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Royal honour for Wye Valley Volunteers



such a good model 29 years ago. They will receive a certificate signed by The Queen and an exclusive commemorative crystal, presented by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire in a county ceremony.

But, as an extra treat, four of the volunteers were invited to a garden party at Buckingham Palace on behalf of the group. Our picture shows (from left to right) Janet Jones, Jean Peasley, Douglas Fergusson and Sandra Garey on the day.

Sandra told *Target*: "We felt so privileged to be there and it was a delightful occasion.

"We are not planning to let this go to our heads! We continue to offer our services of transport, home visiting, coffee mornings, luncheon club.

"Late in June we organised an outing for our clients, in a specially adapted coach, to the RHS gardens at Wisley. The gardens were looking magnificent and everyone enjoyed strolling around and finishing up with a cream tea."

Wye Valley Volunteers have recently recruited a number of new volunteers, but there are always a few gaps. If you would be interested in volunteering or if you yourself need some help (they do have some spare capacity) contact them at the Community Volunteer Office (the portakabin to the right of the Community Centre). The office is open from 10am to midday on weekdays; telephone 01628 521027.

Wye Valley Volunteers have received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services which is given to organisations for the lifetime of its volunteers.

A letter from the Queen's representative Martyn Lewis, CBE chair of the awarding committee, congratulated the group and said: "You have been judged as the best in an impressive galaxy of volunteering talent."

This award is equivalent to an MBE for an individual and recognises the work of all their volunteers right from the beginning when Gwen Thomas and Jean Peasley set up

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, which is made annually, recognises and rewards excellence in voluntary activities carried out by groups in the community. The Queen announced the Award in 2002 to mark the occasion of her Golden Jubilee. The Award is given every year in recognition of outstanding achievement by groups of two or more people in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man who volunteer their own time to enhance and improve the quality of life and opportunity for individuals or other groups in the community.



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WORLD RECORD?

It was a great effort, but sadly not a world record. Still congratulations to everyone who took part in the Meadows School attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the biggest ever game of musical statues.

Everyone had a great day and the school's Centenary Fair had a massive turn-out thanks to the publicity and support from far and wide.

Pictured here from l to r are MP Dominic Grieve, musical statues winner five-year-old Jenna Little, and event organisers Dionne Aldridge and Clare Leighton. See page 23 for more pictures.





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BULL'S EYE

You've probably noticed that your *Target* has a new look and feel this issue. For the first time in the publication's 49 year history we are now in **FULL COLOUR** which is fun from a design point of view and means all your lovely photos will be seen at their best!

However we have also had to make some adjustments to the quality of the paper and have gone for a cheaper option which, overall, means we have managed to shave something off our production costs.

This has been necessary as *Target* isn't quite managing to cover its costs. And, as you can see from the Community Association Annual Report (highlights below) your community centre, association and *Target* need more public support.

We hope our new measures will keep the magazine going, but we do ask that you continue to support us and, if possible, pay for your copies at the community centre. The price is still only 50p but that's a guide only. If you would or could pay more that would be great. That's only £3 for a full year of *Target* magazines!

Changing the subject completely I wanted to see if any of you had any stories to share about red kites. I was in my sitting room recently when an injured wood pigeon landed on my lawn. As I moved towards the window to get a better look a red kite swooped down from the skies to pick it up. I then realised the kite had most likely injured the pigeon mid-flight and was waiting to see where it landed so it could finish off the job.

When I went outside to see where it had gone, there were no fewer than nine red kites flying overhead. I called the RSPB to see if they had a red kite co-ordinator or at least someone monitoring these birds which were artificially re-introduced to our local skies in 1989. Since then their numbers have risen from 93 birds to around 700 pairs. I am happy to go on record as saying I don't like them and I think there are now too many.

I was basically told by the RSPB that wood pigeons are dispensable and "not endangered" and that red kites have still not reached their optimum number in the Chilterns. The man dealing with my call also mentioned that if there were several kites in the skies over my house at one time (which there frequently is) then someone local was feeding them and should stop. He went on to assure me the kites would never swoop down on small animals (pets) or other garden birds.

I can't believe that is true. If they get hungry, they will swoop. Whenever they are overhead there's a sudden lack of small birds in my garden so they clearly didn't get that memo!

So I'd like to know what you think about the red kites, whether any of you have been pestered by them, have seen them killing small wildlife or know of anyone feeding them. Perhaps if enough of us complain the RSPB will then start monitoring this.

Debra Aspinall, editor

2012 PROJECTS REPORTED AT AGM

The Community Association's Hon Secretary presented the 2012 report at the Annual General Meeting on Friday June 14. It highlighted some of the events which took place during the celebrations of the association's 50th anniversary including the visit by BBC Radio 4's Any Questions and the Jubilee Picnic in the Recreation Ground.

Major improvements included the sanding and sealing of the main hall floor which has benefitted both Short Mat Bowls and the Wedmorn Badminton sections. It also looks good and has been praised by groups using the hall. A CCTV system was installed both inside and outside the building to improve safety both for staff and anyone using the centre.

New double doors at the entrance were another improvement along with replacement windows down one side to match the existing ones. Finally larger projection screens were bought for both the main and small halls.

Activities, events and regular meetings were reviewed in the report with grateful thanks to everyone who had organised and supported these during the year.

A marked deterioration in the financial performance of the association was reported. It resulted in a loss of £32,013 and this is clearly unsustainable in the long term. The reasons for this were a reduction in the usage of the bar, the cost of repairs and there was a sharp increase in fuel costs. In spite of this the association retained good cash balances at the end of the year. The association maintains its Reserves Policy although this has reduced to ten months 'real reserve' at the end of 2012.

Congratulations were given to the members of Future Forum on their drama festival successes during 2012. Clubs and sports competed in local leagues and recorded varying amounts of success. *Target* magazine continued to provide the local community with information about a wide range of activities and people.

In summing up the Hon Secretary pointed out that the community association needed to boost revenues and to refresh the band of dedicated volunteers who have borne the brunt of the management for many years. Willing volunteers are the vital component of any community group. New younger blood offering a range of skills must be found: the status quo is not an option.



Some Bourne End developments, both proposed and actual, remind me of the Bob Dylan hit of 1964 *The Times they are a-Changin'*. Development plans by Michael Shanly for the rear of Bramley Gardens in Station Road have been submitted. The application number is 13/06317/FUL and I would urge anyone who feels that they might be affected to make their views known to WDC's Planning Department.

We now wait to find out what is planned for the Firefly site in Station Road and the redevelopment of the old Red Lion pub in Hedsor Road.

Meanwhile back along The Parade change is already underway. The garage on the corner of Wakeman Road is to be replaced with a new BP garage with a M&S Simply Food outlet. It seems that this would be welcomed by lots of people. But, one word of warning, BP applied for, and was granted, a 24/7 Licence to sell refreshments and drinks, including alcohol when it reopens. I have been told that BP intend the garage to open 24 hours a day but they will not sell any alcohol between 11pm and 6am.

Speculating on what may be the result of any of this is a waste of time. Sales may be so poor that they close at nights. If they stay open the light and noise pollution may be such that no one is disturbed. We must wait to see but personally I have grave concerns.

Now the old police house has been boarded up, possibly in preparation for demolition and redevelopment, as Tesco has permission for an Express store there. However Phil Clarke the Tesco CEO has said they are cutting back on new development and intend to concentrate on existing sites in an effort to improve their commercial performance.

The final site that must be mentioned is the McCarthy & Stone redevelopment of the old Billingham/Parade Court site. An application 13/06392/FUL has now been submitted to the planning department at WDC. I unreservedly support the McCarthy & Stone concept of later living apartments along with a Sainsbury's Local store. Personally I feel that a more traditional design would suit Bourne End far better than the one proposed.

When, in the 1960s, the north side of The Parade, between what is now the

Blue Dragon and Kong's Restaurant was built, it was probably considered the height of modern design. Look at it now, and compared with the other side of The Parade, I feel that the traditional design wins hands down. But let the planners know what you think.

However when it comes down to it, whether it is M&S (this could be Marks & Spencer or McCarthy & Stone), BP or Tesco, to use another title from Bob Dylan's 1964 album, perhaps we are *Only a Pawn in Their Game*.

However I stay ever optimistic and, as always, happy to discuss these or any other local issues. So, thanks for reading this and feel free to call on 01628 525415.

Jim Penfold, chairman,

Facebook activity and plans for a Bourne End Carnival revival!

Local people have been enjoying a surge of activity online and embracing the 21st Century cyber-communications with real enthusiasm.

Thanks to Facebook people are being brought together to share local memories, photos and are using it as a platform to talk about and advertise local events and discuss village issues. Topics such as What's happening to the Firefly? and What are the plans for the petrol station? are giving people a sounding board to talk about the positive and negative issues that effect us all.

Kaye Townsend got the ball rolling by setting up the fantastic group Bourne End & Wooburn Green - Past & Present - never did she imagine the success of this with over 2000 members. There is also a sideline group to this - a directory for local companies to advertise their services for free.

This gave Laura Gwilliam the encouragement and idea to set up Bourne End Community Events & Activities which already has 150+ members and rising. As she says "I have enjoyed hearing from various local groups and people interested in helping to put our village on the map!".

Laura's suggestion for the revival of a Bourne End Carnival has brought heaps of memories as well as lots of exciting suggestions and ideas. Now it's a case of putting these together, getting organisers on board and it might become a reality in 2014. There will be a barbecue on the patio at the Community Centre on Bank Holiday Sunday August 25 for anyone who'd like to come and discuss ideas for the carnival and offer help. "Bring old photos if you have them" Laura says as she urges everyone to be part of this revival of an old tradition.

If you're not a member of the community association please come along and join on the day. Drinks from the bar of course. This is your chance to come and share ideas about what events you would like to see happen in Bourne End.

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YOUR LETTERS

Drama with the sewers

The on-going sewer flooding by Thames Water from their works at Little Marlow does at the moment appear to be under control, however the way these issues have been handled by TW gives residents little confidence in the future situation.

There have been questions in the House of Lords, articles in local papers and even major stories in the The Times newspaper, but my favourite comment was from our own village treasure, Peter Osborne in the last issue of *Target*: "The water in the marina looked like one massive crappaccino coffee."

