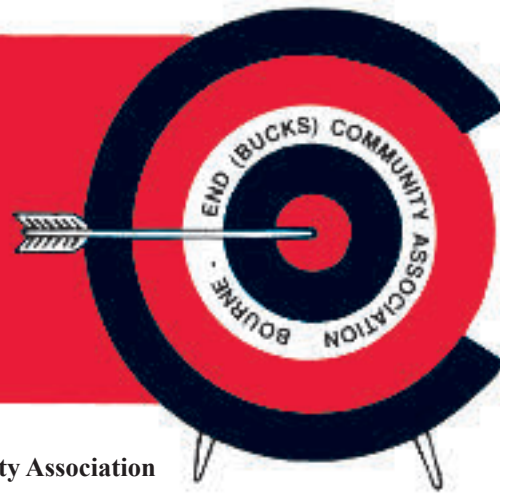


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Little Ollie is getting stronger every day...



Callum wins the Rivet Challenge!

Callum Dunkin (10) says it was a wild guess on the Rivet Challenge (guessing the number of new rivets used on the Bourne End Railway Bridge) but the guys at Osborne say the Claytons pupil got it almost spot on. Well done Callum – your name will go up on the bridge in the new year.

It's five months since three-year-old Ollie Garnett had his life-changing operation in the United States, largely funded by the generous donations of local residents.

Ollie, who was born with cerebral palsy, struggled to walk or even stand without help but was deemed suitable for the pioneering, but expensive, procedure at a St Louis hospital.

Local residents decided they would not let money stand in the way of this little boy having a chance for a normal life and set about raising around £45,000 of the £60,000 needed. The family flew to America this summer and Ollie had surgery on July 9.

The prognosis for little Ollie is great. His mum Claire says: "Ollie is making fantastic progress towards his goal of walking independently. We arrived back home on August 5 and the physio started!"

"Ollie was given a new walker in America. It has a seat that he has learnt how to turn around and pull down. When he gets tired he will tell us he is having a rest and ask if we would like to sit down too and have a cup of tea. Not easy when you are in the village on the way to feed the ducks!"

"We still visit The Movement Centre in Shropshire every eight weeks where he is following their Targeted Training programme. On his second visit Ollie amazed Sarah the physio by walking across the room independently with his sticks.

"The money raised not only paid for the operation, but also all of Ollie's post-op physio. We have also managed to buy all Ollie's post-op equipment including an IMP therapy trike - which Ollie loves, therapy benches, wedges, balance balls and no end of stuff.

"We are really lucky to have an amazing team of people who are helping Ollie to achieve his goal. Sue his one-to-one support at nursery, fitting far more physio activities into a day than anybody could imagine. Hayley his key worker at nursery who is so caring, his two physios, Jo and Saran, and a big brother who Ollie calls "Sammy" who will pull funny faces, play Spiderman games and do just about any mad crazy thing that will help Ollie.

"His surgeon's prognosis is that Ollie will walk independently within two years."

Local fundraisers organised an amazing number of events for the Ollie's First Steps campaign including a ball, quiz night, putting on the Ritz and a curry night. Groups including the Wye Valley Volunteers and Jazzercise contributed with events. There were many personal contributions like Luke Marshall selling sunflower plants, and Joseph Cox raising over £300. Air Canada gave the family two round-trip flights to St Louis and the Rotary Club of Bourne End and Cookham donated two more round-trip flights so the family could all fly out together. The rest of the money was raised by Ollie's family and large donations by some generous individuals.

Claire says: "We can't thank the people of Bourne End enough for what they have done to help our son. Now the goal of Ollie being able to walk unaided really seems a few steps closer.

"We would like to say a big thank you to the Rotary and especially Stuart Hyde. They made our life so easy, booking and paying for our flights, organising for someone from Air Canada to meet us in Toronto to help us with our flights to St Louis, we were so looked after thanks to them.

"Bourne End is such a lovely place to live, the community support for us has been unbelievable - We can't imagine wanting to live anywhere else! And we can't wait until *Target* can publish a picture of Ollie walking into school in September 2015.

"Walking, just like all the other children."



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BULL'S EYE

Here it comes again... Christmas! Once I got over the initial shock of seeing Christmas decorations on sale in October and learned to ignore the marketing threats of how few days I had left to do my Christmas shopping, I once again got swept up in the jolliness of it all.

I still think the stores should be made to wait until December 1 to start bombarding us with Noddy Holder (my how that man must love the festive season, his postman must get a hernia each year delivering Slade royalty cheques) but it is such a lovely time of the year it's no surprise people want it to start earlier and earlier.

One of the local festivities I am particularly looking forward to is the Bourne End Fun Night on December 6.

This always has a great atmosphere and this year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever.

Roll up, roll up and guess where the donkey is going to poo! Seriously, this is one of the new attractions this year.

So wrap up warm, raid your piggy bank and come along to The Parade from 5pm. Come and support your local shops, businesses and clubs.

On that note can I say how sad I was to see that On The Thames (OTT) had closed. The restaurant carried a full page advert in Target for the past three years and it was their continued support which first enabled us to go up in pagination.

Both my sons had part time work there while they were at school and owner Richard Garratt worked hard to make OTT a success. I've enjoyed many a meal there and this year will be the first year since it opened that I've not been to an OTT reunion Christmas dinner with my old pals from the Bucks Free Press.

I'm very interested to see what business comes in there next and I hope everyone will support it. And I wish Richard well in whatever he does next.

Debra Aspinall, Editor

RIP Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Wakeling who died on November 11 aged 93. He was a founder member of the community association, an active member of Wye Valley Volunteers and he created and led the original campaign to raise funds to purchase a community minibus. He and wife Nicky were a great team who only slowed up when age and health issues prevailed. Nicky's death was a blow from which Eric never recovered. A befitting tribute, with stories of Eric's fascinating war experiences, will appear in the February/March 2014 issue of Target.

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

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

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



While out walking I passed a house with its new collection of rubbish bins, black, green, purple and boxes for food waste, recyclables and sacks for green waste. Next to this collection of containers was a single small corrugated, galvanised steel, dustbin. Years ago this would have lasted a family for a week and was then collected without arguments about its contents. What price progress?! And what I do not understand is how a paper recycling machine that can eat books and telephone directories can block up if fed shredded letters and bills, which now need to go to landfill.

However in my previous Target article (Aug/Sept) I pointed out that things are changing. Some of these changes are now completed while others are stuck in various stages of planning. The Bramley Gardens application (13/06317/FUL) was turned down by WDC but it doesn't end there. Another application was duly submitted to the planning department with a reduction in the number of houses. However at the same time the original application has gone to Appeal. So we have the two applications running alongside each other.

We still await any news on The Firefly but we know the fate of the site of another old pub just down the road: The Red Lion. Planning for houses was approved and hoardings now surround that site ready for development.

The BP garage with the M&S Simply Food and Wild Bean Coffee Shop has opened. If the night-time opening is causing problems for any local residents please let me know. So far the only problem that I have heard about is that people wanting to pay quickly for their fuel have to queue behind shoppers with a basket full of goods.

The old police house has finally been demolished and construction is well underway. Presumably the shop will be a Tesco Express. Wait until they put the name boards up and then we will know. And we shouldn't forget the proposed Sainsbury's Local (more of that later) on the Parade Court site. We clearly have

far too many convenience stores. My plea has always been that shoppers should not change their shopping habits. If you have always used the independent butcher, baker, hardware shop and greengrocer then please continue to do so.

Getting away from development and an abundance of supermarkets it is great to see that Bourne End Day Centre is open and part of the local community. It is only a year ago that Bucks County Council was still talking about its possible closure. As we know the Friends group took over the building in December last year and the Fremantle Trust are providing the professional service to the clients.

During the past year the building has had a complete makeover while the dedicated staff have remained and have continued to provide a great service to people in need of care and consideration. The last year has seen huge changes for them, along with all the challenges associated with building work and refurbishment, but they are an inspiring team.

If you care for a loved one and would like to find them a place to visit on a regular basis where they will be looked after, inspired, fed and entertained please call into the day centre and ask to look around. I genuinely believe that you will not be disappointed and it could mean a day of much-needed respite for you.

Now to the latest on the Parade Court development by McCarthy & Stone. By the time you read this the planning application (13/06392/FUL) should have been decided. Many people wrote to WDC with their comments. Only one person stated that they did not want the site developed. Over 40 people were in favour of the Later Living apartments proposed by McCarthy & Stone. Many actually indicated a desire to buy one!

However of those who have commented on the design 90% stated that they find it unattractive and totally out of keeping with the village centre. It has been described as looking like a social housing block on the Costa Blanca. My fervent hope would be for a more traditional design with brickwork and a tiled roof. We await the councillors' decision.

No doubt it will be reported in the local press and, I understand, it will be on the Target Magazine Facebook page.

If you have comments on planning issues I am always happy to hear from you so thank you for reading this and very best wishes for the festive season and new year ahead from myself and the members of our committee.

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Future of Our Village Forum (FoOV) Bourne End

Our AGM was preceded by an informative and lively open meeting which was attended by approx.40 residents. The meeting opened with PC Merlyn Evans, our new local Police Officer, introducing himself and describing his plans for our area. He answered questions on speeding, anti-social behaviour and crime.

David Dewar, WDC Planning Officer, then gave a presentation on the new Local Plan being developed by Wycombe District Council. There was lively debate with many concerns raised. It is definitely a subject which could have a big effect on our area. We should all stay informed, and ensure that our voices are heard during the Public Consultation which begins in January 2014.

David Langford, Chair FoOV, gave an update on the progress to date on the Action Plan developed from the Community Led Plan. We have been trying to progress the actions relating to policing, parking, speeding, planning and community. Meetings have been held with WDC, FGW and BCC. There is also a group looking at the options for the community to commemorate the start of WW1. If you have any ideas or

would like to get involved in any specific area please contact us. A copy of the Action Plan can be found on the FoOV website.

Jim Penfold, representing The Friends of Bourne End Day Care Centre C.I.C, gave an update on progress with the Day Centre. He reported that the transition from BCC to the Friends group and Fremantle had been seamless for clients. The building has now undergone refurbishment and is a village asset Bourne End can be proud of. To view the facilities please contact the centre directly.

BCC Cllr Mike Appleyard gave an update on BCC future plans for the library. It was disappointing to hear that it is now in transition to volunteer staff. When permanent staff leave, they will no longer be replaced. If you would like to volunteer please contact Inka, who is the manager of the library.

Simon Fowke, BE Youth Club, reported that the club has now been running successfully for 18 months and is well supported. It is held on Mondays in St Mark's hall. Activities are many and varied. If you would like more information about joining the club or becoming a helper please contact us as below.

FoOV website www.bucksvoice.net/foov contains details of the AGM. FoOV can be contacted by email at villageforum@yahoo.com or by speaking to Janet Gould (secretary) on 01628 524122.

