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## Raising funds for Ollie's future...

*Local fund-raising events planned to help little Ollie Garnett have pioneering surgery*

Ollie Garnett is a very special little boy. He's a happy, mischievous child with a passion for music and a great sense of humour. And as you can see from these pictures, he's also incredibly cute.

But Ollie was born 10 weeks premature resulting in cerebral palsy, which means he cannot walk or stand without aid.

While there is no cure for Ollie's condition, there is a real chance that he can be treated so the condition doesn't worsen as he grows.

Pioneering surgery developed by a team at the St Louis Children's Hospital in the USA has been deemed suitable for Ollie and the race is now on to raise the £60,000 needed to pay for the treatment and after-care – which includes ongoing physiotherapy for the little



boy who will be three in July..

Several local fund-raising events are already in the pipeline to boost the funds which currently stand at just over £15,000.

Mum Claire Garnett, of Marlow Road, Bourne End, explains: "Ollie has been confirmed as an excellent candidate for the treatment in America, which would give a high probability of improved mobility and an expectation that he would be able to walk unaided. He has been scheduled for surgery this July, and we still have a long way to go with our fund-raising.

"But we have decided we are definitely going. We will just have to borrow what we can't raise. Ollie doesn't have any deformities in his hips and spine yet and we are keen to get the operation done before this happens.

"Ollie is such a happy little boy. He is so determined to get around and enjoy life. He crawls everywhere but works really hard on his physio and really wants to walk like his big brother, Sam.

"As his parents, Nick and I have to give him the chance to achieve this."

How the treatment works:

In children with cerebral palsy the part of the brain that sends signals to the nerves controlling the muscles of the lower body and legs is damaged, so the leg muscles are uncoordinated and constantly under tension. Untreated this leads to deformities of the hips, legs and feet as the child grows and can cause excruciating muscle cramps throughout life.

Conventional UK treatment focuses on intensive physiotherapy backed up with drugs. Deformities may be treated by multiple surgical operations but, in reality, the patient faces a lifetime of orthopaedic splints, walking aids or wheelchair use.

The American treatment, Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy (SDR), is suitable for children as young as two years old. It is a surgical procedure which involves opening the lower spine to expose the nerve fibres controlling leg muscles and cutting those found to be malfunctioning. More than 2,500 young children in the States have



been successfully treated since the 1980s.

"Young" is the important word here. Early treatment is the key to success as surgery at the ages of between two and four years old prevents or reduces deformities, frees children from spasticity and facilitates motor development.

The treatment is available at a handful of specialist private centres in the UK. The costs are the same as the St Louis hospital, but waiting lists are longer and the American centre has many more years of experience.

*See Page 2 for details of fund-raising events already in the pipeline and contact details if you would like to help.*

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# BULL'S EYE

April already. And while it's lovely that signs of spring are here, it's scary to think that this year is one quarter over already! Still it's great that local groups, organisations and locals have been putting the winter months to good use planning ahead for an exciting spring and summer.

We've got a World Record attempt to look forward to, fund raising events for little Ollie Garnett, Town Twinning trips on the horizon and lots more happening week-in week-out in Bourne End and the Wooburns.

You only have to flick through the pages of Target to see what busy bees live or work in our midst. There's always something happening here!

So shake off the winter blues, check out a local group and get involved in your community.

Here's to a great Spring!

Debra Aspinall, editor

## Ollie Fundraising events currently in the pipeline...

(continued from page 1)

**Friday April 19** Charity Ball (see the advert on page 14) at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Tickets £45. Lots of auction items including weekend breaks and meals out.

**Friday April 26** An afternoon tea at the community centre at 2pm. It will be a sort of 'Putting on the Ritz' for Ollie. Musical entertainment to be provided by the Tuesday Singers. Tickets £10 from Lorna Hopper on 01628 526499 or Judith Timewell 01628 522854.

**Sunday April 28** Jess, a family friend, is running "The Ridge Off-Roader" a new 10 kilometre race, around Bledlow Ridge. Sponsor her at [www.justgiving.com/jess-keelely](http://www.justgiving.com/jess-keelely)

**May 11 and 12** Nick (Ollie's Dad) and a group of friends are doing a sponsored walk of 14 hours which covers 20 miles climbing 10 mountains in the Lake District. Sponsor them at [www.justgiving.com/Nick-Garnett](http://www.justgiving.com/Nick-Garnett)

**Saturday June 1** Jazz for Ollie from 2pm - 5pm in the Wye Valley School Hall. The school has loaned the hall for free for a Jazzercise session with the instructor Vicki then an hour of burlesque dancing. It promises to be a laugh. People pay £10 to take part and participants are asked to try and get sponsors too. There will be prizes for the people who raise the most in sponsorship.

If you have any fundraising ideas or just wish to contact Claire or Nick Garnett call 0794 1080995 or email [nick.garnett@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nick.garnett@tiscali.co.uk).



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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.



The cold, dark, winter months are coming to an end with the hope for better, brighter, days ahead. Even as I write there are snow flurries and it is bitterly cold. Surely spring will not be that one sunny Tuesday March 5. The answer is – of course not – and optimism is the keyword.

McCarthy & Stone have held their initial meetings with local residents and key stakeholders to the Parade Court site. We were invited but we declined the invitation for fear that our future involvement might seem to have been compromised. However we have been kept fully up-to-date with developments.

McCarthy & Stone's planning consultants have held initial meetings with planning officers at Wycombe District Council and the next stage is a detailed scheme to show to local people at a public meeting which will be held in the community centre. April now seems to be a likely time. Watch out for reports in the local press and posters advertising this event. Please go along and have your say on the way this very important site is redeveloped.

Our working group that restored and re-sited the former Claytons School bell tower so successfully is now fully rested and looking forward to the next project. There are plans to replace the planters outside the hospice charity shop in The Parade. Once again a big 'thank you' to Bourne End WI who have looked after these tubs and the planter outside the old police house as well. Please don't tell the WI but we are hoping to be able to build a planter where the Claytons School bell was sited outside the day centre. We still need to ask the very willing and able green-fingered volunteers if they would be able to take on another planter. They have done such a great job so far that I do hope that the answer will be 'yes'.

This brings me onto the good news story on the day centre. Following months of meetings, with hopes raised and hopes dashed, the community in the form of a group called the Friends of Bourne End Day Centre finally took over the building on December 17 last year.

The Fremantle Trust happily employed all the staff who had worked there for the Red Cross, and services for the elderly and those with disabilities continue. I

am sure that the switch, as far as the clients were concerned, has been seamless. Which is how it should be.

There are on-going problems as the transport, which the Wye Valley Volunteers provide using their minibus, may need updating in the future. Perhaps another minibus is required, any thoughts on that please readers? Money for upgrading the building is required and although a good start has been made more will be needed. My sincere thanks to those who have given already – you know who you are – and it is really appreciated.

Finally, on the day centre, more clients are needed. The welcome from the staff is warm and friendly. Go along and have a look around. A good lunch is available with friendship and companionship guaranteed. Please spread the word for we, as a community, need to use all these facilities that we are so proud to have – otherwise we will lose them!

This thought goes far further than the day centre. The library, community centre, our local shops and our local businesses all need the village's full support. To quote that well-known maxim - use it or lose it!

I am always happy to get a phone call on any of these, or other subjects, and thank you for taking the time to read this article.

Jim Penfold 01628 525415

#### BOURNE END RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

**Our AGM is on Thursday May 9 in the small hall at the community centre. We start at 8pm with a review of the past year and there will be time for questions – and answers. Refreshments will be available.**

#### Bridge update

Extreme weather and a dangerous, fast flowing river, delayed the start of work on the railway bridge in Bourne End. Thankfully the work is now underway. The Osborne Engineering site office is set up in the marina and workmen are a regular sight between there and the bridge.

At a recent meeting there were discussions about the final paint colour and it was agreed that it should be a dark green (considered to be the most suitable colour for a bridge in a rural setting). The only other choice was the existing grey.

Should a resident have a query relating to noise from the works, the site Operations Manager can be contacted on 07736 597019 and Wycombe District Council, Environment Service officers via 01494 461000.

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*In the February/March issue of Target we ran a report on the new bollards at the entrance to Chalklands, the private road in Bourne End. Here is the response to that report from a resident of the adjoining Goddington Road. Their name and address have been withheld. Please send your letters to editor@targetmagazine.org.uk*

**The bollards are a blight**

I was very disappointed to read such an unbalanced and biased representation of this situation which unfortunately reports only one side of a much bigger story which your readership may not be aware of.

The article portrayed the bollards as a minor cosmetic road alteration and a major necessity for the poor people of Chalklands, whose private road which they chose to live on, is being destroyed by this apparent through traffic - which is a load of nonsense. The only real nuisance to them I have seen is school mums dropping off and picking up at Claytons, using the alley way between the estates to avoid having to queue in traffic and turn/park in

Wendover Road.

I believe and depending on where in Chalklands you live or your preference, the two main reasons for wanting the bollards are a) to get the council to resurface the road at little or no cost to the private residents' purse and b) to close the road off to traffic such that they have the appearance of living on an idyllic quiet no-through-road estate like Abottsbrook.

Many people rightly questioned why they didn't choose to build their gates or place their bollards at the top end and not the bottom, well the school run mums have influenced that decision I reckon!

The bollards (and previously erected gates) are considered by many more people not represented in the article, to be a blight, evoke strong feelings and have had a devastating impact on the other 100+ homes and residents in Goddington and Greenside.

Because of the bollards ALL the Chalklands traffic now passes through our roads, including residents, deliveries, visitors, emergency vehicles, etc.

There was a long battle against the gates and then the bollards with many more people against the Chalklands blockade than for it, including some residents in Chalklands itself who did not want the gates erected and their road blocked and were not fully consulted on the bollards. Some Chalklands residents, who were against the original gates, were effectively baulked and then not fully included or represented when the bollard idea was put forward.

Drivers from Greenside and Goddington have in fact actively avoided driving down Chalklands, more so in the last couple of years, so as not to exacerbate the situation or encourage the appeal and resubmission of gates. We also avoided it because of the poor state of the road which is likely to damage our vehicles let alone the road surface.

While the Chalklands residents harp on so proudly about how their quality of life has improved now, how their kids can play in the street and it's wonderfully quiet (actual quotes from the planning portal) they effectively stick two fingers up to those living in Goddington and Greenside. These neighbouring residents have seen around a 150% increase in road traffic, speeding cars up and down both roads and general disruption, noise and nuisance in comparison to pre-bollard days.