At times over the last few months it seems that we have been living in a Third World environment rather than beautiful Bourne End on Thames.

Effluence and what has looked like raw sewage has floated down the river creating the most appalling smell and appearance. Thames Water state that this has been caused by high incoming flows, equipment failure, in one instance, a power outage, and problems with the outfall pipe taking treated water down to the River Thames.

At best this seems totally inefficient and at worst negligent.

As far as I can see the Environment Agency has the mandate to control these companies but does not appear to have the necessary nerve or determination, leaving river users and public wondering if this organisation is fit for purpose when it cannot protect the river and its environment from continuous sewage leakage.

In most cases companies like Thames Water's only interest seems to be the

bottom line, which will benefit the shareholders or disappear to overseas bank accounts. And don't even think about the chief executive's obscene salary package.

The lack of investment by Thames Water appears to be the problem here, and the river, its environment, and users are the ones that suffer most.

We are told that TW are working 24/7 on the Little Marlow site, and working to a comprehensive plan, which they are reviewing and tracking daily, also repairing/replacing important equipment, and carrying out a comprehensive site cleaning programme to reduce the risk of further pollution and odour.

This we are told may take months, so let's not hold our breath, although at times it is a necessary option!!!

Malcolm Peake,
Abney Court Drive, Bourne End

The misery of summer bonfires

It is with sadness that the lovely days of summer are blighted by bonfires smouldering in the evening and windows cannot be opened to cool the bedroom heat build up.

It makes one wish that it would rain all the time to stop the thoughtlessness of those responsible for this blight of summer days.

Is it possible for the council to enforce a ban on smouldering evening bonfires and take action against the culprits? This would then bring back the enjoyment of summer which does not seem to last for long these days.

Until remedial action is taken many of us will have to bear the misery in the evening of hot summer days.

Colin Russell,
Fern Lane, Little Marlow

An excellent Forum production

I went to the latest production from the Forum Players. The play *Light Refreshments* was very thought-provoking;

four women of different ages and temperaments, almost falling out whilst making a funeral tea, we've all been there!

The second play was hilarious, a radio play in the earlier days of broadcasting. The visual sound-effects were incredible – ripping sticky tape, wobbling fibre-board – you name it, they had it.

The whole production was excellent, brilliant acting and direction and marvellous scenery.

The 'tea' was put to good use, it was served to the audience during the interval. It was worth going for the cakes and sandwiches alone.

The sad part was that there were only eight of us in the audience. After all their hard work the Players deserved more. So my message to those who didn't see the show is that you missed a real treat. Please support Forum and the other activities that are put on at the centre.

Penny Walsh
Claytons Meadow, Bourne End

ED: See *Bullseye* on page 2 for my comments about red kites. Send in any letters about this issue or anything else to me at editor@targetmagazine.org.uk. You must include a name and address but these can be withheld from publication at your request.

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Marina Life with Peter Osborne



I joked about the weather in the last line of my previous missive, but it's going to plan so far. With the upturn in the weather this season got off to a sudden and hectic start. Brilliant sunshine meant not only were we having to get through the work backlog that we had, but we were also inundated with new enquiries. Obviously all the owners wanted their boats completed on the same day!

This did not happen, but after much tact and diplomacy, careful planning and additional labour we actually coped well with the bubble of work. You may not believe this but some days were too hot to apply paint and varnish.

The river traffic was a little sluggish in those first days of heat wave. This could have been due to people not trusting the weather forecasts – no rain and glorious sunshine – surely it couldn't be true. It is hard to believe this superb weather, taking into account the constant rain that we have had for the last 432 years. I've been asked if the sewage leaks from Little Marlow had any affect on the river. I do not know, but we have not seen many swimmers.

July has gone berserk, often stretching the marina staff. Although we are open between 8am and 6pm each day, many times we have had staff on duty from 7.15am to 7.30pm. So I would like to say a big thank you to all the marina staff's other halves who are not actually seeing as much of us as they would like.

The Swan Uppers passed through yesterday and managed to ring the six cygnets that live

around our pool. It's always a grand occasion.

This morning Chaos was tasked to take the tug to Hurley to tow a broken down boat to Cookham. He was due to come in an hour early to get away by 8am, but didn't manage to get away until 8.45am and sometime later rang me to say he was delayed trying to get through Temple Lock due to the additional traffic created by the Swan Uppers. Words were said about him not leaving on time thus causing the delay which in turn means a late return to the marina. I just hope the tug is back to transfer the Cockmarsh rubbish over to the marina for when the bin men arrive (can I say that or should I be saying 'waste management operatives' - 'domestic waste waterborne division' or something similar?).

I am interested to know a little more about dog walkers. We have many come though the Marina. I split them into three groups (1) those who pick up their dogs droppings (the vast majority) and take them to a bin or home, (2) those who bag the droppings and then hang the bag on a fence and carry on, and (3) those who do neither.

I would like someone to explain this ritual bag hanging on a fence. Why? What do they think actually happens to the bag once they walk away? Well, I know what happens to it. It ends up on my boots and I find it in the office and on occasions it ends up on boats. PLEASE can all dogs' doings be disposed of in the

correct manner or I will pass a bylaw that all dogs within the marina have to wear a nappy. I'm looking out for you.

With the increase in river traffic the overnight moorings are increasing in numbers. It's good to see many regular boaters coming back to stay with us while in-transit up or down the river. Bourne End is a great place to stop with the array of restaurants, pubs and shops and I am sure the visitors' contribution to the local economy is welcomed. Mind you, tonight we have eight boats staying with us.

Two are 38' and the other six are over 40' long, and they might have to be moored side by side which could mean we can walk across to the Bounty!

They are all members of a boat club and are dining at OTT restaurant tonight. We actually have a plan to fit them all in, given that we are already full of boats. However, quite often our plans don't work out the way we wish and only get sorted having gone from Plan A and ending up at Plan N, by which time it could be midnight!

It's time for me to keep the office door closed to maximise the air conditioning and have another ice cream to cool me off while Matty and Chaos run around sweating in the heat. I have to lock the door as they keep trying to get in.

Until the next time.
Peter Osborne
Marina Manager

Sara Mayne Lic Ac MBACc

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Annual Parish Meeting

The annual parish meeting was held in Bourne End library on May 14 and was well attended despite the dreadful weather. Many thanks to all those who braved the rain. The meeting gives the councillors the chance to inform the parishioners of what has been achieved in the parish in the previous 12 months.

The parishioners then have the chance to ask questions relating to things in the parish. The next annual parish meeting will be held in the Wooburn Green ward on or around April 13, 2014. Date and venue to be confirmed.

Councillors

Every year the parish council holds a meeting where the councillors can request to be elected as chairman or vice chairman onto a particular committee. This meeting took place on May 28 prior to the full council meeting and the results are as follows: Sue Wagner was elected as chairman of the council and Mike Balbini as vice chairman. Margaret Marshall was elected as chairman of the open spaces, allotments & burials committee and Kate Airley as vice chairman. Michael Reeves was elected as chairman of the planning, highways & lighting committee and Fiona McGarel-Groves as vice chairman and finally Mike Balbini was elected as chairman of the finance and general purposes committee with Fiona McGarel-Groves as vice chairman.

All councillors are automatically members of the full council committee but

they also have the chance at this meeting to put forward their requests to join any of the other committees that they wish to be part of. Details of these committees can be found on the parish council website at www.wooburnparish.gov.uk In fact the next time you are near a computer please visit our website as there is a wealth of public information available. The website is updated regularly.

New Councillors

Two new councillors joined the ranks in June. Mark Ellis will be representing the Wooburn Town ward and Sue Hawes who will be representing the Bourne End ward. We would like to welcome them to the parish council. This now swells the numbers to 13 but there are still four vacancies so if you think that being a councillor is something that interests you please drop a line to the Clerk, Malcolm Silver or pop into the office where you can find out more. Alternatively you can contact the Chairman on 01628 523948.

Office Staff

We are now up to the full complement of staff in the office once more with the recruitment of Penny Baron who is the new office assistant/receptionist. Some of you may remember that Penny worked here a few years ago and despite a few changes to office practices since then she is already well into the swing of things and proving herself to be a valuable asset to the council. Penny works every afternoon from 1.30pm.

Overgrown Vegetation

As the summer progresses the vegetation inevitably grows and the parish council would like to send out a request to all households that have street signs/names etc. on the pavements outside their properties.

If you have trees or bushes that have grown over your property's boundary and they cover the sign/names etc. please would you cut the overgrowth back so the sign/name can be seen. As the householder it is your responsibility to ensure that any overgrowth from your boundaries does not impede the signs. Complaints that are received by Bucks County Council will result in a request to the householder to cut back any excess growth.

Meeting Dates 2013

Full Council: September 24

Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials: September 3, October 1

Planning, Highways & Lighting: August 21, September 11

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The popular Wooburn Park 10k and 3k runs, plus the usual children's race, will be held this year on Sunday September 8.

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The big change in the event this year is the route which will now allow the race to end at the newly refurbished clubhouse in Wooburn Park.

The clubhouse is home to both Wooburn Narkovians Cricket Club and Bourne End Junior Sports Club's football section, and profits from previous Wooburn Park runs helped to fund it.

Anyone who wants to run can get an application form from www.wooburnpark10.com

Bourne End FoOV

Three members of Future of our Village (FoOV) Forum met with officers of Bucks County Council to discuss traffic, speeding and parking in the village.

At the meeting parking issues within Bourne End were discussed and an agreed list of roads, where it was considered a change in road markings would improve the situation, was drawn up. The list has now been forwarded to the Local Area Forum (LAF) for financial consideration.

A separate list of roads was highlighted where it was felt that the situation could be improved by parking enforcement. This is being progressed.

The Forum has received information regarding the use of speed guns in the village by members of the public. It was agreed to proceed with caution, gather all relevant information and discuss at the next meeting.

Members were asked to look at their areas, and encourage their members to consider if any dropped kerbs were required or if any road signage was broken.

Development of a Neighbourhood Plan was discussed, approved and a working party formed.

It was agreed that Cllr Kath Acres, from Little Marlow Parish Council, would join the Forum. It was also suggested that the Bourne End WI be invited to join.