Report by Janet Gould and David Langford

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Marina Life with Peter Osborne



It has been quite mild this autumn/winter so far, but with a fair amount of rain. This would indicate that the ground is wet which could have an effect if we have a lot of rain over the winter. Let's hope we don't and that the risks of flooding are reduced. After a slow beginning to the year induced by poor weather/river conditions we have fared extremely well during a hot dry summer. I hope we have a good end to the year that will enhance our results.

By the time this missive has gone to print we will have the tug back in the marina. Once back we have to attach the repaired cuddy, re-engine her, paint and then press her into service as soon as we can. You will know when she is back in the water due to the increased decibel levels on the river. We have been very touched by all the sympathy and good wishes received from the General Public (I knew him when he was only a Lance Corporal). We will

be so happy when she is back and we are to rename her TUGTANIC as per a suggestion on the Marina Facebook page.

We are all extremely disappointed that On The Thames restaurant has closed. Unfortunately it's another reminder of the current financial conditions that we are enduring and endorses the message that we must support our local businesses in these tough times. We are all hopeful that before too long there will be another quality restaurant operating in the premises to add to the ambience of the marina, or as one of our customers calls it, "Paradise".

Matty and I are slightly concerned about Chaos. He has had a wood burner installed at home and we believe that he has turned into a beaver. Everywhere we look we see small piles of drift wood stashed in the nooks and crannies around the marina, and then all of a sudden they disappear. For those of you who often call down collecting wood, a word of warning, there 'aint a lot about! A word of warning, Chaos has now grown two rather large front teeth.

We suffered a rather breezy night a while back which brought down trees and power cables etc., locally, however, no damage was sustained within the marina. When we receive warnings such as "Armageddon is approaching" we tend to burst into life from our slumbers and check the safety of the boats and equipment.

This entails checking that canopies are secure, ropes are as they should be and that there are no loose items littered about the marina that could 'take off' in the breeze and cause damage to anything that they collide with. We have action plans for snow, floods and wind that we strictly adhere to. Without such precautions there is a great chance that damage could result to the boats in our care, custody and control. Yes I know, you are all extremely surprised how professional we Marina Boys really are. It may not seem that way to you but we certainly know our carrots.

We are truly in our winter mode now, boats are starting to come out of the water, maintenance on the equipment and pontoons is to commence, mooring agreements for April are being prepared. There is no let-up for us, even in the winter. We are stocked up with road salt for use around the marina when it turns cold, we have loads of Calor gas for your greenhouse and domestic heaters and good stocks of red diesel for your generators or commercial equipment etc. It may seem odd to some of you but we also have fresh stocks of ice creams, don't ask me why but people actually come down for an ice cream in the winter, most peculiar. You can always tell when it's winter at the marina, we start drinking Bovril, we may be old fashioned but it does the trick.

Talking about the winter, I have news of 'our lad Jack', the ex-Saturday boy who is now at Bournemouth University. He joined in a charity quest whereby participants had 36 hours to get as far away from the Uni as possible without spending any money on transport. Well, 36 hours after 'legging it' Jack and his chum made it to the Western Sahara on the border with Mauritania! At this stage I am not sure, but I believe they got the furthest away, some guys will go to great lengths to escape the cold. It's amazing what skills you learn working down here.

Fortunately Matty and Chaos do not possess these particular talents, they can hide, but don't go far. I always stalk them down and prod them with a stick to get them back to work.

Christmas is just around the corner, so Matty, Chaos and myself take this opportunity to wish you a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We always look forward to seeing you down here so call by on your next visit.

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We still have three vacancies for the Wooburn Green ward so if think you think you would be interested in joining us please contact the clerk, Malcolm Silver on 01628 522827, clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk or the chairman, Cllr Sue Wagner on 01628 523948 for more information. It is important to have councillors on the team who are from all areas of the parish so that parishioners can speak to someone who lives close to them and knows the areas they have concerns about.

Dog Fouling Fine

The parish council recently received an email from Wycombe District Council to say that the Dog Warden had issued a Fixed Penalty Ticket to a dog walker in Wooburn Park for not cleaning up after their dog.

The fine of £50 was paid promptly and no further action was taken. If you are a dog walker who regularly uses Wooburn Park or any of our other open spaces please ensure that you clean up after your dog and use the dog waste bins provided.

The parish council have a limited supply of dog waste bags which are available to collect from the office on Town Lane on a first-come first-served basis.

New Benches

We have recently purchased six new seats for the parish. Three new wooden benches are for the cemetery, two of which will be placed on the roundabout halfway up and the third will be just inside the entrance on the right hand side close to the lower garden of remembrance. Two longer length wooden benches will replace the damaged ones at Dinnie's riverside and the final one will replace the bench on New Road. This bench is made of recycled material and is the same type as the ones in Wooburn Park.

The parish councillors have decided to take over responsibility and maintenance of all the benches in the parish. Over the next few months all the benches will be listed and their condition assessed.

Fields In Trust

The parish council is in the final stages of having three of our open spaces dedicated with Queen Elizabeth II Field status. This is part of the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee legacy following on from the momentous events of 2012 and is organised by the Fields in Trust. It means that the open spaces concerned will be protected for future generations and kept as outdoor recreational spaces. The three areas concerned are: Blind Lane Play Area, Bourne End Recreation Ground and Wooburn Park. A plaque has been provided for each area and will be installed in due course. Being part of the Fields in Trust initiative also means that we will be able to apply for funding for projects in these areas.

Christmas

Well it's a straight run to Christmas now and no doubt the colder weather will signal the retrieval of the long johns from the mothballs. The Councillors and office staff would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the parish a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Events

Bourne End Fun Night, Friday December 6, 5.00pm – 8.00pm

Nativity on the Green, Saturday December 7, 6.00pm – 6.45pm

Carols on Wooburn Green, Saturday December 21, 4.00pm – 6.00pm

Meeting Dates 2013/2014:

Full Council: January 28, February 25
Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials: January 7, February 4
Planning, Highways & Lighting: December 4, January 5, February 26
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All meetings start at 7.30pm.

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Pickles and prizes raise funds for Macmillan

Locally money was raised for Macmillan Cancer Care at two events this autumn. A coffee morning was held in Orchard House where there were cakes galore and an endless tombola type raffle. Super prizes were donated and the final amount of money raised was £360. Well done and thanks to all.

Then Joan Sykes set up her stall on The Parade and her wide range of goodies raised more than £170. Thanks Joan, the pickled shallots are wonderful.

Thank you to everyone who helped, bought and enjoyed themselves.

Our pictures show above, Yvonne Larkin who organised the Orchard House coffee morning, and below, Joan Sykes with her pickles on The Parade.



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YOUR LETTERS

The red kite saga flows on...but it seems the tide is turning a little and over the past two months I have had a few emails agreeing with my initial concern that we now seem to have too many of these majestic creatures sweeping through our skies in this area.

Out and about some people have mentioned to me that they seem to have fewer small birds in their gardens these days, another asked me to make an appeal to readers to NOT put out scraps of meat for red kites as some local cats are eating the scraps and getting fat. A problem I hadn't considered, but a worry to the cat owners nevertheless (and surely putting out scraps will boost our rat population?)

I publish one final letter on the subject of red kites and one from the Chiltern Conservation Board who really want to stress the importance of not feeding the kites.

Dear Editor

We were very interested to read your comments in Aug/Sept Target regarding the red kites.

Over the past few months we have noticed a substantial reduction in the number of birds visiting our garden. We moved from Wooburn Green eight years ago and now live adjoining woodland on the Bourne End/Flackwell Heath border and although here we never had sparrows or starlings in the garden (as we did in Wooburn Green), we did, however enjoy most other common garden birds visiting the feeders.

While appreciating that this summer has produced plenty of natural food for birds, we have never in the past had to throw away fat balls from the bird feeders that have simply deteriorated.

In the past they would last between 10 - 14 days and of course, we have had plentiful summers before.

We cannot help but wonder if the proliferation of red kites locally has a bearing on this situation. There are often as many as ten or 12 circling and swooping into the gardens and whilst it is fascinating to watch these magnificent birds, is it at the expense of the smaller birds? In a recent BBC programme applauding the success of red kites in Wales, the presenter stated that kites do take small birds.

In conversation with one of my neighbours he told me that during the summer he witnessed a kite take a blue tit from his garden, which explodes the myth that the kites do no harm and only eat carrion.

David Turnpenny
Willow Close, Flackwell Heath



Feeding Red Kites Causes Concern

Red kites are now a familiar and much-loved sight over the Chilterns, with many residents gaining great pleasure from seeing them. However, recently, these birds have received local and national media attention for all the wrong reasons.

Television, radio and newspaper reports of red kites stealing school children's lunches, raiding summer barbecues and picnics and swooping over domestic pets have led to concerned calls to the Chilterns Conservation Board about the birds' over-bold behaviour.

People claim to have been scratched by kites trying to take food from them and neighbours of properties where kites are fed are complaining of their cars and washing being soiled by kite droppings, raw meat scraps being dropped in their gardens and an increase in rats.

We believe that red kites are clustering over our villages and coming worryingly close to people and pets because they have become accustomed to being fed. They are not aggressive birds, but are merely capitalising

on feeding opportunities. They have learnt over several years that an easy source of food can be found close to human habitation, so they are now seeking it out.

We are being asked whether anything can be done to prevent this unwelcome behaviour. The answer is yes, but it involves changing our own behaviour. The only way to stop them swooping into schools and gardens is to remove the source of food. Soon, they will realise there is nothing for them in that locality and will search elsewhere.

The issues aren't just about neighbourly disputes, though. There are conservation concerns too. The re-introduction of red kites to the Chilterns has been an incredible conservation success, with the population increasing year-on-year, but it is important that the increasing numbers of kites can be sustained by the natural food sources available to them in the wider countryside, which will mainly be carrion but will also include live prey such as rats, mice and voles.

There is no shortage of food in the Chilterns to sustain a healthy population of red kites, so supplementary feeding is not necessary.

While we appreciate that people who feed red kites get great enjoyment from seeing the birds close-up, such feeding may be discouraging the birds from spreading out and finding their food naturally, and may ultimately lead to an unsustainably high population of red kites, clustering around supplementary food sources, becoming reliant on human hand-outs.

It's not illegal to feed kites, but we hope that people who currently do so will take heed of their neighbours' concerns and the issues of over-population, and consider stopping or at least reducing their feeding.

So, to feed or not to feed? When applied to red kites in the Chilterns, the answer from the Chilterns Conservation Board is, "No thank you".

Cathy Rose
Activities and Learning Officer
Chilterns Conservation Board

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Happy music is the aim

Dennis Deane says simply that he "likes making things" and that's what he does. Leaving school at 14 he worked for companies making everything from printers to cars and lots in between. He could tell you everything about the bus conductor's ticket machine (who remembers those?) and he has worked on military equipment. And he knows how a spinning-wheel works because he made one for a friend of his wife and other orders followed.

