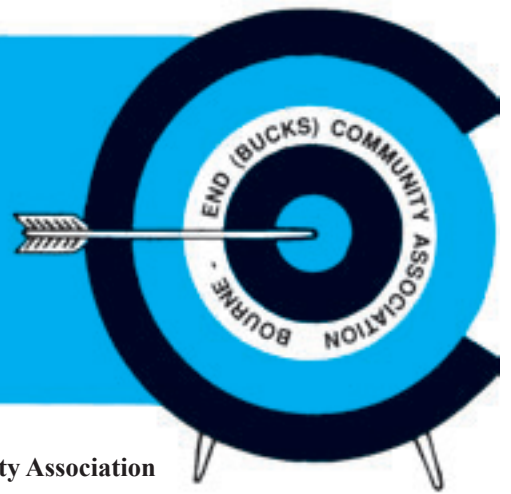


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Railway bridge is having a 2013 facelift



Bourne End's railway bridge over the River Thames is getting a long-awaited facelift.

Walkers, river users and local residents will soon be aware of the huge job which is now underway to repair and repaint the local landmark.

The project needed a massive amount of preparation and planning. Getting this far has taken months of surveying, consultation with various agencies and familiarisation with the site, the bridge, the railway and especially the river.

Site Manager Pete Palmer has been tracking recent flooding and high water levels in relation to his work schedule: "It is a concern" he said.

Four years ago there were plans to repaint the bridge over the spring of 2009 as the paint was flaking with areas of rust visible underneath. The work didn't happen though things were clearly deteriorating.

Eventually it was decided to do a full structural survey with a view to repainting. That survey found problems with rivets in the bridge structure and that set in motion this year's major repair and maintenance works – as well as the final coat of paint.

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New Year's Honour for RNLI's Diana

Chairman of the Bourne End & District Branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, Diana Spokes, was honoured in the Queen's New Year's Honours List. She will be presented with the British Empire Medal (BEM) for services to maritime safety in recognition of more than 30 years of dedication and fundraising for the organisation.

She joined the local committee of the RNLI back in 1977 and has been chairman since 1999. Last year the group had their best ever year raising more than £20,000 for the vitally important organisation which saves lives at sea and on beaches throughout the UK.

Diana and her group, which includes her husband John and daughter Rose, raise money to fund life-saving equipment and training for lifeboat crews.

Diana, who lives in Chapman Lane, Bourne End, says she was "greatly honoured, flabbergasted" by the honour: "But it's due in no small part to the unflagging support of my husband John, who works tirelessly to organise collections, and the wonderful committee."

She received a letter from the Cabinet Office last November asking her if she would accept the honour, but, as is the custom, requesting her to keep the news secret until the full Honours List was published on December 29.

Only six BEMs were handed out nationally to RNLI people, three of these went to crew members.

Diana has since had letters of congratulations from the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, the Department of Transport as well as the Chairman of the Trustees and CEO of the RNLI.

She's now keeping her eye on her post for the letter confirming where and when she will receive her medal.

"It's likely to be somewhere in Bucks by the Lord Lieutenant, not at Buckingham Palace," she says "But I will get an invite to a Royal Garden Party which will be wonderful."

* Rose Start, Secretary of the RNLI Bourne End and District Branch, has been awarded a Silver Badge by the organisation for her support during her 10 years as Honorary Secretary. Branch Treasurer Kevin Hourigan has been awarded the Bronze Badge and his committee member wife, Margaret, a Certificate of Thanks. These awards are presented by the Trustee Board of the RNLI.



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BULL'S EYE

It never fails to amaze me how many stories and reports we always have to squeeze into this village magazine. It just goes to show what a thriving and busy community this is. Every time we sit down to plan an issue we wonder how we will fill all the pages then, hey presto, the emails start pinging into my in-box and we start talking about how to shoehorn everything into the pages. I'm not complaining of course. It's wonderful that *Target* has so much community support and I'm so grateful that people take the time and trouble to write about all the local groups, churches, schools and associations. Please keep up your hard work!

We actually haven't got room for everything that happens in the villages and these days put many of the unused pictures onto our Facebook page. So if you've been snapped by one of the *Target* photographers or have sent in images from an event and think you've been cast aside... check on Facebook! Our page is *Target Magazine*.

Since Christmas our Facebook page has featured children's party pictures from the community centre and of course the Forum Players Camelot panto images. See my review for this show on page 36.

February might not be the cheeriest of months as far as the weather is concerned, but hold tight. Spring will soon be here and in such a lively community there always something to do here...

Debra Aspinall, editor

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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.

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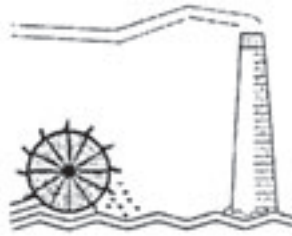
ABOUT TARGET

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

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

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

WOOBURN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



Christmas Lights Event

The Green's Christmas lights were switched on by Ed McKeever, Wooburn's Olympic Gold Medallist, on November 24 at the Wooburn Club. It was a wet afternoon – memories of the Jubilee in June – but just as on that memorable day, there was a good turnout of enthusiastic people determined to enjoy themselves.

Father Christmas paid a visit, and the Christmas medley was sung indoors rather than around the tree as planned. Mulled wine, mince pies and a raffle helped swell the fund for maintenance of the lights.

The Wooburn Club followed up with children's entertainment, and the evening climaxed with 'The Jersey Lads' (a tribute band) for those ageing rockers who were still 'up for it'.

A highly successful evening which we hope will continue as an annual event.

New Housing Development for Wooburn Green?

Come and let your views be known

We have been contacted by BAM, the company which owns Glory Park in Wooburn Green, saying that they have submitted a pre-application planning request to Wycombe District Council to seek outline planning approval for a change of use from office development to residential use for a portion of their site at Glory Park. They currently own a commercial building in use by three companies.

They stated that they are keen to consult with the wider community and to fully understand the desires of local people. It is anticipated at this stage that their

planning application would include apartment buildings, comprising a mix of two and three bedroomed apartments, two to three storey semi-detached and detached townhouses totalling some 150 in all.

BAM is staging an open afternoon and exhibition on Monday March 11, in the Wooburn Club, from 2.30pm to 8pm for anyone who would like to see its proposals.

Future of The Wooburns

As published in the last edition of *Target*, we need your views and your input. We also mentioned that there would be an open event in the Spring. Wooburn Residents' Association is taking this opportunity to invite you into the Wooburn Club at the same time as the BAM presentation to hear about our plans for the Community Led Plan for the Wooburns and for you to have your say. Come and join us for tea and cake, between 2.30pm – 8pm, on Monday March 11, in the Wooburn Club, on the Green, Wooburn.

A Community Led Plan gives you an opportunity to say what you want to achieve for your community. Its purpose is to make Wooburn a better place in which to live, and can include anything that is relevant to the people that live and work here. It will show how residents want the community to develop, and will identify actions needed. Topics include transport, highways, the environment, recreation, youth provision, and protection of our rural community etc.

In the long run, it may affect the lives and environment of all who live in our precious village.

Wooburn Residents' bi-monthly meeting will follow the open afternoon at 8pm, on Monday March 11 in the Wooburn Club, on the Green, so please join us.

For more information about the Community Led Plan, please email Maggi Fraser at Maggifraser5@gmail.com.

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Railway bridge facelift (continued from page one)



Osborne Structural Engineers will have a site office at the back of the marina building and they will be using the marina services for material storage and river access to the bridge. The work will be done in two stages – the outer spans first and then the middle span. At all times there will be a safe route through for river traffic but they will have to follow the signs and keep to the marked route.

Work will involve creating a scaffolding structure which will incorporate a lift to the work area. This will be a lengthy job taking several weeks before any work starts. The scaffolding will be suspended from the bridge and not built up from the riverbed.

Special acoustic curtains will surround noisy work areas to reduce noise levels for local residents and

especially when there is any night-time working. Plastic sheeting will protect bridge, footpath and river users during shot blasting.

“These are major works” explained Mr Palmer, “and we are fully aware of the sensitive nature of the site. There is also no question that the work must be done as the bridge is a vitally important link for Marlow and Bourne End.” There have been consultations with Wycombe District Council and the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead to ensure that the arrangements meet the requirements on noise levels and pollution issues – particularly relating to any necessary night-time working.

At the same time there has been consultation

regarding use of the Thames Path and its route over the river. The aim is to keep the footpath open although there will be occasions when walkers will be offered ear protectors or will be asked by bridge marshals to wait a few minutes before crossing. At all times those involved in the work will be in radio contact with each other and with their site office at the marina.

Around 20 people will be working on the project regularly and they will be walking along the footpath to gain access to the bridge and its scaffolding. Materials and equipment will be delivered by barge and waste will be vacuumed into a skip and taken away by barge.

As with most major works there will be times when the bridge and river will be bustling with activity. February and March certainly seem likely to fit that category as two separate sets of scaffolding go into place.

There is no doubt that the message from everyone involved has to be that working together is the only way forward on this very necessary work to the railway bridge.

Listen to guidance from the bridge marshals and, if you have queries or problems, check out the noticeboard in the marina which will have contact telephone numbers. And, although to be confirmed, the colour is expected to be light grey, as existing.

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The Christmas and New Year break wasn't really a break for us. The water levels rose to the highest since January 2003, at one stage coming within about four inches of our office, and this caused extra work for us in that we had to take in a few boats from the outside for safety. Also large amounts of flotsam and rubbish floated down stream into the marina and had to be removed from between the boats.

Due to our preparation and planning before the levels became too high and due to our daily attendance through the holiday period I am pleased to announce that we did not have any damage to any of our boats. My waders worked a treat despite water levels on the towpath being thigh deep.

One boat owner was at the marina looking at the water when he was approached by a lady enquiring if he knew where to get sand bags, having received the flood warning. He said he didn't and asked if she was worried, she replied that she was. The boat owner then asked where she lived, "Flackwell Heath" was the reply. "Blimey" said the boat owner who lives in Bourne End, "if you flood my house will be about 400 feet underwater!"

Before the festivities we had our annual 'Gentleman's Stroll' which this year commenced at the Walnut Tree and took us up Cookham High Street to the Social Club, the odd beer was consumed during the walk as is traditional. I arrived home, walking and talking, at a reasonable hour, but Gerry, my partner, who is not bilingual, said that she could not

make sense of what I was saying. She also disputes that I was walking. Nevertheless Gerry and I are still together, Matty and Chaos are also still with their partners and I regret to inform you that there are no 'amusing' tales to tell, all was extremely civilised. Attendance was about 15 souls and one dog.