The representative for Bourne End Scouting, Emma Lee, enquired if there were any community projects which the scouts could be involved in. Two were identified and are being progressed.

FoOV now has a web site at www.bucksvoice.net/foov which is currently being developed in addition to its email address at villageforum@yahoo.com.

The next meeting is in September. For information please contact Janet Gould, Secretary, 01628 524122.



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The engraving said it all. When Pete Singleton decided to step down as Quarter Master for the Bourne End Scout Troop after 40 years in the job his friends recorded his service in the appropriate way. A marquee dolly* was engraved and presented to Pete with grateful thanks.

Around 70 past and present scouts were at the presentation and many of them brought pictures. A video of scouting activities dating back to the 1970s was shown with lots of nostalgic comments as it brought back memories.

When Pete and his wife Jean moved to Bourne End their son Kevin joined the scouts. Jean joined the parents committee and then Pete was roped in. There were memories of events, camps, activities and the success of a scout troop that encouraged youngsters to be independent, think for themselves and always support each other.

Pete took on the role of Quarter Master, as well as being a Scout Leader, maintaining the headquarters in Furlong Road and looking after the group's sailing dinghy – along with giving sailing instruction. "Almost everything in wood in the HQ building was made by Pete," friend and fellow Scouter Keith Harris says.

Forty years on Pete knows that the scout troop has good equipment and he has left everything in good condition. His last job was to repair the sign on the front of the building. "I've enjoyed it," he says with a smile.

* So why is it called a dolly?



ROWING REPORT by Tony Evans

On the same day that Andy Murray won his Wimbledon final, Marlow Rowing Club won the Fawley Cup at Henley Royal Regatta; it didn't get quite the same press coverage, but was no less nail biting for supporters! Last year, Sir William Borlase's Grammar School beat Marlow RC in the Final; this year the same two Clubs were finalists, but the result went the other way. There was a fantastic last sprint for the line from the Marlow crew which took them from being a boat length behind to half a length in front in about 20 strokes, beating the course record in the process! This again demonstrates the strength of our local sculling since there were no fewer than 48 crews, from home and abroad, competing.

In the lead up to Henley Royal, we have enjoyed Marlow Town Regatta, which is mainly for the youngest crews, Women's Henley, and two events at Dorney Lake. Marlow Regatta at Dorney Lake is regarded by many as the "warm-up" event for Henley Royal and indeed good performances at Marlow Regatta are known to influence the Henley Stewards' decisions regarding qualifying races and seeding.

This was followed by the FISA World Cup Regatta, which, while not quite on the same scale as the Olympic Regatta, still required a mammoth effort to organise, and ran very successfully.

The re-building at Marlow RC will probably start in the early Autumn. The club is currently working out how it can continue to operate, while the builders take over the site, so you may see rowing crews appearing from unusual places for the next year or so!

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Ladies who dig

Elaine Baudouin was delighted to receive the parish council's Best Allotment Award and went along to the Annual Parish Meeting to receive it. She told Sue Wagner, parish council chairman, and the assembled audience, that there were lots of ladies who had allotments and they were all great gardeners.

So it was a case of going along to Peggs Allotments off New Road on a bright sunny morning to meet some of the other ladies who like to dig, cultivate, pick their own crops and take them home to cook. They all agreed with Elaine that you couldn't beat the taste of fresh vegetables or fruit.

The ladies agreed that there were occasions when they asked for help, but generally they got on and enjoyed the surroundings and the friendship among the allotment holders with ideas swapped on topics such as; "straw or black plastic around strawberries?"

The ladies were thrilled that Elaine had taken the parish council award although they all admitted that they looked at other allotments with great envy. "I was surprised to get the award" Elaine told them "because I know some allotments are virtually perfect without a weed in sight."

"At the end of the afternoon we have to go home and cook supper for the family" Pauline laughed, "while the fellas go home and have their meal put in front of them." No hard feelings of course at Peggs - it was just back to the digging for all of them and the decision on which vegetable was ready to harvest.



Pauline, Ann, award-winner Elaine and Ann

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Art in the library

Chris Hall is the August artist in the library with *Images from my Mind*. "Colour features strongly in my work," Chris says, "and I move on from there."

After failing art at school Chris did other things and then returned to painting and is now running an art and photography business. His work has featured in Wycombe Museum and library and his photography in John Lewis.

Call in and meet Chris during August as he plans to spend time in the Bourne End Library and will be happy to chat. "I think it makes it more personal if visitors can talk to the artist," he explains.



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By Gloria Barclay, parish clerk

Flooding on A4155

We have had an ongoing problem with an area of flooding on the A4155 outside Emmetts Farm Shop. The problem has been regularly reported to both Thames Water and Bucks County Council. On June 24 Thames Water did attend and dealt with a leaking pipe, which they had denied existed up to that date. Bucks County Council also intend to do investigative work in September to see if there is a groundwater problem here. At the time of writing the problem has not been satisfactorily resolved.

New Councillor

We are delighted to welcome our new Parish Councillor, Kath Acres, who lives in Coldmoorholm Lane. Kath is a maths teacher, a member of Bourne End WI and has a degree in Environmental Science, the Professional Qualification of the Chartered Institute of Housing and a PGCSE in Secondary Maths. She is very enthusiastic and we look forward to her energy and input on the Parish Council.



Spade Oak Car Park

Despite agreeing in principle to take on Spade Oak Car Park last year, we are still awaiting the lease from the county council. We regularly ask them for progress reports, but without any result. In the meantime, we will ask them to continue maintaining the site.

Wycombe District New Local Plan

WDC are using the county council Local Area Forum (LAF) areas as their units for the local discussions of the new plan. Little Marlow Parish Council hosted the meeting for the Chepping Wye Valley Area. There were presentations by two members of the WDC planning team: Ian Manktelow on the background to the preparation of the new plan and the district-wide problems that have to be addressed – particularly the surprising increase in population shown by the 2011 census and the need for Wycombe

to predict its own housing needs following the scrapping of the South East Plan, and Chris Schmidt-Reed on the problems for the Chepping Wye Valley LAF area. This was followed by workshops where we had a discussions about the various issues. If nothing else we highlighted the sewage problem.

The report can be viewed on the Wycombe District Council website. www.wycombe.gov.uk

Next Parish Council Meeting

This will be held on Tuesday August 13 (not the previously published date) at The Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Little Marlow at 8pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Contact

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The office is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am to midday.

Little Marlow village fete

This year's Little Marlow village fête will be held on the Little Marlow Recreation Ground (off Church Road) from 2pm to 5pm on August Bank Holiday Monday August 26.

If you haven't attended before, why not go along and sample what the village has to offer?

There'll be a couple of new attractions this year. Firstly budding Mary Berrys take note. Organisers have been so impressed by the quality of the cakes which have been donated to the home baking stall and to the teas in previous years, that they have decided to organise a cake competition.

There will be two categories: best sponge cake and best cup-cake. Burgers Artisan Bakery in Marlow will provide the judges.

There will be no entry charge, all those entering are asked to donate their cakes to the fête. Cakes should be dropped off at the site between 11am and 1.30pm on the day of the fête.

Their other innovation is that Bass-ically Saxes, the popular local saxophone quartet will be playing throughout the afternoon. Fingers crossed for good weather!

There will also be the usual range of stalls selling bric-a-brac, books, home baking, jams, vegetables and local crafts, information stands run by the Parish Council and the Little Marlow Lakes Country Park: Community Partnership, the Royal Coach Collection and a display of classic cars as well as lots of activities including children's races, children's rides, a bouncy castle, a dog show, plate smashing, fastest shot, coconut shy, face painting, a raffle and a tombola. And there will be afternoon tea and coffee, soft drinks, hamburgers and ice cream on sale.

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Roz Hill is the owner of Sapphire in Wooburn Green which started out as an evening dress hire shop and, under Roz's guidance, has grown into so much more...

Have you always lived in this area?

I was born and raised in Birmingham and moved down to London in my early 20s but I settled in Wooburn 22 years ago and my daughters have grown up here and attended local schools.

When did you take the reins at Sapphire?

I sold my business in London in 2006. By 2009 I was eager to take on a new challenge. I bought Sapphire in February 2010. It was started by a lady called Liz in Bourne End 24 years ago then it was sold to Helen who moved the shop to Wooburn in 2004 and expanded. I had been looking for a business that would be fun but also had the possibility for growth and development and being passionate about clothes Sapphire fitted the bill. It's a family business and my husband and daughter, Georgie, are my partners.

The business has grown so quickly that we now have four part-time staff and two seamstresses, as well as my daughter working here with me. All very exciting!

What changes have you made?

I've expanded the stock considerably and widened the range. In the early days it was mostly evening wear and I now carry an extensive stock of mother-of-the-bride outfits and special occasion wear which is for sale. In July I introduced bridal wear too with an eclectic range of bridal dresses, at very competitive prices, called Ivory Belle at Sapphire.

What is your busiest time of year?

These days we are busy all year round. We have a lot of clients who hire for award ceremonies and red carpet events, even Cannes! Many of our ladies purchase our dresses for their holidays especially cruises. Then there are the balls, festivals and weddings all year round. In the summer there are the school proms – which have taken off incredibly well in recent years – then we come back to Christmas and New Year parties.

How do you decide what to buy for your hire clients?

It is from experience. I have to consider that I have ladies coming here of all shapes and sizes. I have two experienced seamstresses who deal with our alterations, but of course items that are for hire cannot be radically changed. The most popular sizes are 10 to 18 but I stock from a UK 4 up to a 24. I have the experience to know which styles look best in which sizes and colours, but of course if someone really wants an outfit in another size and colour I can usually source it because I carry the current season fashions.

I visit all the major trade fashion fairs in London, Birmingham and Harrogate to keep up with all the new trends and colours. I really enjoy attending these.

I've also learned to look for items that can be cleaned more easily. All our hire dresses are professionally cleaned after each wear, so I try to steer clear of potentially problem fabrics. Feather embellishments are a bit of a no-go area!

Which are your favourite outfits?

Some of the beautiful, colourful evening dresses are just gorgeous, but at the moment I am particularly excited about the John Charles outfits as this Autumn/Winter season we are stocking their cocktail as well as their mother-of-the-bride/special occasion range. This label is increasingly popular with our customers and has been worn by Joanna Lumley and Clare Balding.

