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## Come along to Bourne End's Fun Night

**E**veryone is invited to Bourne End's Late Opening and Charity Fun Night to be held in The Parade and Wakeman Road on Friday December 5 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 and villagers, the Christmas Lights (including the winning Children's Light) will be shining brightly throughout the event.

The 2014 children's light design competition, sponsored by Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council was won by Madison Smith from The Meadows School (see picture below). Do come and see her light switched on at 5pm outside No25 and Pizzaz.

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 - come and meet a friendly donkey and have a go at guessing where Pooh Corner might be. Want to sit in the driver's seat of an ambulance and find out how to use the defibrillator that is installed outside the community centre? 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, Hawkinsport and Brookhouse Vets have organised indoor events ranging from Santa's Grotto to Face Painting and displays of reptiles.

In addition there will be all manner of goods on sale and fun events being held by our Day Centre, 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 and chocolate.

Local school and church choirs, and Albert (a traditional wind powered small pipe organ) will serenade you with carols and Christmas music.

Once again big thanks go to the local councils who have agreed to free parking in Wakeman Road car park all day on Friday December 5.

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

Nine-year-old Madison Smith (left) will turn on her light at Fun Night in December. Her Christmas stocking design was judged to be the winner and Madison found out at school assembly. Brendan Aspell, headteacher at The Meadows in Wooburn Green told the school that they had a winner – then he smiled at Madison. "I knew it was me" she admits although she was very nervous and had butterflies in her stomach. With her parents and young sister Kaia she will press the switch to start Fun Night and she will see her design alight throughout the festive season on The Parade.



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# BULL'S EYE

**S**eason's Greetings to *Target* readers. I can't quite believe it is almost Christmas again, but here it is in all its tinsel and glory. I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Bourne End fun nite on December 5. I had thought it was very much a village event, but while perusing Facebook I came across a lady who has moved to Oxford, but was enquiring when the fun night was being held as she always tried to come over for it. With that sort of support the event can only go from strength to strength!

On another Christmassy note, I thought you'd like to hear how some rather special Christmas cards came about.

A few winters ago, it had snowed overnight and everywhere was gridlocked. Someone had to go down to open the community centre. Barrie Penfold made the trip and, thankfully, took her camera with her capturing some beautiful snowy pictures around Bourne End en route. A couple of photos appeared in *Target* and the rest were filed until Tony Wright from Cards & Gifts asked casually if there were any snowy pictures of Bourne End that might make a good Christmas card. The resulting cards are on sale in the shop and, with grateful thanks, 25p from the sale of every card will be donated to the community centre. Thanks Tony and Sue!

By the way Barrie's photo features Penny's Corner and you can read more about this landmark on the Past Times page 34.

Debra Aspinall, Editor

### Mystery no more but Hard-to-Find

For Little Marlow parish councillors, Barbara Wallis and Kath Acres, the challenge – should they choose to accept it – was to find the mystery farm featured on the Past Times page in the last issue of *Target* (Oct/Nov). They had heard that it could be Spade Oak Farm but a look at old photos immediately showed completely different chimneys. So where was it?

Driving round a number of local farms Barbara was delighted to report that they had found the farm. "Well, it was hard to find" she said with a laugh. "Yes, really, it is Hard to Find Farm at the top of Little Marlow Parish near the junction of Heath End Road and Winchbottom Lane".



Barbara and Kath agreed immediately and took a photo from the same angle as the painting – printed here. It seems that the hedges have grown considerably since Ed Clark painted it. They also found that there were cattle in the field which might have made painting a bit tricky.

When Keith Harris heard that the mystery farm had been found he produced another coincidence going back to the early 1950s. "We lived in Morden at the time and I remember that my auntie Jessie stayed at Hard-to-Find farm with friends. She borrowed my primus stove for cooking. She told me that they had to walk from High Wycombe station and slept in a barn. Isn't it strange how things work out?"



### YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I was looking through some old magazines and came across a December 2007 copy of 'The Future of Your Village'. It was interesting to see the changes in seven years, some good, some not so good. Two pubs closed down, a Tesco store built (two mature trees cut down), Slate Meadow controversy (again under plans to build).

A non-resident of our village is trying to build on the old railway cutting, which is a popular walk to and from the village, where families can let their children run freely without the noise of traffic, and fumes, and in safety. It has been used by the Scout Group as well. This track/walk has been used as a footpath for over 35 years to my knowledge, as a lovely walk into the village through a leafy area of mature tree and

shrub land. They want to build 22 houses, a road, a footpath, and a cycle track. Oh what a loss to the residents this would be. I realise that homes must be built for people, and there is a shortage, but I ask why on land that is in daily use by residents walking?

I might be looked upon as an old fogey, but only this year I retired from over 30 years trying to ensure that the youth in our village had every opportunity possible. We want to move forward to create good things for the village, but cramming houses in to create profit, and appease local government, is a no-win situation for us. At present we are already building houses on brown field sites.