Dennis and his wife Doreen moved west out of London in 1958 and bought a home in Tylers Green where there were endless jobs to do on their new home. He bought a cine camera and decided that he needed to find a local club where he could learn more about good quality film-making. "The one I found was in Bourne End" he says "and I joined them and have been a member ever since."

So why did Dennis start making barrel organs? His youngest brother built one so Dennis bought a set of plans for a busker's barrel organ to hang around the neck. He adapted that to make one that stood on the ground and could be wheeled along. It's a 20 note organ with 20 pipes and plays from a paper-roll.

His second organ was bigger with 26 notes, 70 pipes and controls that changed notes. Dennis made everything, but Doreen got involved in the decoration and the names. Then Dennis and Doreen found that there was a demand for the barrel organ music at village fairs and events. Everyone loved the happy music and they had a collecting bucket for Macmillan Cancer Relief.

And that might have been the end of the story but Dennis, who had now progressed to making films using a video

camera, found that 21st century technology could be used to good

advantage in an old fashioned barrel organ.

Carrying lots of paper-rolls has been replaced by a memory card and his third organ is decidedly high tech. It switches on at a press of a button, but for effect you still wind the handle.

On the front Dennis has a picture of Harefield village where he was born and there's also a picture of Ickenham Church where he and Doreen were married. So far they have raised over £25,000 for Macmillan and in their travels with their happy music they have met lots of lovely people. "It's great" Dennis admits "we dress either Victorian or Edwardian style and we know it's appreciated."



Pictured here: Dennis with two organs he made earlier. Top: his high tech barrel organ

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Spade Oak Level Crossing

Members of the parish met with the level crossings manager for the area to discuss issues at the level crossing at the bottom of Coldmoorholme Lane. We were told that it is one of the most misused crossings in the district with unauthorised people taking vehicles across to the wharf. Only those with permission granted by Network Rail may do this. It had been noted that there was no emergency number on the signage there, but this has now been rectified. Network Rail have a Community Helpline 08457 114141 which you can call if you require further information.

Allotments

We occasionally have vacant allotments at our site in Chapman Lane, if you would be interested in taking on an un-loved plot, please call or email the parish council office.

Little Marlow Relief in Need Charity

This very old charity can give donations of money, or buy necessary equipment where needed for those who are living within the parish of Little Marlow which includes Well End and parts of Bourne End. We make donations every year, usually in December, but requests can be made at any time. If you know of someone who could benefit, contact the clerk.

Sheepridge Lane Accidents

There are frequent accidents in Sheepridge Lane, mainly on the bend by Pigeon House Farm and almost all are caused by speeding or lack of control. We asked Buckinghamshire County Council to look into this and they installed cables to gather data, which, unfortunately did not produce the evidence to warrant reducing the speed limit in the lane. The parish council is looking into the matter again with the help of our area technician from BCC. In the meantime, please drive carefully down this road, especially on the bend and in poor road conditions.

Little Marlow Cemetery

If you have visited the cemetery in Fern Lane recently, you will have noticed that another area has been levelled ready for interments. We will also be undertaking works to improve the track from Sheepridge Lane to make this easier for the grave-digger and for undertaker's staff to use.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday December 3 at 8pm at the pavilion. Our first meeting in 2014 will be held on Tuesday January 14. You are very welcome to attend any of our council meetings.

We wish all of you a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful 2014.

Little Marlow Parish Council

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For office hours over the Christmas and New Year period, please see our website.

Little Marlow Village Fete

At our recent AGM of the Little Marlow Residents' Association the treasurer of the Little Marlow Village Amenities Committee, Niall Blair, announced that the income from this year's Little Marlow Fete amounted to a magnificent £7,122 and that once all expenses had been deducted this gave an overall profit of £5,363, an increase of almost 50% on last year's figure.

The committee put forward a number of proposals for spending the proceeds. In true democratic fashion, each proposal was discussed by the residents - some at length - and then voted upon. It was agreed that funds would be allocated to Little Marlow CE School, St John the Baptist Church in Little Marlow, Wye Valley Volunteers towards a replacement mini-bus, Thames Valley and Chilterns Air Ambulance Trust, Bourne End and Cookham Rotary for local projects, Well End and Little Marlow Women's Institute, the British Red Cross, replacing the hedge along the A4155 boundary of the recreation ground, maintaining its car park, planting up and maintaining The Pound, purchasing and sowing poppy seeds to mark the centenary of World War 1 and purchasing a large gazebo for use at future fetes.

Thank you once again to everyone who supported the fete in any way. We look forward to seeing you all at next year's event on Bank Holiday Monday, August 25, when we hope to put on another great day and to raise even more money for local good causes, projects and activities which benefit the residents of Little Marlow.

Valerie Brownridge

Chairman, Little Marlow Village Amenities Committee



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Kath Acres is another one of those amazing women who selflessly become a lynchpin for the local community. She is currently a parish councillor, WI committee member, Bourne End Fun Night organiser and guerrilla knitter. Debra Aspinall went to see her at her Bourne End home.

When did you move to this area?

I'm from Essex originally but moved to Hackney where my husband Mike [Power] and I worked – me in publishing and Mike as an architect – and one day I spotted a private sale ad for a house in Beaconsfield. We'd never heard of Beaconsfield, but we came to take a look and decided to start the next phase of our lives here.

Our daughter Holly was about nine when we moved in 1992, son Jack was three. We came to Bourne End about three years ago moving into one of the new properties on the Spade Oak Farm development.

It's a beautiful home. You must love it here?

It's very rural and yet just minutes from the centre of Bourne End. We do love it. We love having the additional paddock adjoining our garden. I'd consider having a horse if there were places to ride around here, but actually it's very restricted where you can and can't ride. So we have other people's horses grazing here instead.

What publications were you involved with when you worked in publishing?

Gosh there were lots. I published Inside Housing, which covered social housing, and Build It, about self building – and then I started my own magazine, New Start, which focused on regeneration projects. It was a product of its time and regeneration was a big, cool, topic.

At its peak we were sending out 20,000 copies a week and we had thousands of regular subscribers. It did very well and was a great thing to be involved with. It even won awards. But we wound it up in 2010.

What did you do then?

I decided I wanted to do something else. I was a bit obsessed with Sudoku so thought I should maybe do a maths A level. I already had a degree under my belt, but thought I would enjoy doing a maths A level through Bucks Adult Learning. I did enjoy it although it was a tough thing to do – mostly through online work assignments.

Once I had passed the A level I enrolled at Brunel University to qualify for teaching maths. I did some of my work experience at Wye Valley.

After qualifying I went to work at Furze Platt school, but I only lasted a term and a half. It just wasn't for me. I think I am too creative and a bit of a troublemaker so I couldn't conform to all the rules and regulations and I didn't enjoy the whole discipline part of teaching.

So I took out an advert in *Target* and started to do private tutoring. I love it. I can work the hours it suits me and I have a variety of students from Year 7 up to A level – of all different abilities. The flexibility of my job means I have time to do other things in the community.

Like the Bourne End Women's Institute?

Yes I am on the committee and I run the craft group, which I try to make interesting. I'm also involved in a big project for 2014. I went to the Edinburgh Fringe and saw a fabulous show called Inspector Norse which was a thriller loosely based on Sweden and all things Abba. All the props were knitted.

It's a very funny, two woman show and I am thrilled to confirm the Bourne End WI has booked them to do the show at the community centre on March 27th. Put that date in your diaries!

Can you tell me about your guerrilla knitting?

Ah yes. The WI held a pop-up café in aid of little Ollie at Spade Oak Wharf under a massive weeping willow tree. The next day the tree was half destroyed in a storm. At the same time someone had given me some beautiful knitted hearts so I hung the hearts on the tree and left some knitting patterns so more people could add to it. The tree looked lovely.

We will be doing that again next summer, but this winter I want people to knit or crochet snowflakes. They are deceptively easy to make and if everyone makes them in white, gold or silver it will look lovely. I have lots of patterns and I have invested in a product which will seal and stiffen the snowflakes so they will survive the winter weather. People can email me at bourneendwi@yahoo.com for help and can leave their snowflakes at the community centre for me to hang them.



Your community involvement doesn't end there does it?

No I am also on the Little Marlow Parish Council – I kind of got involved because I spoke out about the Coldmoorholme Lane car park. I am now on their Budget Committee.

And this year I am very involved with the Bourne End Fun Night in December. I am taking over from the current organiser, David Davis. One of my first innovations for the night is Poo Corner.

We will have a donkey and a pony and you can place bets on which quadrant of their pen they will poo in first. Ok it's not highbrow, but it's fun.

See page 15 for more about the Bourne End Christmas Fun Night.



The Future of the Wooburns – Community Led Plan

There is still time to have your say with our questionnaire!

A big thank you to all those who have filled in questionnaires online and those who have returned a completed paper version.

Some 400 completed questionnaires have been received to date – a healthy 20% response rate.

Because of the interest the questionnaire has generated, we are extending the deadline for submission to Sunday December 8.

By filling the questionnaire in online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/G22L3XB> you will greatly assist with analysis of the information. Copies are available for collection from Avenue Store, Holtspur Avenue and The Wooburn Club, Wooburn Green.

Waiting for the news...

Thanks to each and every one of you who voted for the Bourne End Community Centre to win a £3,000 grant from the Lloyds Bank Community Fund. Unfortunately the result came out too late for us to print it in this issue of Target.

We will, however, let everyone know the result via our Target Magazine facebook page AND on the community association website: www.bourneendbucks.com

We were delighted to be shortlisted for the award back in May and, as reported on the cover of the October/November issue of Target, we had just the project in mind to spend the grant on should we be lucky enough to be chosen.

We decided on spending it on something which will benefit many of the groups and organisations who use the community centre regularly... updating our sound and lighting system. This would include upgrading our hearing loop to a more modern system thereby improving audience enjoyment of plays and shows.

We were up against some worthy and tough competition and, should we not get first place, we will at least receive a smaller £300 runners-up grant which we will still use on the sound system.

Our photo (below) shows representatives from many of the groups that use the community centre. For more information on centre activities or to enquire about room hire charges contact the community centre office (details page 2).



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CHRISTMAS FUN NIGHT

Everyone is invited to Bourne End's Late Opening and Charity Fun Night to be held in The Parade and Wakeman Road on Friday December 6 from 5pm.

The shops and businesses of Bourne End, the community association and the Rotary Club of Cookham Bridge have joined forces to stage our annual Christmas get together and, thanks to the generous funding by Bourne End businesses, the village Christmas lights will be shining brightly throughout the event.

Many shops will be open for retail therapy and to offer drinks and seasonal snacks to add to the festive cheer. There's a lot to see and do - for example come and meet our friendly donkey and Shetland pony.

Want to sit in the driver's seat of an ambulance and find out about the fire engine that will be in The Parade? Then come along and meet the folk who will explain all. A funfair and a bouncy castle will delight young children and for adults free beer will be available thanks to our generous friends at Rebellion Brewery.