Are all your dresses designer?

They are all designer, nothing you would find in the High Street. We stock names like Jovani (which we source from New York), Scala, John Charles and Vera Mont to name a few but some are lesser known designers, who are more reasonably priced, like the Gino Cerruti range, so I can offer a wide range of options and prices.

What about accessories?

You can come here and be dressed from top to toe. We do shoes – even offering Rainbow shoes which can be dyed to order – and we have a selection of fantastic hats, jewellery and sell Trinny and Susannah control undies as well as other lingerie accessories. I'm a perfectionist and I like ladies to look their best so I will spend as long as the client wants to make sure they find an outfit that makes them look and feel great!

Are all these accessories available to hire?

The underwear is sale only of course. Some sample shoes and more expensive jewellery items are for hire. We have hats for sale and for hire. What often happens is that someone will hire an outfit then they will enjoy wearing it so much they want to buy it. Then we sell it after the hire at a very reasonable price taking off the original hire charge.

Are all your customers local?

We have a lot of local ladies as well as customers who enjoy visiting us from further afield, recently from Staffordshire and America! The double gold-medal winning paralympian Natasha Baker is a regular and travels from Ruislip.

What's in the pipeline for Sapphire?

We are planning our 25th anniversary celebrations for early next year which will be exciting, but at the moment we are mid-sale. It's not the usual type of sale with everything discounted; it is really our way of thinning down the stock to make room for all the lovely autumn winter items which will be arriving soon. We will be selling items at discount throughout August. We will be making a few changes to the store too. We hope to have new display windows along the front

Favourite pub: The Blackwood Arms, Littleworth Common

Favourite restaurant: The Chequers Inn, Wooburn Common

Favourite thing to do locally: Walk in the woods

Favourite place: My garden



Old Thatch anniversary

The gardens of Old Thatch, Enid Blyton's home in Bourne End, are celebrating their 10th anniversary this year.

Back when the gardens first opened to the public many of the shrubs, hedges and perennials were still establishing themselves. Today, the garden has a rich, mature feel about it.

Every month and every year is different at Old Thatch, especially this year because there was a cold spring. The outcome is an unusual abundance of umbellifers joining with the delayed spring plants and the results are wonderful. The beautiful pinks and whites of the Pimpinella and Anthriscus are adding height and movement to the bluebells and alliums and the gardens are looking soft and very romantic!

On opening day a mere 17 people visited the garden, but Old Thatch today enjoys an international reputation and receives visitors from all over the world.

In 2008 Old Thatch gained the gardening version of a Michelin star in the Good Gardens Guide. In 2011 it was filmed for BBC Gardeners' World and, that same year, it was selected by Reader's Digest as one of 500 "Most Amazing Gardens in Britain & Ireland".

As well as being able to walk round the many different areas which make up the gardens, visitors to Old Thatch Gardens can also enjoy a mug of tea and delicious home-made cakes on the kitchen terrace – the spot where the famous children's author used to sit with a typewriter on her knees, writing some of her best loved children's stories.

Old Thatch Gardens are open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays (2pm to 5.30pm) until the end of August. Entry: adults £4, children £2.50 (5-13 inc), under-5s free.



Humour at Magnolia House

Scannapeal fund-raising events at the delightful Magnolia House in Wooburn Green always sell out quickly and September's event promises to be no exception.

A few years ago New Yorker Joe Cardone gave a talk on a cruise and everyone was so impressed he's been invited to return for a holiday at Magnolia House and will do a talk on The Magic of Humour on September 7.

As it is now possible to erect a marquée on the treeless patio, guests can be under cover should the weather be unkind.

A cheese and paté buffet supper with sweet delights will be served in the marquée. The garden will be open from 6pm and there will be a bar. Entry is strictly by ticket which cost £15, but these are limited and are not available on the door.

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Our picture shows the garden at a previous event.



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Ali Arnold

Ali Arnold died on Friday 5 July after a short illness and she will be sadly missed. Although Ali lived in High Wycombe she was very much part of Bourne End through her roles in Forum Players shows over many years. Her last show was *Light Refreshments* staged in May. Over the years Ali has appeared in drama, comedy and, of course, was a regular in the annual Forum Players panto. Ali also took part in the workshop shows in the library as well as going out 'on tour' to Wooburn Green and High Wycombe.



Everyone who knew her will remember her kindness and her willingness to help and participate. Ali loved poetry, the written word, and could be relied upon to find something 'just right' to link the action in reviews and workshops. She loved being part of theatrical shows.

Forum Players chairman Rick Accastello recalls that Ali was a true artist and never showed any hesitation to abandon classic verse and dive into the most innovative and experimental forms of theatre. Ali will be missed as a true thespian and for her love of words and performing arts in general. She was a fount of theatre knowledge and she had a wonderful collection of costumes, lovingly collected over the years, which she happily shared on many occasions.

Ali also had a passion for questions and answers. She captained the winning team in the community association's On Target Quiz on many occasions and always supported Quiz Suppers at the centre. A few years ago her tremendous general knowledge meant she moved through the preliminary round and into BBC Radio 4's Brain of Britain competition. Ali's friends followed her faithfully through to the semi-finals. Ali loved the experience of radio recording and was thrilled to meet the other contestants who shared her passion for general knowledge.

There will be a space on the stage at the community centre which Ali would have filled with her presence and the delight she took in 'treading the boards'. RIP



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Among the comments made by students were:

"Sue is one of the best tutors I have ever come across, if not the best. She is supportive, encouraging and enthusiastic and appears to be completely aware of every pupil's progress and needs."

And: "I was very apprehensive before I joined the class, did not know what to expect, but have been really enjoying it. Sue is very calm, good fun, focused and so experienced in teaching, it is a pleasure to listen to her. I always think that even if you like a subject, if the teacher does not carry the spark and passes it on - then it can go very wrong. Sue does not just carry the spark, she glows like a flame when she is teaching Tai Chi." Others said that Sue's enthusiasm infected the whole class!

Sue (pictured left with her certificate and above with some of her Bourne End group) has trained with Tai Chi Masters and is committed to spreading the health benefits of Tai Chi as widely as possible.

Sue teaches classes on Tuesday mornings at the Community Centre and also has a beginners' class on Friday mornings at Beaconsfield Adult Learning Centre. For more information on Sue's Tai Chi classes or any other Buckinghamshire Adult Learning course, call 0845 045 4040 or visit www.adultlearningbcc.ac.uk.



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Bourne End Youth Club

Our youth club's first anniversary party was held on Saturday June 15, on the Blind Lane Recreation Ground. We organised a Fun Day full of games, food and, well, fun! We had Nerf Wars and Sumo Wrestling Suits, which the kids and adults equally enjoyed, and a delicious barbecue, to name just a few treats.

Sadly, the only thing we failed to organise was the sunshine. In fact an ark would've been incredibly useful given that the heavens opened and didn't stop!

Spirits stayed high, but the gazebos didn't under the weight of the water and so we decided to call time a little earlier than planned. It was a fun day nevertheless and one we'll be talking about for some time to come. We hope you like our pictures.

Apart from the BEYC kids and parents, there are some people that contributed to the success of the day that we want to thank.

These are Mike Ware and Chris Wibley from The Rotary Club of Bourne End and Cookham, Peter William for barbecue duties, Nerf Wars www.nerfwarsparties.co.uk, Academy Audio www.academyaudio.co.uk, Colliass Butchers and Lees Bakery, Action for Youth, Wye Valley School, anyone who donated tombola prizes and gazebos, John Dalton from Wooburn Scouts, The Wooburns Youth Club, the

Wooburns Club, the Community Church, D&S Tool Hire, Sue Rogers and finally a huge thanks to all of the BEYC committee and volunteers for their hard work.


The youth club is taking a break over



the summer holidays and will reopen on September 9, but if anyone is interested in volunteering at the club on a Monday evening, we'd very much like to hear from you. We would love to see more kids at the club as well, so if you have or know any children between the ages of 11 and 15 who might be interested in checking the club out, we'd be very happy to have them come along.


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Ollie keeps smiling in hospital

surgery, they joyous moments with Ollie's big brother, Sam, enjoying the hospital's playroom, local pool, planetarium and museum, and Ollie's third birthday celebrations while in hospital.

Recovery is now expected to be slow and steady. At first Claire was shocked that Ollie had seemed to regress and could do less than before, but slowly the signs are there that his mobility and flexibility is improving.

In her last email before we went to press Claire wrote: "Today has been an amazing day. Last night at bedtime Ollie wanted to turn on his bedside lamp, he rolled, crawled over and turned it on!! Today he has been crawling all over the place. He isn't as strong as he was, he can't pull to stand, but in such a short period of time he has made so much progress."

Our pictures here show, bottom left, the Jazzercise fund-raising event in full swing at Wye Valley School. Participants added £5,806.05 to the Ollie fund.

Right Clare and Nick with Ali Matin and Abdul Hassim from the Last Viceroy where they raised more than £1000 at a dinner event and where flowers were presented to key players in the Ollie fund-raising mission. Bottom right is Sue Belcher from Claytons Nursery receiving flowers for her outstanding support for Ollie. Well done everyone!



Little Ollie is doing well

Ollie Garnett had his life-changing operation on July 9 and, when Target went to press, mum Claire and dad Nick were very happy with his progress.

Villagers danced, ran, ate, exercised, sponsored and bought stuff for four months to raise a staggering £75,000 to send the Garnett family to America so Ollie could have the pioneering surgery with Dr Park to ease his stiffness and help him walk, run and play like other little boys. The funds will also cover his vital physiotherapy sessions post-op.

Claire has been round-robin emailing regularly to a host of local people since arriving in St Louis. She has been overwhelmed by the treatment received at the state-of-the-art hospital where they carried out the surgery on Ollie's spine in a procedure called Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy (SDR).

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BEJSC 42nd Annual Prizegiving

Each year this event gives an opportunity for members, their families, and club leaders to come together to celebrate success, progress and achievement in our various sporting sections and recognise the contribution made by those who volunteer.