Our two doctors' practices are fully stretched and it can take ages to get an appointment. Don't blame them, or the NHS, it is local government who bring this about trying to fit a pint into a half pint pot.

Please remember we voted them in to look after us not ruin a lovely village. This is not a party political broadcast, just a reflection on change.

Roy Harris  
Willows Road, Bourne End



Now we get to the Slate Meadow saga. As expected at the cabinet meeting held on October 20, councillors voted unanimously to approve the release of all the reserve sites in Wycombe. This, of course, includes Slate Meadow.

I note without further comment that our local councillor, and cabinet member, Julia Adey, while raising problems with regard to the release of Slate Meadow, went on to vote in favour of its release. It had been arranged to video this meeting so it can be viewed on You Tube under the heading Wycombe District cabinet release reserve sites. It is an insight into how local politics works, but certainly not a lesson in democracy.

However the story does not end there because several councillors, our other local councillor included, felt that this decision was just plain wrong for several reasons. They successfully applied to have the decision brought before the Improvement and Review Commission (I & R Commission) which is a committee comprising councillors from all parties who oversee decisions made by Cabinet.

At a meeting held on November 12, after a lengthy debate, six resolutions were put to commission members. On five out of the six they recommended, by a good majority, to send back for reconsideration the cabinet decision to release all of the Reserve Sites.

The cabinet then met on Monday November 17 to consider a series of resolutions and decide whether to accept any of the concerns raised by the I & R Commission. The unanimous vote by all cabinet members was to reject all the issues and continue with the release of all the Reserve Sites.

It is impossible to go into full details in a short article like this but we cannot let it end just like that. We as a community, in my opinion, have been let down by our council officers and the cabinet has been led by the nose to follow the advice they have been given. This advice is simply the easy option, but all the residents near to any of the Reserve Sites will be the long term sufferers.

We must concentrate on raising infrastructure problems - roads, lack of school places, not near shops, flooding and other issues to make Slate Meadow as undesirable as possible to the developers and limit the number of homes that can be built there.

And definitely never give up or accept that the village green can be moved. This is a story that unfolds by the week and will be reported in the next and subsequent issues of *Target*.

If you have any queries or questions I am happy to hear from you and thank you for reading this article.

Jim Penfold (01628 525415)

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# WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Chris Baker, President

**We are sad to announce that Isabel Swain, a long-standing member of WRA, passed away peacefully on Friday October 24. Isabel always took a great interest in the association and local matters. Her obituary is on page 13.**

## Christmas Lights around Wooburn Green

This edition of Target will probably drop through your letterbox the day of our Christmas Lights Celebration, Saturday November 29, or after. We are delighted to say that there are two new sets of small

white Christmas lights in the ash tree this year, so this tree should look a spectacle to be enjoyed from miles around. The Queen and Albert Public House, which is hosting our celebration event, will look like winter wonderland with new white lights, as will The Red Lion.

Could we encourage shops and houses around The Green to enter into the festive spirit and decorate with white lights? It certainly brightens up the dreariest time of the year.

## The possible development of Slate Meadow

Like Bourne End Residents' Association, WRA has written to the council in the strongest terms to complain about the decision to release Slate Meadow as a Reserve Site and we have requested that

the decision be referred to the Improvement and Review Commission for scrutiny, which we understand is happening on November 12.

## Action on our Community Led Plan

We have now had two action planning meetings and are making progress. At the first meeting it was quite clear to us that people do not know what activities and help are currently available in Wooburn. As a result we were looking into the possibility of creating some kind of "Did you Know" and looking into how the details could be best advertised around the area including social media and perhaps a noticeboard.

## The association's bi-monthly meetings

Wooburn Residents' Association's meetings are held on alternate months on the second Monday of the month, at 8pm.

Please check the website for the venue [wooburnresidents.org](http://wooburnresidents.org)

The next meeting is on Monday January 12. You can be assured of a warm welcome.

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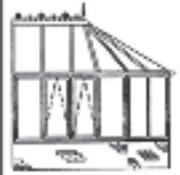
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with Peter Osborne



The milder autumn this year resulted in owners using their boats for a longer period of time until they 'winterised' them. In turn it kept us busier for longer on the service pier. That was such an annoyance as it delayed our slumbers. Yet another year comes to an end, can anyone explain why the years just seem to roll past faster and faster every year? This last year was the quickest that I can remember in the 24 years since I was born.

As we are in winter mode now this does not mean that we sit in the office all day sipping Bovril reading the Sun (well Matty and Chaos don't anyway). You may think we do not take any revenue off the river during these long miserable months, however you would be wrong. Subject to lock closures for maintenance reasons, there are people who live on their boats nearby and they still call in for supplies, fuel, water, sewage disposal etc. This is as well as commercial vessels calling in for resupply or the loading of barges using our crane.

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The tug has been busy towing boats etc and just recently we had to ferry 15 tons of scaffolding from the 'floating house' on Marlow Lock Island to the mainland. This is the house you may have seen on the TV programme Grand Designs. Chaos was skippering the tug; he left here at 7.15am and arrived back at 5.30pm.