**Disgruntled of Goddington Road**

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# Marina Life with Peter Osborne



It's not the best start to a year unless you are an Arctic duck. If it's not freezing temperatures it's the rain that has hampered us over the winter which has created a backlog of work and almost a total lack of river traffic. I think that I will have to put Matty and Chaos on a refresher course to remind them how to perform the various services that we offer from our service pontoon, just in case we do get a boat or two in this year! I may even have to show them pictures to remind them what a boat on the river looks like.

The tug has not been performing to the levels that we expect this winter, it seemed to have lost power. No matter how it was tweaked it just didn't have any oomph. In the floods we would untie from the pontoon and set off backwards at first, getting almost to the railway bridge before going forwards!

It was decided to lift her and have a look at the underwater gear. Yes, we found it where we expected to find it and all was spot on until the propeller was measured, each of the four blades were found to be more than an inch shorter than they should have been! The prop has not been changed for over 20 years and it has slowly worn away, but a new one is expected to be delivered any day now.

An inch may not seem a lot but (as some readers will understand) it can make a big difference. An inch per blade is two inches in diameter across the prop, that is a lot of surface area to lose. If you see the tug speeding on the river with the bow pointing skywards you will know that the oomph has been restored.

We are currently involved in supporting the Railway Bridge works, both the tug and crane have been performing various duties in assisting with conveying supplies to and from the works. The bridge does not look pretty at the moment but we hope it will look wonderful once completed. As I scribe this missive the water levels have risen to the degree that supplies have been halted to the bridge, the scaffolders have been stood down for a few days due to a shortage of scaffold to put up. People should be aware of the works and approach with caution, especially in boats.

During February a little girl became separated from her parents by the river but happily she was found safe and well within half an hour of the alert going out. She was found away from the river on dry land. All the emergency services mobilised at lightning speed including Police, Fire Service, Ambulances, the Police chopper and a Fire & Rescue Service inflatable (no need for this to be deployed). It was a truly impressive response.

Marina staff immediately carried out an urgent check of the moorings and deployed the tug to search the river and banks, which is our usual Immediate Action Drill in such cases.

Thankfully all ended well, you can't be too careful with missing people (more so children) especially near water. Time is critical should the person have entered the water. None of these efforts are ever considered a waste of time in these circumstances, and this scenario can happen two or three times a year.

Chaos will no doubt have broken many hearts by becoming engaged to be married to the lovely Frances! They are a great couple who are very much walking on lily pads at the moment, we all wish them the very best for the future. We are still awaiting the date of what will be a splendid occasion I'm sure. I don't know how to break the news that Chaos will not be allowed time off for a honeymoon other than in December or January and only three days maximum at that due to our workload.

The boys have been spoilt recently. We have had our annual supply of new clothing and as I could not stand the constant and irritating whinging about their leaking waders I gave in and they now have new ones that are water-tight (well we think they are as they are not tested yet).

In anticipation of a summer we have bought a new refrigerator/freezer. This will be fully stocked with soft drinks and icecreams for Easter and possibly, with the current weather conditions, it will still be fully stocked in October! We look forward to seeing your faces light up when you come and marvel at our new equipment.

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### Changes in the Parish Council

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### Bourne End Village Sign

If you use the pelican crossing in Bourne End you may well have noticed the new village sign outside No25 Cllr Andy Cobden chaired a working party which consisted of Cllrs Margaret Marshall, Sue Wagner and Mike Balbini.

As per the village sign in Wooburn a lot of thought and hard work was put into getting the right design to suit the area. The final choice depicts a train on the bridge with the river meandering underneath as the focal point of the design.

Again LABGI funding covered the costs of the sign which means there is no charge to the parish council. Once again our thanks go to Clive's Drives for installing the base plate and Thames Forge for their invaluable help with the design and installation of the sign. The parish council would like to thank Cllrs Andy Cobden, Margaret Marshall, Sue Wagner and Mike Balbini for all their hard work.

### Best Shop Front Winners

A few councillors recently had a wander around Wooburn and Bourne End to decide who should win the Best Shop Front Award. Competition was stiff, but the winner of best shop front in Wooburn was awarded to Sapphire and in Bourne End to Mankind. Representatives from both shops have been invited to the Annual Parish Meeting in May to receive a framed certificate. Congratulations to both worthy winners.

### Allotments

At the time of writing this article the creation of several new allotments at the top of the cemetery land (accessed via Brookfield Road) are well in hand and new tenants will be offered plots as soon as practicable.

### Wooburn Park Footpath

Our groundsman has been working hard to redefine the footpath edges in Wooburn Park, sparking many positive comments.

Who would have realised that the path was originally that wide? In fact Roland has worked so hard on this that we have had to buy him some new work boots as he wore out his last pair!

### Spring

The cold and gloomy winter is finally over and spring is in full bloom. The trees are starting to green up again and the parish is taking on a whole new look.

It is so nice to see everything coming to life again and the effect spring has on people's moods.

### Meeting Dates:

**Full Council:** April 23, May 28

**Annual Meeting:** May 28

**Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials:**

April 2, May 7

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# Future of Our Village

As reported in the last issue of *Target*, the full version of the Bourne End Community Led Plan has been printed and distributed to all levels of local councils and we hope it will form part of the input to Wycombe District Council's Local Area Plan. The full document is on the village web site, [www.bourneendbucks.com/images/pdf/BourneEndCommunityLedPlan2012.pdf](http://www.bourneendbucks.com/images/pdf/BourneEndCommunityLedPlan2012.pdf) or find it by just clicking through from [www.bourneendbucks.com](http://www.bourneendbucks.com).

We are now looking to progress the action plan and are looking for interested villagers to take part in the different working parties to address the following areas:

- Transport**
- Community**
- Economy**
- Policing**
- Housing and Development**
- Access and Environment**

You can contact FoOV through the email address [villageforum@yahoo.com](mailto:villageforum@yahoo.com) or write to Future of Our Village Forum c/o Bourne End Library or the Community Centre.

If you have views on the action plan, make them known through the organisations that are part of FoOV or contact us by the above methods.

# Thanks to Isabel

Isabel Swain has been the spearhead behind the Wooburn Community Network for many years. She hung up her 'secretarial boots' at the annual meeting in March.

This group brings together local groups in the Wooburn area, giving them the opportunity to meet, share information and discuss community matters.

In recognition of her services a presentation was made to Isabel at the Wooburn Residents' Association meeting.





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## Edna Clark RIP

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Edna Clark admitted that she loved looking out at the quiet garden with wide open views which she and husband Edwin created when they moved to the house they designed off Chapman Lane.

Being proudly independent, she lived alone in the house for seven years after his death in 2005. They had lived in Bourne End since 1945; first in a rented room in The Platt on the river, then in the School House next to the former Claytons Primary School (now sheltered housing) and finally a move to their own home high on the hill. Edna's determination to stay in

her own home was an inspiration to her friend Mary Beseke who understood Edna's love for her home and her garden.

Like other local friends Mary has memories of Edna's attendance at events in the community centre, especially the monthly luncheon club when a friend would arrive to collect her for the short journey into Bourne End. Edna also enjoyed the companionship provided at the Link Up club in Cores End United Reformed Church.

Friends remember Edna as a very private person who enjoyed the company of others but was always happy returning home where she felt close to nature. In its rural setting it was perfect for Edna and there were memories everywhere. Even advancing years didn't change her view on where she wanted to be.

Becoming a mother meant that Edna gave up her office job but she later helped with the running of a playgroup in Abbotsbrook Hall. She was fond of children and they responded to her quiet and gentle approach. Edna's calm nature helped her cope with the sudden death of son Andrew in 2011 when the family were rocked by the tragedy.

At the start of the year Edna suffered a number of health problems and finally a chest infection meant that she had to go into hospital where she died on Friday January 11. She leaves daughter Kate and Andrew's two children, Susie and Charlie, all living in London.

The family have many happy memories of Bourne End and the house up on the hill, close to the rolling countryside that goes down to the river.

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But the tower is not just the sight, it is also the sound of Wooburn through the years. The peculiar sound of English church bell ringing continues to be practised to the present day by a resident band of local ringers, drawn from Bourne End, Wooburn and the surrounding communities.



The band (four of whom are pictured left) is looking for new recruits, with first lessons due to commence after Easter.

Wooburn's church tower is home to eight ringing bells, as well as the bell that strike the hours for the hand wound Victorian turret clock. The bells are situated in the highest part of the tower, whilst the ringers operate from a dedicated room below, level with the clock faces, which is accessed via a spiral staircase. Look up when you enter the church and you can see the circular trapdoor through which the bells themselves can be removed for

servicing, as most recently happened in 2002.

The bells range in size from a modest 75cm diameter to nearly twice that size, and four times heavier! The bells are much too heavy to lift, but they are easy to swing, as they are hung on modern ball bearings and attached to a wheel, which is turned using a rope that descends from the belfry into the ringing chamber. The bells are rung, in sequence, from lightest to heaviest, creating the classic descending scale of notes called 'rounds'. It is therefore good technique, not strength, that counts: A blend of rhythm, control, listening and watching; learning to ring is a little like riding a bicycle - it can take a few lessons, but the stabilisers are only taken off when a new member is ready to go solo.

Bell ringers come from all sorts of backgrounds - and can be almost any age. At Wooburn they take from aged 10 upwards and the only upper limit is being able to climb the stairs, which most ringers say is the hardest part. Ringing is excellent moderate exercise for people of all ages and all levels of fitness according to recent research carried out by YMCAfit. It is a mentally stimulating and highly social activity with 40,000 participants of all ages across the country.

If you're looking for a new and exciting pastime for yourself or your family this year, why not give bellringing in Wooburn a try? Book now to secure your place.

To sign up for your first session, contact: John Walton 01628 531360 / [je.walton@virgin.net](mailto:je.walton@virgin.net) or Val Berry 01628 525512 / [berry.family@talk21.com](mailto:berry.family@talk21.com). For more information, visit: [www.bellringing.org](http://www.bellringing.org) or [www.stpaulswooburn.org/bells.htm](http://www.stpaulswooburn.org/bells.htm)

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# Little Marlow Parish Council

By Gloria Barclay, parish clerk



## Fern Lane Cemetery

The annual working party at the cemetery in Fern Lane was held on Saturday February 23.

Despite sleet and a very cold morning, volunteers helped to tidy bushes, trim brambles and self-set saplings, clear away small branches and accumulated leaves and generally tidy up.

It was a successful morning and we ask that you help our groundsmen to keep the cemetery tidy by removing faded flowers, pots, wrappings etc. and putting them in the bin system provided.

## New Notice Board for Little Marlow Village

Some of our trusty notice boards are beginning to show their age, so we have, at the moment, purchased one rather smart new oak notice board which will replace the board in Little Marlow village.