The Bourne End Motor Company, the library and Brookhouse Vets have organised indoor events ranging from a Santa's grotto to face painting and displays of reptiles.

In addition there will all manner of goods on sale and fun events being organised by our local Youth Club, the WI, Youth Enterprise groups, and local producers.

Generous donations of sausages, buns, onions and charcoal from Bourne End's butcher, baker, Chinese restaurant and hardware store will ensure that the famous Bourne End hot dogs will be ready for you to enjoy. And don't forget the scouts' hot chestnuts stall.

Local school and church choirs, a saxophone band and a handmade music machine will serenade you with carols and Christmas music.

The 2013 children's light design competition, sponsored by Nat West Bank, was won by Ruby Paish of St. Paul's school, so come and see her light switched on at 5pm outside No25 and Pizazz.

Once again we thank our local councils who have agreed to free parking in Wakeman Road car park all day on Friday December 6.

There will be so much more to see and to do, so come down to The Parade and enjoy an evening with family, friends and neighbours.



This year's winning light design by Ruby Paish



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Next year *Target* celebrates its 50th anniversary!

Target's managing editor, Barrie Penfold, has an archive of copies going back to the very first issue so if there are any items you remember and would like to see published again in our special features next year, please let us know!

Maybe you'd like to see the Chiltern Wayfayer again, one of Doug Ginger's lovely editorials, a Bull's Eye by George Warner, or a history piece by Mrs Woollerton?



Target has undergone many changes over the years. Our Millennium issue was a one-off 40-pager, but now we are 40 pages every issue... and we have the capability to print in full colour.

We're not sure how this publication will evolve over the next decade. We can't go any bigger because our wonderful team of volunteer distributors would struggle to cope. But perhaps you have some suggestions on how we might evolve?

editor@targetmagazine.org.uk



Take Your Target

Well done to Nick and Christine Roy of Andrews Reach, Bourne End, who hiked up to the Lost City of the Incas, Machu Picchu, in October just to take this photo for us!

Ok, maybe that wasn't their primary reason, but we are so glad they remembered to pack their *Target* for the photo taken at The Sun Gate.

As Roy says: "We are looking pleased with ourselves because we two oldies had finished a tough 26 mile/four day hike taking in three passes, the highest of which is close to 14,000ft. The Sun Gate is at a mere 8,500ft.

"Having camped for three nights we were looking forward to a shower and a soft bed!"

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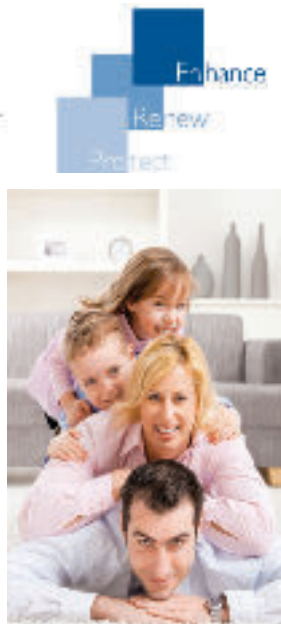
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Mary Berry to light up hospice event

South Bucks Hospice is holding a Light up a Life event on Friday December 13 followed by their lighting of festive lights by special guest, Mary Berry. The event will be held at the hospice; Pusey House, 9A Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks HP13 6PN from 4.30pm.

Organisers say: "Christmas is a very special time of year. A time for families and friends to come together and celebrate life and relationships, a time for sharing memories, and remembering our loved ones who have passed on. Though it is a time of celebration, it can be a particularly hard time of the year if you have lost a loved one. We understand just how important it is to celebrate and remember.

"Pusey House will be open from 4.30pm for guests to make a personal dedication, written on their own star to hang on our Christmas tree. Afterwards we will hold a short service at 5.40pm, which will be led by Father Strain, and guests will be invited to light a candle in our garden in memory of their loved ones."

After the remembrance service, at 6pm, TV favourite Mary Berry will turn on the festive lights in the hospice garden. High Wycombe Music Centre Youth Choir will be singing carols, and there will be festive refreshments including mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies.

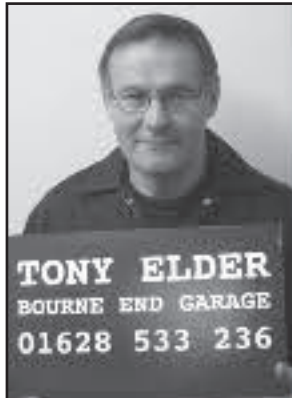
For more information or to take part go to www.snh-lights.eventbrite.co.uk or call the hospice on 01494 464045.

Wycombe's Local Plan

Work is starting on a new Local Plan for Wycombe district which will determine how many homes are needed and where they should be built, what our local economy could look like and what kind of local infrastructure we will need to serve the people who live and work in our area. This long term strategic Local Plan will outline the scale and location of planned growth in the district up to 2031.

Wycombe District Council has stated its commitment to involve a wide range of stakeholders and the wider community in preparing the new Local Plan. There will be more details released about this consultation in January.

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Forum Players panto will be fun (oh yes it will)

Ali Baba And The Forty Thieves will bring colour, fun, music and magic to the Centre Theatre during January. Once again we have selected a Ben Crocker panto: he wrote Camelot which we did last year, and we're certain we chose well as rehearsals are fun for everyone.

Make sure to be there as this genuinely hilarious pantomime follows the antics of Ali, Cassim, Mum Baba and a dwindling band of thieves under the leadership of Sheikh Mustafa Leikh. Not forgetting Kamil the camel who is certain to become every child's best friend.

We are thrilled to have some new principals as well as those familiar faces who are the established core of Forum Players. This certainly promises to be a very good show for all ages. Lots of music and action and audience participation as well as the welcome return of 'The Pants Band' to provide us with live music. And we are delighted that a small group from the

Elite Academy of Dance, with principle Louisa Poolman, are working on special pieces for our panto. The academy recently took part in a Tapathon to raise money for Children in Need and also as a Guinness Book of Records attempt.

Panto dates for your 2014 diary are Saturdays January 18 and 25 with shows at 2.30 and 6.30pm. There's a Sunday show at 2.30pm on January 19. Senior citizens have their usual free show and that will be on Wednesday January 15 at 8pm.

We have kept ticket prices the same as last year at £9 adults, £7 concessions and a family ticket (two adults and

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

Club News

Our special Open Day last September was very successful so do watch out for the new date for the next one in the spring term. It resulted in several new members for most sections. We also tried 'Bring a Buddy' for one week when existing members could bring a friend as a taster for their sport and this too proved very popular. Follow BEJSC on Facebook to keep up with coming events.

Joe Lawrie- Community Champion Young Volunteer of the Year

In the 2013 Wycombe Community Champions Awards, sponsored by the Wycombe Partnership, Joe Lawrie was shortlisted as Young Volunteer of the Year.

It is with great pleasure I report that he won against some stiff opposition. The award recognised the huge contribution Joe has made to BEJSC. For over 10 years Joe has been taking part in various sports including swimming, climbing and basketball, representing the club in competitive events as well as attending regular training sessions, but also coaching younger members.

Joe helps coach players in the Basketball Section every Friday where his contribution is well recognised. He has been running the Junior Players group over the past year while the adult leader was off sick.

Joe plays basketball and is in the team for BEJSC and his school. He has organised several friendly matches between the two teams.

He regularly helps younger members in the Swimming Section. Joe also joined the Junior Committee six years ago representing the three sections of the club he belongs to. He completed his Young Leaders Course in 2009.

It is on the Junior Committee that we have seen the wide range of his skills and contribution to the club as a whole. He often takes and produces minutes of the meetings. He attends and helps at all club events, and is particularly good with young children on Open Days both in climbing and in basketball.

He has taken on the club website completely redesigning



it, keeping it up to date; in turn this informs new and prospective members.

He has visited all the sections taking photos of each sport to show the various activities on a Power Point presentation for our annual prizegiving evening.

This year he and other members of the committee have been taking video footage of the sections which he put together for the prizegiving evening in July. He is a wonderful role model and a fantastic advertisement for BEJSC.

He has served as vice-chairman of Junior Committee and then as chairman for the last three years. During this time he has encouraged other members of the Junior Committee to get involved and to organise events for club members.

He has played a key role in organising activities for members to improve communication between the different sports sections. In addition he has trained and volunteered to work with Activeventure on a residential week for young people with disabilities; he is actively encouraging others to do the same. Most recently Joe mentored a 14-year-old who was completing his Young Leaders Course; the young person completed this successfully. Joe left us this autumn to go to Bath University where we wish him every success.

What does BEJSC have to offer?

The children and young people living within the area are fortunate to have BEJSC enabling them to try various sports. Remember we offer badminton, basketball, canoeing, climbing, football, judo, inline hockey and swimming. If you fancy trying any of these sports then call us at the hall (24 hour answerphone 01628 528110) or email office@bejsc.co.uk and we will get back to you.

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Into 2014 on Monday January 6 there's a talk about Defining your Skill Sets and going on to decide which ones are transferable. On January 13 it will be all

about Building a winning CV – good for any age, as a CV is the first contact you will make with a potential employer.

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Pizazz Competition Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Pizazz competition in the last issue of Target. The first prize of a £50 voucher to spend in the stylish boutique on The Parade was won by Barbara Stewart. The two runners up prizes of £25 each went to Glenda Barrett and Miss A. Barnett.

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Photos in the library

Dennis Palmer has always been taking photographs. He remembers his first camera and his desire, even then, to find the 'human interest' through the viewfinder before he took the photo.

His earliest photos were in black and white taken during the 1950s. Many of these will feature in his January exhibition at Bourne End Library and are not to be missed.

There has been a recent revival in photos capturing a moment in day-to-day life. Dennis has captured these moments for 60 years and they are certain to bring back memories for the oldies while the younger generation cannot fail to be fascinated by the skill of the market stall holder as every face in the crowd shows rapt concentration on the offer he is making.

Photography was a hobby for Dennis who was a civil engineer all his working life. Married to artist Juliette Palmer he would take his camera on their holidays and leave her to paint while he sought out the magical moments on a religious procession or the effect of light on an ancient roof. But there was always the search for the picture



Wye Valley Volunteers

Wye Valley Volunteers gathered for a very special presentation of their Queen's Award for Voluntary Service by the Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire. The ceremony was held in Bourne End Library.

Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher gave a warm citation for the organisation and delighted the 80 volunteers present by chatting individually to almost all of them.

Jean Peasley (left with Sir Henry) and Gwen Thomas (giggling on the right) received the certificate and glass trophy and Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Councillor Margaret Marshall, who nominated the group for the prestigious award, warmly thanked the volunteers.

The wonderful celebration cake was made by Pat Vanryne. The group say thanks to the 'Library Ladies' for all their help.



Photos by Richard Monger



Wine Tasting Invitation

Join us on Saturday December 14 for a Wine Tasting and Bin End Sale 4 to 8pm

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Mucky Monsters

A new pre-school group, offering mucky play for little ones, has started in the small hall at the community centre on a Wednesday morning from 10 to 11am.