I'm not sure if he had a lunch break, but this is just an example of missions we get involved in. Although he had helpers to load and unload the tug at either end, he seemed to do most of it himself which took about 20 trips. He came back very dirty and rather tired. That was a week ago, and we haven't seen him since.

I have just learned that the Two Brewers at Marlow has reopened after it suffered a major fire. How did I learn this fact?

The tug was on a mission in Marlow and after a certain period of time I rang the client to see how Matty and Chaos were getting on, he responded that the job had been completed but afterwards the tug had proceeded upstream, rather than downstream back to the marina.

I jokingly suggested they may have gone for a beer, although knowing that the Two Brewers was closed I was jesting. A phone call to Matty confirmed that the Two Brewers had, in fact, reopened.

Speaking of refreshments, we cannot wait for the new bar/restaurant to open upstairs. Currently there is a lot of banging and swearing as you would expect from a building site.

The restaurant has been gutted, including the kitchen, but is now being put back together. Matty and Chaos are getting thinner and thinner, waiting in anticipation, I hope it opens soon or there will be nothing left of them.

We do join in the Christmas festivities, but have yet to arrange our bash. In past years we have had a gentleman's stroll around various hosteries, however, as we are all getting older we may change the format to a gentleman's lunch afternoon at just one establishment. Should anyone wish to join us the date and venue will be announced on the Bourne End Marina facebook page, if it is not already there? One of the problems with the Christmas stroll is that some people get disorientated and ultimately become separated, then lost.

It can cost a lot to be repatriated by taxi; these people have no excuse if we stay at one establishment. I believe it is an 'age thing'.

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## My years at Target

As the 50th anniversary year of *Target* magazine draws to a close, Managing Editor, Barrie Penfold, looks back at her years working on this community magazine.

Back in 1981 I organised my life so that I could do freelance writing work from home and enjoy being part of the local community. But then along came an appeal from the community magazine "What about helping out with *Target*?" It might have seemed a simple request, but it's meant over 30 years of commitment and, as the saying goes, 'It ain't over yet'.

Brian Wheals was the man who voiced the appeal at the request of Doug Ginger (who was *Target*'s editor) and on behalf of the sub-editor Bill Williams. All of these lovely men are no longer around, but I cannot talk about the start of my involvement without mentioning them.

I knew Brian through the residents' association, but then found out he was researching the history of the area while commuting to London for his scientific day job. I didn't know Doug, but soon found an amazingly well-read character who always knew the answer to a question and to the follow-up question. Bill was a kindred spirit having worked on magazines for most of his life, but in the days when journalists typed up their copy and put it in the post.

Back then *Target* was produced entirely in Bill's caravan,

just outside the kitchen door, and every available space was stacked with folders full of paper. On one wall was his sword which, apparently, was part of his uniform from service in The First World War. I think Bill was sent to work in the caravan because the noise of his typing was deafening.

So, I asked what I could do and was given hand written reports to type up. But first of all I was told that you drew a line down the paper and didn't type beyond it. The printer liked the copy that way and it saved money.

So no problem there and in this way I was introduced to the groups meeting at the community centre. Having previously worked full time, there was very little time for other things so I didn't know about Forum Players or Operatic Society shows. I was a quick learner and club names became second nature. I knew I was making things easier for Bill – which was the intention – and I was learning a lot more about community life. And then I was promoted. Bill said my name would be joining his as sub-editor in the *Target* listing.

I wondered how to break the news that I was expecting a baby and hoped it wouldn't be a problem. "Of course not" he said "you'll still be able to type." In fact I was allowed an issue off and then it was back to work.

I also managed to make suggestions on how things could be improved, having had a long chat with the printer. "Do we really need to type to the line?" I asked, explaining that I had done things differently when working and did it really save money? It seems that times had moved on without being explained to *Target* so the line went and the copy was typed as normal.

Bill was only too pleased to let me take on more of his work. He was thrilled when I took over most of the layout work. He admitted that he had lost his steady hand and worried about chopping out chunks of copy. Today people might find it hard to imagine that magazine copy had to be stuck down in place on the page and putting it straight was all important. Getting the magazine out on time was vital and I have memories of my baby and my fellow sub-editor in the back of my car (Bill could no longer drive) going off to the printer with the finished pages.

One of the joys in those days was going to collect the front page editorial from Doug. He wrote it out and you sat there and read it through. Then you had to comment. Frequently you laughed, occasionally you cried and if you felt that a correction was necessary Doug would listen and consider.

Personally I think there were only a couple of occasions when I said "You cannot say that" and even when he argued that the facts were right I would say that it would cause unnecessary upset and the community magazine shouldn't do that. Doug's greatest words were saved for Christmas when he wrote about peace and goodwill.

Suddenly I was catapulted into the role of sub-editor when Bill resigned following a stroke. And I stayed in that role through massive changes in production and later when Doug stepped down as editor and others took on the role. In fact I was still the sub-editor when *Target* employed a paid editor four years ago as it had grown into a much larger magazine produced by the most modern desktop publishing methods. Getting to that stage took some courage as it meant completely changing things and having the confidence to say that it was the right way to go.