## Street Lights

We have been looking into the costs of replacing our street lighting stock with LED. As expected, these are very costly and we felt that until the lights actually need changing, we will defer this. However, we do plan to replace four old concrete posts with new aluminium columns. This work will be done in two phases, replacing two columns this year, and two next year. The columns are in Oakfield Road and Winchbottom Lane.

## Neighbourhood Plan/WDC Local Plan

The group met in February and discussed how they would like to progress this. Several issues were considered. A further meeting was held of two representatives of the group with officers from Wycombe District Council.

A meeting was held on March 13 at Wycombe District Council reporting evidence and consultations the officers had gathered to the WDC Planning Committee.

There will be public workshops in May and June run by WDC to which the public will be invited. Cllr Barbara Wallis, who is steering our group also met with David Langford of the Friends of Our Village Group in Bourne End.

After completion of their Community Plan, which is the equivalent of Little Marlow's Parish Plan, (completed in 2005 and revised in 2008), the Bourne End group are exploring undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan.

Some of the Little Marlow Parish residents who live in Bourne End may be interested in participating in this.

## Next Parish Council Meetings

Tuesday April 9 and May 21 at 8pm at The Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Little Marlow, Bucks SL7 3RS.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Friday May 10 at 8pm at Abbotsbrook Hall, Marlow Road, Well End, Bucks SL8 5PQ

You are very welcome to attend any parish council meeting and you will have an opportunity to speak if you wish to do so.

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Club and Wooburn Community Network which gets local groups together once a year to, as you guessed, 'network'. Oh and also deputy rep for the Narkovians and an M40 noise reduction group. I enjoyed being involved with those groups directly connected to Wooburn. I also started to get more involved with The Wooburns Youth Club, which I really love. I am now the chairman of that and have taken all the courses I need to for safety, first aid, catering and basic youth work so I can be a real hands-on help!

#### How on earth do you find time to be involved with the Wooburn Club too?

Well I just find the time. As secretary I help organise the staff rotas and events at the club, supervise the stock taking and facilitate the club's use by other organisations. It helps being involved with lots of other groups as there are often areas and personalities that cross over. The club is used as a venue by these other groups for meetings, discos and social events. I work alongside the chairman and the committee to help promote the venue as a true community facility.

#### And you even find time to deliver Target as well?

Yes, and I work part time as a childcare assistant at the Hotspur Pre-School. I trained as a teacher before joining the police and felt I'd like to be doing something like that again, it's so rewarding. I've also just been taken on by Hamptons International to work as a 'Saturday Girl'.

I really believe we all have lots of time to give to others if we make a little effort. If everyone just gave five minutes to get involved it would make such a difference to every community. Each and every one of us CAN make a difference.

#### You recently came back from a two month trip to the States. Tell me about that?

I had a brilliant time. I flew out to California on December 13, on my own, and stayed in a small town near San Diego. I cycled everywhere and I networked constantly! I made lots of friends; just chatting to people I met. I also went to San Francisco and spent 10 days in New Zealand with family. I went to Cambridge University and am a member of the Oxford and Cambridge Club in London. I looked up the reciprocal clubs in the States and found lots going on in both the University Clubs of San Francisco and San Diego.

James joined me for two weeks in the New Year which was lovely, but apart from that I was on my own – but never lonely! A memorable part of my trip was hiring a car and driving down the Pacific Coast Highway – Route 1. I stopped when and where I wanted to. It was wonderful.

#### Did you keep in touch with all your Wooburn groups?

Ah yes. The wonder of email kept me in touch

#### So what's so great about Wooburn?

Oh its cleanliness, prettiness. It has a lovely village atmosphere, it's a community. I love the friendliness of the place. I love that people here have feelings and passion and are devoted to their little corner of a wonderful county. The groups I am involved with all have supportive committee members, dedicated staff or volunteers, very loyal members without whom Wooburn cannot be!

**Favourite Pub?** I'd have to say Wooburn Club of course, but I also love The Royal Standard of England which I can walk to across the fields from my home.

**Favourite restaurant?** Bombay Dreams.

**Favourite things to do?** Yoga, Pilates, cycling, reading, cooking.

**Favourite pastime?** Caring for my little Shetland pony, Flymo.



**Sue Rogers is the living proof of the old adage: "If you want something doing, ask a busy person." A former Met Police Officer she's been a teacher, a parish councillor and is currently chairman of Wooburn Residents' Association, secretary of the Wooburn Club... and much more**

#### When did you first move to this area?

Twenty two and a half years ago. I know exactly because my son, James, was six months old. We lived in Loudwater at first then moved to Whitehouse Lane. After my divorce a few years ago I stayed in the lane, moving to Green Valley Park. I love it there, the countryside views are amazing and it's like a little Floridian complex!

#### Did you work locally then?

No I was in the Metropolitan Police. I joined them in 1984 and worked my way through the ranks to Inspector. I worked out of West London Stations, Southall, Chiswick and Hounslow. During my police career I was a Staff Officer at the Kingston Area Headquarters. I also spent time on the Territorial Support Group and was, before retiring, in charge of the West London Dog Section.

#### When did you leave?

I took a career break to start up a new company with my then husband, D&S Tool Hire. The business really took off so in 2008 I left the police and co-ran the business.

#### So when did you become a parish councillor?

In 2010, the business was doing well and I wanted to be more involved with the local community. As a parish councillor I got involved with various local groups and became the council representative for the Wooburn Residents' Association, Wooburn Festival, The Wooburns Youth

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## Bourne End Youth Club

Before Christmas (if you can remember back that far), we held a quiz night at the community centre to raise funds for the club and we were delighted with the turnout.

Great teams, food, prizes and quiz questions meant that all had a marvellous time and much needed funds were raised to go towards the running of the youth club. A big thank you to the community centre for hosting us and to everyone that came along and supported.

Apart from funds, the youth club would not exist if it were not for the volunteers that come along on a Monday evening to partake in the table tennis matches, Xbox dance offs, general chit chat with the kids etc and we are looking to increase the number of adult volunteers we have onboard.

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# CHEERS!

More than a few pints were raised when the locals got together to celebrate the safe future of The Garibaldi pub in Hedsor Road, Bourne End.

Local residents and local village pub lovers got together to buy the freehold from Punch Taverns and, on February 8 the little pub probably had its best night's takings ever when hundreds packed in to celebrate the triumph alongside the current 32 shareholders!


Regulars had been worried that the pub could be closed, turned into a private residence, or sold to a chain of eateries and they wanted to retain it as a village amenity, saving it from going the same way as other pubs in the village.

The group has currently raised £376,500 out of their overall target of £400,000 target (which includes some money for vital refurbishment).

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# The Meadows school aims to break a record!

And you can join in says the PTA's Clare Leighton

Make a note in your diary! On June 29 The Meadows School will be attempting to break the record for the World's Largest game of musical statues (big thanks to Target Editor for the wacky idea!) and we need your help to succeed.

The record currently stands at 1069 people and is held by Danone in Finland, we hope to break it by getting 1100 people to take part.

The official Guinness World Record-breaking attempt will take place during The Meadows Centenary Fair which we are holding to celebrate our 100th anniversary and raise money for some much needed playground equipment.

The Fair is from 10am to 2pm and will be held either on the Green in Wooburn Village or in the Park once we have made our decision on the best venue – watch this space for more details.

The event will have entertainment for the whole family with bouncy castle, face painting, beat the goalie and netball shoot out among other things.

We have had great support from local businesses and community groups, The Falcon will be running our beer and Pimms tent with soft drinks for the kids and HA Price & Son from Holtspur are doing a Hog Roast. We are also pleased to have Disco Dave running the musical entertainment, not to mention Crendon House who are helping us with much needed publicity and outdoor advertising.

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We will also be joined by Thames Valley Police and Beaconsfield Fire Station. The Air Cadets and Community Church will also be helping out.

If you'd like to take part in the record breaking attempt please register at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PT7WDW7>.

Secure your place in the world record attempt and please get your friends involved too by promoting it on your social media sites.

Follow Clare\_meadowsPA on twitter for updates on the progress of the event. If you or your business want to get involved to promote or help run the event please contact [themedowspa@gmail.com](mailto:themedowspa@gmail.com)



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## Future of the Wooburns – Community Led Plan

It is encouraging that there is much enthusiasm for the people of Wooburn to create their own plan.

On Monday March 11 many people visited The Wooburn Club to air their views on the future of the Wooburns.

They were asked what they liked about living in Wooburn, what they would like to see in the future, and if they would like to help with the plan in some way.

These comments will be useful in assisting Wooburn Residents' Association with formulating their questionnaire which will be going out later this year.

Transport and parking seem to be major issues. Suggestions included a commuter shuttle bus to Beaconsfield, a bus that goes right up to Wycombe Hospital, and better parking arrangements for using the shops around The Green as well as better communication in the village such as a website.

If you would like to assist with the plan in any way, or would like to know more, please email Maggi Fraser on [MaggiFraser5@gmail.com](mailto:MaggiFraser5@gmail.com)

## A possible new housing development in Wooburn

Proposals to build more than 130 residences on part of the old Glory Mill site, Glory Park, in Wooburn also came under scrutiny by locals last month.

BAM, the company which owns Glory Mill, took the opportunity to use the Community Led Plan open event to hold a public consultation and get the views of Wooburn residents on converting a part of their site at Glory Park for residential use.

The residents' views will be taken on board before BAM prepare their outline planning submission to the district council this month.

Topics covered included increased traffic, whether existing sewerage and power supply would cope and whether the schools would cope. Some present felt that building on the site - accessed via Watery Lane - would tidy it up.

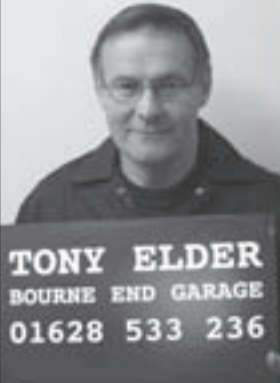
BAM feel there are sufficient commercial properties available locally and a well thought out development of mixed housing, riverside apartments and detached and adjoined housing (with a

percentage coming under the council's "affordable housing" policy) will lift the area and be advantageous to existing businesses.

Spokesperson Barbara Cahalane said the opportunity to assess local feelings about the proposals had been invaluable.


BAM are very keen to have the opinions of as many local people as possible so if you would like information about the proposals or to give your views please email Barbara Cahalane at BAM: [bcahalane@bam.co.uk](mailto:bcahalane@bam.co.uk). Our pictures show an artist's impression of the development.





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# Wye Valley's Takeaway Success!