Called Mucky Monsters it combines arts and crafts with messy play and lots of fun. Little ones can create with their fingers, enjoy the feel and texture of whipped colours, sand, shells and things from the garden.

It costs £6 per child with siblings paying £4. Free coffee or tea, with biscuits, for the adults.

No need to book. Just go along and give it a try! For details visit www.muckymonsters.com



Wooburn Run

The Wooburn Park Sports Association held the eleventh 10K run in September. The race, which starts/finishes in Wooburn Park, was routed through countryside and farmland.

There were 230 entrants and the event raised more than £2,000 which will be used to upgrade sporting facilities in Wooburn Park.

The fastest male was Mathew Davenport (pictured left, running down Wash Hill) with a time of 34 minutes 13 seconds, and the fastest female was Sarah Caulfield with a time of 46 minutes 26 seconds.

Ben Sendall and Phoebe Boyd came first in the Junior Male/Female categories, Laurence Miles and Lisa Stewart came first in the over-40 categories, Chris Rose and Deborah Lawrence in the over-50 categories, and Anthony Curtin and Margaret Moody in the over-60s.

The race will be held again next year on September 14. WPSA would like to thank the various organisations which sponsored the event including, Olive Communications, The Fruit Market, Hawkinsport, and Runners Retreat.



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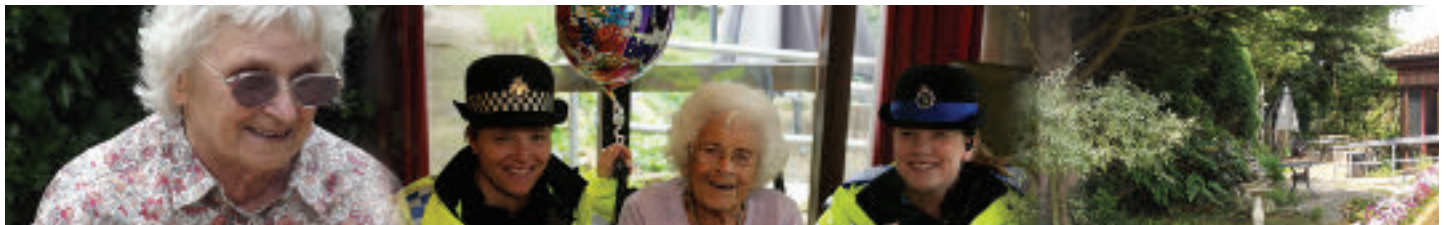
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Claytons governor appeal

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"If you are interested please contact the chair of governors on 01628 525277 or email governors@claytons.bucks.sch.uk."

Bourne End Youth Club report

Halloween at the Bourne End Youth Club was a spooktacular event (sorry...) with apple bobbing, doughnut chasing and toilet paper mummifying. Some of the kids arrived in fancy dress and some left with gory wounds (expertly applied by special effects make up ladies).

A particular mention must be made for the ENORMOUS pumpkin generously donated by Tony Millar with thanks to Pat and Mike Weller. The kids did an amazing job of carving it and, given its size, I suspect it will be still be in one piece to use again next year!

Thank you to everyone who shopped at Waitrose Beaconsfield and donated the green coins to the youth club. We're waiting to be told the final total and we're very grateful to have been included in such a worthwhile scheme.

Finally, we had to reschedule our fundraising quiz night on November 22, as it unfortunately clashed with an event at Wye Valley School. We will now be holding the quiz at the community centre on Friday February 28. We look forward to seeing lots of you there to help raise much needed funds to maintain the running of the club.

We'll be closing for the Christmas holidays, but we always welcome new members, so if you know a child between 11 and 15 years old who would like to come and check the club out, please tell them to come in and see us on a Monday evening.

BEYC is open to children between 11-15 years old and runs every Monday evening 6.30-8.30pm at St. Marks Church Hall. For more information, contact secretarybeyc@yahoo.co.uk or come down and speak to the club leaders Kylie and Emily.





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Probus By Howard Fitzer

After-lunch speaker John Daymond, our former chairman, gave a fascinating glimpse of the Inca Empire of Machu Picchu fame. It seems incredible that a culture that never discovered the wheel, had no form of the written word, utilised coloured strings to keep records and whose only construction tools were bronze chisels nevertheless created an 18,000-mile highway system. They were also skilled metal workers, amazing stone masons, performed successful skull surgery and were the first to cultivate the potato.

Yu-Jin-Chang, a young lady from Korea, gave us an equally informative exposition of her home country, now a world leader in information technology. Early Koreans were masters of the art of printing, inventing the world's first movable metal type printing in 1234 and producing the Tripitaka Koreana, a masterpiece with 52 million individual characters hand-carved on over 81,000 wooden printing blocks. Taking 77 years to complete in 1087, it depicts Buddhist scriptures and is still in perfect condition.

To join our Probus Group contact our Secretary Brian Print, tel. 01628 523739.

Wooburn WI By Sue Pressney

In October we hosted a group meeting with an enjoyable talk on the history of the Rothschilds. In November the Christmas Bring & Buy swelled our coffers nicely. We also elected our committee, when Isabel Swain stood down as secretary after many years of dedicated service. In December Mrs Deakin will talk on The Andes, The Amazon And The Galapagos, and then in January Calibre will tell us about Talking Books.

Join us on the first Wednesday of each month at St Mary's Church hall at 2.15 pm. Ring Sue Pressney 01628 527396 for information.

Little Marlow & Well End WI By Diana Spokes

At the annual meeting in November the committee was re-elected with the addition of two new members. Maggie Ryan was re-elected president. The institute has 44 members, with a waiting list of ladies keen to join this popular and busy WI.

In October Mr B Harding-Jones entertained members with an amusing talk on his work as a paramedic. June Baxter demonstrated the art of sugarcraft recently and members followed her instructions on making an angel with varying degrees of success!

A group of Little Marlow & Well End members visited Wycombe Magistrates Court and were most impressed. A group also visited Long Acres Garden Centre & Nursery.

The December meeting will be held in Bourne End Community Centre with entertainment by the Chiltern Handbell Ringers. As this is a special Christmas tea, guests from other WIs and the Bourne End Townswomen's Guild are invited. A week later is our Christmas lunch at Winter Hill Golf

Club.

At our January meeting ideas will be put forward for the coming year. 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

Following GMBC's successful outdoor season, the indoor season runs at Handy Cross from October to the end of March with ten triples leagues, one Australian pairs and two men's fours. GMBC has entered five teams in the triples league using three captains, Ron Yates, Len Rodgers, and Dave Currie.

The presentation evening for club competitions will be followed by the Christmas party. GMBC will be looking for new members for the outdoor season beginning in April. Contact secretary Shirley Churn on 01494 673859 or email shirley.churn@btinternet.com.

Inner Wheel Club By Diana Hyde

We packed several boxes of school stationery, dried foods, blankets etc for the Hope and Aid Direct convoy which left for Kosovo in September.

Once again, a poppy wreath was placed on the War Memorial, this year in Cookham. We also collected 'Treats for Troops' for service personnel overseas.

November will see us in Elizabeth House, Cookham enjoying a Greetings Card Workshop organised by IW member Louise Baker and helped along by mulled wine and mince pies. Our guest for our popular Annual Christmas Charity Tea in BE Community Centre will be Her Grace the Duchess of Atholl. Proceeds go to local charities and Brainwave. IW members will be actively helping the Rotary Club with Christmas collections. Our last meeting for 2013 will be a Christmas Feast at Kong's.

To celebrate International Inner Wheel Day, members will be preparing a mailshot for the Thames Valley Adventure Playground followed by a visit to the Dum Bell Harvester to recharge our batteries.

Bourne End WI By Jean Roche

On October 3 we enjoyed a very interesting and amusing talk by Stewart Linford, a bespoke furniture maker and restorer from High Wycombe. He brought along some fantastic examples of his work.

On October 10 at our Mamma Mia Evening everyone enjoyed singing and dancing to the tunes of Abba with fantastic food, which was a taste of Sweden. Our DJ gave members a chance to perform karaoke and let their hair down.

At our annual meeting David Pickering gave an amusing account of his experiences as a pantomime dame.

We have grown over the past year and now have 100 members and will be celebrating our second very successful year at our Christmas/ Birthday Party in December.

Our WI meetings take place on the first Thursday of every month in St Dunstan's Church Hall at 7.30pm. Our WI Craft Group meets on the third Tuesday at 1.30pm in the library.

Bourne End & Cookham Rotary Club By Richard Monger

Our Movember campaign saw three of us attempting to grow moustaches for the month of November in support of men's health. To sponsor us or see how we are doing, please visit our [facebook.com/beacrotary](https://www.facebook.com/beacrotary) page.

Our Wasps Rugby parking has had a successful month. We manage a small trading estate close to Adams Park where companies permit us to charge rugby visitors to park their cars. ALL the money collected goes into our charity account and is distributed to deserving causes both at home and abroad.

Our Christmas collections begin with Children in Need at Terminal 5 from 7am to 7pm, fortunately in shifts. Our Santa collections start in December, so get ready to welcome us as we come down your road with our sleigh. A couple of households collect all their loose change during the year and give us a BIG bag of coins – thank you, there is room on the sleigh!

See www.beac-rotary.org.uk or visit our facebook page /beacrotary.

Upper Thames Sailing Club By Debbie Kite

Two junior sailors representing Upper Thames have qualified for prestigious national training squads. Deborah Hughes, 13, (pictured) has qualified for the Royal Yachting Association UK Junior Winter Squad. Deborah has been sailing since she was six, and has competed at international regattas in Italy, the Netherlands and Ireland. The training from national coaches is part of the programme to develop sailors to win medals for RYA Team GBR at international regattas at youth and olympic level.

Lizzy Markham, 15, has been invited to join the Topper Class ITCA (GBR) UK Racing Squad, a national squad of 12 experienced racing sailors aged 14-18. She will take part in coaching

weekends all over the country. Lizzy has also been sailing since she was small, as part of the thriving group of cadet

sailors that train and race here.

The club hosted an Open meeting for cadet sailors in October, on the day before 'The Storm'. All enjoyed a really good day of racing in gusts of over 30 knots.

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Exercise Clinic Update

by Wendy Chaplin

Arrangements within Wye Valley School meant that we were given notice and had to close at the end of October. Everyone is actively seeking alternative premises to continue all the good things we provided at the Exercise Clinic. We apologise most sincerely to those who had come to rely on these services and who support the clinic.

Thankfully we have retained our telephone number 01628 528226 and you can visit our website www.exerciseclinic.co.uk for updates.

While huge efforts are continuing in the background we have set up some daytime classes at Bourne End Junior Sports Hall in their clubroom and details are:

Monday: 9.30 to 10.30am Fitball at £7 per session

Tuesday: 10 to 11am 50 Plus Friends

Circuit at £7 per session until Christmas 11 to midday.