It's been a case of looking for stories about local people and organisations then putting them into their community magazine. *Target* has always endeavoured to be completely local with any pictures showing faces you might meet when out shopping. When more colour pages were economically possible it was a revolution after years of back and white. Now it is 40 pages all in colour. It tries to blend local news with stories about local people with some local history thrown in.

Would those great *Target* stalwarts like what it has become? Most definitely yes and I say that with absolute confidence, although Doug might still like the chance to argue and Bill might question the modern grammar. Today I am called managing editor, but you have to add advertising to that as, at present, I cannot find anyone willing to take over the role of selling advertising. So there's still a bit to be done, not forgetting, of course, that there's the distribution of 5,000 copies every two months.

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## Fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support

In the last issue of *Target* the special World's Biggest Coffee Morning fundraising event for Macmillan Cancer Support was an afternoon tea on the river.

Moving on locally a coffee morning with super cakes took place in the library while a table top sale and coffee morning was organised in the community centre. All raised money on a grand scale for this charity.

The Garibaldi pub in Hedsor Road decided that they should offer coffee and cakes on the lovely cups, saucers and plates previously used at *Target*'s celebratory afternoon tea.

Everyone appreciated the variety of china as well as donating to the charity. Their fundraising was in conjunction with the Old Cottage B&B next door.

Altogether close to £1,000 was raised through all these endeavours locally so, to all those who donated and those dedicated organisers, the message is a big thank you and together we will beat cancer.



# Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council

## Working with the Community

by Gail Laybourne

### War Memorial

The War Memorial has had a general tidy up. The pavement and memorial base surround have either been repaired or replaced where necessary and the large stones repainted with a fresh coat of white paint. New pansies have been planted and the work was scheduled to be finished in time for the Remembrance Service. Our thanks go to Four Seasons for the new pavement and base surround, our grounds men for the painting and Alan Smith for his continuing upkeep of the memorial.

### Remembrance Sunday

The Remembrance Service took place this year on Sunday November 9. The event, held at the War Memorial in Wooburn Green, also marked 100 years since the start of WWI and was very well attended. Councillors Mrs Fiona McGarel-Groves and Mike Balbini placed two wreaths, one for the parish council and the other on behalf of the Royal British Legion. Councillor Mike Appleyard placed a wreath on behalf of

the county council. Refreshments were provided afterwards by the Community Church.

### Ideas for Parish Funding

The parish council is often able to secure funding from outside sources for projects within the parish and would like to hear any ideas to improve the parish that residents would like to put forward. This could be anything from a road/parking improvement to extra planting. All suggestions will be considered. Please would you send your suggestions into the office by the end of January, either by phone on 01628 522827 or email to [clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk) or [admin@wooburnparish.gov.uk](mailto:admin@wooburnparish.gov.uk)

### Short and Sweet

The new plants for the cemetery roundabout have been purchased and will be planted as soon as the grounds men's schedule will allow.

You may be forgiven for thinking that we have replaced the grounds men with the Super Mario Brothers. Roland and Shane grew moustaches for "Movember" which raise fund for men's health issues. It's a very close call but I think that Roland takes the crown as best look-alike as he comes complete with flat cap.



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The refurbished car park at Wooburn Park is now completed and seems to be well used. We had one or two issues with the new kissing gates but they have now been addressed.

Now that the new equipment in our play areas has been up and running for a few months, attention has turned to adding more seating and picnic tables for the general public to take the weight off their feet while the children play. Most of our open spaces will benefit from some additional picnic tables, benches or seats.

### Events

Bourne End Fun Night, The Parade, Friday December 5, 5pm to 8pm.

Nativity on the Green, Saturday December 6, 6pm to 6.45pm

Carols on Wooburn Green, Wooburn Green, Saturday December 20, 4.30pm to 6pm

### Christmas

By the time this magazine has been delivered mild panic will no doubt be setting in because there are only a few weeks left until Christmas and we will all be thoroughly fed up with the Christmas adverts on TV.

As this is the last *Target* magazine until the New Year 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.

### Meeting Dates 2014/2015:

#### Full Council:

January 27, February 24

#### Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials

January 6, February 3

#### Planning, Highways & Lighting: December 17, January 7 & 28

#### F&GP: February 10

All meetings start at 7.30pm.

Normal Parish Council Office opening hours are from 9am to 5pm each day. Please call 01628 522827 if you have any queries, alternatively email the office at [clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk) or visit our website for information on [www.wooburnparish.gov.uk](http://www.wooburnparish.gov.uk)



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## Flower Workshop inspires

Flower Club members were delighted by the good response to their annual workshop event in October. Ladies arrived at St Paul's church hall for coffee and heard that they would be designing their own container during the first session.

After the cooked two course lunch they then created their own arrangements in the container made in the morning.