At this time of year crime is quite rampant whether it be burglary, break-ins of shops in the village or even the river. Up and down the river there has been a spate of outboard engines being stolen. It is estimated that in excess of 60 have gone, usually one site will be hit for up to eight at a time.

We have not been hit at the marina but we are forever on our guard. These are professional thefts and the guess is that these engines are abroad by now. It's a reminder to us all to be vigilant. I guess it is simply a sign of the times but as we all know it's not just the loss of the property but it's all the hassle and inconvenience caused to many people. Bring back the birch and public floggings I say!

Looking forward we have much to do in preparation for the new season. Many people think that we hibernate in the winter months but to be honest we are just as busy but on different duties. The work, preparation and planning that we put in over the winter tends to lead to what, hopefully, appears to be a smooth and well-oiled summer season.

I learnt the rule of the 6 P's in the army and it is also a phrase used in management training,

'Prior Preparation Prevents P*** Poor Performance'.

A very true statement if I ever heard one, a rule that is adhered to at the marina.

A few people in the office have dared drink a coffee out of my EVERTON mug and survived, but only a few. I am very protective about this mug, resplendent in Blue and White. I mention this as it is not widely known that this spring marks its 25th anniversary from being liberated from the club shop and it has been my constant work companion ever since. Anyone who has a hot drink in the office and is caught using it will be killed, survivors will be killed again. Another little known fact about my mug, is that it's teetotal. It has never held alcohol, how strange is that? Happy anniversary Mug, I may even clean you this year.

Matt and Chaos are fine, you will note that they have not been lambasted in this missive, this is because I am often shouted at and physically abused in the street by readers who think I am being unfair, unreasonable and downright rude about them. I apologise to all concerned. It's not really my fault, would my abusers employ them? I think not. You have no idea what they get up to, the problem is neither do I. They actually work here for morale reasons. When I'm down I look at them and think, "hey, life is not that bad after all" and I feel so much better. No, seriously, the marina would not be what it is without them, Matt and Chaos make the marina what it is today!

We are recruiting this year. We require a new car park attendant to work April to September, weekends and Bank holidays from 10am to 3pm. This is a task that could suit the more mature person, and do you know what? you get to wear the much coveted marina clothing! Should anyone be interested I would ask that you call down the marina for a chat.

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Wooburn Green Village Sign

If you have recently driven from Wooburn toward Beaconsfield you will no doubt have seen the new village sign on the small traffic island at the bottom of Holtspur Lane.

The sign is the result of a lot of dedication and hard work from Cllrs Kate Airley, Dave Airley and Michael Reeves. When LABGI funding became available the three councillors set up a working party in June last year chaired by Kate Airley to explore the possibility of putting a village sign in Wooburn Green.

The funding was good news for the parish council as it meant that all the costs for the sign were already covered. The working party began by researching sign styles and manufacturers and they eventually decided on a metal sign that they felt was in keeping with the conservation area status of the suggested sign location. The next step was to design the sign and again after much research it was thought that a simple drawing of St Paul's Church would be the most effective option.

The parish council and local groups including Wooburn Residents' Association rubber stamped the final design. The vicar of St Paul's the Rev Martin Wallington was also kept informed of progress. The working party would like to thank Clive's Drives, which arranged for the supporting base plate to be installed on the island and Thames Forge in Maidenhead, not only for manufacturing the sign, but also for their helpful advice during the design process. The parish council now has plans



underway for a village sign to be placed in Bourne End and we are hopeful that it will happen within the next few months (see page 14). The parish council would like to thank Cllrs Kate Airley, Dave Airley and Michael Reeves for all their hard work during this project.

Parish Improvements & Notice Boards

The parish council would like to thank everyone who sent in suggestions for parish improvements and possible areas for notice boards. All suggestions will be considered by the councillors in the next few weeks.

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Parish Streetlights

Bucks County Council is responsible for the streetlights on the main roads but the parish council is responsible for nearly all the streetlights on the side roads in the parish. If you notice a streetlight in your road that is flickering, dim, completely out or on all day please let us know and we will ask our contractors to go and fix it. If you can tell us the number on the streetlight it will help us to identify its location more quickly. Our contractors are pretty nifty and can usually get round to fixing the light within a week.

New Year

Well we are now bang in the middle of winter but at least the days are getting longer and spring is just around the corner. It never ceases to amaze that the most delicate of spring flowers can survive in such hostile conditions.

Meeting Dates 2013:

Full Council: February 26
Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials: February 5
Planning, Highways & Lighting: February 13
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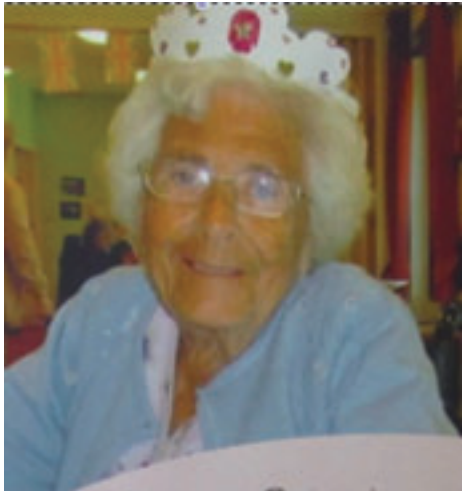
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Many people called into the day centre on the Thursday before Christmas to share the delight of a battle won. They wanted to look around and enjoy the sense of achievement that came from keeping this very special facility open and welcoming.

Some people admitted that they hadn't visited before and were impressed by the space and the facilities. "It is superb" Gill Burston said "I never realised just how good it is."

Members of the Fremantle Trust, who now run the day centre services in Bourne End, greeted officers and councillors from Bucks County Council.

There were warm messages of congratulations for The Friends of Bourne End Day Care Centre who had worked hard to make all this happen.

"When we put up the new sign outside I breathed a sigh of relief" said Jim Penfold, one of the friends group, "that seemed to set the seal on the future of the day centre".

Speeches were short and there was a cheer when a key, with a rather tatty tag, was handed over by Carl Etholen, vice chairman of Bucks County Council, to the friends group. They, in turn, handed it over to Carole Sawyers, chief executive of the Fremantle Trust.

Carole summed up the feeling of great pleasure by saying that the Fremantle Trust was delighted to be involved. She praised the staff who had worked so hard through difficult times. "Everything is do-able," she said "and it will be a privilege to do it with such wonderful people. Let's keep the day centre at the heart of the community."



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Firstly, visit your neighbours to see if they would join a scheme. There can be any number of households involved, generally 6-15 houses in the same road, but sometimes more with the help of a deputy.

Then contact Wycombe Neighbourhood Watch and they will arrange an informal start-up meeting with all interested households to talk through the benefits and responsibilities.

There is of course an application form to fill in and the police will have to approve you as a suitable person to represent your community, but once that is done you are ready to start work.

The responsibilities of a neighbourhood watch coordinator are to share information, raise concerns and liaise with the community police and residents in order to improve safety. Basically this means;

* Distribute (by email usually) the Thames Valley Alert messages – these email bulletins from the police

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* Take delivery of and put up Neighbourhood Watch signs in the street – these are great deterrents to opportunistic thieves.

* Advise households on simple security measures such as shed locks, alarms, property markings, how to deal with bogus callers and rogue traders – Neighbourhood Watch has lots of information on all this.

* Encourage neighbours to report any suspicious activity to the police on 999 if a crime is taking place, or on the new non-emergency number 101.

* Discuss any specific concerns you and your members have, such as anti-social behaviour, with your community police.

* Keep records of members and encourage new members to join. Keep an eye on elderly or vulnerable neighbours, and ensure they are advised of all relevant information.

For more information go to www.neighbourhoodwatch.net, call 0116 2710052 (office hours only) or write to UKNWT, First Floor, 52 London Road, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 5DH. Or you can contact Bourne End resident Doug Meredith who is Deputy Chairman for the High Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch Association at bourne.consultancy@btopenworld.com.

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Robert started their presentation with an ear-tingling blast on the natural trumpet. This instrument has long been used to inform and communicate. On the battlefield it had to be played with one hand, and often on horseback. It would signal troops to advance, move from side to side or, in the worst situation, retreat. The early, natural trumpets, did not have piston valves. Today's modern instruments have three piston valves which control the sound and are played with the other hand.

Robert's musical career revolved around the modern instrument although, when father and son got together, there was a united fascination with early instruments. Eventually they set about acquiring details and drawings of a natural trumpet from 1680 and made, in their words, "a pretty good copy".

In their Bourne End workshop they have made more than 600 instruments which have been sent to all corners of the world. Today they confess that for reasons of economy, consistency and durability their standard natural trumpets are made using modern techniques and machinery.

Robert's interest in early music led him to play the natural trumpet with the Gabrieli Players, the English Baroque Soloists and the Academy of Ancient Music. He's planning a baroque concert for the 2013 Wooburn Festival and was delighted to welcome festival chairman Brian Johnson to the library event.

So, with a final blast signifying a job well done, father and son bowed to the applause of an appreciative audience in the library. Then there was a chance to take a close look at this simple instrument – created in a Bourne End workshop and inspired by centuries of history.



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Precept

We have set our budget for 2013/14 and our precept remains at £39,500, which is the same as the last two years.

However there is potential to increase the precept for 2013/14 but this could upset residents if a large increase is applied to overcome future capping.

Quoting from Eric Pickles' speech in Parliament on December 19, 2012: "The Coalition Agreement committed the government to relinquishing control over excessive Council Tax increases and giving that democratic power directly to local communities. This was legislated for through the Localism Act.

"The government has today published the Council Tax principles it is proposing for 2013 to 2014. Council Tax increases would trigger a referendum, if they exceed: 2% for most principal authorities; or £5 (which ever is higher) in the case of shire district councils, police and crime commissioners and fire and rescue authorities that set the lowest quartile of Council Tax in their class.

"The final principles for 2013 to 2014 will be set out in a report for the approval of the House of Commons, at the same time as the final report on the local government finance settlement.

"No equivalent principles are being

proposed for town and parish councils for 2013 to 2014, although they may in future years."