Exercise Referral, runs until Christmas 4 to 4.45pm.

Stretch at £3 per session.

Thursday: 10 to 11am 50 Plus Friends Circuit at £7 per session – just drop in. 11am to midday Exercise Referral as above. These classes come under the heading of the Sports Massage Clinic.



WORLD WAR I COMMEMORATION 2014

Target readers will be aware that there are plans to mark the centenary of the First World War across the country during 2014.

A group of local people who are actively involved with FoOV (Future of Our Village) have been exploring ways of commemorating this event in Bourne End. Look out for more details in the next edition of *Target* at the start of 2014.

Meanwhile your help is needed. The group would love to hear from anyone who had a relative, or a friend, living in Bourne End during 1914 or at any stage during the war period.

Equally if you know of someone who may have this information or has records such as letters or diaries that give an idea of what life in Bourne End would have been like at that time, please let us know.

Any records of servicemen or any other information would be particularly welcome. You can make contact by email initially bourneendww1@gmail.com or write to Brian Pollock, 83 Chalklands, Bourne End, SL8 5TL telephone: 01628 528359.

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We should like to take this opportunity to wish all our customers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year and to thank you for all your support and help throughout the year.

The major event at the Library over the next two months is the Bourne End Christmas Fun Night on Friday December 6 when we shall remain open until 8pm.

Please come and join us for a glass of our now famous mulled wine. Highlights of the evening will be a children's treasure hunt and face painting, tombola and nearly new book sale, as well as sale of charity Christmas cards.

Dates for our **Lifestyle Club** which meets once a month on a Friday morning at 10.30am are: Friday December 20: Christmas quiz coffee and mince pies.

Friday January 24: Lord McCall, our guest speaker will be telling us about the work of the Mercy Ships. These are ocean vessels providing health care to the poor in port areas around the world. As this is a charity we will be collecting donations.

Bounce and Rhyme: due to the overwhelming popularity of this session there are now two sessions on Thursday mornings.

10-10.30am: Bounce and Rhyme Babies! For parents and carers with babies aged 0 -18 months only.

11-11.30am: Bounce and Rhyme 18 months to 5 years.

Multimoves children's dance workshops: Two taster sessions on Saturday December 7 and December 21, 10am - midday. £12 per child. This is an excellent opportunity for you to leave your children in a safe and fun environment while you do some Christmas shopping.

Computer and Ancestry taster sessions are held on the first Friday of the month.

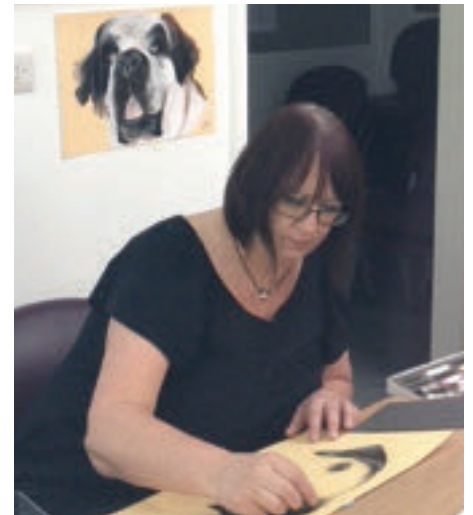
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Yoga: Classes every Tuesday 6-7.30pm

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For further information on this or any of the above events please call in or contact us on lib-boe@buckscc.gov.uk, or tel: 0845 230 3232.

Bourne End Community Market



Pet portraits

By Karen Vipan

My name is Karen and I do dog portraits. Well, Pet Portraits really, but dogs are my favourite thing to draw and apart from two horses and one cat, all my portraits have been dogs so far. I do have an order for a pet pig, so that will add to my portfolio!

I started off at school way back in the days of blackboards not Blackberrys and I had a huge interest in still life art.

Over many years I have tried several different mediums and styles, even taking a course to be a "wet on wet" landscape art instructor.

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Past times...by Barrie Penfold

Bourne End Railway Bridge

Bourne End's railway bridge has been the centre of riverside attention during 2013. So it's appropriate that its history should be the subject of this Past Times history page as the year comes to an end.

It's a year which has seen the bridge changing colour to green and the name of a local youngster becoming a permanent part of the structure.

Once approval was granted for the Great Western Railway to link London with the South West the line was built in three years. There are stories that the great engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel rode on horseback along the proposed route to see 'how the land lies'.

With the major route complete, railway owners were keen to look further afield and link other towns to create a wider network of railways. Wycombe Railway promoters saw a connection between their town and Maidenhead as a positive move so they started raising capital and applying for the necessary Act of Parliament. Raising the £150,000 needed to build the line was difficult, but in 1845 the route was surveyed.

The valley of the River Wye dictated the route from High Wycombe to Cores End but there were two options into Maidenhead. Eventually the slightly shorter route which involved putting a cutting through Winter Hill was the one approved. Did Mr Brunel see the glorious view of the River Thames from Winter Hill and appreciate its effect on future travellers?

When the money ran out there was nothing to see of the High Wycombe link but a line of pegs going through nine miles of countryside. Eventually a contractor agreed to carry out the work for £62,000. The Wycombe Railway Company was incorporated by an Act of Parliament in July 1846. The line opened on August 1, 1854.

A wooden bridge carried trains across



the River Thames to Marlow Road station. Sturdy enough to carry a train the first bridge was certainly a hazard for river users. It had ten wooden piers, but it worked and the line provided a link between two towns. When the Marlow branch line was opened in 1873 the station name was changed to Bourne End to avoid confusion.

A move to concrete and metal was the next major change for Bourne End's bridge. The bridge that stands today was built in the 1890s. It was constructed alongside the wooden bridge to avoid a long period of closure. By then, the line was being very well used.

Business traffic made a huge contribution to the financial success of the railway line and old photographs show huge freight trains, laden with coal and esparto grass for the mills between Bourne End and Wooburn Green. And it was a two-way traffic as finished paper was transported by rail to city centres across the country. Fresh vegetables from local market gardens were in London hotels within hours of being picked.

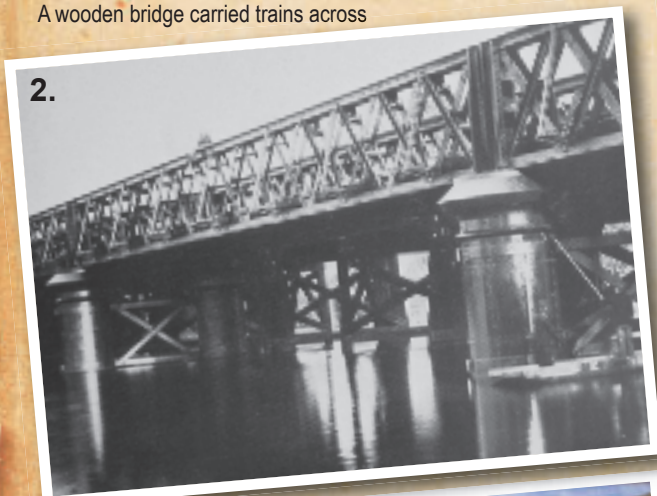
There is no doubt that the coming of the railway created huge opportunities for both business and leisure. Posters in London's railway stations offered day trips to enjoy boating and bathing in Bourne End. Even on and through the two world wars Bourne End's railway bridge played its part, especially with war work.

Whether it was all down to the family car or changes in business methods, a decline in railway usage meant that the Bourne End to High Wycombe line closed on May 2, 1970. There were still as many trains using the railway bridge, but they weren't going any further. Commuter usage of the railway line proved to be its lifesaver. As Bourne End grew the need for transport to London provided the revenue to keep the line open. And the bridge needed nothing more than painting.

The advent of the Thames Path national trail gave the bridge a new purpose, but not without controversy. Walkers using the towpath from Marlow would have to divert onto the road to get to Cookham and then back onto the trail. Various forms of river crossing were considered with the preference being a footbridge which would be cantilevered out from the railway bridge. It took some time to get all the necessary permissions and confirm that a 100-year-old bridge could take the extra weight down one side. The footbridge opened in 1992/3 to take the Thames Path across the river onto the Berkshire bank.

At the start of 2014 the newly refurbished and rural-coloured Bourne End railway bridge is part of the local community and a link that has stood the test of time. Thank you Mr Brunel and all the engineers who have kept it going.

Our pictures show: 1. Wooden bridge which had ten piers and was a hazard for river users. 2. Concrete and metal bridge with wooden bridge behind awaiting demolition. 3. Painting of the bridge by renowned artist David Aldus



OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

St Paul's and St Mary's Church Wooburn

We will be re-enacting our popular 'Nativity on the Green' at 6pm on Saturday December 7. Mary and Joseph visit the inns around the green with their donkey and finally settle to rest on the green, where the Shepherds come to see the special baby. Carols are sung during the narration.

Our wonderful 'Carols by Candlelight' is on Sunday December 15 at 6pm in St Paul's Church, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

The children's Crib Service is on Christmas Eve at 4pm, where all children are invited to come as either angels or shepherds to help with the telling of the story of the birth of Jesus. Midnight Holy Communion service starts at 11pm that evening and then on Christmas Day there will be the BCP Holy Communion service at 8am followed by our all-age Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome to join us and share the celebrations!

All the normal groups at both St Paul's and St Mary's will back in January, with Toddlers at St Paul's Church Hall from Tuesday January 7 and Tot's Praise and our Friday Communion service and lunch on January 10.

The Church Hall and garden in Town Lane, Wooburn are available for bookings through the office on 01628 525512, email stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com and via the website, which has full details of services and events: www.stpaulswooburn.org



St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

Our new service 'All Together' with stories, songs and puppets has proved popular and will continue on the fourth Sunday of the month at 4pm, followed by tea and homemade cakes. Although the service is aimed at families with young children all are very welcome.

On Advent Sunday December 1: Holy Communion at 8.30am followed by Mattins at 11am. On December 8: Holy Communion (BCP) at 8.30am followed by Christingles at 11am.

On December 15: Holy Communion at 8.30am and a service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 6pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies. On December 22: Holy Communion at 8.30am followed by Holy Communion at 11am and 'All Together' at 4pm. On Christmas Eve, December 24: Crib Service at 4pm – children are welcome to come dressed as angels, shepherds, Kings, Joseph, Mary or just come as themselves! Midnight Mass is at 11.30pm. On Christmas Morning: Holy Communion is at 8.30am and Family Communion Service at 11am.



St Nicholas' Church

We begin our Christmas celebrations on December 8 at 4pm with our Christingle Service. Our puppeteers look forward to showing off their skills for the first time, so do please take family and friends along. For further information see the advert in this issue. On Christmas Eve our midnight service starts at 11pm and a special family communion starts at 9am on

Christmas Day. Our annual Epiphany Carol Service takes place at 4pm on January 5 with our choir directed by Dr Peter Wilton, under whose guidance the choir goes from strength to strength.

Each week our morning service commences at 9am, you are very welcome to join us.