This year our special guest to present our awards was British kayak athlete Ed McKeever MBE, current European and Olympic champion and formerly a World champion. Ed won the gold medal at the 2012 Olympic Games in the K-1 200m event. He brought his medal to show everyone and spoke about his experiences since winning gold last summer.

Our chief awards are to recognise those who have put something back into the club and/or the community.

The John Williams Award was presented to Sally Williams (John's widow) in recognition of the huge fundraising efforts she has made.

In 2012 Sally staged her 25th and last Garden Sale. Over the years they raised funds for a variety of charities close to Sally's heart. Cancer research and support, diabetes research and bipolar charities have all benefitted from a glorious day in her lovely garden at the top of New Road. In total over £80,000 has been raised from this annual event. Sally, of course, does not let the grass grow under her feet(!) as she now has her garden open on certain days - this year it was for Scannapeal. She also has groups visiting her garden to raise money for charity.

And, of course, she is an active member of Wye Valley Volunteer Bureau and regularly drives people to hospital appointments etc. In the past Sally has also hosted meetings and events for BEJSC.



Club Boy and Club Girls

Club Boy 2013 is Joe Lawrie who has continued to make a huge contribution to BEJSC in his capacity as chair of the Junior Committee, basketball coach for the junior players, and within the swimming section as a competitive swimmer and helper. Joint Club Girls 2013 are Ellie Couves and Emily Cubitt who have been very active participants in Junior Committee, and as helpers in the Friday evening Learn to Swim group over many years. All three of these young people are very worthy winners and excellent role models for younger members. As they leave us to go off to university we wish them well in the future.

Cine Film of BEJSC in 1970

Bourne End Cine Club was busy making a film of the early days when BEJSC first started. We have just had it converted to a DVD with excellent results; parts of it were shown at the Prizegiving. It features the early sections - swimming, football, gymnastics, table tennis (with chess alongside), and country and Scottish dancing. The carnival procession and event in Jacksons Field is also featured. Leaders were gathered in meetings clearly planning the future of the club; none could have guessed the club would be as successful and thriving as it is today! This is a real look back at days gone by! If you would like a copy of the DVD please email liz@bejsc.co.uk giving details for posting/delivering or leave a clear contact message on our answer machine at the hall. They cost £5 each.

What BEJSC has to offer?

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Pictures clockwise from top: Sally Williams (middle) winner of the John Williams Award with her daughter Pip Collin (left) and Liz Hutton, BEJSC Chairman (right); Members of the Junior Committee with Ed McKeever; Ed with Ellie Couves who shares the Club Girl trophy this year

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At the end of last year the activities at the day centre were transferred to the Fremantle Trust on behalf of The Friends Group who had fought to keep it open. Thanks to the hard work and commitment of its staff, support from many local organisations and with additional new staff and new volunteers, its future looks bright.

Improvements, including new flooring, re-painting throughout and new furniture, now mean that the FreTime Service is ready to take on new clients from Bourne End and the surrounding areas. That's why they want you to call in and see the improvements for yourself.

Outside, The Friends and the Residents Association have also been hard at work clearing the gardens, replanting, pruning and tidying, to make it a beautiful environment with a pleasant patio area where clients can relax outdoors and enjoy the flowers and shrubs.

Unlike other lunch clubs and social centres, the Bourne End FreTime Service is run by professional, experienced staff and trained carers, skilled at offering support and care for older people from the physically frail to the very active. Every Wednesday they run a 'Pathway' session for people living with dementia.

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Bridge work going well

Anyone who has walked over the bridge recently will know that the team have started to apply a light green undercoat to parts of the metal structure on the Bourne End side. This is in preparation for the final paint colour which will be a darker green.

All good news as it means that the blasting on the first two sections is now complete. The Cookham end of the bridge steel repairs are now underway with most of the noisy work taking place during the day.

The structural steel repairs to the Cookham side of the bridge will take place at night when the trains stop and will be less noisy than the rivet busting. Osborne will endeavour to keep the noise to a minimum and could well be finished by the time you read this report.

If you're down by the river at the weekend don't be surprised to see work continuing, but Osborne will try to keep most of the noisy activities to during the week.

Works on the footbridge will continue and this will remain open although you may be asked to wait a short while before crossing. Very often this is to allow a group of walkers to cross together as it minimises the number of times work is suspended. In the interests of safety walkers cannot cross while certain jobs are being done.

Steel repairs are noisy, regular river users and walkers can bear witness to that, so the suggestion is that you move on past as quickly as you can.

Vince Canny is one of the men in charge for Osborne and you might find him in the unit below the OTT Restaurant in the Marina. Ray Marsh is the other Site Manager and they will both be happy to answer any questions. Regular updates are posted along the Thames Path and either side of the bridge.



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Probus By Howard Fitzer

Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance Service, which has its HQ at Wycombe Wanderers football ground and operational base at RAF Benson, offers a medical airlift service which can be a life-saver.

Serving a catchment area within the boundaries of Berks, Bucks and Oxon, its distinctive red and yellow helicopters (twin-engined for safety) can reach the nearest hospital within their assigned area within 15 minutes. Len Degavino, our guest speaker on May 15, explained that as a registered charity the Service cannot charge for its operations, despite a cost of £6000 for a pilot's helmet (equipped with intercom) and £6 million for each helicopter.

With no funding available from the Government (or The National Health Service) it relies entirely on contributions to meet its £124,000 per month operating costs. However, it is a sad reflection on modern society that the generosity of public contributions is offset by the necessity to fit chains to collection boxes to deter "snatch" thefts.

In addition to the pilot, each helicopter is manned by two paramedics and a doctor. It also carries supplies of blood plasma and anaesthetics to enable the team to offer, if necessary, roadside surgery, especially at night and when casualties are located in the vicinity of soft ground which will not support the weight of the aircraft.

Another potential problem is the absence of a helipad at prominent hospitals, of which Wycombe is a notable example.

Wooburn WI By Sue Pressney

In June we had a talk on the Mouth and Foot Artists from Keith Jansz. We were blown away by the skill and artistry shown by him and his fellow artists - in fact we felt humbled by the fact that we, who are able-bodied, could not do half as well. In July we had a talk on the Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust, which brought home the vital work done by people who get very little recognition.

In August we hold our Bring and Buy Sale at the home of one our members, where we enjoy an afternoon in idyllic surroundings with lawns sloping down to the Thames - and the added bonus of bargains to be had from our sale. What more could you wish for?

In September Edward Dixon will talk about the role played by animals in the Great War.

If you would care to join us, call Sue Pressney on 01628 527396.

Little Marlow & Well End WI By Diana Spokes

We are all looking forward to the annual Summer Show in August, and members are busy perfecting their baking and craftwork and encouraging their potatoes to grow! Also in August, an outing is arranged to Brighton, while an outing to Nuffield House was planned for July. A recent Cream Tea in Little Marlow Pavilion raised over £100 for Denman College, and at the end of July three members hosted another Cream Tea, this time for the Institute's own funds. Another member is holding an

afternoon tea in August, when hopefully guests will be able to enjoy her garden.

The recent talk by Mrs Deakin on her travels in Gambia, and Mike Dewey's old photographs of local scenes were most interesting. At the July meeting Judy Wilson gave a resume of the NFWI AGM in Cardiff.

Niki Ralf is organising monthly tai chi classes which many members expressed interest in joining. The Rambling Group and the Book Group, Cover to Cover, are well supported and members continue to support One Can and Wycombe Women's Aid. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month in Little Marlow Pavilion and visitors are welcome.

Glory Mill Bowls Club By John Palfreyman

Three months into the 2013 season Glory Mill Bowls Club has won 75% of the friendlies played (played 16 won 12 lost 4). In the Chiltern & Thames League they have played 3 matches and won 3, and in the Bucks League have played 3 and lost 2. They still have 34 games to play before the end of the season on the September 21.

GMBC is always looking for new members particularly ladies, offering free coaching and one of the lowest membership fees in Buckinghamshire. They also offer the loan of bowls to new members and one-to-one coaching if required. Contact Shirley Churn at shirley.churn@btinternet.com, tel 01494 673859.

Inner Wheel Club By Liz Yeeles

We enjoyed a lovely coach trip to Salisbury in May when we had an interesting guided walk around Salisbury Cathedral, and following a very pleasant lunch enjoyed a spectacular flower arrangement demonstration.

Our outgoing President Diana Hyde collected a large number of shoe boxes for our troops serving abroad, and they have been presented to the Household Cavalry in Windsor.

We recently purchased a literacy box (containing everything required for a class of 50 children from paint brushes to exercise books) which will be taken Rotaract members when they travel to Zambia.

A fun evening was had when we all had to provide a hat disguised in a black sack and when revealed, other members had to try to guess the owner of each hat - this proved to be much harder than expected!

Under the leadership of Diana Hyde we have donated over £1,200 to local charities this year; she hands over the reins to Elaine Morris, who will keep us all busy for the next year!

Bourne End WI By Jean Roche

Our June talk was 'Making a Garden for BBC Gardener of the Year' by Edwin Rye and two weeks later we visited his Wendover garden followed by a cream tea at a garden centre.

Recent trips included a guided tour of Greenwich, racing at Ascot, and a visit to Althorp, the childhood home of Princess Diana. The President and one of our members attended the AGM in Cardiff.

The WI Craft Group had a very successful day at Claytons School selling lots of craftwork and members were also teaching children to knit. The planters on The Parade are looking splendid thanks

to the WI Gardening Group and the new planter outside the day centre has also been adopted by the WI.

Our last meeting before the summer break was a Fourth of July garden party in Kath Acres' garden with superb weather. The food brought by the members was really fantastic, as was the jazz band entertainment. Although there is no meeting in August, we plan a get-together on the Mikron (the theatre barge) with food at the Bounty. We look forward to a talk in September on the Art of the Chinese Wok and a Party Night at the Community Centre in October. Our first trip this autumn is to Buckingham Palace to see the Coronation Robes and the State Rooms. Our WI meetings take place on the first Thursday of the month in St Dunstan's Church Hall, 7.30pm.



Upper Thames Sailing Club By Debbie Kite

The sailing season was in full swing during June and July. The five-day-long Bourne End Week regatta was a success and enjoyed by members and visiting sailors. The Thames A Raters championships and the Queen's Cup were won by "Spindrift", helmed by Martin Hunter, from UTSC, by 48 seconds after two hours and 20 minutes of racing.