"One of our members demonstrated the creation of a container then the display for the afternoon" Thelma Robinson explained "and we were there at every stage to answer questions and make suggestions. That's when we weren't in the kitchen sorting lunch."

The hall was filled with sunshine on a glorious autumn day and everyone agreed that there was a lovely friendly atmosphere.

Everything was provided including lots of fresh flowers, greenery and natural accessories including unusual shaped branches and twigs. Elissa Bazley from Bourne End (below) summed up her feelings "I've had such a great day. Everything was perfect, from the fantastic demonstrators to the high quality flowers and materials provided and the delicious lunch. It couldn't have been better organised and has been amazing value for money. I will definitely be attending again next year."



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Debbie Heyes has always had strong family connections with Bourne End Day Centre. There's a stone bird bath in the garden dedicated to her husband's grandparents and she knew both Dinnie Hawthorne and Dr Kay Flanagan who were the Day Centre's inspiration long before it became a bricks-and-mortar reality.

Working as an area manager for the Red Cross she was a regular visitor and, keeping it in the family, her mother-in-law ran the monthly Sunday tea parties for the elderly which used to take place there. "Plans to close the day centre were really upsetting for all of us" she explained "and when it was saved I joined in the cheers".

Her working life then moved through various caring organisations providing her with a wide experience of dealing with both mental and physical problems. When the job at Bourne End was advertised she didn't consider applying as she was recovering from her own health problems. "I was encouraged to contact Fremantle and they were very supportive – so here I am – feeling better and keen to make it work."

Debbie knows that the day centre needs more clients and she needs to encourage more people to use the facilities, whether it is just to drop in for lunch or a coffee. They will be offering a two-course lunch\* each day at £4.50 which is open to the public "All they have to do is ring in the morning and say they want a place".

Debbie believes that this would help older people who are on their own and might be tempted to just 'snack' through the day. "This is a proper sustaining meal and it could also be good for anyone on their own who is recovering from an illness and doesn't have the energy to cook. Visitors are always welcomed by our regulars and a chat over lunch in a friendly atmosphere benefits everyone," Debbie believes.

Fundraising plans for the garden, another day for dementia sufferers and craft activities are just the

beginning for Debbie and she's happy to talk to anyone with ideas. "If someone wanted to come in and run a craft session we would like to hear from them – even something like sanding down the wood to make bird boxes would be good." There's no end to her ideas, her enthusiasm and her support for this 'hub' here in Bourne End.

At the same time Debbie would like to see young people getting involved. She thinks the youngsters might like to read out loud – a short story or a magazine article – and then talk about it. "We want this to be a buzzing, vibrant environment," Debbie says with conviction. Now she is setting about the job of making it all of these and more.

Assisted by Millie, her PAT (Pets As Therapy) cocker spaniel, there's lots happening at the day centre already and lots more planned. "Why not come in and see?" is Debbie's invitation "Have a chat then bring a friend the next time you come." It's an open invitation from the new lady at the day centre so please call in.

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## Jamie's coach trips



Having been told that Jamie's coach trips were wonderful, the next step was to see for myself whether his reputation lived up to expectations. Jamie has been advertising coach outings in *Target* for almost two years and says he has built up a regular client base of people living locally by offering handy pick-up points in Bourne End and Wooburn Green.

I joined an Autumn trip to Banbury for the Canal Festival. Jamie's parking spot in the town was close to all the action although he made helpful suggestions for anyone who wanted to eat away from the crowds.

We had a great day out and Jamie's easy going way made the trip a lot of



### ...a day out to remember

fun. There were promises to look at his future programme and book for Christmas Markets or the London lights. He mentioned seaside trips for 2015 that were in the planning stage so look out for his email or letter.

Offering a chance to see the poppies at the Tower of London saw 57 local people contacting Jamie. A new luxury coach arrived for this trip and provided a comfortable journey to the Tower coach park. Everyone knew it would be busy, but it was a very convenient way to see this outstanding memorial to those who gave their lives in the First World War.

A stop at the Imperial War Museum completed a day of remembrance for everyone. Jamie selected the picturesque routes through the capital taking in bridges and spectacular views. Participants said it was an unforgettable day to see an awesome display of poppies very suitably called Blood Swept Lands And Seas of Red.

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# Little Marlow Parish Council

By Emma Marsden, parish clerk

This Autumn has seen the retirement of long serving clerk, Gloria Barclay. Gloria had worked within the community of Little Marlow since the early 1990s and she will be sadly missed.

May I introduce myself as the new Clerk to Little Marlow. I've got a very hard act to follow as Gloria has done an amazing job. I joined the parish council on October 6 and have spent the last few weeks familiarising myself with the parish.



## Funding

Little Marlow was delighted to be awarded funding from the Chepping Wycombe Local Area Forum to provide Zeebrite lights on the pedestrian crossing in Well End by the school. These new lights are LED and have proved to be much more effective in controlling traffic. We hope that they will be installed within this financial year and make the crossing a lot safer to use.