Wye Valley School has a team of dedicated students who are keen to support the local community and be actively involved in fundraising. The iHelp team has already done great things for the Wycombe Homeless Connection and their latest idea was to run an Indian takeaway service at lunchtime for the staff.

Year 9 boys cooked a chana masala, made from chick peas and spinach, which, along with a quorn balti, was delivered around the school by members of the team. They also set up an Indian restaurant in the food technology area for staff who came along to enjoy the traditional Indian cuisine. They were grateful for the donation of 50 nan breads by Khans Catering in High Wycombe and there were lots of happy customers who



thought it was a great idea. Their next fund raising idea is to organise a village fête in school to chase away the winter blues.

The iHelp team heard about the Wycombe Homeless Connection from a staff member who volunteers regularly at one of their church locations. From December through to the end of March different churches provide shelter, a bed and a three-course meal during the cold months.

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# SCAN Sports Club Activities and News

## ABOUT BOURNE END JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB

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

### Farewell and thanks to two former leaders

For those of you who have more recently become involved with BEJSC I felt it would be a good time to give you a little historical information about two local people who made a very significant contribution to the club and to many children and young people around at the time.

I first became aware of the club when my daughter joined the Drama Section back in the mid 1970s. It was held at old Claytons School and was run by Jenny Tipper who was an inspirational teacher. Jenny has recently died and in reading tributes to her it reminded me of the amazing shows she staged in our Sports Hall in New Road and our special links with her. In 1982, the year the hall was opened, she staged *Godspell*.

This was the first of four ambitious productions she was to produce for us. All were staged in the round with tiered seating brought in especially along with amazing props created by Jenny and her team. The next in 1983 was *Grease* and was followed a year later with *Jesus Christ Superstar* in 1984. Her last production with us was in 1985 with *Bugsy Malone*. All were staged as fundraisers for the hall and gave opportunities for local young people and adults to take part. Jenny also worked closely with other local organisations producing some memorable shows. Sadly we no longer have a Drama Section, but for a number of years it was a very popular, well attended section.

Last October I attended the funeral of Alan Brown, who for many years had run the Judo Section at BEJSC. Throughout this time many children and young people developed their interest in the sport, some followed it through to high levels. In addition Alan delivered classes in ladies self-defence which many within the local community participated in. One young lady firmly believed this saved her from very serious injury when she was attacked at a railway station shortly after completing the course. Alan also started the Men's keep fit group called the 67 Club which still continues to use the Sports Hall.

With increasing years Alan became more involved with gentler sports such as bowls which he played for many years. Alan was always a cheerful character with a ready joke and a huge supporter of BEJSC and all that it stands for. He gave generously of his time to develop the club and helped with fundraising activities of all kinds.

It is as a result of dedicated people like these that BEJSC has grown and continued to develop into our current highly successful organisation which still remains a unique sports club with excellent facilities and still run by volunteers serving a wide community – long may it continue. Sadly I do not have a precise record of how long Jenny or Alan ran their sections. If any readers can help with this I would be pleased to hear from you – [liz@bejsc.co.uk](mailto:liz@bejsc.co.uk)

### Date for your diary!

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](mailto:office@bejsc.co.uk) and we will get back to you.

### Climbing parties

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#### INVITATION FROM THE EXERCISE CLINIC

The Exercise Clinic is offering a **free** blood pressure check to everyone who calls in on Saturday April 13. This is to mark World Health Day which celebrated the anniversary of the founding of the WHO in 1948. The theme for 2013 is high blood pressure and Jason Croucher and the team who run the Exercise Clinic in New Road want locals to call in and have their blood pressure checked. "Then we want to take things further" Jason explained "there will be a nutritionist on hand to talk about healthy eating, an osteopath, foot health practitioner, dental hygienist as well as our team members who are part of the exercise referral scheme. We know that the goal of World Health Day 2013 is to reduce heart attacks and strokes. To achieve this there needs to be more awareness of the causes and consequences of high blood pressure and the positive actions that can be taken to reduce it."

Take up the invitation from The Exercise Clinic on Saturday April 13 between 10am and 4pm. It's also an opportunity to check out the facilities at The Exercise Clinic. You'll find it inside Wye Valley School, clearly signposted from the entrance between the school and the sports hall. Contact details below.

For information on clubs using our premises please contact the sports hall [www.bejsc.co.uk](http://www.bejsc.co.uk)

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## Volunteer drivers make a difference

Although there are nearly 50 volunteer drivers on the register with Wye Valley Volunteers many are retired and hence take more holidays (or are busy looking after grandchildren) so the available number is often very reduced. More are needed to cover all eventualities – Wye Valley Volunteers rarely fail to find a driver for a trip and hate it when they can't!

The drivers take people to hospital and clinic appointments at High Wycombe, Marlow, Stoke Mandeville and Wexham Park. There are even some drivers who will drive people to appointments at the major London hospitals. These volunteers provide a supportive service for those who would otherwise have problems getting to appointments.

Driver Sally Williams explained that as well as it being a worthwhile way of supporting the community, volunteers can also make hospital visits less daunting for patients. "Drivers make sure that they arrive in time for the appointment, will happily sort out lifts or stairs and be on hand if prescriptions have to be collected. It is reassuring for the client to have someone around."

Joan Woolmore and Joan Stopps are regular users of the scheme and would be lost without it. They say all the drivers are friendly, kind, reliable and helpful.

If you are thinking about becoming a volunteer driver please remember that your help is voluntary – you decide whether you can do a journey or not and you can put a limit on how far or how frequently you travel. But, as Sally says, the rewards are immeasurable. You would be making a huge difference by taking the stress away from a worrying situation.

Wye Valley Volunteers also need people to run the offices, act as escorts on hospital trips where the client may need some physical help, helping with the Luncheon Club or at

Driver Sally Williams (right) with two Joans



coffee mornings. Please contact Sandra Garey or Gill Tomkins, if you would like to find out more. Ring 01628 521027 or visit the community volunteer office (to the right of the community centre) on a weekday between 10am and midday.

Volunteers are also needed to join the home visiting service. This can be as little as a chat, or a game of Scrabble, or helping collect someone's shopping for them. More details at the same number.



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# Headway South Bucks turns 18

Headway South Bucks welcomed friends, clients, families and supporters - past and present to their 18th Birthday Party, held at Bourne End Community Centre on Saturday February 9.

More than 150 people attended the celebrations. They were entertained with singing by the Greatest Hits Choir, displays of HSB photos, competitions, raffles, tea and cakes, and a rousing speech from local MP Attorney General Dominic Grieve - who led the singing of Happy Birthday. He then gave three cheers for Headway South Bucks which raised the roof! The Mayor of Marlow, Joceline Towns added her congratulations and support to the birthday celebrations.

A number of groups connected to HSB also attended: Community Head Injury Service, Community Impact Bucks and Amersham Speech and Occupational Therapy Group.

Funds raised from the event will be spent on much needed computer equipment to enable HSB to offer Digital Art and other computer-based activities to help support clients' cognitive and physical skills.

Headway South Bucks is a small local charity, providing support, information and companionship for individuals and families affected by brain injury. They run a Resource Centre in the small hall on a Tuesday and a Thursday which provides a friendly and welcoming meeting place for clients to improve their social and cognitive skills as well as giving their carers much needed respite.

**For further information on Headway South Bucks please visit**



# GLORIOUS CRICKET ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

**Richard Tedham, Hon Secretary of Little Marlow Cricket Club, urges new people to become involved in the game**

It's early March as I write. Looking out across Little Marlow's Bradish Ellames Recreation Ground, from in front of the pavilion, it's hard to believe that cricket is due to begin in a little over five weeks' time. The severely pruned lime trees, bereft of foliage, stand like stark sentinels against a murky, drizzle-filled backdrop.

The outfield awaits its first cut and the square, off colour after months of rain, needs a good feed. Sightscreens, tucked away against winter winds in the south-east corner, overlook practice nets hanging half-mast from their cold, silver-grey framework.

Frankly, it's a dismal scene. However, all will soon change. The ground will once again become a verdant, picturesque setting for our national summer game, a pre-season working party having completed vital preparations prior to play commencing on Saturday April 13. There's always something special about the opening match. For an old codger like me, there's perhaps an even greater joy when the first colts' game comes along. Their infectious enthusiasm acts as a poignant



reminder of one's own youth, when the close season seemed to last half a lifetime and playing for the local village team was just a few short steps from national recognition – if only!

Cricket surely deserves to enjoy some decent weather after last year's wash-out; it's not supposed to be played in conditions more suited to cultivating a healthy rice crop. Come rain or shine, it will be a season of consolidation and development for Little Marlow Cricket Club. The Saturday 1st XI, again under the stewardship of Tahir Rashid, will be looking to cement a place in division 2 of the Marrant Chilterns League, having won promotion from the lower reaches on the final day of their 2012 campaign. The 2nds, for whom Ged Holmes begins his eighth

consecutive season of captaincy, are very much in a transitional phase, as a number of promising products of Little Marlow's youth structure begin to make their way in senior cricket. It's vitally important that this conveyor belt of talent continues to turn.

Now in its sixth year, the colts' section intends to run squads in the under-11, 13, 15 and 17 age groups.

Recruitment of new players at all levels, senior and junior, is a major priority. A number of initiatives have been introduced in order to bring this about, the advertisement in this magazine being one of them. I'd be delighted to hear from anybody interested in joining our club – a warm welcome is guaranteed. Please give me a ring on 01628 521371 or email to richard@tedham.me.uk

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# Art in the library

New artists will be featured in the library's April exhibition when two Adult Learning Art Classes exhibit their work. Art tutor, Gail Crichton, herself a seasoned artist, runs two classes locally - Drawing and Painting using different media on Wednesday mornings at the Millbrook Centre in High Wycombe and Watercolour and Drawing on Wednesday afternoons at the Beaconsfield Centre.



Gail's afternoon class is pictured here with artist John Faherty who lives in Cores End and has returned to painting now that he is semi-retired. John remembers that he spent a year at art college in his late teens and loved it. Now, with more time, he is looking forward to painting boats in the marina as soon as the weather improves.

Julie Bradley from Beaconsfield attends the Millbrook class and is looking forward to seeing her work in Bourne End Library. Her picture of a pheasant among winter foliage was praised by class members. It will be part of the April exhibition.

Gail is delighted that the April library exhibition will offer new artists the chance to show their work to a wider audience. It will feature a variety of subject matter – landscape, portrait and still life both using different paints and drawing techniques.

Some of Gail's students have been to these classes for several years, others have started more recently.

She says "They are all very keen and committed students and are pleased to have the opportunity to show their work locally in such a lovely exhibition space at Bourne End Library during normal library opening hours."