Neighbourhood Plan/Wycombe District Plan

Although we had a very good response to our flyer asking for volunteers to formulate a Neighbourhood Plan, we decided that it was not sufficient to go ahead, and so we are looking to form a group to play a part in formulating the Wycombe District Local Plan. More information can be found at www.wycombe.gov.uk/newlocalplan. If you live in the parish of Little Marlow and would like to be involved in the group, then please contact barbara_wallis@littlemarlowparishcouncil.org.uk

Athletics track at Westhorpe

Little Marlow Parish Council is, of course, disappointed that Wycombe District Council's Planning Committee did not agree with our concerns about the athletics track at Westhorpe Farm Lane, particularly the impact of the floodlights and the poor access arrangements for pedestrians and cyclists. However, we hope that the planned improvements to rights of way and public access will

materialise and that the final arrangements will enhance the proposed country park. We look forward to working with WDC, the landowner and the athletics clubs to achieve the best outcome for local people.

Allotments

We have a few vacant allotments available at our Chapman Lane site. The plots have been somewhat neglected and will need quite a lot of hard work. If you would like a challenge, please contact the clerk.

Future Parish Council meetings

The parish council meetings are held at The Pavilion, Church Road, Little Marlow on the following dates: February 19 and April 9. Meetings start at 8pm and you are very welcome to attend.

You may like to make a note of the date of the annual parish meeting which will be held at Abbotsbrook Hall, Well End on Friday May 10 at 8pm. You are also welcome to attend this meeting.

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Richard Garratt is the owner of On The Thames, the thriving riverside restaurant located at Bourne End Marina. We caught up with Richard at the end of a typically busy lunchtime shift.

How far back does your connection with Bourne End go?

When I was 16 my family moved to Marlow from Silverstone. I have two sisters and a brother. We're all still pretty much in this area, apart from one sister who recently moved to Chichester. I've lived back and forth in Maidenhead and Marlow, and currently live in Marlow.

Did you go to school locally?

I was at Great Marlow school then after sixth form went straight into the kitchens at Danesfield House to train as a chef. I then worked at The Compleat Angler – where I first met Hywel Richards, who is my chef here at OTT – and has been since we started.

But I had wanderlust and went off travelling with a mate. We did all of the far east, Australia and New Zealand. I worked in Sydney for as long as I was legally allowed to with a visa – I loved it. It was a great lifestyle for a young red-blooded male.

I think if my visa hadn't run out I would have settled and made a life there, but in retrospect I'm glad I didn't. I enjoy being here and near my family. And I love my restaurant.

How did On The Thames come about?

When I came back from Australia I went straight back to work at The Compleat Angler, then I went back to Danesfield House but this time as sous chef to Michael McDonald who went on to open The Vanilla Pod in Marlow. I was with him for four years and really honed my skills in the kitchen.

Then I had the opportunity to take over Pips sandwich bar in Marlow. Don't ask me why but I'd always wanted a sandwich bar. It was hard work, but I loved it. I made it a success and increased the outside catering tenfold. We were even catering for big events at businesses down on the Marlow industrial estate.

Then one day someone mentioned that they were building this small development on the Bourne End Marina and that there was a sign on the building site saying there would be a restaurant

here. My father, Brian, and I came to see it – there was really just a big empty room at the time – no stairs or anything – and we just felt it was right for us. He was my backer and it's all worked out great. That was seven years ago.



Richard with OTT's head chef Hywel Richards



What's the secret of OTT's success?

Well the river setting is fantastic of course, but at night, in winter, it's dark and you can't see the view so you can't rely on that. I guess put simply we offer good, well cooked food at very reasonable prices. But having said that if OTT was OTHS – On The High Street – I think it would be even more successful. We get no passing trade here and the business is quite strongly affected by weather. If it's a sunny day or evening we see about a 40% increase in clients.

Do you get many boats stopping here?

Well that trade is certainly increasing. We are now in a handbook that the boat hire people give out so more people are stopping by for lunch or dinner. And the marina is so much busier than it used to be.

What are your plans for 2013?

This year it's all about added value for clients. We are going to do lots of little extras like giving our own branded chocolates with the coffee, goody bags to children [who dine for free at OTT on Sundays], we are jazzing up the bread and dips and we have branded pourers for the wine bottles which people can take home with them – it's something I saw in France and have been trying to source for about a year!

But probably the biggest change will be at weekends when as well as the breakfasts on Saturdays and Sundays we will open as a pub from 4pm on Sundays on fine days. When the weather is decent The Bounty pub opposite can barely cope with the number of people who turn up. We're going to be open for just drinks or bar snacks on Sundays. We also hope to increase our home catering side of the business. It's going to be a busy year!

When will you take time off?

Not sure, but I suppose I should pay more attention to my social life. I want to start cycling more often. And my pals are always trying to set me up on blind dates but I'm still single.

Favourite local shop: The Co-op. It's so useful for the restaurant when we run out of something like green tea late on a Tuesday night.

Favourite restaurant: OTT of course or the Harvester. I get twitchy waiting between courses so I enjoy their salad bar!!

Favourite dish: Our monkfish.

Favourite thing to do locally: Cycle along the river.

Oh and can I add that my favourite client is Steve McFadden [EastEnders' Phil Mitchell] who has a boat on the river and often pops in for a meal. He's a really nice guy and very friendly. Although his visits always send my waitresses into a tizzy!

Future of Our Village Forum

Public Meeting & AGM

On November 29 the Future of Our Village Forum held its AGM at the community centre. The first part was a public meeting during which the out-going chairman, David Davis, outlined the activities of the forum to date. One major outcome was the production of the Bourne End 'Community Led Plan 2011/2012'.

Jim Penfold updated everyone on the promising situation with the Day Centre and Cllr Mike Appleyard discussed the latest information regarding the library.

Cllr Andy Cobden, Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council, together members of the Village Sign Working Party, unveiled a mock-up of the proposed village sign for Bourne End. Those present voted to support the idea of a village sign. A location was discussed with preference expressed for the raised bed area outside No. 25. This is owned by Derek Pink who has kindly given his consent for it to be used.

There followed the AGM during which David Langford was elected to the role of chairman, Janet Gould to secretary and Sue Wagner to treasurer. Janet Gould can be contacted on 01628 524122 should you wish to discuss issues or if your organisation wishes to join the forum.

The Bourne End Community Led Plan

The summary of the plan has been printed and a copy delivered to every household within the village. If you have not received a copy please collect one from the library, the community centre or call Janet Gould to arrange delivery.

The full document, including an action plan, has been finalised and a copy is available in the library. Copies will be forwarded to the parish, district and county councils where the information will be used in their plans for the village. The full version is also available on the internet via www.bourneendbucks.com.



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Bollards at Chalklands

Many residents will have noticed the bollards that have recently been installed at the entrance to Chalklands at the junction with Blind Lane.

Chalklands is a small private estate which, for many years, was maintained by its local developer, A D Jameson. When his office on the estate closed, the local authority provided limited maintenance until 2003 when funding for the emergency repair of unadopted roads was withdrawn. The residents then formed an action group (the Chalklands Residents' Association, or CRA) primarily to manage the infrastructure of the estate. The soakaway drains are cleared, a 20mph speed limit has been introduced, road signage has been improved and regular grass cutting organised.

The deterioration of the road surface continued, partly due to heavy traffic for which the road was not designed, not only from Chalklands residents but also through traffic which included domestic and heavy commercial vehicles. The 20mph speed limit was often ignored. As the state of the road was becoming dangerous the CRA installed a gate in 2005 and applied for retrospective planning permission, but the gate had to be removed when planning consent was refused.

Of course the road continued to deteriorate and after looking at other options, the CRA committee concluded in 2011 that limiting access by means of a barrier or gate was the best solution. In a paper ballot of all Chalklands residents, 89% of votes were in favour.

Eventually, after lengthy further discussions with WDC and BCC, planning permission was granted in October for installation of bollards and a 'knee rail' fence. Installation was completed on December 18.

"We believe that we have achieved a pragmatic solution to a long-standing issue that is, finally, acceptable to all," said Bill Leftwich, chairman of the residents' association.

"The Chalklands road is a private roadway and has not been dedicated for public use as is evidenced by the No Through Road signs at both entrances to Chalklands. Residents have responsibility for all aspects of road repair and this has to be funded solely by voluntary donations from Chalklands residents. And, to correct local rumours, the residents do NOT receive any reduction in Council Tax for living in an unmaintained road with no street lighting or mains road drainage.

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Forum entertains the children

Oh no they didn't... Oh yes they did!

Thanks to Forum Players children with severe disabilities did get to enjoy some pantomime-style fun when the Bourne End group stepped in at short notice. "We were pleased to do it" said Forum's chairman Rick "and the children were lovely." Children, staff, family and friends of Merryfields were delighted that Forum Players said "yes" to a special show when many other groups had said they weren't able to help.

Merryfields wanted the children to enjoy a slapstick show full of fun and surprises at their annual party when families have a chance to get together. Forum Players staged one of their short plays previously done at their library workshops. Keeping the attention of the children is critical and Paddington Bear's Surprise Party was the perfect length with lots of fake cream in the face, singing together and an adorable bear.

"We were in awe of these brave children, their parents and the wonderful, caring staff at Merryfields" Rick said "and we would be happy to go back and help them again." No doubt their offer will be taken up as the centre believes that children with disabilities should enjoy new experiences and challenges which help them to develop important social skills.

After their afternoon at Merryfields it was back to proper panto rehearsals for the cast members. "As they say" Rick laughed "the show must go on!"



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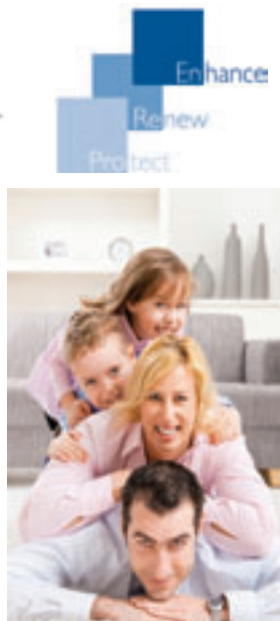
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Mary told her enthralled audience how behind the scenes of the Great British Bake Off is a huge organisation that filters down the thousands of entries to between 200-300. "Paul and I see all of these and then the last 80 bake in front of us. Finally it is down to 12 for the show."