## Cemetery working party

At the beginning of November the parish council organised a cemetery 'working party'. This involved a number of councillors, parishioners, and children giving up a Saturday morning to help to give the old part of the cemetery (in Fern Lane) a real spruce up. We are lucky to have some beautiful memorial stones there and it was great to see them reappear from under the ivy and moss. Thank you to all who participated.

## Accidents

There has been a lot of concern regarding the number of accidents on Sheepridge Lane. The parish council has resolved to look at a number of options to try and make the road safer and is actively working with Buckinghamshire Highways to find a solution.

## Budgets

This time of year our attention turns to looking at budgets for the coming financial year. It is important to be mindful of the needs of our parishioners and make sure that real value for money is derived from the precept.

# Take Your Target - To Toronto!

Target went all the way to Toronto to visit Scannappeal supporter Winnie Jefferies.

On a visit to the Canadian city in October, Alan Ford and Elaine Baudouin met up with Winnie Jefferies (nee Franklin), who was born in Bourne End and lived in Furlong Road.

Winnie has returned to Bourne End regularly over the years and has been a staunch supporter of Scannappeal, having attended some of the fund raising events held at Magnolia House by Alan and Elaine.

Now 94, Winnie can no longer visit the UK and was very happy to be given a *Target* magazine and to be photographed with it.

If you remember Winnie please get in touch as she would love to hear from anyone who still remembers her. Contact Alan on 01628 55818 or [alan@btconnect.com](mailto:alan@btconnect.com).



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# In memorium...



## Gwen Thomas MBE

When Gwen Thomas came to Bourne End and joined the Hawthornden Surgery as a health visitor it started something very special for the local community. Not only did she bring her wide nursing experience but it soon became clear she was to make a huge difference.

Now, over 40 years later, Gwen's name appears as one of the founder members of a wide variety of local organisations. Her inspiration and determination combined with a way of putting the case on behalf of others made the impossible possible.

Born in a Somerset village, Gwen won a scholarship then did her nursing training and was offered an exchange post in the USA at the Children's Medical Centre, Boston where she specialised in the care of premature babies. This was followed by a two year post in India where there was only one 60-bed hospital for children in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

As part of her local role Gwen was the nursing officer for the Bourne End detachment of the British Red Cross. She saw that the elderly mentally infirm in the community needed support and the Pavilion Club was the result. Delighted at this Gwen, and others, recognised the need for a permanent Day Centre to support older people. The Bourne End Day Centre was opened in 1984.

As part of her health visitor role Gwen had regular contact with the Good Neighbours being run by Jean Peasley. Together they realised that there was a need for a wider scheme which would be able to help more people and so the Wye Valley Volunteer Bureau was opened in September 1984 with Gwen as the Administrator and Jean as the Co-ordinator.

Tireless is one adjective used to describe Gwen. She would always be there to help with fund raising. When her local countryside or village was threatened by development plans she wrote letters of objection and researched issues to make sure that the message was heard loud and clear. Invited to special events Gwen would be there to support with kind words and good wishes.

People in West Ridge will say that she was the ultimate good neighbour for all of them. At the same time she was devoted to her family and she never forgot a family birthday. Opera was a personal love and she was a Friend of Covent Garden, travelling to watch rehearsal sessions

as well as the final productions.

Gwen was awarded the MBE in 1985 and wore her medal with great pride particularly at events connected with Wye Valley Volunteers. She was delighted when their work was recognised in June 2013 by receiving the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (this is equivalent to the MBE for volunteer groups).

Gwen was weakened by a number of falls but on September 6 she attended the tea party for the 50th anniversary of Target magazine. Then on September 11 she was present at the launch of the volunteer bureau's new Pacific Blue mini bus. When someone complimented her on her appearance she replied "I wore this blue dress to match the minibus, how sad is that!".... What a wonderful sense of humour from a warm, tranquil and gracious lady with a twinkle in her eye and a steely resolve.



## Linda Casey

Immaculate would be one way to describe Linda Casey as she always looked just that when you met her. Whether it was meeting her boys from school, rushing off to care for her dad or organising everyone on a Sunday morning at Magpie's Nest in the community centre Linda always looked great. And it was something she maintained through her illness. And through the dark days she kept a positive approach, was upbeat and usually more concerned about others.

Her friend from schooldays talked about going to dances with Linda, getting sunburnt on a day out in Brighton and trying to paddle in the mud at Weston-Super-Mare. Together they went across America from Washington to Seattle, taking in the Grand Canyon and finishing up in Disneyland. Later with husband Ray, sons Matt and Andy, it was no surprise to learn that Linda was well organised and never went on holiday without thorough research on the area beforehand. She knew what they could do and had a map to show them how to get around – even if it was a very big map.

Linda loved Bourne End, she loved her garden and she loved the wildlife there. Ray suspected that the birds and squirrels battled to make their home in Linda's garden.

And there was always so much to do, from cheering on her footballing sons – although she never understood the offside rule – to researching items for Magpie's Nest and for

friends. It was often a case of "Just ask Linda" and she was always happy to help.