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## Open Day At Upper Thames Sailing Club

The UTSC annual Open Day will be held on Sunday April 14, when anyone of any age will be welcome to go along and find out about the club and sailing and social opportunities available.

In the afternoon there will be "Tea by the Thames" in aid of the Sail4Cancer charity.

Experienced club instructors and members will be taking visitors out on the river in sailing dinghies or safety boats to sample what it's all about.

This is a thriving long-established sailing club with many families and members of all ages who sail competitively or for fun, or who enjoy the social side of the club helping to support the activities on the water.

The club is a Royal Yachting Association training centre, and last year gained RYA Volvo Champion Club status which recognises it as a centre of excellence for junior and youth training and racing.

This gives them access to specialist coaches and funding, and their thriving cadets (12 to 18 year-olds) are making good use of the opportunities available.

Bruce James, Commodore, said: "We are a familiar sight to so many people who walk beside the river and this is an opportunity for us to tempt them onto the water, and maybe develop their interest further. This year we will again be offering a limited number of "Saturday" introductory memberships at reduced cost for families who want to give sailing a try."

The sailing club is on the riverside between Bourne End Marina and Spade Oak wharf. The Open Day will run from 10.30am to 4pm and lunch and snacks will be available. If you want to go on the water make sure you wear soft shoes and warm clothes. For more information contact our membership team on 07732 405304, see the website [www.utscl.org.uk](http://www.utscl.org.uk) or ask for details at the club.

*Our picture shows children at last year's event*

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As many *Target* readers will know, Marlow Rowing Club suffered a catastrophic fire in August 2011.

It has just been announced that Sport England has awarded the club £1m towards the rebuilding costs, estimated at £2.3m for the new boathouse which will also act as a base for canoeists and open water swimmers.

While there is still some way to go on the fund raising front, this is a very big step forward.

At Dorney Lake, some progress has been made on the work necessary to repair the extensive damage caused to grassed areas, by last year's Olympic Regatta, but the weather continues to thwart progress.

This may have some impact on the events to be staged there this summer. These include Marlow Regatta on June 15 and 16 and a World Cup Regatta the following week.

Local events to be staged in Marlow, are the Club's Spring Regatta on May 6 (Bank Holiday Monday) and the Town Regatta on June 8. However, both these rely on using "water meadows", which due to the heavy winter rainfall, are currently far more "water" than "meadow". Roll on Summer!



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## Bourne End WI by Jean Roche

The year got off to a great start with the 'Great Bourne End Bake Off' when Mary Berry gave us a very interesting talk about her experiences on Great British Bake Off (see picture above). She also told us about her appearance on the Graham Norton Show, and her dog taking a huge mouthful out of the cake that had been specially baked for the show. A little patching-up with icing saved the day.

In January, we formed our WI Craft and Chat Group. They meet at the Library once a month and have fun doing all sorts of crafts. They have knitted and crocheted lots of lovely scarves made from unusual yarns, which they were selling for WI funds.

At our February talk on 'The Joys of Basket Making', Christine Brewster brought examples including an attractive bag knitted from old video tape and a basket made from parcel ties.

The talk in March was 'Out of the Dark' demonstrating how 1970s furniture can be given a new lease of life with the application of paint effects. We visited the Upcycling Furniture warehouse in High Wycombe on the following Saturday.

In April Eileen and Chris Adams showed how to make amazing painted eggs to decorate your house and table at Easter. There was also a decorated cake competition.

Our next trip is to Ascot Racecourse where we will be given a behind-the-scenes tour and watch the racing.

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

## Wooburn WI by Sue Pressney

In March we had our 75th (yes 75th!) birthday party, which we celebrated in style with an entertaining talk by P Purcell on 'Tales from the Opera'. Our monthly luncheon club has been a success, and thanks are due to Eve Sergeant for booking the different venues.

In April we have a talk with the intriguing title of 'Fag Ends Plus Frustration' by Nigel Eagling, describing his experiences as a serving police officer.

In May we shall be debating the National Assembly Resolution, and having a quiz.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at St Mary's Church hall at 2.15pm where you will be very welcome. For more information contact 01628 527396.

## Glory Mill Bowls Club by John Palreyman

Following a revamp of the committee and the attraction of new members, we are looking forward to this new season that will include 33 friendlies, games against

Bucks County Presidents and Vice Presidents, two teams in the Bucks League and one team in the Chiltern & Thames League.

The club continues to play indoors during the winter and has had three teams playing locally with a mixture of success.

Anybody interested in joining the club will be welcome. It has one of the lowest membership fees in Buckinghamshire, offers the loan of bowls to new members and free coaching on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Shirley Churn on 01494 673859 or email [shirley.churn@btinternet.com](mailto:shirley.churn@btinternet.com)

## Inner Wheel Club by Liz Yeeles

Every year on January 10 (the anniversary of the founding of our organisation in 1924), members of the Inner Wheel worldwide are invited to participate in a special community effort of their choice. The Inner Wheel Club of Bourne End and Cookham has, in recent years, assisted in preparing the mail-shot for the Thames Valley Adventure Playground in Taplow. Last year it resulted in fundraising for them to the tune of £1400 – not bad for a morning's work from a dozen or so ladies.

We also collect items for less fortunate folk in Eastern Europe; these include baby clothes, dried foods and school stationery. We have even sent sewing machines which have been very well received.

In February we celebrated our anniversary with dinner and an entertaining speaker on life as an air hostess. She certainly had some hair-raising stories to relate.

## Probus by Howard Fitzer

On January 16 Tony Eaton gave a talk on 'The Rudolf Hess Cover-Up'. That Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy, flew solo to Scotland in May 1941 in a German military aircraft unchallenged by our air defences is not in dispute; nor is the fact that he baled out of his aircraft just south of Glasgow, landed within the estate of Lord Hamilton and was promptly captured by the Home Guard. Denied access to Lord Hamilton, he then became the last political prisoner to be held in the Tower of London.

The true purpose of this flight is still in dispute and shrouded in secrecy. Conjecture is that Hess

was sent to conclude secret negotiations with Lord Hamilton. The failure of Hess to meet him may well have forestalled a very different outcome to the Second World War. We are invited to conclude that in May 1941 the Home Guard saved the world. Gentlemen, we salute you!

## Rotary Club by Richard Monger

I'm sure you have noticed the crocuses coming up around the tree at Flackwell Heath Common, The Green at Wooburn Green and around the clock at Penny's Corner. These were planted by us a few years ago to promote Rotary's 25-year-old Eradication of Polio campaign. So far this year there have been only TWO cases of polio worldwide. The final push for the eradication of polio will probably take us to 2015, as the last few pockets of infection will be hard to reach.

At our district conference in Bournemouth the ladies golf tournament was won by Catherine Monger.

We had a visit from Sophie Foote of Cookham, whom we sponsored to go to the Edinburgh Festival. Sophie, 15, had us all enthralled with her achievements and plans. She finished with a rendition of Somewhere Over the Rainbow, accompanying herself on her ukulele. We are hoping to put the video of Sophie's singing on our facebook page /beacrotary.

We are about to sponsor a training sail for a topper sail boat for UTSC, so you should soon see our Rotary wheel up and down the River Thames, helping offer even more youngsters the opportunity to try sailing.

One of our big local sponsorships is with Wye Valley School which sends pupils to Libala High School in Zambia taking educational gifts. They help train sports mentors and have been involved with infant schools.

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## Little Marlow & Well End WI by Diana Spokes

In March Colin Oakes gave a most interesting talk on Tudor London. The Annual Bursary was drawn and Annette Merrefield was the lucky winner.

Members enjoyed a lunch on March 12 to celebrate the institute's birthday, and the next day the group meeting took place, hosted by Flackwell Heath Morning WI.

In April Mrs J Dineen talked to members on 'Bucks Cottage Crafts', and May is the Resolution Meeting. At the Bucks Federation Council Meeting in April, the guest speaker is Michael Portillo.

There is something of interest to all WI members, whether it's walking with the ramblers, learning new crafts, joining Cover to Cover Book Club, or just enjoying the varied monthly speakers on the first Tuesday of the month in Little Marlow Pavilion. Visitors are always welcome.

# Happy Chinese New Year

At Kongs Restaurant in Bourne End the Chinese New Year means something extra-special. In the week before the Chinese celebration the restaurant organises a lunch and invites up to 80 elderly villagers to enjoy Chinese hospitality.

Invitations go to residents in Alfred Court, Orchard House, clients using the day centre and senior citizens on the register of Wye Valley Volunteers. There is a rota system to ensure that different people are invited each year. Where necessary transport is provided for those with mobility problems. Snow and ice posed an extra challenge this year as those invited were keen to enjoy this generous gift.

This is the sixth year that Barry Kwok, Wing Tang and the staff at Kongs have welcomed the older members of the local community into their restaurant on The Parade. Chinese New Year decorations go up in readiness for the luncheon to provide an atmosphere of celebration.

This year the luncheon also acknowledged the successful campaign to save Bourne End's day centre from closure. It was decided that the charity collection at the lunch would be for the day centre to update the facilities.

In thanking everyone for coming along David Davis, who liaises with Kongs Restaurant, gave very sincere thanks to the restaurant owners for the generous gesture. Jean Peasley, whose meticulous lists record the diners said: "We try to make sure that a wide selection of the elderly get a chance to enjoy this wonderful lunch provided free-of-charge every year."

**Our pictures show: 1. David Davis (left) with Wing Tang from Kongs 2. Volunteers Rachel Anderson (left) and Jenny MacGillivray enjoying the crispy duck 3. Volunteer helper Jackie Smetham 4. Ann Arton from the Soroptomists and guest Ann Taylor 5. The cheerful Kongs staff**




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The Scheme has continued to bloom year on year and has generated thousands of pounds for the Charity. 2012 marked the 10th Anniversary for Open Gardens and also proved to be the most successful year to date, raising in excess of £48,000!

As the scheme is developing in its success, the Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance fundraising team are asking for volunteers to help them coordinate this fantastic initiative across Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire.

The current scheme co-ordinators are now looking to mentor new coordinators in Oxon and Bucks as the Charity looks to develop the scheme further and make Open Gardens even more of a success in the future.

If you have a passion for gardening and want to support the Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance please feel free to contact Sarah Williamson on: [sarah.williamson@tvcaa.org](mailto:sarah.williamson@tvcaa.org) or telephone: 0300 999 0135.



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## Bourne End Library

By Inka D'Agostino, library manager

A Happy Easter to all our customers and very big thank you for all your cake donations and support for our Bake for Books Day which took place on Friday March 8. Over £140 was raised which means that Book Aid International can send 70 new books to sub-Saharan Africa.