She talked about the wide assortment of people who combine their baking skills with character, absolutely necessary for TV. "And we do taste everything" she smiled "although Paul is the one who has added the weight during the show."

Preparations are now underway for the 2013 show which will take place in London at Somerset House.

When invited to lunch at Buckingham Palace Mary had to decline as she had other commitments on that day which she would not break. Another date was suggested and Mary was able to accept. "Then my immediate thought was – what am I going to wear?" Mary was seated next to HRH the Duke of Edinburgh and they chatted together. Her lasting recollection was that the Queen's shoes were beautiful, well polished and looked "proper comfy".

Another royal appointment for Mary was at Windsor Castle when she received a CBE from the Prince of Wales. Her powder blue outfit set off the red ribbons of the award to perfection. Mary's long career as a cookery writer has a lot to do with her very direct approach on the quality of ingredients to achieve the perfect taste. Probably not surprising then that, in a festive poll, her turkey recipe scored 10/10 from among the top celebrity chefs.

Mary signed copies of her books at the Inner Wheel and then returned to Bourne End as a guest of the WI in January.

"Who is the book for?" Mary asked me. "My son" I said "who has discovered a passion for cooking." With a big smile Mary Berry, household name and 'hot' property, sent best wishes to Tom.



Mary Berry visits the Inner Wheel and not a soggy bottom in sight!

Mary Berry would smile to be described as 'hot' when on her own admission she: "feels the cold dreadfully. That's why I like jackets."

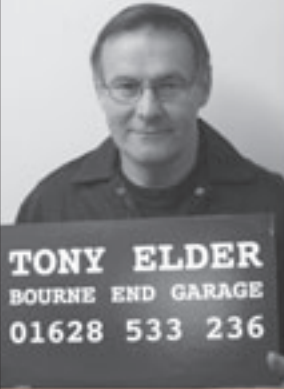
The colourful jackets this 77-year old wears on her TV appearances have become almost as much a talking point as her baking. Along with what's almost become her catchphrase when making sure the contestants never present her any baking with a soggy bottom.

But Mary, who lives in Penn, is certainly a 'hot' celebrity right now and enjoying a huge surge in popularity since starring with celebrity baker Paul Hollywood in the Great British Bake Off. Recently she's popped up everywhere from Pointless to Desert Island Discs, and almost everywhere in between.

Even so she told members of the Inner Wheel at their annual fund raising tea party in December that she was surprised at the success of the show. Then equally surprised that it should have been nominated for a BAFTA and won. "Alan Sugar was handing out the awards so we got through it quickly" she explained "but it's lovely to see the award on the shelf at home."

Top left: Mary with co-star Paul Hollywood, above: signing books at the Inner Wheel meeting and right: her latest cookery book.





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Our pictures show the Christmas pudding light (designed by schoolgirl Rosie Hopla) and the beautiful bags being sold in the library. Our Fun Night picture (left) shows the Lavender Girls (l to r) Jayne Gray, Viv Higginson and Kath Acres in front of the light.



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Wheelchair Basketball Tournament raises Funds for Aces

A great day was had by all members of the 10 teams that took part in the tournament at the Sports Hall recently and apart from enjoying themselves they raised £1350 for the Aces Wheelchair Team members. A barbecue and other refreshments were served throughout by members and supporters to keep up the strength of players in this competitive event. The BEJSC Junior Committee Team played really well and came third overall – they were the youngest team too so well done and thanks! Our photo shows some of the team members after the event.



OPEN DAY

Don't miss this opportunity to visit BEJSC and find out what we offer. The hall is open from 10am to midday when young visitors can try climbing, badminton, basketball, canoeing and football, as well as getting information on judo, swimming, and in-line hockey. All are welcome. Please check our website for the date.

200 Club winners

The December draw for the re-launched 200 Club came up with the following lucky winners; 1st Gerry Paine with number 9, 2nd Graham Watson with number 4, and 3rd Ian & Gill Addyman with number 51. The next draw will be in July. One way you can continue the legacy of the Olympics 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 or email me at office@bejsc.co.uk or call 01628 528110 and leave a message for Christine. Thank you for your support and good luck. All profits from this fundraising effort pay for some of our more senior members to take part in the Young Leaders Course.

CONGRATULATIONS to Naomi Riches - gold medallist paralympic rower, in the Mixed Coxed Four, who has been awarded an OBE in the New Years Honours List for services to rowing. Naomi has presented our awards at two annual prizegiving events over recent years so it is great to see her recognised for her huge success at the Paralympics.

Football Section

Our sincere thanks to Rosie who has completed four years as football section treasurer; a great effort. Welcome to Jonnie who has kindly taken over from her. The section is still looking for a new chairman – any volunteers??? Knowledge of football is not a prerequisite. If you are interested or require additional information, please call Ken Murphy on 01628 525359 or e-mail to info@bejsc-football.co.uk.

Plans are already underway for Sportsfest - Saturday June 8 which takes place on Wooburn Park so put the date in your diary now!

What BEJSC has 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 e-mail office@bejsc.co.uk and we will get back to you. Our open day in February will give you the chance to find out more.

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The sessions, called 'Afternoon Explorers', take place from Monday to Friday, 12.30 to 3.30pm, and run alongside the free 15 hours of state nursery time provided at the school.

Mr David Orford, Headteacher of Claytons School, said: "We were very excited to receive approval from the county council to open Afternoon Explorers. Our working parents will find it easier to manage their childcare arrangements in the knowledge that their children are in a first class early years learning environment.

"We are fortunate to have such excellent provision which sympathetically prepares the children for induction into the reception classes and this was acknowledged in



the school's recent Ofsted inspection.

Mrs Kumwenda, Head of Nursery said:

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If you would like to visit the nursery or book sessions contact: Afternoon Explorers, Claytons School, Wendover Road, Bourne End, Buckinghamshire SL8 5NS or call 01628 525277.

The Squirrels get together

Members of the Squirrels dining club hosted their senior citizens' Christmas party with guests invited from the local area including Marlow, Bourne End, Wooburn Green and Holtspur. This annual event is organised by Bourne End resident and Squirrels founder member Norman Christy and supported by the Mayor of Beaconsfield and local dignitaries.

The Squirrels, now rapidly approaching its 30th year, is a charitable dining club whose proceeds are donated to local good causes and, in most cases, are small and personal.

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As part of their contribution to the Fun Night, while the children were queuing to see the snakes, Brook House Veterinary Surgery did a guess the number of sweets in a jar competition. The winner was George Watson, who looks very happy with his prize!



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Swirling smoke, flames and the delicious smell of cooking sausages - once again Dave Kimber was in charge of the hot dogs at Fun Night. Did you see him? Three hundred hot dogs vanished in a couple of hours. Sausages from local butcher Colliass are always one of the great Fun Night attractions. Smoke from the barbecue swept along The Parade giving the Young Enterprise stalls a special mystic look.



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Meadows visit by MP

Dominic Grieve, Attorney General and MP for Beaconsfield, is a long time friend of The Meadows School in Wooburn Green and paid a pre-Christmas visit to meet the new head teacher Brendan Aspell as well as staff from the school and the SureStart Centre which provides advice and support for parents and carers.

Mr Grieve was impressed with the improvements made to the school as part of recent community days and the ongoing refurbishment of the school building. He visited classrooms to see the children and admired their displays. He then handed out achievement awards to the pupils at the weekly assembly.

Year Six were quick to take Mr Grieve up on his offer to help arrange an educational trip to the Houses of Parliament in 2013. And the school hopes to welcome Mr Grieve back as a guest of honour for their centenary celebrations.

Meadows Pre School had just been given a very good rating by Ofsted. Meadows Pre School, which

is managed by The Meadows School, takes children from the age of two and a half and concentrates on providing an affordable and accessible facility for local families.

Ofsted noted: "Children enjoy their time in this very well resourced environment that is bright and



stimulating. Their learning is enhanced by the use of the school facilities and there is an area specifically designed with two year olds in mind."

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Art in the library

Bourne End artist Ann Hogben is February's featured artist in the library. Her delightful pictures cover a wide range of subjects. Art has been her life-long passion from childhood on to the study of Advanced Art and Sculpture at Homerton College, Cambridge then through her own family life and now in her retirement.

Ann's other passion is sculpture but that will be the subject of another exhibition.

The Garibaldi pub is saved!

Happy news for Bourne End and the fight to keep a local pub open and operational.

Recently put on the market by Punch Taverns, the Garibaldi pub in Hedsor Road has now achieved sufficient donations from local residents to be purchased outright.

Local 'Save the Gari' campaigner, James Robinson was exultant: "I am thrilled that, thanks to the generosity of the locals, we have raised enough money to buy the freehold – we have now exchanged contracts and expect to complete in early February."

James added that he is confident that more local residents will come forward with contributions to help achieve the target of £400,000.

"Our next hurdle is to select a suitable tenant to work with us to bring the Gari back to its former glory," James added. "In the meantime the pub will remain open so we invite everyone to come and enjoy a drink and conversation by the open fire."

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Another award for The Exercise Clinic

The Exercise Clinic in Bourne End and member Terry Broom, jointly scooped the member achievement award at the National Fitness Awards.

The awards, held in November in Leicester, celebrate excellence and achievement throughout the fitness industry and competition is fierce.

The Exercise Clinic saw off five other finalists from all around the country. Judges were particularly impressed with how the gym helped Terry to prepare for a gruelling challenge to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, which he did at the beginning of November, raising £2000 for The White Lodge Centre based in Surrey.

It was a double whammy for The Exercise Clinic, which won the same award at the previous year's event with member Alex Field and his million metre row on a rowing machine.

The Exercise Clinic was also shortlisted for the best rehabilitation facility for the second year running.

Pictured here (l to r): *Back row - Jason Croucher (owner of The Exercise Clinic) Terry Broom (member achievement award winner) Liam Croucher (instructor). Front Row - Bev Smith (instructor) and Wendy Chaplin (instructor).*





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Bourne End WI by Jean Roche

At our meeting in November, Bourne End WI held its Annual Meeting and elected new committee members. Our new president is Jean Roche, secretary Kaye Edmondson and treasurer Lorna Hopper. Many thanks to Jenny Boas, who stood down as president; she has played a vital part in making Bourne End WI such a vibrant and successful WI.

In December, we celebrated our 1st Birthday with sparkling wine and celebration cake. The birthday cake was beautifully decorated, in a seasonal theme, by our treasurer Lorna Hopper. The evening was great fun and was attended by representatives of other local WIs.