Taking something to Linda wrapped in newspaper would see it beautifully cleaned and returned wrapped in tissue paper. That was Linda.

Ray's tribute said that her death meant the loss of a great friend who was respected and admired. The community had lost a very special person. Linda is pictured here at her son's wedding last year – looking lovely.



## Isabel Swain

Isabel's life was very well lived and well organised even down to her funeral service. But those who knew this lady from Wooburn Green would have expected nothing less.

Isabel was born in the same year that Chanel No 5 was launched and she maintained that, like the perfume, her life was enduring. But there were surprises for many of her friends and family in St Paul's Church on Monday November 10 when they heard that she had been a county athlete as well as an award winning ballroom dancer.

Isabel and husband Ronald moved to their home in Wash Hill and although a very private person Isabel found time to become involved in village activities.

She was a founder member of Wooburn WI and her inspiration as secretary was a vital part of the group's activities. Late in life she learnt to drive but there were smiles in church when it was said that, on her own admission, she was not a natural driver.

Eyesight problems meant Isabel had to give up driving, but she still walked down Wash Hill to catch the bus then walked back up again. Knowing about the problems of failing eyesight she joined the Marlow division of Bucks Vision and eventually became its secretary. She organised support and events to make sure that people with eyesight problems could still enjoy life.

Isabel joined Wooburn Residents Association and was there at their regular meetings. She was also involved in forming a community network to provide support and liaison between many local groups. Isabel was good company with a sweet smile as shown in the picture here when she was presented with flowers as a 'thank you' for all that she had done.

Dr Fergusson  
and Jean Jones



## Smart new look for LloydsPharmacy

Staff at Bourne End's LloydsPharmacy celebrated the refurbishment of their store with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 14.

Guests of honour included Bourne End resident 100-year-old Jean Jones, who confided in *Target* that she was in fine health and thankfully didn't need the medicines on offer at the moment! "But the new layout is lovely," she said. "It's so spacious and clear. And there is so much on sale here."

The shop certainly does look brighter and new signs clearly mark the products which have now been arranged in a much more user-friendly manner.

Area Manager Tiffany Matthews explained that the refurbishment scheme is being rolled out across around 2,000 LloydsPharmacy stores to enable them to offer enhanced services for a range of conditions, including skin health and pain management.

She added: "We also now have a bigger range of the Betterlife products – to help elderly or incapacitated people with daily life activities. They sell everything from jar openers to easy mobile phones, walking sticks and recliner chairs."

Another guest on the day was Dr Douglas Fergusson, who was a GP at the neighbouring Hawthornden Surgery and still works tirelessly for a volunteer group in the village. He had fun demonstrating the shop's sample mobility scooter (available to order and priced under £400). Dr Fergusson zipped around the block on the scooter festooned with balloons, before celebrating with the staff and tucking into some specially made Lloyds-green cupcakes.

He also drew the winning raffle ticket for a weekend bag with Baylis and Harding products – which was just one number away from his own ticket!

Better luck next time Douglas.

Carol Flynn, pharmacy manager and pharmacist (pictured right), said: "We're excited by our transformation and hope people will feel more at ease talking to us about their concerns. We want to help local people to discuss their health problems and in return offer them the support they need and deserve in our new and relaxed surroundings."



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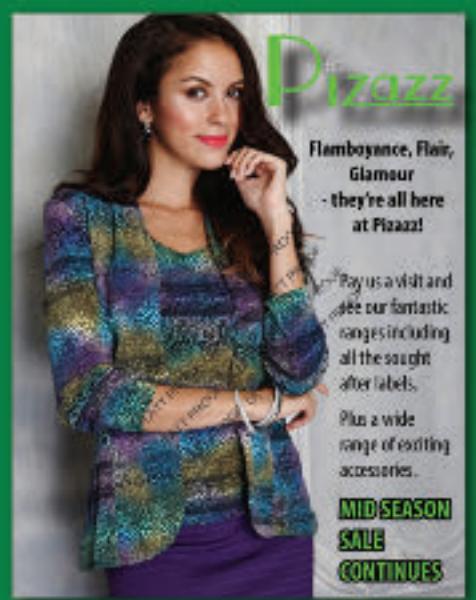
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Members took along photographs and slideshows to share and enjoyed the opportunity to chat about this year's adventures which included the Octevillaises staying here in the homes of members in Bourne End and surrounding areas.

Next year twinning association members will travel to Octeville Sur Mer to stay in the homes of friends old or new and the hospitality extended this year will be heartily reciprocated. Members are optimistic that those attending the French conversation sessions will have made some impressive progress and a little more French, rather than Franglais, will be spoken!

Croissants and brioche, teas and coffees were well received by all at the coffee morning. Deliciously French, the French Delicatessen Food and Wine shop in Cookham sold their wares and many visitors left the library with a tasty treat purchased for lunch.

As usual there were information sheets and a collection box for the wonderful French initiated charity, Médecins Sans Frontières. The charity is regularly in the news for its work in trouble spots around the world, including fighting the Ebola crisis on the front line. Those attending the coffee morning were well informed about the charity's role and £100 was raised.