Following our successful full day Multimoves Dance workshop during February half term, we have decided to schedule a two day event during the summer holidays. This will take place on Wednesday and Thursday 28 and 29 August and is aimed at 6 to 11 year olds. If you would like further information or to reserve a place please contact us.

For April and May we have organised a busy schedule of events for young and old.

Over the Easter holidays we shall be holding a craft session for children on Friday April 5 at 10.30am.

Time to Rhyme! a creative poetry workshop for 7-9 year olds will be on Wednesday April 10 from 10.30 to 11.30am. Join Julian Bazley and Colin Pells, author and illustrator of "The Brilliant Fish and the Clumsy Octopus", who will read their new book and provide hints and tips to show how writing in verse can be fun and inspire children to have a go themselves.

For adults we have several treats in store. We will be celebrating World Book Night on Tuesday April 23 at 7.30pm. This will be a social evening when you can come and discuss with fellow readers your favourite books, as well as receive copies of some of

the books on the list.

By popular demand, after a very successful evening at the Horticultural Society last year, the Mole Man will be returning to Bourne End. Join us for an evening of light entertainment "The Mole Show" on Thursday May 9 at 7.30pm. Tickets £8.00 to include light refreshments.

The Horticultural Society will be holding a plant sale outside the library on Saturday May 18 from 10am to 4pm.

On Thursday May 23 at 7.30pm our local Police Officer Richard Martin will be talking about his work in the Thames Valley Police Force.

Our Lifestyle Club for the over 50s will be meeting on April 19 at 10.30am when there will be a talk on crime prevention.

The May meeting will be on Friday May 24 when local author Chan Ling Loftas will give a talk on "Reality to Fiction" how real life provided the inspiration for her novels.



For information or booking for any of the library events please contact [lib-boe@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:lib-boe@buckscc.gov.uk) or telephone 0845 230 3232. Also please do visit and like us on Friends of Bourne End Library Facebook page and Twitter account.

See our new opening times on page 21.

## Our Community & Craft Market

£1,327 and still counting! This is the figure raised for local charities since the inauguration in February 2011 of BECMARK - Bourne End Community & Craft Market. Enthusiastic student volunteers from Wye Valley School run the popular charity tombola on the second Saturday of the month from 10 -1pm in the library as part of the increasingly well-attended local market.

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important part of BECMARK's ethos." states founding member, Rosie O'Hagan (pictured centre).

"Tombola prizes are donated every month by our 20-plus regular stallholders as well as by generous members of the public, local businesses and supporters of the charities themselves.

"Headway South Bucks, Wycombe Homeless Connection, Thames Valley Adventure Playground, Sue Ryder Hospice At Home, Hearts & Souls, Thomas Ball Children's Cancer Trust, Bourne End Community Centre, Friends of Bourne End Library and - not forgetting our four-legged friends - Stokenchurch Dog Rescue are just some of the 20-plus charities that have benefited so far.

"BECMARK also offers one table free of charge to young people raising funds for trips with World Vision or similar."

Email: [info@becmark.org.uk](mailto:info@becmark.org.uk) or call 07989 716635 if you are involved in a local charity to discuss how BECMARK can help or if you are an individual or local business with items - no matter how small - to donate.

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# Past times... Coronation street party in Isis Way



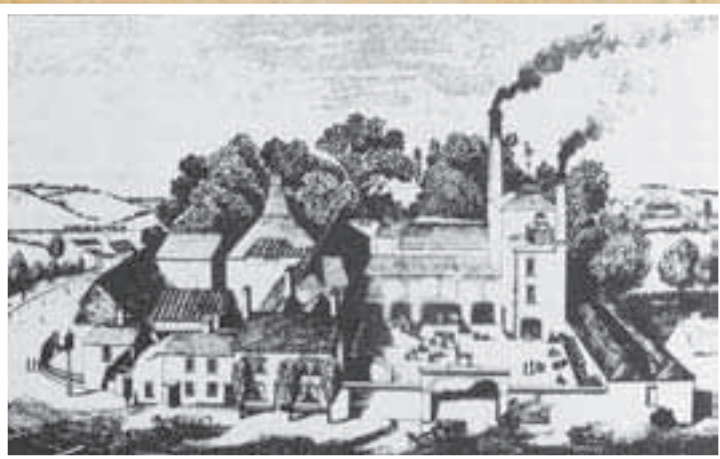
Coronation Day in 1953 was on June 3. Princess Elizabeth walked into Westminster Abbey and came out as Queen Elizabeth II.

People will talk about street parties but the only one on record in Bourne End was up on Isis Way, off New Road, and it's pictured above.

Were there any more in Bourne, Wooburn Green, Little Marlow or Well End? And has anyone got any photographs Target could publish in the June/July issue – the 60th Anniversary of that Coronation?

Please call Barrie Penfold on 01628 525415. Our picture, right, shows Emmi Jakeman who was one of the young mums back in 1953 who helped with the arrangements for the Isis Way street party. Now in her 90s she is pictured here with the photograph which appears in 'The Way It Was' Volume Three. "That's my boy" she says "That's Peter".

Thanks to the efforts of local people Bourne End Residents Association have names for almost all the mums and children in the photo.



## Wooburn's Royal Stag Brewery

With the coming of the railway to the valley of the River Wye in 1854 there was an increase in commercial life.

People moved into the area, more shops were opened to meet their needs and tradesmen found new markets for their skills. For whatever reason it seems that Wooburn Green provided business for 16 victuallers and 15 beer sellers, which roughly worked out at one licensee for every 72 people. At that rate in our world there would be more than 140 pubs in the parish!

In the 1830s a local man, Thomas Williams, gave up the carpentry trade and set up the Wooburn Town Brewery close to St Paul's Church. His business prospered and by 1861 Thomas and his 18 year old son Aaron were producing

malt and brewing ale with the help of five employees. With customers less than a mile away it proved to be a very lucrative business later changing its name to the Royal Stag Brewery.

On one of their trade cards the quality of their ales gets high praise as they are produced from a remarkably celebrated water of the highest brewing quality.

They must have meant the River Wye which managed to retain a purity in spite of providing power to mills back along the valley. Their Stock Beer was much admired for its light rich flavour, being a blend between a bitter and a sweet ale.

Son Aaron became a very rich man acquiring land in Bourne End and being involved in the development of the Abbotsbrook estate. But that's another story. It is still possible to find the location of Wooburn Town's brewery by walking down the road at the side of the church. Today it's offices but over a century ago the air would be heavy with the scent of hops and yeast.

Changes in local life through the early part of the 20th century affected the brewery and it eventually went into liquidation in 1929 when its assets were acquired by Thomas Wethered and Sons from Marlow.

This picture, left, is the only illustration of the brewery we could find so does anyone have any photos tucked away showing the actual building?

*Past Times page compiled by Barrie Penfold*

## OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

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

Our Sunday Club is enjoying celebrating Easter, and now has its sights firmly set on the summer months! All children are welcome to join in the fun from 9.30am each Sunday other than the first in the month, when we have Family Service at 10.30am. We have a Crèche as well as the Pre-School; key stages 1 & 2 groups and our Youth Group from 11 years.

We are holding our last Easter activity, the very popular Easter Egg Hunt, on Monday April 1, 2-4pm so do come along and join the fun following the trail around Wooburn Manor Park, followed by refreshments and activities in the Church Hall.

Our bell ringers 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.

We are hoping to hold our Teddy Parachute Jump on Sunday June 16, 2-4.30pm. This has proved to be very popular and fun for all involved, children, adults and Teddies – please put this in your diaries.

St Paul's 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, by email on [stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com) and via the website. Full details of all our regular services and events are on [www.stpaulswooburn.org](http://www.stpaulswooburn.org)

### ST MARK'S CHURCH

We start April on Sunday 7 with our Sung Eucharist service at 10.30am. As usual you are very welcome to stay after the service for refreshments.

Our Songs of Praise service will be on April 14 at 10.30am. Come and sing some well known hymns with us.

Then on Saturday April 20 we will be holding our monthly market in the church hall from 10am to midday. There will be 'good as new' clothes, secondhand books, cakes and refreshments plus a raffle. So come and say hello.

On Sunday April 28 there will be a sung Paternal Eucharist at 10.30am and as usual you are very welcome to stay after the service for refreshments.

On Sunday April 28 Messy Worship will be held in the church hall from 10-11.30am. Messy Worship is a new Sunday morning service for families to enjoy together. It is a very informal service including a themed activity and some nice things to eat and drink. For further information, please contact Lyn Gooch on 01628 530402.

Moving into May our Songs of Praise service will be on Sunday May 12 at 10.30am. All welcome and please stay for refreshments after the service.



For May only we will be having a 'Giant Jumble Sale' on Saturday May 18 in St Dunstan's Church Hall off Wakeman Road car park, 10-midday. As well as the jumble items there will be a rail of nearly new clothes, so why not pop along and grab yourself a bargain!

Sunday May 19 is Pentecost with a sung Eucharist at 10.30am.

Messy Worship this month will be on May 26, 10-11.30am in the church hall.

We at St Mark's would like to keep you up to date with what is going on in your local church. We have a monthly 'What's Happening' newsletter which we can email to you or you can pick up a copy in the church or hall.

If you would like us to add your details to our contact list (and we hope you will) please email Jane Cottrell at [cottrelljane@hotmail.com](mailto:cottrelljane@hotmail.com) or ring the parish phone on 07949 059187.

### ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, HEDSOR

Easter has been early this year so we are back to our usual Sunday mornings of Communion Service at 9am. The second Sunday of each month is Morning Prayer.

We always look forward to seeing children of all ages at our services.

We have been busy opening the church for those who wish to come inside after seeing the film 'Quartet', which brought visitors from all over the south of the country. We will be opening it again on the afternoons of April 20 and 21.

Hedsor Church Theatre Club has been to see 'A Chorus Line' and is off to 'The Pitman Painters' at Guildford. We are also going to the V&A in July. Membership at £6 is open to all – ring Maura 01628 530181.



### ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH

As Holy Week draws to a conclusion, we would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and extend a warm invitation to our Easter Triduum services.

The Mass of The Lord's Supper is celebrated on Holy Thursday at 8pm at St Teresa's in Beaconsfield.

The Good Friday Celebration of Christ's Passion, when we venerate the cross, takes place at 7.30pm at St Dunstan's (please note time).

The Easter Vigil will be on Saturday at 8pm at St Teresa's.

Mass on Easter Sunday (the Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection) will be celebrated at St Dunstan's at the usual time of 10am.

Throughout the season of Lent we have been

observing the three traditional disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

As well as focusing on deepening our faith through personal prayer and reflections, we have joined house groups and come together to pray the Stations of the Cross.