We are looking forward to another exciting year with lots of trips and events already planned. Our first fundraising event was with Mary Berry on the January 15 at the community centre and our first meeting in January included a talk on 'Wild Flowers and Walks in the Chilterns' by Gay Beattie.

In February, we will be enjoying the 'Joys of Basket Making' by Christine Brewster plus a mystery Valentine item and in March the talk will be 'Out of the Dark', which is about furniture upcycling. There will also be a spring flower competition.

Our WI meetings take place on the first Thursday of every month in St Dunstan's Church hall 7:30pm.

Probus by Howard Fitzer

Ruth Ellis, the last woman to be hanged in Britain (for the murder of her lover David Blakeley), was not only innocent of the crime, but the victim of a conspiracy by officialdom to shield the true murderer by means of lies, fabrications and false evidence involving the British Secret Service, double agents and others.

Such is the intriguing theory posed in a book ghost-written by our after-lunch November guest speaker Monica Weller on behalf of Muriel Jakubait, the sister of Ruth Ellis.

The book, entitled "Ruth Ellis – my sister's secret life" suggests that Ruth carried the can for a murder organised by experts; that she was hand-picked and shielded those who'd picked her and promised her she wouldn't die.

In the event, the jury found her defence so unconvincing that they took precisely 23 minutes to find her guilty after a one-day trial. Quite remarkable, particularly when in those days the jury would be well aware that conviction for murder would entail an automatic sentence of death.

More than 80 members and guests attended the ladies Christmas lunch at The Grovefield House Hotel on December 5. Good food and a relaxed atmosphere made it a happy occasion with artistic table displays provided by the ladies. Some well-tried jokes and resultant incredibly hearty laughter betrayed a certain nervousness in view of the forecast end of the world later in the month. In the event, it looks as if we will have to start planning the next ladies lunch in the Summer – assuming, of course, we actually get a Summer.

Anyone wishing to take advantage of our deliverance and join the club should contact our secretary Brian Print on 01628 523739.

Rotary Club by Richard Monger

Our Christmas collections went very well, we stood outside Sainsburys, Tesco, Marks & Spencer, Morrison, Cookham and Bourne End shops as well as taking our sleigh round the streets where it stayed dry.

It is a joy to see the little ones faces when you appear at the door. We managed to raise about £5,000 for local and international charities, mainly Thames Valley Adventure Playground and U-Care a urological cancer support and research charity based in Oxford. Our thanks go to the store managers for letting us into their shops and for the kindness they showed us.

We entertained around 80 'old folk' for a Christmas lunch at Wye Valley School. The school organised the hall and the lunch and the guests were entertained by the school music department and served by the pupils. Although, of course, some of our Rotarians were old enough to be both guests as well as hosts.

Bourne End Volunteers and the school mini bus ferried all the people to and from the school and I believe that everyone had a good time including Violet Corbett, the oldest guest who will be 98 in February.

Our Christmas dinner at Flackwell Heath Golf Club was inspirational with Naomi Riches, now an MBE, giving us a talk on her preparations for her Paralympic coxed-four rowing Gold medal.

If you follow Wasps Rugby, you may have seen us at one of the car parks collecting money and helping with the parking, our intrepid teams are out in all weathers for all the home games and with your help, we raise a lot of money for our Rotary charities.

Just in case you are not aware, ALL the money raised goes to local charities with very little in expenses. For the Christmas collections the only expenses were the lollies we gave to the children, a very small amount of admin and the Santa beards. We may be friends but sharing beards is going a bit too far!

So for 2013 we have planned a meal at The Last Viceroy with our partners and various visits and competitions plus our normal fund raising activities and maybe a few more, so it should be another fun-filled Rotary year. Richard Monger
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Little Marlow & Well End WI by Diana Spokes

The WI had another enjoyable year in 2012 with interesting speakers and many excellent outings. Membership has grown over the last few years and Little Marlow & Well End WI has been delighted to welcome many younger members to the meetings.

Members were entertained by Tony Brown and Gordon Cusbeard with their wonderful Christmas Lantern Show at the special Christmas tea held in Bourne End Community Centre.

This was followed a few days later by a lunch at Winter Hill Golf Club, always a popular venue for our members. Thanks go to Val Clarke for organising this.

At the time of writing, members are looking forward to the first meeting of 2013 which is an open one when members are able to suggest future events and outings. New President Maggie Ryan will be taking the meeting. The Rambling Group, Craft & Chat Afternoon and the Book Club will continue as before. All prove very popular with members.

The February speaker is K. Brazier who will be recounting the experience of climbing Kilimanjaro aged 67, and in March Colin Oakes will be talking about Tudor London. As March is the Anniversary month, members will be celebrating their WI's 53rd birthday with a special event to be arranged.

Meetings take place on the first Tuesday of the month in Little Marlow Pavilion. Visitors are welcome, as always.

Inner Wheel by Liz Yeeles

In December we threw our annual Charity Tea Party in the Community Centre. Approximately 100 guests joined us for afternoon tea prepared by our members and we were thrilled to have Mary Berry as our guest speaker - many anxious hours were spent preparing cakes which might be spotted by the Queen of Cakes. Mary told us about some of her recent experiences in the Great British Bake Off and told us how she had been invited to lunch at Buckingham Palace with The Queen. See page 17. Mary brought a large supply of her books and did a roaring trade signing copies. Many, I suspect, for Christmas gifts. Overall the afternoon was a great success and in addition to enjoying ourselves we raised £1,105 for the Salvation Army.

Our next fund raising event will be on Wednesday March 6 when we will be holding a Bridge Drive with a delicious afternoon tea (we are very experienced at afternoon teas now) the cost will be £32 for a table and further details are available from our President Diana Hyde on 01628 810967.

Glory Mill Bowls Club by John Palfreyman

There was elation at the bowls club when it was announced that besides the annual game against Buckinghamshire Vice Presidents, the club had also been selected to host Buckinghamshire Presidents.

This is a real honour for a club as small as Glory Mill which is about to enter its 63rd year of existence. Among the reasons cited by the fixtures secretaries of the Presidents was the recognition of the club as a main element of the community in Wooburn Green and also its reputation for friendly and competitive games.

The club is always looking to recruit new members and has one of the lowest membership fees in Buckinghamshire. It gives free coaching and supplies bowls initially to allow new members to be coached and to practice. If you are interested in joining please contact the secretary Shirley Churn on 01494 673859 or Shirley.churn@btinternet.com

Students give and receive...

Seventy eight senior citizens were treated to a full Christmas lunch, with all the trimmings, at Wye Valley School. This annual event takes place thanks to the generosity of the Rotary Club of Bourne End and Cookham and the club was delighted to welcome their District Governor Judith Diment to this festive occasion.

Students were there with a welcome then served the food, chatted and made all the guests feel special. Other students provided entertainment. Everyone agreed that it was another wonderful afternoon at the school. Finally there was a cuppa and a mince pie before it was time to go. Not forgetting a bright goody bag full of treats for everyone to enjoy.

Wye Valley students were again the stars at the school's Celebration of Excellence when the spring term started.



Judith Diment, Rotary's district governor, was invited back to hand out the prizes. She said that it was a privilege and she was delighted with the wonderful relationship between the school and the rotary club.

Years 11 and 13 received exam certificates and there were awards for the Students of the Year. Motivation is the keynote of a special annual award in honour of a former teacher. The Candy Groves Motivation Award went to Bruno Russell. Our picture

(above left) shows, back row: Shanice Haywood, Judith Diment, Jonathan Oliver, headteacher, Bradley Nicholls. Front row: Bruno Russell and Hannah Bertolotti.





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Bourne End Library

By Inka D'Agostino, library manager

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On Saturday February 9 we shall be celebrating National Libraries Day. At the Library Community Market we shall have a Book Doctor stall. If you are stuck with what to read next you can consult the Book Doctor who will prescribe just the book for you.

There will also be a prize draw for new members. Existing members who recommend friends will also be entered into the draw. The more friends you recommend who join, the more chances to win. Finally there will be a competition to design the best bookmark supporting Bourne End Library.

I have just finalised the schedule for the Lifestyle Club for the over 50s. On Friday February 15 at 10.30am there's a talk on the work of the Blue Cross.

Friday March 15 at 10.30am has a talk on artist Stanley Spencer.

If you enjoy sewing and knitting and convivial company please come to our Sew, Knit and Natter group which meets every second Wednesday of the month at 10.15am.

For February half-term we have organised a day of dance for children aged 6 to 12. This will be held on Tuesday February 19 from 9am to 3pm and will be run by Multimoves and include street dance, musical theatre and fitness games. Tickets are £24 per child, for enrolment forms and booking please contact the library.

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Java the hut... For the coffee nut

Bourne End Community Market stall holder and self-confessed coffee nut Georgina Middleton explains how she started her Java the hut coffee business:

It all happened in another galaxy, far, far away, (High Wycombe) in the year 1999.

An officer worker knew that she could bring another coffee dimension to the UK before the major brands took over – Starbucks/Costa/Caffé Nero - they were going to take over the world and squash the independent suppliers of coffee.

OK, a bit stupid, but that was how it was for me.

It was 1999 and I was working in a 9-5 situation, bored, bored and more bored.

I decided to quit the 9-5 and set up my own coffee bean mail order website (it cost a lot of money back then). You can set up your own now for very little.

Anyway Java the Hut was born. I did the BBC Good Food Show at the NEC (met Rick Stein) and had the stand next to the dressing room for Jamie Oliver (he was obviously just making a name for himself – let's just say – he turned up in the mornings "a little bit tired".)

Java the Hut progressed to a coffee shop – while still doing the mail order for coffee beans – we are now trading at Country Fayres and Farmers Markets selling only pure arabica beans to take away and to have a lovely cup of coffee to drink.

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Past times...

Gangland brothers

Following on from the revelations in the last issue of Target, another Bourne End house with an infamous history can be found down Camden Place.

You'll have no problem finding Hideaway. It looks different from the other cottages as it curls around two footpaths and could have been designed especially to fit the very small space. There are stories that the builder was challenged to put a cottage on the space – and he did.

From the inside you could believe that it was built for someone who might be listening out for a knock on the door and be ready to sprint through to the back and out onto the other footpath for a quick getaway. Solid door locks and bolts are still part of the cottage's charm along with a spyhole to check out visitors. What's obvious is that Hideaway has nothing in common with the other cottages in Camden Place. They were built for the families who worked at one of the many large riverside houses.