Cores End United Reformed Church

We have a children's Fun Day on December 7, 10am to 4pm, to allow parents a day for Christmas shopping. There will be craft, singing, dancing and cooking, £5 per child. Enquiries to Ann Pendergast 01628 526865.

On December 22 a Christmas Celebration by candlelight will be presented by Wendy Craig, a musical event of readings and carols with music supplied by The Noteworthy Singers, The Hedsor Jazz Quartet and a group of brass musicians led by Derek Holland, starting at 4.30pm and followed by refreshments. Do join us for a wonderful start to the Christmas festivities.

On Christmas Day our short family service starts at 10.30am. Our December 29 service will include favourite carols.

LinkUp Club has a visit from Alfriston school choir on December 3. The Christmas lunch is at Flowerland on December 17. Then we start the New Year with What's In The Bag on January 7 and Music from the Shows with John Lugg on January 21. Everyone is welcome and transport to the church can be arranged.



St Mark's Church

On December 1 we have our Sung Eucharist at 10.30am, followed by refreshments.

On Friday December 6 we will be singing carols at the Bourne End Fun Night. Come and find us and say 'hello'.

Our Songs of Praise service will be on December 8 at 10.30am. Come and sing some well-known hymns and learn some new songs too.

On Saturday December 14 join us for 'Messy Christmas' in the church, 3pm-5pm, for arts and crafts, a Christmas story and some tea for the children. To book a place ring 07949 059187.

On Sunday December 22 at 6pm in the church there will be a carol service. On Tuesday December 24 we hold our annual Christingle service at 4pm. This year the service will include the work of the puppet ministry team.

Also on December 24 at 11.30pm there will be a Christmas Midnight Communion, a lovely way to start your Christmas Day.

On December 25 at 10.30am there will be a Christmas Day Family Communion Service. All are welcome to this special service.

After the New Year festivities we start again on Sunday January 5 for our Sung Eucharist service at 10.30am followed by refreshments.

The Songs of Praise service will be on Sunday January 12. All are welcome.

There will NOT be a monthly market in December but we welcome you back on Saturday January 18,



10am-midday in the church hall for all the usual good-as-new clothes, books, toys and refreshments.

On Thursdays from 5.15pm to 6.30pm the puppet ministry team meet to rehearse. If you think you might like to join them contact the Rev Janet Binns on 01628 523046 or email revjanetbinns@btinternet.com

Please visit our Facebook page (St Mark's Bourne End) and 'like' the page so that you can keep up to date with events and comments. For a copy of our newsletter email cottrelljane@hotmail.com or ring 07949 059187.

St Dunstan's Church, Bourne End

Our recent Parish Pilgrimage to Assisi in Italy was a huge success. We followed in the footsteps of St Francis and St Clare, visiting the Basilica of St Francis, where the saint is entombed. Here, we had the wonderful opportunity of attending a private mass which was said for us by our own Fr Francis.

The 'Cards for Good Causes' Christmas shop is open from 10am to 4pm until December 12 in St Dunstan's foyer.

At our Carol Service on Sunday December 15 at 5pm everyone is warmly invited.

The Christmas Eve Nativity Mass will take place at St Dunstan's at 6.30pm, with a Vigil Mass at St Teresa's in Beaconsfield at 10pm, which will be preceded by carol singing from 9.15pm.

On Christmas Day, Mass will be at the usual time of 10am (and at St Teresa's at 9am and 11am).



The Community Church

For those of you who would like a fresh, funny, and entertaining take on the Christmas story, we've engaged the Slingshot Theatre Company to stage their play 'Nativity in Creakbottom' at Wye Valley School on Saturday December 14. This is a lightning-quick new comedy, jam-packed with laughs, slapstick and musical treats – the perfect winter warmer to kick-start Christmas. Suitable for ages 10 years upwards. Doors open at 7pm with the show starting at 7.30pm and a licensed bar. Tickets £5 from Alan Price on 07743 182720, email wooburngreen@gmail.com

For a more traditional approach our Carols on the Green celebration is at 5pm on December 21 at Wooburn Green. Hot drinks, mulled wine, cakes and mince pies will be served in the chapel from 4.30pm and hot chestnuts on the green. The carol singing will finish around 5.40pm with further refreshments served in the chapel afterwards.

On December 22 at 4pm our 'X'mas Factor Family Service at the Meadows School will be an all-age family service with something for everyone including a vote, some mince pies, some surprises and some carols (not necessarily in that order!).

On Christmas morning we'll be holding a short carol service at 10.30am at the chapel, with refreshments from 10am.

After Christmas you may want to overhaul or repair your finances – in which case the CAP Money Course could be a real help. For course dates email peterlisle@outlook.com. For information about our '21st Century Parent' Parenting Course contact joanne.maynard2@btinternet.com

Information on location and timing of all our services is on the Community Church website www.wooburngreen.org



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About the community centre

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

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



CENTRE EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Festive activities at the centre start on Tuesday December 3 when the Dixieland Swing Kings are the focus in the bar from 8pm. And this is one evening you won't want to miss. There's a tasty curry on the menu as a special pre-Christmas treat courtesy of a jazz enthusiast who spoke to Mo and Derek and said he would happily provide a vegetarian curry for everyone at the December jazz night in the bar. All included in the £5 entry – just eat and enjoy!

On Saturday December 14 there's the centre's own Christmas Fair with lots for children, and adults. Crafts, gifts and fun from 10.30am to 1.30pm. Stalls, refreshments and mince pies will all be part of the festive fare and of course there's also the chance to enjoy a drink at the bar.

Carols at the community centre – that's a long standing tradition on the Sunday before Christmas – and it's the same this year. A large choir made up of different groups will be singing old, and new, carols with the occasional soloist. Glittering sounds from the Festive Brass are another tradition along with the carefully chosen readings. John Timewell will be conducting with his wife Judith

Darts

Hopes are high for the winter season and we have teams in both the Wooburn League and in the Wycombe League.

After the first match of the season Saucy Sue and her cohorts were cock-a-hoop and were out buying champagne. They had won by an unheard of margin of 13 to 0 and were top of the league. Was this going to be their big year?

Regrettably, no! Their opponents in a fit of realism decided that big time darts was not for them and promptly withdrew from the league. The result of this was that the match did not count, the 13 game points disappeared and the unopened champagne will be kept for another day.

Nevertheless everyone is keenly enthusiastic and looking forward to a successful season.

Short Mat Bowls

The Short Mat Bowls Club, founded in 1990, meets weekly on Monday and Tuesday evenings in the community centre – although the Tuesday group does not meet on the first Tuesday in the month. Play usually starts at 7.30pm and ends around 10pm.

There are regular friendly matches against other local clubs during the year both home and away. On a Sunday in early December we celebrate Christmas with an afternoon playing skittles, hoops and target bowls which is followed by a Christmas supper party.

Our year runs from January 1 through to the end of December. We usually hold our trophies presentation evening in March.

The current annual membership is £15 plus £3 subscription to the community association. Each evening's play costs £3.50 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

Although we have a few vacancies on Monday evenings we would like more people to join the Tuesday evening group.

If you are interested in joining our friendly group please come along on a Monday or Tuesday evening. We have three mats to play on and free tuition is given.

For more information contact our chairman, Bill Hudson, on 01628 528596 or secretary, Val Cottingham, on 01628 604729.

accompanying. Be in the Centre Theatre for 7.45pm on Sunday December 22, it's usually packed to capacity, for this true start to Christmas. Tea/coffee and mince pie in the interval - entry is free.

New Year's Eve Dance on Tuesday December 31 is with Barbara and David and offers an American Supper from 8pm to 12.30am.

Tickets are £7.50 in advance or £10 on the door. To book ring 01628 629563. Evening dress is optional but it's fun to get dressed up for the festive season!



President's Challenge



Number 78

Fill in your answers to this quiz 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. This quiz is entitled: What a capital idea! All you have to do is put down the capital cities of these countries.

1. Malta.....
2. Greece.....
3. Cyprus.....
4. Canada.....
5. Australia.....
6. Iceland.....
7. Hungary.....
8. Austria.....
9. Pakistan.....
10. Ecuador.....
11. Ukraine.....
12. Lebanon.....
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14. Peru.....
15. Kenya.....
16. Mali.....
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18. Syria.....
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ANSWERS TO QUIZ No 77

1. Weight/Wait 2. Write/ Rite 3. Ball/ Bawl 4. Pale/ Pail 5. Flower/ Flour 6. Sale/ Sail 7. Break/ Brake 8. Ale/ Ail 9. Troop/ Troupe 10. Rein/ Rain 11. Board/ Bored 12. Made/ Maid 13. Adze/ Adds 14. Steak/ Stake 15. Ruff/ Rough 16. Flair/ Flare 17. Rose/ Roes 18. Check/ Cheque 19. Steal/ Steel 20. Tire/ Tyre
- Apologies: The initial letter in question 4 should have been (P) not (B). The winner of Quiz 77 was R Claridge, Rushburn, Wooburn Green.

OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

1st Bourne End Scout Group

We have had a lovely summer, followed by a very warm autumn so our Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts have been able to take part in more outside activities. In early October a group of Scouts walked/climbed up Mt Snowdon. There were seven Scouts (one of whom I am proud to say was my granddaughter) and two Leaders from Bourne End, the rest from Danesfield.

The Beavers and Cubs had a cowboy-themed 'sleep-over' in October in our Scout HQ, with lots of activities and fun, all of which counts as a night away from home. In fact our Beavers have had a pretty busy programme this term, with a recycling walk, Emergency ABC, making bug hotels and more.

All the group took part in the Remembrance Day Parade at Wooburn Green, and there was Trick-or-Treat at Halloween.

As usual we will be at the village Fun Night with the hot chestnuts.

Group Scout Leader Emma Lee (my daughter) was nominated by members of the public for the Volunteers Community Champions Award run by Wycombe District, and I am proud to say she won this award for 20 years' involvement in several different roles in the Scout Group.

For information on the Group, please call Roy Harris 01628 526805. We have a waiting list for our two Beaver Colonies, two Cub Packs and one Scout Troop. Call Jenny Benning on 01628 525674.

Bourne End District Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

Rainbows have enjoyed a fun-packed term so far with a ladybird themed evening icing ladybird cakes, a hungry caterpillar evening making pompom caterpillars, a planting week and a harvest week.

1st Wooburn Brownies completed their First Aid badge with Guider Hannah who has joined St John's Ambulance as a volunteer; they enjoyed an evening with Seer Green Skippers and will be visiting St Paul's Church later this term. The Brownies have warmly welcomed Claire Ellis, their fantastic new leader.

2nd Wooburn Brownies completed a Seaside Challenge Badge designing their own swimwear and enjoyed a picnic in pop-up tents. Drama around the monster theme provided great entertainment with girls acting out doing secret good turns.

2nd Bourne End Brownies enjoyed completing the Chocolate Challenge which included blind testing their favourite chocolate bars - more difficult than anticipated.