Our Friday Lenten Lunches have once again been well attended and have raised over £1000 from voluntary donations for CAFOD, the official Catholic aid agency for England and Wales.

We have also been collecting non-perishable foodstuffs to support the 'One Can Trust' food bank, a newly-established community based project, which provides local people in need with short-term free emergency food supplies.

We recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of our close links with the Leonard Cheshire Orphanage in Kaoma, Zambia. Over the past decade we have raised £30,000, mainly through the regular charity sales that take place on the first

Saturday of the month, 10am-midday in the church hall. Thank you to everyone for your support.

The funds we raise are vital to the upkeep of the children's home, where a community of Presentation Sisters care for 140 orphans and vulnerable children, and run the open community school and care centre.

We look forward to increasing our fundraising efforts for Kaoma and urge everyone to come to our sales. The next one will be on Saturday April 6.

After Pope Benedict's momentous decision to retire recently, the first Pontiff to do so in nearly 600 years, we celebrate the election of his successor this Eastertide and look forward with confidence to the future.



### CORES END UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

We have had quite a busy start to the year, with a successful Burns Night Supper and Scottish dancing, and a Hot Cross Bun Day on March 22. We celebrate

Easter with a Maundy Thursday supper and our regular services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday when

we have the "greening of the Cross". Do look out for the decorated Cross as you circumnavigate the roundabout.

Our Link-Up Club programme includes Armchair Aerobics on Tuesday April 2, a visit to Burnham Beeches on April 16, on April 30 there is a Bring and Buy, Tuesday May 14 a visit to Toad Hall garden centre, May 28 a talk about Peru and the Galapagos.

Every Wednesday at 2.45pm in our upper hall there is table tennis for an hour.

During our Interregnum, Gwen Collins of Trinity Church, High Wycombe, is acting as our Moderator. Ruth Thompson does sterling work arranging pulpit supply and we have had a succession of thought-provoking services led by a variety of visiting ministers.

For more information about forthcoming events see [www.coresendure.com](http://www.coresendure.com)



## Jazz at the centre

What started off as an idea to see whether there would be regular support has become a well established event in the centre bar. The first Tuesday in the month sees jazz in the bar. Enthusiasts pay £5 for a great evening of traditional jazz and swing by a huge range of musicians – many of them stopping off in Bourne End after a recording session in London. "They like Bourne End" is the message you hear when you ask what attracts some of the music scene's top musicians. And that's great for Bourne End.

Back in February the star attraction was trumpet player John Perceval who's also a dab hand on the musical saw. A delight for those who hadn't seen him before and greeted with a cheer by some of the regulars who had watched previous performances. And there was great music for those who enjoy nostalgia and delight in seeing live musicians rather than listen to recordings.

So what brings people back every month to enjoy jazz at the centre? "I love it" jazz regular Cynthia Houchin says and admits that it's sometimes hard to walk through the village on a cold night "but I feel great afterwards" she admits "so I know it's worth it."

Top trumpet player Denny Ilet (below) and his Back of Town Jazz Band were March's line-up. A guest on clarinet from The Shirtlifters played alongside Denny giving everyone an evening of great sounds including Sunny side of the street then Doctor Jazz (who knew all the words?). A classic after the interval was Denny's superb interpretation of Bad Penny Blues.

On Tuesday April 2 it will be Razzmajazz making a return visit. Why not call in, pay your fiver and collect a raffle ticket. You could win a prize, have a great evening in the centre bar, be converted to jazz and come back again!

### FIVE STAR SWING

There are more great sounds on the horizon at the centre. This time in the main hall on Sunday April 14 when Five Star Swing return with a new show. Tickets are £10 and you can get them from the centre office or ring 01628 522604. Doors open at 7.30pm and the show starts at 8pm. Bring nibbles, put on your dancing shoes and use the centre bar where prices are very competitive.

With Five Star will be Tony Bennett's trombonist Michael Innes and Simone, who sings and plays lead alto saxophone in the band. Simone has also performed with many top artistes. Band leader Chris also sings, plays trumpet and piano and is well known in the jazz world for his arrangements and compositions frequently played on Jazz FM and BBC Radio 2.

Chris believes that there is a strong resurgence in jazz and swing music enjoyed by all generations, mainly thanks to artists such as Robbie Williams, Jamie Cullum and Michael Buble. He is looking forward to bringing the show to Bourne End.

And remember: jazz at the centre on the first Tuesday every month



## About the Community Centre

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

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

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# CENTRE NEWS

## Chess

The Bourne End Chess Club web site, [www.bucksvoice.net/bourneendchess](http://www.bucksvoice.net/bourneendchess) now has the first three editions of the club's magazine. Do log on to see what is happening at the club and to be taken through some annotated games from the top boards of the first team.

Meanwhile the first team are well placed to retain the Bucks Chess League title and are mid-table in the Berks League. Improved fortunes for the second teams have seen them move up in Berks League 2 and gain a creditable draw in Bucks League 1. The third team are on course for mid-table in Bucks League 2.

## Darts

Woe is me! How can we continue like this? The results of both teams continue on the downward trend, in spite of the jollification (or perhaps because of it).

The latest doom-laden result befell the Friday team who lost to Lane End by 2 points to 10, with the only bright spot being the check-out by Lee Bowyer with 110.

However, the teams in the league, not because of the results, like playing at the community centre. Because of this the final of the knock-out cup will be played in our bar which has been chosen by both competing sides as their neutral venue. This will have been played by the time you read this epistle.

Further, the league committee has chosen the community centre, for the third successive year, as the venue for the end of season competitions when we will be welcoming The Captains, The Secretaries, The Landlords and The Ladies as they battle it out for individual honours. This will take place on April 17.

All is not bad.

## Forum players

A triple treat is in store for audiences at the spring show which goes under the heading of *Light Refreshments*.

The first half is a long one-act play called

*Come back for light refreshments after the service.* The action revolves around Beth who is in the kitchen preparing food for her father's wake – real sandwiches, cakes etc. The audience will be invited to enjoy the refreshments as they will be the visiting mourners.

Jill Hyde will be directing the production which will then feature a rare event for Forum Players - a one-act radio play (they last did one many years ago). Production dates are Thursday May 16 to Saturday May 18.

There's the usual free performance for senior citizens on Wednesday May 15.

Performances start at 8pm with adult tickets £9 and concessions £7. You can get them from the box office in the library or by ringing 01628 523291.

Future Forum will be at Maidenhead Festival from April 16 - 20 with a new eco-play by Anthony Deacon called *Toxic Ocean*. Then they move on to the Henley Drama Festival, from May 7-11, where they will present *Toxic Ocean* as well as *Animal Plan-It* with a new cast. Very exciting times for them and we send them the traditional theatrical greeting break a leg!

If you are interested in joining Bourne End's amateur dramatic group you will be very welcome. We always need people keen to be part of the fun associated with putting on a play. Backstage, front of house, make up, choreography – it's all there as we go through the year. If you want to discuss things beforehand ring Leigh Robinson on 01628 523291 and she'll happily talk you through what we do and what we plan to do.

Once again we are grateful to Cookham Dental Practice Rodericks Ltd for their continued sponsorship. It is very much appreciated.

## 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 April and May..

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### Number 74

**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 an X, Y or Z'**

1. Percussion instrument played with a hammer.
2. Vessel propelled by sail.
3. Mammal of horse family.
4. King of Persia/ Composition by Handel.
5. Unit of length (36 inches).
6. Republic in central Africa.
7. Roman numeral for 10.
8. Austrian stringed musical instrument
9. Radiation discovered by Rontgen.
10. Capital of Croatia.
11. Tibetan cattle.
12. Nothing/Nil.
13. Traditional Muslim face veil.
14. Colourless non-metallic element No 54.
15. Irish poet and dramatist.
16. Fourteenth letter of Greek alphabet.
17. Chief of the gods in Greek mythology.
18. To bark in quick, sharp bursts.
19. River in central and SE Africa.
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### ANSWERS TO QUIZ No 73

1. Wensleydale. 2. Waterloo. 3. Winchester. 4. Wycombe Wanderers. 5. Wye Valley/Westfield. 6. Wager. 7. Wagtail. 8. Waitrose. 9. Wakeman Road. 10. Web. 11. Watercolour. 12. Isaac Walton. 13. Windsor. 14. Westmoreland. 15. Webster's. 16. Watt. 17. Warwickshire. 18. William 1. 19. Weasel. 20. Whisky. **The winner of Quiz No 73 was Stuart Fletcher, Blind Lane, Bourne End.**

## 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.....

## OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

### 1st Bourne End Scout Group

The really good news is that we have managed to get six more Assistant Leaders, four for Cubs and two for Beavers. More Cubs have just been invested in Jubilee and after the half-term break we will be opening a second Beaver Colony. The Scout troop will be concentrating on the skills of map reading, knots and lashings, hiking and the country code, and took part in a night hike on March 22.

With the promise of better weather the boys and girls will be venturing out and about. The Cubs will be concentrating on badge work, for example the scientist badge, which they will do both in the HQ and outside over five to six weeks. The Cub packs will be joining others in a District Camp in May. The district rifle shooting challenge on March 3 saw them taking part against other teams.

On April 21 we will be on parade in Marlow for the St George's Day service in the parish church.

Before half term you may have caught the smell of pancakes cooking, so no excuse now for the boys and girls not to do some cooking at home. It is also timely to praise a young Cub, Mallory, who organised a stall and sold toys, books and games at the community market on Library Day. The money raised from that went to the Scout Group, and it was lovely to see a number of our Beavers and Cubs there to support the event. One of the other events was the district swimming gala which was held in February when our group took part.

Our Beavers will also be doing badge work at their evening meetings: the main one will be the friendship challenge badge being done over a number of weeks. They have also done pancake flipping and are going to Pets at Home, and before Easter our Beavers will put a show on for their parents.

I will end with a message from the Chief Scout, Bear Grylls, called the Volunteering Spirit: "When people volunteer their time and energy to help others it invariably seems that in return they become richer, happier and more fulfilled. I see volunteering as a character factory. It teaches us that there is more to life than loving the latest clothes, or getting promotion. It reminds us that we're happiest when we work together for a common purpose that helps and empowers others. There is something truly remarkable about Scouts, a 28 million-strong force for good: the greatest youth movement on earth, and all driven by great values and a volunteering spirit."

Membership secretary: Jenny Benning 01628 525674 Roy Harris 01628 526805.

### Bourne End Twinning Association

The Annual Dance Night in January had to be

cancelled because of the extreme weather. However, the good news is that we shall be holding the event on April 6 at the Flackwell Heath Community Hall, with the same square dance caller.