Junior Bourne End week followed, with 90 junior sailors enjoying racing, coaching and fun competitions, including rescuing team leaders from dinghies moored in the middle of the river. The sun shone and a breeze built up.

There were many opportunities for younger sailors to take the helm and improve their confidence using the extra 20 dinghies brought in for the event, as well as boats based here. We were grateful to have been sponsored again by the local Rotary Club.

At the end of June UTSC members enjoyed more success, winning the sailing match against Cookham Reach. Twenty dinghies competed with nine being driven or towed up river from Cookham. The weather was sunny with a typically flukey wind which was enough for the boats to complete the course. Some light periods, but also enough wind to enable the Cookham Commodore (Richard) to capsized his Enterprise!

On the same day at Datchet our cadets won the Thames Valley Team Challenge for the second year running. The cadets are pictured above.

Club racing and training carries on throughout the year, as well as fun family sailing and a social programme. For information contact our membership team 07732 405304, see our website www.utsc.org.uk, or pop in if you are passing by.

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Bourne End Library

By Inka D'Agostino, library manager

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Saturday July 27: Enrolment to the challenge.

Friday August 9: 11am – midday: Creepy Animals, presented by Animal Edutainment. £3.50 per child, booking required.

Friday August 16: 10.30am: Creepy House craft session. £1 per child, booking required.

Wednesday August 21: 11am: Stories and More, an interactive session for children. £2.50 per child, booking required.

Wednesday August 28 and Thursday August 29: Multimoves presents Creepy House. A two day dance workshop for children aged 5 to 11. The day starts off with stories at 9.30am, dance activities begin at 10am. The workshop finishes at 4.30pm. £24 per child for the whole day, booking required.

Please put **Saturday October 5** in your diaries as we shall be holding a Junior Craft Show from 9.30am to 2pm. The crafts made during the summer Creepy House events will be exhibited and judged with prizes for the best entries.

For toddlers our regular Bounce and Rhyme sessions on Thursdays at 10.30am will continue over the summer holidays.

For adults the Wooburn Festival Week at the library begins on **September 24** with its annual photographic exhibition and series of talks (see advertisement on page 25 for details of talks etc).

For further information and booking please contact us on lib-boe@buckscc.gov.uk tel: 0845 230 3232 or even better please pop into the library.

Bourne End Community Market



Teddy Rose Gifts, Vintage & Collectables

By Victoria Pusey

I discovered Bourne End Community Market this year quite by chance. I was returning books to the local library and the market was bustling. The tables were beautifully presented and the smell of the homemade produce was delicious.

I had my first table in February (just in time for Valentine's Day) and it was a really lovely morning. So much so, that I couldn't wait for the next month.

My table for March was laden with Mother's Day treats and goodies. Nothing terribly expensive, just thoughtful and pretty gifts with fresh flowers and pastel colours.

April saw the warmer weather and my table reflected this in shades of leaf green, yellow, pink and duck egg blue. Little gifts, for presents and the home. Or a well-deserved girly treat for those doing the shopping.

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Past times...by Barrie Penfold

Local life in 1913

Industry, farming and recreation provided plenty of employment locally. Mills worked non-stop to provide paper for the expanding packaging industry and for publishing. Each day workers walked or cycled to do their shift while watching cottages being built by the mill owners who were well aware that they would need to provide homes for workers if they were to expand.

Behind much of this growth was the railway. The train line from Maidenhead to High Wycombe made Bourne End and Wooburn Green more accessible. Freight trains brought in raw materials and took finished goods away.

And, at the weekend the trains came packed with families who wanted to enjoy a day by the river, a boat trip and a picnic in a glorious setting. Bourne End offered all of that. And the journey from London took just over the hour.

Pubs and cafés close to the River Thames were quick to take advantage of the weekend visitors. Shops along the south side of The Parade were built in 1900 to meet the needs of the growing population, but they soon realised that the visitors provided more revenue after a good day out with the family.

Sport was important for men who worked hard all week in the mills. Football and cricket teams were formed competing

against other mills, furniture making factories and even pub teams made up of men who worked for local farmers, were building labourers or gardeners at the many large houses on the riverside.

Does all of this create a picture of a vibrant village with plenty of prospects for work and play? It was all of that and, probably, a bit more. There was an added affluence locally as large houses had been built on the Abbotsbrook Estate. For many of the owners this was their second home, but others decided that they preferred life in the country, close to the River Thames but just an hour away from the City of London by train.

More large houses had been built actually on the riverside towards Cookham. Again their owners were men of power. Parties, regattas and concerts were all part of the regular entertainment for endless guests at weekends and then through the summer months. To provide for this way of life there were jobs galore for girls and young men as a maid, serving at table, gardening, as a stable hand or, with the arrival of motor transport, chauffeur.



Carved stone nameplate on cottages built in 1912 on Cores End Road opposite Furlong Road

Of course, when the houses were closed up for the cold damp winter months the work diminished but the new shops needed extra assistants and the mills were always looking for more hands. It was no surprise that it was a case of doing the job that was offered and being grateful for it.

In 1913 stories in newspapers about issues in Europe would have seemed very far away for those living in this thriving local community. They might have known that Britain had declared its position as one of 'splendid isolation' thus creating an impression of being far removed from what might be happening in Russia, France or Germany. But it couldn't last. By 1913 Britain and Germany were involved in a naval arms race.

Tracing the Spellers

Chris Deane was delighted when he found the grave of his Speller great-grandparents in Hedsor churchyard. He was grateful for the help provided by John Rosewarne and it has progressed his search for more members of the family as well as putting names to some old photographs he inherited.

Chris says that ancestors on his mother's side were the Speller and Woodley families, who lived in the High Wycombe area through the 19th and into the 20th century.

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

The same censuses record the Woodley family at addresses in High Wycombe, including Beckfords Yard in 1901 and 29 George Street in 1911 (and through to the 1930s). His grandmother was Alice Helen Woodley, born 1893, the daughter of Frederick and Emma (Redrup). His grandmother had three older brothers – William, Arthur and Frank.

The attached photo shows a family group at his grandparents' wedding on 6 April 1921 at All Saints Church, High Wycombe.

"I would like help to identify the family members," Chris says, "as well as knowing who the two young girls are. I believe they are Spellers."

Chris has other photos and these can be provided if anyone thinks they can put names to the faces. Just contact the editor, details on page two, who will pass on any information.



OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

St Paul's Church and St Mary's Church Wooburn

At our Teddy Bear Parachute Jump on Father's Day, 63 teddies came flying through the air from our Church Tower, safely into the arms of their owners in the gardens below.



Our 'Open Church' at St Paul's continues throughout the summer from 3pm to 5pm every Sunday until September 1. Join us for tea/coffee and homemade cakes, and look around our beautiful Church. On Sunday September 8 we hope to open up our Church Tower for organised trips to see our bells, and if the weather permits to enjoy the view from the Tower roof. On Saturday September 21 we have a Barn Dance and sausage supper in our Church Hall. For details see our website.

Theatre in the Villages returns to St Paul's Church Hall on Saturday November 2. 'Movies and Musicals' promises to be an evening of fabulous songs from Hollywood and Broadway, with West End singers Jayne O'Mahony (Les Miserables, Evita) and John Langley (Phantom, Mamma Mia, Whistle down the Wind). See website and posters for details - tickets go on sale in September.

St Mary's re-commence their regular activities at the beginning of September with Toddlers on Tuesdays, Health visitors and our Friday midday Communion service and lunch. 'Tots Praise' on Fridays in St Paul's Church Hall is at 9.45am.

The Church Hall and garden in Town Lane, are available for bookings 01628 525512, email stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com and via the web-site www.stpaulswooburn.org.

St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

We officially welcomed Wendy Bull as she took up her role as Curate at a Team Service on the June 30.



The church is open on Sundays from 2.30 to 4.30pm during the summer.

We will have our usual Church Stall selling homemade jams and preserves and Attic Finds at the Little Marlow Village Fete on Bank Holiday Monday. Our Harvest Festival Service will be on October 13 at 11am followed by lunch. We are planning to hold an All Age/Family service on the fourth Sunday of the month at 4pm starting in September. See www.marlowanglican.org for further details at the beginning of September.

The Community Church, Wooburn

Since our Open Day in June, a number have joined us for food and friendship at the Thursday Lunch Club and we have welcomed new parents, carers and toddlers at our Little Steps group on Thursday mornings. There have been new faces at 'Sold Out', the Sunday evening youth group and also on Sunday mornings. It's been great to meet you! We've also been delighted to see people helped with their money worries through the CAP money management



course. If you didn't get to us on the Open Day, please know you are welcome to any event at any time.

A parenting course starts from September 10 on Wednesday afternoons. The course is free and a crèche will be provided. To register interest contact joanne.maynard2@btinternet.com, 07960 228837. From September 25 another free CAP money course runs on three Tuesday evenings; to book go to www.capmoney.org or contact Peter Lisle on 07802 450069.

On Sundays up to September 1 we meet at the Chapel on the Green at 10.30am (refreshments from 10am). Thereafter, we'll be back at the Meadows School. For more information go to www.wooburngreen.org, or call Alan Price on 07743 182720.

St Dunstan's Church, Bourne End

Our annual Charity Walk along the Thames in aid of CAFOD proved as popular as ever, followed by a delicious cream tea in the church hall.

The weekend before, we enjoyed the sunshine at St Teresa's Summer Fayre in Beaconsfield and helped our sister church raise funds for the Leonard Cheshire Children's Home in Mongu, Zambia.

Our youngest members recently danced the evening away at a charity Kids' Disco. At the end of July a group of teenagers and young adults are travelling to Aylesford Priory in Kent for the Brightlights 2013 - World Youth Day at Home festival, with a live link-up with World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro attended by Pope Francis. Live bands, guest speakers, presentations and entertainment will add to the excitement and carnival atmosphere.