During the 1940s Hideaway was the home of one of the infamous Messina brothers who ran brothels in London. At one stage they were the subject of a story in one of the Sunday newspapers. Local people still recall these infamous characters - Sid Twitchen remembers that his Uncle Ted

used to drink in the Red Lion pub with one of them who always had a gorgeous girl on his arm!

In the years following the Second World War the Messina brothers Salvatore, Carmelo, Alfredo, Attilio and Eugene were importing women from Europe and running a steady and highly profitable prostitution operation.

It seems that they ran unchecked with a free reign in the city and, by the late 1940s, were operating 30 houses of prostitution.

Prosecution proved difficult as many of the girls working for them had legitimate passports. Attilio Messina reportedly stated to the press: "We Messinas are more powerful than the British Government. We do as we like in England."

Everything changed in 1950 when, on



September 3, crime journalist Duncan Webb of The People newspaper wrote a front page exposé and compiled a large list including interviews with more than 100 prostitutes revealing names, dates, photographs and other information crucial for a police investigation.

The Messina clan was forced to flee the country. So which brother lived in Hideaway? Did he get the news while hiding away there?

Home sweet home in 1945

Sixty seven years ago this one-room wooden chalet was home to Stan and Olive Tirrell. If you picture it today it would be between the day centre and the public toilets in Wakeman Road. In 1945 there was no road and this little house was surrounded by fields with just a few houses visible in the distance on Blind Lane.



For Stan and Olive it was home. And for Stan it meant a job as a mechanic at Bourne End Motor Company, owned by Mr White, and a proper start to their married life. The chalet was also owned by Mr White and it had been a café. Their rent was 12/6d a week. Olive soon had everything spotlessly clean and the wooden floor gleaming. Stan was definitely back home. He was born in Hedsor and had joined the army in 1938.

The only heating in their home came from an anthracite stove and the little brick building outside on the left was their toilet. "I think it could have once been an air-raid shelter" Olive explains "but I came from Yorkshire so wasn't around here during the war."

Over the next ten years they watched new houses being

built all around and took a special interest in the houses on the estate up behind their chalet. Olive had already decided which house she wanted and she could watch its progress from her back window. The imminent arrival of their son meant their dreams came true with a move into the house on Loddon Road.

Stan stayed at the garage eventually taking over reception while Olive worked as an auxiliary nurse at the Canadian Red Cross Hospital at Cliveden and also at Fieldhead when it was a residential home. They had been married for 64 years when Stan died in 2009.

While so much has changed around Stan and Olive's former wooden chalet the motor company is a constant feature with a petrol station on the corner of Wakeman Road and Bourne End Motor Company further back.



OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

ST PAUL'S AND ST MARY'S CHURCH WOOBURN

We are looking forward to the spring months, and our children's Sunday Club will soon be thinking about Easter activities. All children are welcome to join in the fun from 9.30am each Sunday other than the first in the month, when we have a Family Service at 10.30am.

Our bellringers are looking for new recruits to help ring our eight bells. If you are interested please contact them through our parish office or our website.

Our church hall is kept busy each week with our popular Toddlers group on Tuesdays at 9.30am and Tots Praise on Fridays at 9.45am. St Mary's hosts our Friday short Communion service at midday, followed by a shared lunch.

The church hall and garden in Town Lane, Wooburn are available for bookings which can be made through the office on 01628 525512 and via the website. For full details of all our regular services and events, visit our website at www.stpaulswooburn.org.



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST LITTLE MARLOW

We have a busy February and March ahead starting with Shrove Tuesday, February 12, when soup and pancakes will be available between 11.30am and 2pm at Marlow Methodist Hall with the proceeds going to Lighthouse.

On Ash Wednesday, February 13, the service will be at Little Marlow at 6pm. Friday February 18 sees the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and on Sunday February 20 there will be the United Service at All Saints' Marlow at 6.45pm. This will be led by the Rector, the Rev Dave Bull, with Canon David Winter as guest preacher. On Tuesday February 22 there will be the Unity Supper at St Peter's School Marlow at 7.30pm with guest speaker Debbie Flood, Team GB Christian Ambassador, tickets are £5.



Friday March 1 is Women's World Day of Prayer, the theme being 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me' by the women of France, timing and venue to be announced. Sunday March 10 is our special Mothering Sunday Service with the giving of posies. Palm Sunday is on March 24.

Throughout Lent there will be talks and house groups with services during Easter Week leading up to the Good Friday Vigil on March 29 between midday and 1pm at All Saints' Marlow. Please ring the Parish Office on 01628 481806 or go to www.marlowanglican.org for more information.

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH

We celebrate Candlemas at our 9am Holy Communion Service on Sunday February 3. Mothering Sunday is on March 10 when our children give flowers to their mums in the 9am service (see our advert in this issue).

We look towards Easter at the end of March. Firstly we have the procession with the donkey on Palm Sunday. This is at 10am from the Garden Centre to St Mark's Church. We hold a Good Friday Liturgy at 9.15am. Easter is a special and joyful time at St Nicholas' as first we have a Service of Light on Easter Eve at 7pm when we light the brazier outside and bring the new light into the church, making this a very special and meaningful time. The 9am Easter Morning Service is followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.



On the third Sunday of each month we have a special time for children when our Pebbles group meet.

Every Sunday our Communion Service is at 9am except on the second Sunday each month, when it is Morning Prayer with the choir.

ST MARK'S CHURCH

We start February with a Candlemas service at 10.30am on Sunday February 3. As usual you are very welcome to stay after the service for refreshments.

Our Songs of Praise service will be on February 10 at 10.30am. Come and sing some well known hymns with us.

There will be an Ash Wednesday service at 7pm in the church on February 13. This will be the beginning of Lent.

Then on Saturday February 16 we will be holding our monthly market in the church hall from 10am to midday, with 'good as new' clothes, secondhand books, cakes and refreshments plus a raffle. So come and say hello.

On Sunday February 24, Messy Worship will be held in the church hall from 10am to 11.30am. Messy Worship is an informal Sunday morning service for families to enjoy together, including a themed activity, songs and some nice things to eat and drink. For further information, please contact Lyn Gooch on 01628 530402.



Moving into March there will be a Mothering Day service on March 10 at 10.30am. Don't forget to bring your Mum.

Another monthly market will be held on March 16.

A procession to mark Palm Sunday takes place on March 24. We meet at 10am at Bourne End Garden Centre to follow a donkey to the church. The service will start at 10.30am as normal. Come and join us and see if you can keep up with the donkey this year.

There will be a Maundy Thursday service at 8pm on March 28. All are welcome.

Then on Good Friday, March 29, 'An hour before the cross' service will take place from 2pm to 3pm.

Then come and join us for the big Easter celebration on Sunday March 31 at 10.30am in the church. Stay for an Easter tea or coffee afterwards and there may be one or two Easter eggs to find in the garden.

ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH

In addition to the inspiring talks given by Liam Dunne during last Advent, we also had the privilege of the return of Father John Hemer, lecturer from Allen Hall Seminary, expounding on the Book of Isaiah. It was a bonus to be in St Teresa's superb Parish Centre and the hall was filled with Catholics and non-Catholics.

Father Hemer mentioned that without a doubt Isaiah is the greatest of the prophets. Oratorio enthusiasts familiar with Handel's great work, 'The Messiah', (Fr Hemer being such a person) will appreciate the connection with this Old Testament book. As Lent approaches we look forward to Father Hemer's return for more talks.

In January, school Year 8+ candidates from both St Dunstan's and St Teresa's churches began preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, to be celebrated on May 7 at 7.30pm.

Our Year of Faith to mark the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council commenced in October. Specialist priests are giving talks in our Diocese to celebrate this occasion.

Our usual Lenten CAFOD lunches start on Friday February 15 at 12.30pm, after midday Mass. Newcomers are very welcome.

CORES END UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Our Christmas services and Carol Concert were well attended and the church looked particularly splendid with abundant greenery and additional artistic decorations supplied by the children of the Wise Owl Montessori School.

February 15 is Burns Night and we are having a traditional dinner with cock-a-leeky soup, haggis, speeches and Scottish dancing.

Our Link-Up Club meets every two weeks on a Tuesday morning. On February 5 Colin Mantrip of Lillyfee Woodcarving Studio is coming along; February 19 is pancake morning; March 5 is poetry morning and March 19 is Easter crafts.

When Pancake Day comes along it reminds us that it is the start of Lent. Once again we would welcome anyone to join us in our Lent groups for lively discussion and fellowship. Look for details on our website or on our notice boards.

Friday March 22 is Hot Cross Bun Day from 10am to midday and 2pm to 4pm at Fair Winds, Grange Drive, Wooburn Green. All are welcome - bring a friend or two. All proceeds go to the Churchyard Fund.

On Thursday March 28 there will be a "bring and share supper" at 7pm in the lower hall.

Good Friday and Easter Day services are at 10.30am as usual with communion at the Easter Day service.



Forum Players Camelot panto review

by Debra Aspinall

Forget all the tales you may have heard of King Arthur and his Round Table. Wipe from your mind the lavish BBC production of the wonder wizard Merlin.

Camelot had a split personality jester called Laughalot, a nanny-cum-dame with dubious wigs and a penchant for lurid eye shadow, twin soldiers (one of whom was invisible), a baddy rival King who needed his Mum, a Gruffalo, mischievous ghost and a talking clock.

Such was the surreal version of the kingdom presented by Forum Players in their annual pantomime, Camelot, written by Ben Crocker.

This was a true ensemble piece with a perky script giving many characters a share of the limelight.

As you'd expect from a village production some were more am than dram, but nobody gave less than 100% and there were indeed some performances which deserve a special mention.

These were Valerin The Vicious (Chris Perry) and his mum, Queen Mavis (played dead-pan by a Wendy Keeble who showed a natural comic timing) who were supposed to be baddies, but I couldn't help but like them.

The comedy link "man" Ros Bartlett as Laughalot, the court jester who instantly found his courage for about 15 seconds whenever the audience shouted out "be bold and brave". Ros was the jam that held the panto butty together and if she's not a children's entertainer in real life then she's possibly in the wrong job!