The Annual General Meeting and Reception took place on March 2 at St Dunstan's Hall.

There were 55 members present, but no visitors from Oatville sur Mer. Rob DeVillie informed the meeting that this would be his last report as chairman and he would be standing down at this meeting, but would stay on the committee. Liz Yeeles was duly elected as chairman.

The other major change saw Lorna Hopper step down as secretary and Viv Pollock duly elected to this post. Mike Hill stood down from the committee. The treasurer and the committee members with the inclusion of Lorna Hopper and Rob DeVillie were duly elected *en bloc*. There were no new committee members.

The members of BEBTA showed their appreciation of all the hard work Rob and Gill DeVillie had put in over the last nine years and presentations were made to express their thanks. A buffet supper was followed by entertainment from the very professional singing group Noteworthy.

Members who have not yet renewed their subscription are reminded that they should do so as soon as possible.

The twinning visit to Oatville sur Mer will take place from May 30 to June 3 and 57 members are expected to take part. They will visit Le Treport, Berck sur Mer and Paris.

### RNLI Bourne End & District Branch

We hold the Annual General Meeting and Social Evening on Thursday April 11, 7.45 for 8pm in the small hall of the community centre. There will be a short business meeting followed by a guest speaker, a crew member from Teddington Lifeboat Station who will talk on life-saving on the tidal River Thames. The AGMs are very well attended so please come and support the branch. Everyone is welcome and it gives the chairman and committee a chance to thank all the helpers personally. Just let Diana Spokes know on 01628 523736 so the committee know how many to cater for.

The chairman and committee were sorry to learn of the death of Donald Rayner at the age of 99. Donald's wife, Molly, who many of you will remember, was the founder secretary of the branch, and Donald donated the funds for an RNLI hovercraft in Molly's memory. He was always interested in the branch's activities right to the end.

The annual house-to-house collection starts on Monday April 29, and ends with the Flag Day on Saturday May 4. Extra help is always needed, so please contact Diana or John on the above number if you feel able to spare an hour or so.

The first supermarket collection will be at the M40 Service Station Beaconsfield on May 24

and 25, and on June 28 and 29 collectors will be out in force at Sainsbury Beaconsfield, followed by Waitrose in July.

Finally the chairman has great pleasure in extending congratulations to secretary Rose Start on being awarded a much deserved Silver Badge for her dedicated work over the past 11 years, to treasurer Kevin Hourigan on being awarded a Bronze Badge, and Margaret Hourigan on receiving a Certificate of Thanks.

### Bourne End Horticultural Society

We warmly welcome new members and visitors to our meetings which take place in St Dunstan's Church hall at 8pm on every third Thursday of the month.

On April 18 we welcome James and Ruth who talk about being 'Hooked on Heucheras'. These plants with variegated foliage provide a colourful addition to borders and pots.

On May 16 Robin Pemberton from Braywick Heath Horticultural Employment as Therapy Nurseries will be speaking about 'Growing People Growing Plants'.

Please support our plant sale at Bourne End Library on Saturday May 18 from 10am to 2pm. We promise a huge number of plants along with growing advice from the gardeners who grew them.

For membership enquiries please contact Penny Hampson on 01628 521482.

### Marlow and Maidenhead Passenger Association

Contractors have started work on the maintenance and refurbishment of the Bourne End railway bridge. This is later than expected due to high river levels in January and February.

The contractor is not entirely certain yet if and when there would be any disruption to railway services - the goal is to avoid disruption, of course, unless absolutely necessary.

They will be doing "scaffolding, shot blast and paint and critical steel repairs". They know there will be noise and disruption but hope to keep everyone as well informed as possible.

Our AGM took place on March 22. MMPA is seeking assistance with the operation of the Association. In particular we seek:

- \* A general secretary
- \* People to monitor planning applications in the area and advise MMPA of any that might impact the alignment of the line between Bourne End and High Wycombe.
- \* A volunteer to keep our social networking sites updated
- \* Representatives from the commuting community who can provide updates and feedback on their travel experiences and issues
- \* A representative to monitor and report issues with Furze Platt Station.

Please contact us at [secretary@mmpa.org.uk](mailto:secretary@mmpa.org.uk) if you are willing to help out in one of these ways.

### Wooburn Park Lawn Tennis Club

We are looking forward to the summer programme, with two men's and two ladies' teams in the county leagues and two mixed

teams in the High Wycombe evening league. We have a flourishing junior section and enquiries for this should be addressed to Janet Jamieson on 01494 864352.

### Flower Arrangement Society

On Tuesday April 2 at 8pm in the Centre Theatre we welcome Theresa Rodrigues with a demonstration titled 'Celebrations in Malaysia'. Non-members are welcome and entry fees apply but we promise a wonderfully magical evening inspired by the creation of fabulous floral arrangements.

On Tuesday May 7 Kate Thomas will present 'A little bit of this and that'. It sounds most intriguing but, again, we believe that visitors will be inspired by what they see. Non-members are welcome but entry fees apply.

Remember that lucky raffle winners take home the displays created during the demonstration.

So, why not come and join us. You might consider becoming a member.

### Townswomen's Guild

On Wednesday April 10 we welcome Geoff Burnett with his talk called 'Down Your Way'.

Then on Wednesday May 8 Diana Hayes will talk about Brandywine Valley USA. It's likely to be a fabulous talk as this area is home to the aristocracy of American families.

We meet 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

On Tuesday April 9 Ian Waller will talk to us about 'Researching before parish registers'. Before 1600 research was a different ball game with many useful records but limited knowledge on how to use these. This talk helps us to see what is available.

On Tuesday May 14 Graham Hart will talk about 'FreeBMD\* – an update'. You can find out the latest news on this very popular and extremely useful website for family history research>(\*Birth, Marriages & Deaths)

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 on our website at [www.bucksfhs.org.uk](http://www.bucksfhs.org.uk)

### Bourne End Residents' Association

Our AGM is on Thursday May 9 in the small hall at the community centre.

We start at 8pm with a review of the past year and there will be time for questions – and answers. Refreshments will be available.

### NATIONAL MILLS WEEKEND May 11 and 12.

There are two local walks to the locations of mills in Wooburn Green and Bourne End along the River Wye. Look out for posters or call Jane Dunsterville 01628 521112 or Barrie Penfold 01628 525415.

# CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

Events in the community centre unless otherwise stated

## APRIL

- 2 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the bar. Admission £5 includes raffle. For more information see page 36.
- 2 Tues Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society at 8pm. A demonstration by Theresa Rodrigues titled Celebrations in Malaysia. Entry fee for non members.
- 4 Thurs Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8.30pm. It's a £1 per person, and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night.
- 5 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 7 Sun Maggie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm.
- 9 Tue Family History Society, small hall, at 7.15 for 7.45pm start. Ian Waller will talk about 'Researching through Parish Registers'.
- 11 Thu RNLi Bourne End & District Branch are holding their Annual General Meeting and Social Evening 7.45 for 8pm in the Small Hall. A short business meeting will be followed by a guest speaker, a crew member from Teddington Lifeboat Station.
- 12 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 13 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library
- 13 Sat The Exercise Clinic (Wye Valley School) is offering a free blood pressure check to everyone who calls in between 10am and 4pm, along with other free health and exercise advice. See page 19.
- 14 Sun Five Star Swing return with a new show. Tickets are £10 available from the centre office on 01628 522604. Doors open at 7.30pm and the show starts at 8pm. Bring your own nibbles, drinks from the centre bar. Read more on page 36.
- 19 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company.
- 19 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 20 Sat St Mark's monthly market in the church hall from 10am to midday with coffee and cakes
- 21 Sun Afternoon recital at 3pm St Paul's Church, Town Lane, Wooburn Town, HP10 0PW with Sarah Barnett – Soprano, Anna Hemming – Mezzo-soprano and featuring works by Debussy, Schubert, Schumann, Fauré, Britten and Handel. Free Entry with retiring collection/voluntary donation.
- 21 Sun Table top sale at the centre 9.30 to 11.30am. Call Caroline on 01628 485642 to take part.
- 26 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 26 Fri Special event being organised for Ollie's fund. An afternoon, Ritz style, tea at 2pm with musical entertainment by the Tuesday Singers. Tickets £10 call Lorna Hopper 01628 526499 or Judith Timewell 01628 522854.

## MAY

- 2 Thur Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8.30pm. It's a £1 per person, and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night.
- 3 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 3 Fri Cake Break Coffee Morning in the Library from 10 - 11.30am. All additional donations of cake will be gratefully received.
- 5 Sun Maggie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm.
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- 9 Thur Bourne End Residents' Association AGM in the small hall at 8pm with a review of the past year. There will be time for questions – and answers. Refreshments available.
- 10 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 11 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library.
- 14 Tue Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm in Bourne End Library (includes the presentation of parish council awards). Refreshments will be available before the meeting. Come and meet your parish councillors.
- 14 Tue Family History Society meets in the small hall at 7.15 or 7.45pm start. Graham Hart will update on the FreeBMD website.
- 17 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 18 Sat St Mark's Church is holding a Giant Jumble Sale in St Dunstan's Church Hall off Wakeman Road car park, 10am to midday. Jumble items and nearly new clothes.
- 18 Sat Bourne End Horticultural Society plant sale at Bourne End Library from 10am to 2pm.
- 24 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 24 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company.
- 26 Sun Table top sale at the centre 9.30 to 11.30am. Call Caroline on 01628 485642 to take part.
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# AROUND & ABOUT...



Jolene and Gillian of Mankind hair salon with their fabulous Easter window display. Mankind have created some amazing windows this past year - including fantastic Olympic Games, Christmas and Halloween displays. Their hard work and creativity has been rewarded by the shop winning the Bourne End Best Shop Front Award from Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council. Well done Mankind!



Jazz trumpeter Denny Ilet was asked to sign the poster advertising his session at centreJAZZ on Tuesday March 5. Ever the showman Denny obliged. See our jazz report page 36.

Table Top Sales in the centre attract lots of customers as well as a huge range of bargains. There's something for everyone and even the chance of a 'find' for the serious collector. The next two sales are on Sundays April 21 and May 26.



Dylan Laurent's favourite book character is James Bond and he certainly looked the part at the library's special event to celebrate World Book Day on March 7. Forum Players had been invited to be part of the celebrations so Ali, Henrietta, Linda and Rick devised Books rock! for the children when everyone had a chance to talk about their favourite book.

Dylan's sister Sophie was dressed as a witch as her favourite book is *The Witches* by Roald Dahl. Both children go to The Meadows in Wooburn Green where the challenge for World Book Day was to write a story in 50 words.

Our picture shows I - r Sophie, Henrietta and Dylan with Bethany (three and a half) who loves the library

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