Sadly, this summer we are saying goodbye to Fr Andrew Faley, a priest from the Westminster diocese, who has been celebrating weekend Masses with us for the past six years and who has become a much-loved member of our parish. Fr Andrew will be returning to his home diocese of Hexham & Newcastle to take up a pastoral post in North Tyneside and we wish him well for the future. We shall miss his warmth, wit, wisdom and religious guidance.

Our parish website has recently been renewed: visit www.saintdunstans.co.uk.

Finally, please don't forget the Charity Sale in the church hall on Saturday August 3 from 10am to midday. All profits go to the Children's Home in Kaoma, Zambia.

St Mark's Church, Bourne End

The parishes of Hedsor and Bourne



Peppa Pig and some young fans at St Mark's summer fair in June

End have appointed a new Rector, the Rev Janet Binns, a keen marathon runner, who comes to us from Dorney and Eton Wick. Her licensing service at St Mark's on September 10 will be conducted by the Bishop of Buckingham at 7.30pm, followed by refreshments. We welcome Janet, her husband Glen and her two children to our parishes.

Our monthly markets will be on Saturday August 17 and September 14 from 10am to midday in the church hall.

On Sunday September 15 'The Blend Choir' and guests will be performing in the church at 3pm. For tickets, £5, call 01628 810590 or email cottrelljane@hotmail.com. The popular Animal Service will take place at St Nicholas' Church, Hedsor on Saturday September 21 at 3pm. For more details contact the Rev Rosemary Payne on 01628 523034. Then on Sunday September 22 at 10.30am come and celebrate Harvest with us. This is a very colourful service as our lovely church will be decorated for the occasion.

Our pattern of services each month is: first Sunday, third, fourth and fifth 10.30am Sung Eucharist; second Sunday 8am Holy Communion (Common Worship) followed by 10.30am Songs of Praise (all ages).

Our monthly 'What's Happening' newsletter can be picked up in the church, or sent to you by email if you contact cottrelljane@hotmail.com or ring the parish office on 07949 059187.

St Nicholas' Church, Hedsor

On August 10 'Spencer at Hedsor' will be a lovely evening at the church, with canapés served outside in the interval to enjoy the view - see the advertisement in this issue.

Our new priest, the Rev Janet Binns, will be with us as we celebrate our Harvest on Sunday September 29. The church will be open on both Saturday and Sunday from 11 to 4pm that weekend. It is also open on Sunday afternoons during August and September, 2.30 to 4.30pm.



Cores End United Reformed Church

At an AGM on July 8 it was agreed that Cores End should share a Minister with Trinity High Wycombe. We have been without a Minister for some months and Trinity will soon need a new Minister, when Gwen Collins retires in November. Trinity Church Meeting has already passed a similar resolution and so the way is open for work to begin immediately on the churches' profile and we hope that the Moderator will be able to advertise the vacancy by the end of the year.

We have enjoyed the summer sunshine with a lovely open garden event and a summer barbecue, while Link Up Club had their usual outing to World's End in Wendover.

On Sunday September 15, Racial Justice Sunday, our service will be led by Gwen Collins and Geoff Cronin with the theme "I Have a Dream". There will be live music appropriate for the time 50 years ago when Martin Luther King made his famous speech.

Also in September we are holding a Church Workshop on 20/20 Vision. Our Harvest Festival on September 29 will be in aid of 'One Can, followed by a bring-and-share lunch.



Bourne End (Bucks) Community Association

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Walton's *Coronation March: Orb and Sceptre*, written for the coronation of HM the Queen in 1953 is a stirring piece with all the pomp and dignity relating to such an occasion. Grieg's two *Elegiac Melodies* evoke feelings of nostalgia; *Heart's Wound* and the very popular *Last Spring* were originally songs but were arranged for string orchestra by the composer.

Bizet's second *L'Arlésienne Suite*, with its theme of pastoral love, also reflects Bizet's love for the folk-music of the south of France, while Sibelius' *Finlandia* is a powerful statement of Finnish nationalism at a time when the Russian Empire was imposing increasing censorship on Finnish creativity.



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Ron Drake will be in the line-up on clarinet and saxophone. Ron has toured the world playing with top bands. For the past ten years he has been a regular with Denise and her band.

Sunday September 8 will be a great evening at the community centre starting at 8pm. You bring your picnic, get drinks from the bar and enjoy a feast of super sounds. Tickets are £8 from centreJAZZ, Cards and Gifts on The Parade, Library and the centre office. If you want more information ring Mo Hazael on 01628 520170.

See page 30 for information on another musical evening at the Community Centre on September 14. Miscellany of Music is in aid of the Royal British Legion & Macmillan Nurses



Community Association Fête



Welcome autumn in Bourne End at the

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Saturday 14 September

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Lots of interesting activities are planned for the fête on Saturday September 14 which will take place around the community centre.

As usual there will be stalls manned by many of the groups who use the centre. But if you want to be involved there's plenty of time to make your plans and be part of this special day at the community centre.

There will be free car parking thanks to the parish council and entry is free. Just be there from 10.30am and enjoy the fun.

If you would like to have a stall, run an activity or help on the day please leave your details at the office during working hours or ring 01628 522604. You can also email office@bebca.org.uk

Forum Players

We will be holding our Summer Festival in the library so look out for the posters. Then we are planning a one night only MURDER MYSTERY SUPPER on Saturday September 21. Again, look out for the posters and please come along to follow the plot, find the villain and enjoy a theatre supper.

Our panto production to be staged in January 2014 will be 'Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves'. This is a genuinely hilarious pantomime as we follow the antics of Ali, Cassim, Mum Baba and a dwindling band of thieves under the leadership of Sheikh Mustafa Leikh.

Auditions will start on Monday September 9 with a read through and then on Monday September 16 in the small hall and possibly on Wednesday September 18 in the main hall.

We are actively looking for new members young (aged eight and over) and older so please either turn up on September 9 or call Leigh Robinson (secretary) on 01628 523291 or email leigh@forumplayers.com.

Darts

The winter league is now a thing of the past and all our efforts are now aimed at doing well in the summer league.

Mike Slade is the new captain and he brings a fresh approach and enthusiasm to the post. He even managed to persuade his wife to prepare the food.

How are we doing so far? Well, after the shenanigans of the winter league, not too bad.

Our first two matches resulted in wins and we were placed at the top of the league table. However, the shock of these wins must have stunned the team as they were followed by a succession of losses and it looked as if we were back in the old routine as we tumbled down the table.

But fear ye not! In round eight we had a thumping 8-3 win which takes us to mid table and restores some pride.

Cribbage

I am very pleased to report that we finished the winter league coming second and that means we have been promoted to division A. Well done to all the team. We're looking forward to the new season starting again in September.

Chess

August 7 is the last of our summer meetings. From September 4 we revert to weekly Wednesday meetings at 7.30pm in the small hall of the community centre before starting the league programme at the end of the month when the first team hope to keep their stranglehold on the Bucks League Division 1.

You can find out more about the club at www.bucksvoice.net/bourneendchess.

There are three teams in the Bucks League as well as two in the Berkshire League and new members are always welcome so come along to the early season sessions to see what you think or contact secretary, Roger de Coverly on 01628 486676.

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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. All money raised will go to the centre. These are definitions of words which, when reversed, make another word. Number of letters in brackets. Example: Q. Section/ Snare, Catch. A. Part/ Trap.

1. Turn, Twist/ Pinches. (4)
2. To bridge/ Short sleeps. (4)
3. Expert, Adept/ Mediterranean island. (4)
4. Strife, Enmity/ Uncooked. (3)
5. Blemish/ Toys, Summits. (4)
6. Humour, Temper/ Terrible fate. (4)
7. Dumbfound/ Hazel seeds. (4)
8. Meet, Adjoin/ Bass instrument. (4)
9. Type of belt/ Pieces. (5)
10. Dutch cheese/ Manufactured. (4)
11. Tender, Raw/ God of love. (4)
12. Mentally strained/ Puddings. (8)
13. Pirate gull/ Marine diving birds. (4)
14. Used for making junket/ £10 note (slang). (6)
15. Implement/ Plunder, Ransack. (4)
16. Prison officer/ Redraft, Copy. (6)
17. Volcano/ Betting stake. (4)
18. Royal/ Light beer. (5)
19. Gush, Run/ Wild canine. (4)
20. Cabinet school?/ Memo, Musical symbol. (4)

The closing date is Friday, September 6.

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ANSWERS TO QUIZ No 75

1. Frog/ Flog 2. Sale/ Save 3. Year/ Pear 4. Beer/ Bier 5. Lane/ Line 6. Care/ Dare 7. Bowl/ Fowl 8. Sink/ Pink 9. Loam/ Load 10. Rank/ Tank 11. Weep/ Week 12. Zest/ Pest 13. Grab/ Gram 14. Cute/ Lute 15. Trap/ Tray 16. Torn/ Town 17. Gave/ Rave 18. Cord/ Cork 19. Dale/ Pale 20. Damp/ Dump. The winner of Quiz 74 was June Higley, Old Moor Lane, Wooburn Moor..

OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

1st Bourne End Scout Group

The funeral of John Ash was held in May at Flackwell Heath Methodist Church. John was connected to Scouting for many years, and the church was full of family, friends and Scouters. I met the son of Stanley Newman who, with two ladies, started 1st Bourne End Scout Group in 1955.

The Beaver Colonies have been completing their Challenge Badges and had lots of fun/learning with tents, wide games, camp fires, and a fantastic Pirate Sleepover in the Scout Hut.

The two Cub Packs had a very enjoyable (if a little wet) Camp with the rest of the Marlow

District Cubs.

Joseph Sable, one of our Jubilee Cubs, won the best design of a camp badge. They have also been to Longridge and done some pond dipping, camp



skills, cycling, archaeology and crafts.

Endeavour Scouts have been off on their annual camp, where they learnt some great cooking skills (now is the time to let them loose in the kitchen), did some hiking, and went caving.

In June we had a very successful Group Family Barbecue with more than 200 parents, grandparents and children. Thank you to all local businesses that contributed raffle prizes. Contact Roy Harris 01628 526805 or Jenny Benning 01628 525674

Bourne End Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

Recent activities for the Rainbows include growing cress, fruit kebabs, a dolls' tea party, and a trip to the library, along with a kites evening, duck feeding walk, cycling evening and an outing to the Bounty.