An evening at BEJSC saw the Brownies climbing the indoor wall with great enthusiasm, and they enjoyed apple bobbing and other crafts at their Halloween Party.

2nd Wooburn Guides hiked from Cookham Station over Winter Hill towards the Bounty pub where they enjoyed chips. A Father's Day challenge was a huge hit with the Dads where mixed teams completed challenges to collect tokens for food cooked on campfires.

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). To join see www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested.

To find out how volunteering could make a huge difference to your life please get in touch with Di Morrish (District Commissioner) 01628 528998 email: morrishwg@aol.com

RNLI Bourne End & District Branch

The two-day collection at Sainsbury's Beaconsfield took place in October, and thanks to our dedicated band of collectors, the magnificent sum of £1,556.92 was donated to help our brave lifeboatmen and women.

The branch manned a stall at Cookham Regatta in September. Many thanks to John Tournier for transporting trestle tables and helping us erect the gazebo. Nearly £400 was taken, mostly by the sale of Christmas cards, calendars and diaries. The Rocking Boat collection box was particularly popular with children.

So far this year John Spokes has banked £16,481, so with two more two-day collections to come at Tesco Loudwater, John is optimistic that the branch will exceed last year's figure. He has placed a collection box at the Old Bell Wooburn at the request of the new landlady and we wish them every success in their new venture.

Sales of Christmas cards and calendars are going well. There are a few left, please ring 01628 523736.

Marlow & District Railway Society

We meet for an illustrated talk on a railway subject at the community centre on the third Thursday of the month, 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Entry only £3 or £16 to join for a full year. December sees the 'Members Only' Christmas social event with dinner, quiz and film show.

On January 23 Ian Silvester will give a far east travelogue entitled East of Afghanistan. A full programme follows through the year with opportunities for visits to railway facilities. Enquiries to Vincent Caldwell 01494 488283 or Malcolm Margetts 01628 486433.

Marlow & Maidenhead Passenger Association

We have attended many meetings with local authorities, train operators, working groups and support organisations to address local transport issues. These include:

Integration of bus and rail services: a sub-committee is working to improve this. If you have stories about missed connections or stops that need attention, please pass them to us.

Station usage figures: figures from the Office of the Rail Regulator show that Bourne End has a 0.99% increase in passengers using the station, and Marlow has 1.15% increase. We are puzzled as to why these are lagging behind Henley branch stations (range 3.74% to 8.96%) and the national growth figure of 6%. Do any readers have ideas as to why there might be such a difference?

Taplow Rail Users Group merged with MMPA and are looking at:

Fares: Retail Price Index (RPI) inflation in July was 3.1 per cent, so in January regulated train fares in England will rise by an average of 4.1 per cent. The sky's the limit as far as unregulated fares are concerned so some of these are likely to see much larger increases. Please inform us of increases you come across.

Crossrail at Maidenhead: enabling works are starting this autumn, involving changes to train timetables and station access particularly at Christmas, New Year and Easter.

We have sent copies of Crossrail's leaflet to members.

Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

A demonstration by Sue Flight, a National Demonstrator, will be on the theme Winter Wonderland. It takes place at 8pm on Tuesday December 3, non-members welcome, entry for this evening will be £10.

Bourne End Twinning Association

For the second year we held a coffee morning in the library thanks to the hospitality of the librarians. Several people expressed an interest in joining our association, and some of our members shared stories and photos with them. French food samples were served. Donations for Medicins sans Frontieres were collected.

On October 26 at our autumn dinner our meal was followed by entertainment from Banjovi Revival, who stirred our memories with music reminiscent of years gone by.

Future plans include our AGM in March, a dance with 60s disco in April and our bi-annual visit from our friends in Oteville sur Mer in May. To find out more about twinning or our events, ring 01628 521748.

Wooburn Park Lawn Tennis Club

Our winter programme of matches in the County and Farnham Common leagues is in full swing. Adult and junior coaching continues through the winter. Contact for adults is annehartennis@hotmail.com and for juniors janet@brookfield.entadsl.com.

Bourne End Horticultural Society

Timothy Walker from The Oxford Botanic Gardens was our speaker in November. Our Christmas Dinner will be held at St Paul's Church Hall on Saturday December 7. Please contact Shirley Rogers for details on 01628 528482.

Our AGM will be held on January 16. New members are always welcome and do not need to have any previous gardening experience!

On February 20 a talk by Stephen White is entitled 'Come into the Garden, Maude!' - an interesting account of the greatest women gardening pioneers.

For details about our friendly gardening society contact Penny Hampson on 01628 521482.

Bourne End Video Makers

The meetings take place on first and third Wednesdays of each month in the Target room at the community centre.

The club won the Annual Gateway Film competition at Reading involving three clubs, Reading Video & Film Makers, Staines Film Makers and Bourne End Video Makers. Each club shows their films in the three categories, namely Storyline, Documentary and Open and this year Bourne End was the outright winner.

This was the club's first win in over ten years and everyone was delighted to have brought home the trophy (picture on Page 40).

In October the club visited Bucks New Uni to look around their A/V facilities, which include a number of film studios fully equipped with lighting, sound recording and green screen

facilities and a number of recording studios. Our members were most impressed with the scale of the facilities and are considering hiring them to make a club film.

The Film to Disc competition in October invited members to enter their films edited to music or verse. A clear winner was a film by Harry Peace called 'A Nursery Rhyme' which only lasted 17 seconds but more than earned the trophy.

We would like to attract new members and you are more than welcome to come along to one of our meetings.

Townswomen's Guild

On Wednesday December 11 we welcome Geoff Britt, a well-known local musician, when he provides some Christmas entertainment.

Then on Wednesday January 8 Rita Trigger will make a welcome return when she helps us to exercise off the Christmas excesses in a gentle way.

You are welcome to join us in the small hall at the community centre on the second Wednesday in the month at 1.30pm. For more information ring Cynthia Houchin on 01628 527931.

Bucks Family History Society

For certain the meeting on Tuesday December 10 will be a festive social occasion when members can chat and swap experiences in family history research.

On Tuesday January 14 we will be delving back into old records with a talk from Paul Blake called 'The Tithe, its history, records and administration' which will take us back to 1836 when the system of paying the tithe 'in kind' finally ended with the Tithe Commutation Act. The records resulting from this Act detail the owners and occupiers of much of the land in England and Wales, as do records from the previous decade for Ireland.

We meet on the second Tuesday in the month from 7.15pm in the small hall at the community centre. The talk usually starts at 7.45pm. Non-members are welcome to come – just make a donation to funds – or you could become members.

Wye Valley Volunteers

Thank you so much to *Target* which, as usual, came up trumps in the last edition in drawing attention to our community minibus appeal. The appeal got off to a brilliant start and we now have £20,000 towards the £35,000 required to purchase a new minibus to replace our sad, ailing one.

We are very grateful to those organisations and individuals who have responded so generously.

Do please continue to give us your support for this essential form of transport for our community.

We finished the year on a high with the presentation of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service by the Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire at a ceremony in the library (see page 25).

If you would be interested in volunteering or if you yourself need some help do please contact us at the Community Volunteer Office (portakabin to the right of the community centre). The office is open from 10am to noon on weekdays; telephone 01628 521027.

CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

Events in the community centre unless otherwise stated

DECEMBER

- 1 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm.
3 Tues Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society demonstration by Sue Flight a National Demonstrator on the theme "Winter Wonderland" 8pm, non-members welcome, entry fee for this evening will be £10.
3 Tues CentreJazz: Dixieland Swing Kings are the focus in the bar from 8pm and a vegetarian curry will be served, all included in the £5 entry price.
5 Thur Community Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8.30 pm, £1 per person, and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night.
6 Fri Bourne End Christmas Fun Night in the village from 5pm with lots happening for all the family. See full details on page 15. Come and support your local businesses and associations!
6 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
7 Sat Nativity on the Green, Wooburn Green 6pm to 6.45pm.
13 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
14 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library.
14 Sat Bourne End Community Centre Christmas Fair. Crafts, gifts and fun from 10.30am to 1.30pm. Stalls and refreshments.
15 Sun Table top sale at the centre 9.30am to 11.30am. Call Caroline on 01628 485642 to take part.
20 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
21 Sat Carols on Wooburn Green from 6pm to 6.45pm.
22 Sun Centre Christmas draw starting at 4pm in the Centre Bar. Tickets are priced 25p and are available from the Centre Bar.
22 Sun Carols at the community centre with a large choir made up of different groups and the Festive Brass alongside carefully chosen readings. Arrive for 7.45pm. Tea/coffee and mince pies available in the interval. Entry is free.
27 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
31 Tue New Year's Eve Dance with Barbara and David offering an American Supper from 8pm to 12.30am. Tickets are £7.50 in advance or £10 on the door. To book ring 01628 629563. Evening dress is optional.

JANUARY

- 2 Thur Community Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8.30 pm, £1 per person, and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night.
3 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
5 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm.
7 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the Community Centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle.
10 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
11 Sat 10 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library
11 Sat Childrens' Party in the community centre with Oscar the Magician, food and fun 2.30-5pm £4 per child. See advert page 37.
15 Wed Special FREE show for senior citizens - Ali Baba And The Forty Thieves, a panto by Forum Players at 8pm. Full info on page 18.
17 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
17 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company.
18 Sat St Mark's monthly market in the church hall from 10am to midday with coffee and cakes
18 Sat 2.30pm and 6.30pm Ali Baba And The Forty Thieves, a panto by Forum Players. Full info on page 18.
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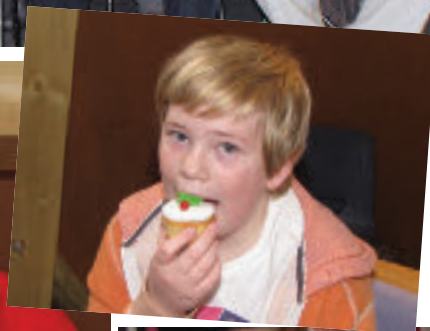
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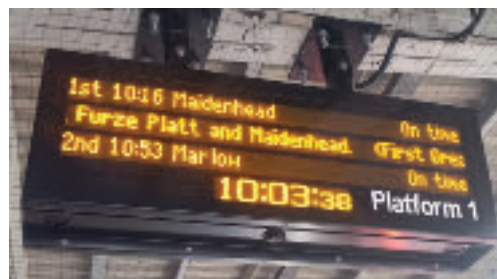
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Festive fun at St Mark's Countdown to Christmas fair at the church in November. From left to right: Who's this new Santa? Simon munches on a Christmas treat and Bethany shows off her glitter tattoo to her great grandmother.



Mankind salon on The Parade once again came up with a fantastic window display. Their spooky Halloween characters (above and below) certainly turned heads!



Bourne End Railway Station has moved into the 21st century with some smart new CIS displays or Customer Information Screens. They have been up and running since September but were officially unveiled in November. Pictured left is Station Manager, Tony Gammond.



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