Merlin (Anthony Deacon) who probably shared my guilty pleasure when he was younger. Watching Monty Python. There was definitely something pythonesque in his characterisation of the dodderly old Merlin.

And Dave Fisk who made a suitably ugly dame as Connie Clatterbottom but brought an unusually warm, cuddly aspect to the man-in-drag role. His teddy sidekick was a hit with the children in the audience.

Then there was The Talking Clock (Linda Perry) who pretty much stole her scene with just half a dozen lines.

Probably the most professional and beautiful person on stage was the captivating Morgan Le Fay, played convincingly by Emily Plumridge. From the top of her purple and black hair to the tips of her feet she embraced the evil role.

I always have mixed feelings when the baddy is booed at the end of a show rather than cheered, but a professional panto baddie once told me he took it as high praise that he'd done his job well. So, Emily, boooooooooooooo.

The younger cast members as the knights, witches and townspeople all played their parts enthusiastically.

There was a random scene using a UV/black light and illuminous fish, butterflies, a bee and a gruffalo (you had to be there). It was made funnier by one cast member forgetting to tuck in his white shirt so a floating midriff was added to the ensemble!

But many congratulations to Jill Hyde and Leigh Robinson whose direction kept the panto moving well, gave pretty much everyone the role they deserved, and kept their audiences well entertained for the full two hours (including tea and biccys break). Can't wait to see what they come up with next...

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.

Chess

Coming up on Sunday March 24 we have the 39th Annual Rapid Play Chess Congress in the community centre. If you are familiar with the game and are interested in competing in the tournament, contact the organiser, David Langford, on 01628 520065 for more details. Meanwhile the chess season can be followed on the club's web site, www.bucksvoice.net/bourneendchess. We now have an on-line Chess Magazine edited by Andrew Smith as a section on this site.

Darts

This season's darts results have been disappointing in both leagues. We are struggling to find enough players to turn out regularly. However, all is not doom and gloom.

The Wednesday side, who play in the Wooburn Green League, have managed to win only one league game, against the luckless Green Dragon side. Several matches were lost from winning positions due to our inability to find the winning double from a position of advantage. But, lo and behold, they have reached the semi-final of the Cup having beaten the Black Lion.

The Friday team have fared no better, having won only one game in the Wycombe league up to Christmas. Very sad!

Whatever the results and league standings all matches have been enjoyable and the opposition teams enjoy visiting the community centre

NEWS FLASH: The Friday team started off the second half of the season with an eight to six win over Lane End. Had this something to do with our illustrious Bar Manager standing in as a last minute reserve? One word answers please.

Bourne End Musical Players

We have had a successful one night show in November, Revue, directed by AJ Gibson, and our annual Carol Concert was a resounding success on December 23, with many thanks to John and Judith Timewell.

However Bourne End Musical Players (formerly Bourne End Amateur Operatic Society) is finding it increasingly difficult to put on a show due to lack of members and therefore cast.

BOURNE END (BUCKS) COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Members

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP over 18 years of age	£5
JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP under 18 years of age	£5
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP husband/wife/children of school age	£10
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (outside the area of benefit)	£5
ASSOCIATE FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (outside the area of benefit)	£10
SENIOR CITIZEN MEMBERSHIP	£3
SENIOR CITIZEN FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	£4
LIFE MEMBERSHIP husband/wife/children of school age	£60
SINGLE LIFE MEMBERSHIP	£30

Annual subscriptions are payable on or after 1 January each year.

Family membership carries one vote. Associate and Junior Membership carry no vote.

Area of Benefit – includes Bourne End, Cores End, Hedsor, Northern Woods, Little Marlow, Well End, Wooburn and Wooburn Green.

CENTRE NEWS

Is there anyone who wants to take the reins of Bourne End Musical Players? Perhaps make it a choir or something else? We'd love someone to come and update the group and add some new direction.

We have access to a stage to perform, scenery, our own piano and a quantity of costumes. The current committee are also willing to offer their help.

Someone out there must aspire to the opportunity of being involved in organising musical entertainment perhaps to form a Bourne End Choir?

Please contact Elaine Baudouin on 07836 236584 or Dave Gibson on 01628 524637.

Bingo

Our regular Bingo sessions at the centre continue to flourish. Thanks to everyone who supports us.

See *Target's* calendar of events on page 39 for the dates in February and March.

Forum players

Grateful thanks to everyone who worked so hard on our pantomime. Especially those who made it through the snow because the show must go on. It was quite a challenge because 'Camelot – the panto' was completely new.

Our directors had to inspire the cast to create a memorable show for the future.

Special thanks to Jill and Leigh. Once again Wendy did a magnificent job on costumes while taking a leading role in the show.

Backstage worked tirelessly – how many times did the bed move? While the chorus

sang and danced with enthusiasm.

And a special thanks to our audiences who responded on cue, sang along and had a great time. Without your support...

And now to the rest of 2013. We are planning our spring show which will be a play and there will be further details in the next issue of *Target*. This show usually gives our panto stars a break and allows others to take on drama in a more serious way.

And for Future Forum it means not one but two festivals this spring. After their success in 2012 with 'Animal Plan-It' they are taking a new play, written by Anthony Deacon, called 'Toxic Ocean' to Maidenhead Drama Festival in April. They will then take two plays to Henley Drama Festival in May. One will be 'Toxic Ocean' along with their award winning 'Animal Plan-It' which will have a new cast as many of the original's have exam commitments.

Forum's chairman Rick Accastello is delighted with the commitment of both the younger members and the established actors. "There is so much happening at Forum" he says with pride. "We will continue our workshop plays and will travel when invited. Everyone involved at Merryfields (see page 16) came away inspired by their audience."

Forum Players are looking forward to the year ahead.

They meet twice a week at the community centre and will always welcome new members. Call in on a Monday or Wednesday evening or, for more information, email leigh@forumplayers.com

Headway's 18th birthday party

Headway South Bucks, the charity that works to improve people's lives after brain injury, is celebrating its 18th birthday with a tea party at the Bourne End Community Centre on Saturday February 9. The party starts at 2.30pm and organisers are looking forward to seeing friends and families of the people who have attended Headway over the years. They extend an invite to anybody who would like to turn up for cup of tea and piece of birthday cake and to find out a bit more of what they do.

Membership costs and application form

APPLICATION FORM

Cut out and send or hand to:

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

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

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Email address:

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

President's Challenge



Number 73

Answer these questions, set by Community Association president

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

All the answers begin with a 'W'

1. Type of Yorkshire cheese.
2. Famous Battle.
3. County Town of Hampshire.
4. Local football team.
5. Local school.
6. Another name for a bet.
7. Bird/ pied, grey or yellow.
8. Supermarket.
9. Road to the Community Centre.
10. Spider's trap.
11. Type of painting.
12. Author of 'Compleat Angler'.
13. Local town with a castle.
14. Former county, now part of Cumbria.
15. American dictionary.
16. SI unit of power (think lightbulb!).
17. Shakespeare's county.
18. The Conqueror.
19. Member of the stoat family.
20. NATO alphabet 'W'.

The closing date is Friday, March 1.

NAME:.....

ADDRESS:.....

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TEL:.....

ANSWERS TO QUIZ No 72

1. Christmas Common. 2. Janus. 3. Dec 22nd.
4. Robert Burns. 5. Prague. 6. Shakespeare.
7. Reykjavik. 8. Capricorn. 9. Winter Hill. 10. Six. 11. Charles Dickens. 12. Seven. 13. St Stephen. 14. William 1. 15. 0°C/ 32°F.
16. Lerwick/Shetland. 17. Ivy. 18. Igloo.
19. Christmas Island. 20. On Christmas Day in the mornin. Winner: Gill Burston, Burnham Close, Bourne End.

OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

1st Bourne End Scout Group

Our leaders and committee members have recharged their batteries ready to plan next term's activities with the boys and girls. We are looking for a leader to help run a second Beaver Colony; this will reduce our waiting lists. The support of parents who become leaders is the backbone of scout groups.

I must apologise for my absence at Fun Night roasting chestnuts and talking to everyone, but unfortunately I had an operation on my leg and was not allowed to stand or drive my car. I did manage to get a lift to go and see the Vulcan (Scout) Pantomime before Christmas, and as usual it was good to see the Explorer Scouts putting on a show.

The St George's Day Parade will be on Sunday April 21. Over the years Bourne End Scout Group has won several awards at that parade, so let's hope we can have a full turnout of boys and girls and win some more awards.

Group membership secretary Jenny Benning, 01628 525674; Roy Harris, 01628 526805.

Bourne End Twinning Association

The association's AGM takes place on Saturday March 2 at St Dunstan's Hall, followed by a reception with a two-course buffet supper for members (price £9 per head to include the first glass of wine). There will also be a licensed bar and entertainment. Members' annual subscription of £3 per person/ £6 per family is due on March 1.

The 2013 official twinning visit to Octeville sur Mer will take place from May 30 to June 3. This visit will coincide with the 10th anniversary of the signing of the twinning charters, and include a day visit to Paris.

If you are not a member, why not join and then you could come on the visit to Octeville sur Mer! Just call 01628 520065 or email bebta@ukgo.com. Family membership is £6 per year and single membership £3. For further details see www.bebta.ukgo.com.

Soroptimist International

In November Thames Valley Soroptimist Club welcomed Ann Danks, archivist of the Stanley Spencer Gallery in Cookham. Ann spoke about the life and work of the artist Stanley Spencer, once a familiar figure in the Cookham area which features greatly in his work. Ann kept her audience captivated with reproductions of his paintings and a commentary on his unusual life, his style and achievements.

A donation was collected for Wycombe Women's Aid. Two new members were given a warm welcome to the club.

We meet every third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Target Room of Bourne End Community Centre. For more information see www.sitv.org.uk.

RNLI Bourne End & District Branch

We raised just over £20,000 in 2012, our best ever result. This magnificent sum is due to the

enormous amount of help the branch gets from so many local people. John Spokes has worked hard to finalise the details of collections and the results speak for themselves.

We owe a big thank you to those who have home collecting pyramids and boats, and thanks go also to two of our regular contributors to Lifeboat funds, Linda Casey and Peter Smith.

Over £1000 worth of Christmas cards, calendars and diaries were sold as well, which contributed to the final total.

The annual House-to-House & Flag Day Collections take place from Monday April 29 to Saturday May 4. Collections have been arranged at Sainsbury's Beaconsfield in June and Waitrose Beaconsfield in July, more dates to follow.