The Brownies enjoyed bringing their Dads along for a special challenge evening to celebrate Father's Day. Competition was fierce amongst the teams making paper aeroplanes, completing impossible jigsaws and building the tallest tower using marshmallows and wooden skewers. Brownies planted flowers at St Paul's School and had a great evening picking strawberries and cherries at Copas Farm. A seaside challenge badge has kept them busy designing swimwear, having an indoor picnic in tents,

and enjoying sand art and an end of term beach party.

Marlow Police Station welcomed the Guides for an evening visit including seeing inside a police van, exploring the station and having their fingerprints taken. An evening was spent making edible campfire, followed by a one match fire challenge which all patrols completed, cooking themselves sausages and marshmallows. They went on a three-legged hike to raise funds for Ollie Garnett and spent an evening playing rounders at Sappers' field.

In Bourne End District we have one Rainbow unit (age 5-7), three Brownie units (age 7-10) and one Guide unit (age 10-14). For details of how to join see www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested. We really need new leaders to help keep our Rainbow and Guide units open, could you help us? Contact Di Morrish (District Commissioner) tel 01628 528998, email morrishwg@aol.com.

Bourne End Twinning Association

Forty-nine members spent a memorable weekend in France celebrating the first ten years of their association with Octeville-sur-mer in Normandy. The committee in Octeville had prepared an amazing weekend of celebrations. Our traditional first reception now includes a selection of songs from their choir accompanied by a kir normande (crème de cassis mixed with cider!). The following evening saw us putting on our glad rags for a wonderful evening with speeches and presentations including three specially cut medals for David Paul and Mike Hill, who both signed the original twinning charter, and Rob DeVille who has just retired from a very hard working nine years as our chairman. This picture shows Rob (centre) receiving his medal.



We were all hosted by local families, whose generosity and hospitality are second to none; and we look forward to receiving them in Bourne End next year. It is remarkable how easily people communicate with little or no French, lots of sign language and a dictionary!

Our quiz night on June 29 was filled with both laughter and whispered debate as ten teams struggled to co-operatively win the competition. The evening included a delicious ploughman's supper and desserts.

To everyone's delight, the first name drawn for the raffle was that of teenager Christophe Richer, visiting from our Town Twin. One of the joys of the Town Twinning has been the opportunity for exchange visits and lasting friendships outside the official twinning visits each year.

To find out more see our website www.bebta.ukgo.com, or ring 01628 520065 or chairman Liz Yeeles on 01628 521748.

Wooburn Park Lawn Tennis Club

Our club has recently received the prestigious Club Mark award, designed to assist clubs in the development of tennis programmes. We can offer junior coaching from the age of four (contact Janet Jamieson on janet@brookfield.entadsl.com) and adult coaching for beginners and improvers, members and non-members (contact Anne Hart - anneharttennis@hotmail.com).

Bourne End Video Makers

Our group, formerly Bourne End Video Camera Club, started in 1965 as a cine club. Filming was mostly in and around Bourne End itself. It has since developed into an amateur video-making club with members who like to make or assist in making videos for showing at internal or inter-club competitions or for community shows when the subject involves local events.

Meetings are held in The Target Room at the Community Centre on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm to 10 pm. We welcome new members of all standards and interests.

A large group recently descended on a member's garden which has an extensive model railway to produce a humorous storyline film for next year's competitions. We also provided a crew to film the Meadows School Centenary Fair and the Musical Statues Guinness World Record attempt held at Wooburn Green.

For further information ring David Jarman on 01494 712441 or see www.bevm.co.uk.

Bucks Family History Society

Our meetings in the small hall at the centre are attracting lots of people keen to find out more about their ancestors. On Tuesday August 13 we welcome Richard Heaton who will talk about 'Online Historic Newspapers for Family Historians'. He will tell us about newspaper digitalisation to help understand how to search text and the importance of searching different versions of the same newspaper title.

On Tuesday September 10 our talk from John Chapman is titled 'The Great Western comes to the Thames Valley'. He looks at the origins of the GWR 1830 to 1860. This was originally scheduled for June but had to be switched.

Doors open at 7.15pm with the talk at 7.45pm. Non-members can make a donation to funds if there is a talk they want to attend - alternatively they can become members.

Townswomen's Guild

We know it's summer when there's no meeting in the month. All back to normal in September when on Wednesday 11 we welcome Ken Pierce who will present 'Emily's Diary 1853'. This is certain to be an interesting talk as we find out how women lived 150 years ago.

You are welcome to join us in the small hall at the community centre at 1.30pm on the second Wednesday in the month.

RNLI Bourne End & District Branch

The two-day collection at Sainsbury's Beaconsfield took place at the end of June and just over £1,500 was contributed. Many thanks are due to Beverley Knight, the charity organiser of Sainsbury's who is always most helpful to this branch. There was also a two-day collection at the M40 Service Station in May, which raised £1,568.

We are now planning a two-day collection at Waitrose, and once again we are supported by a dedicated team who are quite willing to stand outside supermarkets with a collecting bucket. We can't thank them enough.

August sees us collecting at the M40 Service Station again and in September we will be having a Lifeboat stall at Cookham Regatta with a selection of Christmas cards and calendars for sale.

John and I were privileged to be invited to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party in recognition of the work of the Bourne End Branch. It was a wonderful experience and we were blessed with a beautiful sunny day. I was a bit taken aback to hear there were 7,500 guests that day! Everything was so well organised that you really weren't aware of how many people were there. Of course there are 40 acres of gardens to get lost in.

Recently the branch has been asked to show the film 'Lifeboat Heroes' to several local groups and all have given donations for RNLI. We thank John Tournier for showing this DVD for us.

If you would like to help, please contact Diana on 01628 523736.

Bourne End Horticultural Society

On August 15 our talk will be 'Trees and Shrubs for the Small Garden' by Graham Talbot, and on September 19, 'All about Michaelmas Daisies' by Liz Glasser. New members are very welcome. Please come and enjoy a free taster session with us! Details from Penny Hampson on 01628 521482.

Soroptomists International Thames Valley

SI Thames Valley were thrilled that one of their founder members, Johanna Raffan, received an MBE in the latest Honours List for services to Education. She has spent her working life teaching, training and devising methods for identifying gifted children.

The photograph shows Johanna receiving a celebratory bottle of champagne from President Rose Moriba surrounded by some of SI Thames Valley members.



Marlow & District Railway Society

On the third Thursday of the month (except August), the Railway Society meets at the centre for an illustrated talk, (7.30pm for an 8pm start). Non-members pay £3 but all are welcome. The talks cover all aspects of railways, all periods, regions and countries, with knowledgeable speakers. We also arrange visits to steam railways and railway sites such as depots and signalling centres. We have a reciprocal arrangement with the RCTS Windsor and Maidenhead Branch. Our subject on Thursday July 18 is India 1980s, and on September 19, UK Steam Memories.

CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

Events in the community centre unless otherwise stated

AUGUST

- 1 Thur Community Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8.30 pm, It's a £1 per person, and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night
- 2 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 6 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the Community Centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle
- 9 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 10 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library
- 16 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 16 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company
- 17 Sat St Mark's monthly market in the church hall from 10am to midday with coffee and cakes
- 21 Wed Bourne End Lace Group 2pm to 4.30pm at Cores End United Reformed Church. Call 01628 528103 for more information
- 23 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 25 Sun BBQ at 4pm on the rear patio at the centre for anyone who wants to talk about reviving the Bourne End Carnival – Please come down, bring any pictures you might have, talk to others and see what could happen in the future
- 26 Mon Little Marlow village fête on the Little Marlow Recreation Ground (off Church Road) from 2pm to 5pm
- 30 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm
- 3 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the Community Centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle
- 5 Thur Community Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8.30 pm. It costs £1 per person, and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night
- 6 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 7 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library
- 7 Sat Cookham Regatta at 11am in Marsh Meadow
- 8 Sun Jazz picnic at the Community Centre, 8pm to 10.45pm. Tickets £8 see poster on page 36 for details
- 13 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 13 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company
- 14 Sat St Mark's monthly market in the church hall from 10am to midday with coffee and cakes
- 14 Sat Community Association Fete from 10.30am to 2.30pm at the centre with stalls, refreshments and fun for children. Free parking in the car park
- 18 Wed Bourne End Lace Group 2pm to 4.30pm at Cores End United Reformed Church. Call 01628 528103 for more information
- 20 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 27 Fri Opera in the centre as part of the Wooburn Festival. The Fairy Queen and Dido and Aeneas fully staged by Barefoot Opera. Tickets £16. See the full listings and booking form page 25
- 27 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 27 Fri Coffee Morning on behalf of Macmillan Cancer Support (supporting the World's Biggest Coffee Morning) at Orchard House, Spring Gardens. Doors open at 10am. Everyone welcome
- 29 Sun Table top sale at the centre 9.30am to 11.30am. Call Caroline on 01628 485642 to take part

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AROUND & ABOUT



John Garner celebrates his 90th birthday with a glass of pink fizz! John, a familiar face to many readers, has lived in Bourne End for more than 40 years and has been a very active member of the community, driving for the Bourne End Volunteers Service for many years. He has been married to Bunty for more than 50 years and has a daughter, Joanna, and two teenage grandsons



Pupils from Claytons Primary School were invited to participate in the annual Swan Upping on the Thames. Daniel Buckley, Jo Jo Grant, Keeley Nagiel, Pehrr Ramrakhyani and Ryley Bowler are pictured on board the Black Watch (organised by the River and Rowing Museum) in order to observe the counting and tagging of the cygnets and swans



This year's Hedsor Riverside Fair at Waters Reach was one of their busiest ever. Here families enjoy the splendid afternoon teas



Three of the five winners of the colouring competition organised to engage parents and children of The Meadows and St Paul's Schools in Wooburn's Community Led Plan I to r Chloe McClenaghan, Ruby Paish and Lauren Yeo



June's Classic Car & Bike Show in Bourne End saw a terrific turnout with plenty for petrol heads to get excited about! Our picture shows motoring enthusiasts (l to r) Steve Whapshott from Flackwell Heath, Ken Canziani from Totteridge, High Wycombe, Phil Whapshott from Flackwell Heath and Terry Rose from Gerrards Cross

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