that FGW has taken on additional revenue protection inspectors and ticket examiners.

FGW is targeting 'revenue at risk' with the priority on higher price fares. They are also keen to protect first-class travel and will be having a blitz on its abuse in the coming weeks.

Customers are asked to report cases of non-collection of fares on the branch to FGW on the same day if possible so that the member of staff can be identified.

There have been a number of issues with the information displays on the turbos. The contractor involved had delivered a defective product. Modifications are in progress.

A number of other issues raised will be reported in the next MMPA newsletter.

### Wye Valley Volunteers

Help! We need somebody. Recently we reported that a flush of new volunteers had swelled the ranks, but autumn seems to be peak holiday time for our volunteers and, with some longer term absences, suddenly we are struggling to find enough drivers to undertake all the transport requests.

Drivers (usually) take elderly people for medical and other appointments and the majority of the time they find it a rewarding and enjoyable experience. Do please contact us if you would be interested in joining the team; even a couple of trips a month would be a great help.

Our usual Christmas social was held at the end of November (Christmas keeps getting earlier!) as a thank-you to the many volunteers who run our services. This year we are particularly proud of Jean Peasley for being named one of its Diamond Champions by the WRVS (see *Target's* cover story) – a much deserved award.

If you would be interested in volunteering or if you yourself need some help or would like more information, contact us at the Community Volunteer Office (portakabin to the right of the Community Centre). The office is open from 10am to 12 noon on weekdays, or ring 01628 521027.

### Townswomen's Guild

We usually meet on the second Wednesday in the month at 1.30pm in the small hall at the community centre.

Our Christmas meeting will actually take place on the first Wednesday, December 5, when we will welcome the Harmony Singers. Then, as a good start to 2013, we will welcome Rita Trigger on January 9 to show us some Fitness Fun – with everyone involved.

You are welcome to come along and meet us to see if you would like to become a regular.

# CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

Events in the community centre unless otherwise stated

## DECEMBER

- 2 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm.  
 4 Tues Flower Club members welcome Pat Dibben with her demonstration called 'Winter Solstice' at 8pm. Always a wonderful evening. Non members welcome (entry fees apply).  
 4 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the Community Centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle.  
 6 Thurs A one-off Fun Quiz in the bar at 8.30pm. Make up a table or join one – just be there and it will be a great evening.  
 7 Fri FUN NIGHT on The Parade with late night shopping, Christmas activities including school choirs, beer tasting from Rebellion Brewery, hot dogs, tombola and lots more. The prize winning light will be switched on at 5pm. Free car parking all day in Wakeman Road.  
 8 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library.  
 8 Sat Nativity on Wooburn Green and Carols on the Green from 6pm (details in the St Paul's report page 35).  
 9 Sun Table top sale at the centre 9.30am to 11.30am. Call Caroline on 01628 485642 to take part.  
 14 Fri Bingo in the small hall. The fun starts at 2pm.  
 15 Sat The Community Church presents Carols on the Green from 4.30pm on Wooburn Green.  
 21 Fri Bingo in the small hall. The fun starts at 2pm.  
 23 Sun Carol Concert at 7.45pm in the community centre. A large combined choir with the Festive Brass make this a great start to Christmas. Refreshments in the interval – tea/coffee and mince pie. Entry is free.  
 31 Mon New Year's Eve Dance "American Supper" theme, 8pm to 12.30am. Admission £7.50 in advance from Barbara and David on 01628 629563. £10 on the door. Evening dress optional.

## JANUARY

- 4 Fri Bingo in the small hall. The fun starts at 2pm.  
 8 Tue Family History Society welcomes Dr Colin Chapman who will pose the question "Was you ancestor really married?" in the small hall. His talk will outline what constituted a valid marriage, recognised by both church and state. Doors open at 7.15 with the talk at 7.45pm. Non members welcome.  
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 8 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the Community Centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle.  
 11 Fri Bingo in the small hall. The fun starts at 2pm.  
 12 Sat Children's Party at the centre 2.30 to 5pm with entertainment provided by Oscar the Magician. Tickets £4 from the centre.  
 12 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library.  
 16 Wed FREE performance of Camelot The Panto by Forum Players for senior citizens at the community centre 8pm. No ticket needed.  
 18 Fri Bingo in the small hall. The fun starts at 2pm.  
 18 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company.  
 19 Sat St Mark's monthly market in the church hall from 10am to 12 noon with coffee and cakes.  
 19 Sat Camelot The Panto by Forum Players. Performances at the community centre. 2.30pm and 6.30pm. Tickets available from Bourne End Library. Details and poster on page 37.  
 20 Sun Camelot The Panto by Forum Players. Performance at the community centre. 2.30pm. Tickets available from Bourne End Library.  
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# AROUND & ABOUT...



1 These spooky pictures were taken at the Claytons PTA Halloween Disco 1: the fancy dress competitions were hotly contested by young and old alike 2: Sam and Jo Routledge 3: Iris Lakovic (in hat) winner of the children's fancy dress competition and her sister Verity.

The team at Mankind hairdressing salon in Bourne End really go to town with their window displays. Their Olympic special was amazing and their Halloween window (below) certainly turned heads!



## Christmas Fairs...

Here's a selection of pictures from the St Mark's, St Dunstan's and Cores End Reformed Church Christmas events. Find more images on the Target magazine Facebook page!



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