Bourne End Video Makers

We have welcomed three new members since our last report. At our AGM in May we changed our name to Bourne End Video Makers. In October we hosted the annual inter-club competition against Staines and Reading. We tied with Staines but the decider went in their favour and they left with the Gateway Trophy.

It was with great sadness that we were told in September of the death of Ron Barnes, who was chairman and then treasurer of the club and a first-rate film maker. He will be sorely missed.

We are about to acquire a surround-sound system to match our HD projector and Bluray player.

We have room for new members at all levels of experience. We meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 7.30pm in the Target Room at Bourne End Community Centre. Come along and try us. For further information talk to our secretary John Zammit on 01628 520779.

Wooburn Park Lawn Tennis Club

Despite bad weather our winter match programme has not been too much affected and club play on Sunday mornings continues to flourish. Enquiries re junior coaching should be addressed to Janet Jamieson on 01494 864352.

Flower Arrangement Society

Our first demonstrations of the year will be on February 5 and March 5. Ninnon Linnell's title is "Nature preserved", and Allison Gillet's "Be prepared". The February meeting is also the date for renewal of subs for 2013. The club celebrates its 50th anniversary this year and is still very active with over 60 members. A dinner and special demonstration will be held later in the year. New members and visitors are always welcome. Demonstrations are held at Bourne End Community Centre at 8pm.

Upper Thames Sailing Club

River conditions in 2012 were the worst that many can remember, with Environment Agency "red boards" in place for our stretch of river for most of November and December. Our Sunday morning sailors of the OK single-handed dinghy are a determined group who usually sail whatever the weather, but this spell of wet weather has temporarily halted

them. The floods to date have been over the frontage and path and just into the boatsheds but haven't reached the clubhouse so far (I hope that's not tempting fate). Over the Christmas period there were many events at the sailing club, and Father Christmas managed a short boat ride to the family Christmas lunch. Bourne End Week regatta will be from May 25 to 29, with the highlight for spectators being the historic "A" raters racing for the Queen's Cup on the Wednesday. There will be open meetings, and there are plans for a competition against Cookham Reach Sailing Club, when local rivalries may surface.

New members are always welcome, whether new to sailing or with experience, or if you are just interested in being a social member. See UTSC in action at our open day on Sunday April 14, call in, contact our membership team on 07732 405304, visit www.utsc.org.uk or email memberships@utsc.org.uk.

Marlow/Maidenhead Passenger Association

Setting aside the record increase in train fares and continued overcrowding, I hope readers see improvements to their journeys this year.

Crossrail enabling works will affect services during the year though these will mainly be late night and early morning services.

In the last *Target* I reported that a number of issues were raised at our meeting with First Great Western management. We have not received any substantive reply on these issues so far.

The latest figures from the Department of Transport show that FGW have two of the top ten most overcrowded trains in the country. In top spot is the 07.44 from Henley. Regarding these figures FGW's MD Mark Hopwood has said: "Despite the lack of availability of suitable additional trains in the UK, in the past three years we've been doing just what the minister suggests. We've worked with the DfT to secure 90 additional carriages, adding around 10 per cent more space on trains for customers in key areas of our network."

"We welcome Norman Baker's call for train operators to be more proactive in securing spare rolling stock to deal with rising customer demand."

"The latest survey figures show just how committed First Great Western is to tackling overcrowding. In 2010, unfortunately we operated all of the top ten services. By the 2011 survey we had reduced this number to five, and since this data was collected over a year ago we have continued to address the issue, adding over 4,500 seats to services into and out of Paddington."

"Sometimes that has meant thinking a little differently. With no suitable carriages to strengthen our High Speed Train fleet, this year we worked with the DfT to completely overhaul disused buffet carriages to provide the extra capacity required."

"This approach has been particularly effective in tackling the capacity challenge, and should be embraced. We will continue to look for opportunities to add further carriages when they become available."

The 07:44 service from Henley to London Paddington has added a carriage, so that the number of standard class seats has increased to 340. From September, the 06:30 service from Banbury to London Paddington started from Oxford not Banbury, leaving Oxford at 07:00. It

is now operated by a refreshed Class 180 train which provides an increased standard class seating capacity.

Do keep the association informed of any problems encountered with transport in the area through the website at www.mmpa.org.uk and note that the AGM is on Friday March 22.

Wye Valley Volunteers

We are delighted that Bourne End Day Centre has been saved, and are pleased to have been able to contribute to the new organisation by providing the Community Minibus, at least initially, for transporting those attending the centre. The minibus is an essential part of WVV's service but, as noted in previous editions of Target, it has otherwise been underutilised. The requirements of the two organisations have been dovetailed to ensure daily transport for the Day Centre with minimum disruption to the WVV regular services. Our thanks to John Kelly, who maintains the minibus, for tirelessly working to make this happen.

Along the lines of the number 73 bus eventually coming in pairs, we are also pleased to welcome the Housing Association Red Kite as one of our regular minibus users.

We not only need volunteer drivers for the Community Minibus (who must be over 25 years old) but also general drivers (using their own cars). If you would be interested in volunteering or if you need some help or more information, contact us at the Community Volunteer Office (portakabin to the right of the Community Centre) from 10am to midday on weekdays; telephone 01628 521027.

Townswomen's Guild

After exercises in January members are expecting to be spooked by David Pinnegar on Wednesday February 13 when he talks about 'Unwanted Guests in Historic Houses'. Then things calm down slightly on Wednesday March 13 with our AGM followed by a quiz.

Our meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month in the small hall at the community centre from 1.30 to 4pm. Why not call in and meet us – you might decide to join. For information ring chairman Cynthia Houchin on 01628 527931.

Bucks Family History Society

The popularity of family history research has certainly been helped by modern day technology. There is so much information on the Internet and more being added regularly. At our meeting on Tuesday February 12 there is a talk and demonstration on 'Bucks Family History Society Digital Publications'. Derek Ayshford and Brian Horridge will demonstrate some of the latest available digital research material such as school log books, poll books and Aylesbury prisoners.

On Tuesday March 12 Kirsty Gray will present 'Burial and Burial Grounds in the 19th Century' and she will give a light-hearted review of our forebears' commemorations and how to locate and explore these storehouses of history.

We meet on the second Tuesday in the month and doors open at 7.15 for a 7.45pm start in the small hall at the community centre. All are welcome with a small donation for non-members. Information at www.bucksfhs.org.uk.

CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

Events in the community centre unless otherwise stated

FEBRUARY

- 3 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm
 5 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle
 5 Tues Flower Arrangement Society demonstrations by Ninnon Linnell entitled "Nature preserved" at 8pm. Entry fee for non-members
 7 Thurs Community Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8.30 pm, Its a £1 per person, and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night
 8 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
 9 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library
 9 Sat Headway South Bucks 18th birthday tea party at the community centre from 2.30pm . All welcome
 10 Sun Table top sale at the centre 9.30am to 11.30am. Call Caroline on 01628 485642 to take part
 12 Tues Bucks Family History Society talk and demonstration by Dereck Ayshford and Brian Horridge who will demonstrate some of the latest available digital research material available. Small hall from 7.15pm, non members asked to make a small contribution
 15 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
 15 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm . Good dancing in friendly company
 16 Sat Cliveden grounds re-opening for the new season
 16 Sat St Mark's monthly market in the church hall from 10am to 12 midday with coffee and cakes
 22 Fri Scannappeal Dance, Strictly with Sugar & Spice at the Community Centre, 8pm £7.50 pp by ticket only from 01628 525818
 22 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
 24 Sun NGS Snowdrop Open Garden, 11am - 2pm Magnolia House, Grange Drive Wooburn HP100QD, Admission £2.50 children free. Soup and a cuppa

MARCH

- 1 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
 2 Sat Juniper Hill PTA Arts and Crafts weekend. This family event includes an art exhibition of local artists and a wide range of arts and crafts for sale as well as activities for children. See the advert on page 10. Also on Sunday March 3
 3 Sun Juniper Hill PTA Arts and Crafts weekend continues. See the advert on page 10
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 9 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library
 9 Sat The "Best of 2012" Quiz at 7pm at Claytons Primary School. Tickets are £10 and include a ploughmans supper. Teams of 6-8. Tickets are available from Judith Timewell on 01628 522854. All money raised will go towards Ollie Garnett's operation
 10 Sun Table top sale at the centre 9.30am to 11.30am. Call Caroline on 01628 485642 to take part.
 11 Mon Open afternoon and evening for residents to view the housing development proposals for Glory Park in Wooburn Green. The Wooburn Club will be open from 2.30pm to 8pm. See details on page 3
 12 Tues Bucks Family History Society meeting, Kirsty Gray will present 'Burial and Burial Grounds in the 19th Century', small hall from 7.15pm, non members are asked to make a small contribution to funds
 15 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
 15 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company
 16 Sat St Mark's monthly market in the church hall from 10am to 12 noon with coffee and cakes
 22 Fri Hot Cross Bun Day at Four Winds, Grange Drive, Wooburn Green from 10am to 12 and 2pm to 4pm
 22 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
 22 Fri AGM of the Marlow/Maidenhead Passenger Association 7.30pm in the small hall. Guest speaker is John Goldsmith of Crossrail
 24 Sun The 39th Annual Rapid Play Chess Congress in the Community Centre. If you are interested in competing in the tournament, contact David Langford, on 01628 520065

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Actresses Pauline Collins and Dame Maggie Smith pictured in the grounds of Hedsor House and (top right) Maggie in the grand hall. Their recent movie *Quartet* (which also starred Billy Connolly and Michael Gambon) was all filmed at the Bourne End stately home and directed by Dustin Hoffman. Sign up for one of their Spring open days at www.hedsor.com/opendays

Two more volumes were added to the *Target* collection in the library when Bourne End Residents Association members Mark Joliffe (left) and Mike Ware handed them over to Inka. The volumes featured *Targets* from 2008/09 and 2010/11. This complete reference collection of *Targets* is an ongoing commitment by the residents association.



The annual children's party at the Community Centre was as popular as ever and Oscar the Entertainer proved a big hit (as did the splendid tea!)



Dave Fisk as Connie Clatterbottom with Teddy in the Forum Players panto, *Camelot*. Right, Emily Plumridge as the captivating Morgan Le Fay. See *Target's* review of the show on page 36 and more pictures on our Facebook page.

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