Several visitors went away with membership forms, to consider joining the twinning association in time to take part in the Spring trip to Octeville.

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## Sir Stanley's gallery



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Highlights of the exhibition include two self-portraits (1914 and 1923). The first of these, on loan to the gallery from the Tate, has been selected

by experts at Time-Out London as one of their top 100 London-based paintings. It is a stunning, larger than life image in the style of an old master, painted when Spencer was only 23 years old. It contrasts greatly to the later self-portrait, painted in the broad brushstroke style of post-impressionism, which reflects the doubt and hesitation the artist felt while recovering in the post-war period.

The Winter Exhibition includes further wonderful, monumental works on continuing loan from the Tate, including the disturbing painting, The Bridge, 1920, with its fan-like arrangements of identically-dressed young men gazing from Cookham Bridge, and the mystical Christ Carrying the Cross, set in front of Spencer's home in Cookham High Street.

Sir Stanley was one of the greatest and most original British painters of the 20th century. His modern gallery, refurbished in 2006-7, has video presentations to accompany each current exhibition and archives of personal letters, photographs, press cuttings and a comprehensive library of books on the artist. It's open Thursday to Sunday 11am to 4.30pm, but please check on [www.stanleyspencer.org.uk](http://www.stanleyspencer.org.uk).

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# Forum Players go traditional.... Oh yes they do

Cinderella is Forum Players panto for January 2015 and it will offer something for everyone. As usual there's a chance to answer back, shout warnings and join in with the traditional "It's behind you!" Perfect ingredients for a great afternoon or evening at the centre theatre in Bourne End.

Forum Players are delighted to welcome some new members who have come along to be part of panto and enjoy local amateur drama. Panto is always the perfect way to start being involved as there's plenty of variety, lots of laughs and a great feeling when there's an enthusiastic response from the audience.

Panto directors Jill Hyde and Leigh Robinson are delighted with Stephen Duckham's version of Cinderella. "It involves all the familiar characters," Leigh says, "but there are a few twists and some of the props are decidedly 21st century."

Cinderella is a very visual panto as the action unfolds and the lowly kitchen maid is transformed into a beautiful girl – the perfect bride for a prince – provided her totally-over-the-top ugly sisters don't get to him first.

Live music will be accompanying the songs and setting the scene in the panto. Before the final scene children in the audience will be invited on stage to sing with some of the cast. "It's something special for Forum Players," Jill Hyde explains, "and we know the children love it." There's a sweet reward when they get to the bottom of the stage steps at the end of their own choir performance."

Look out for some of the characters at Fun Night – they'll be in the library to talk about the show and encourage you to buy tickets. All the details are on the poster so don't delay. Panto is always better when there's lots of people in the audience joining in with all the action. Many a famous star has admitted that their love of theatre started with panto.

Make Cinderella your family panto at the start of 2015 – you won't regret it and you'll have a great time – oh yes you will!

Prince Charming (right) is played by Ana Meehan while Rachel Hufflet has the role of his faithful servant Dandini



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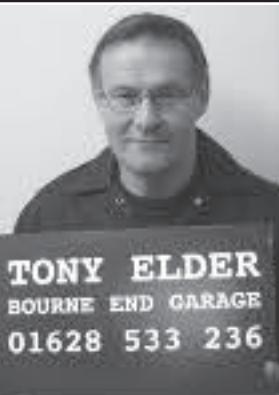
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His achievement makes him the youngest boy in the world to complete the events. It's possible he's the youngest person, but he's awaiting confirmation that a 13 year old American girl also completed the challenge. However as the lower age limit is 14 this seems unlikely to be official.

The Spartan races comprise three events over 5km, 10km and 20km.

Sam told Target: "It's tough. The courses

are designed to test a competitor's fitness, mental and physical strength, endurance, team spirit and all round resilience."

The courses are very hilly, very muddy and brutally hard on the body with obstacles along the way including rope climbs, monkey bars, fire jumps, swimming, climbing, carrying tyres, ammunition cases and or jerry cans.

Most adults will only compete at the shorter distances and other participants were amazed that Sam was even tackling these races.

"I completed the two shorter courses in September and decided I could do the longer one," says Sam.

"If you finish all three in one season it's known as the Trifecta."

Both Spartan Race UK and Obstacle Racer magazine are featuring Sam as an inspiration for young people. Not only did he set a record he also raised money for charity while doing it.

Sam, who is a pupil at John Hampden Grammar School, has a bit of an advantage in the fitness stakes. His dad, Tim, is a personal trainer and has his own gym at home.

Sam says: "I was never really into football or other school sports and I am quite small. But I love these events where I can prove my stamina and endurance."

Sam, who also enjoys studying, hopes to go on to study medicine and one day



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perhaps combine his career with his energetic hobby in the field of sports medicine.

While competing, Sam has raised nearly £600 for the Brain Tumour Research charity ([www.justgiving.com/Sam-Briggs5](http://www.justgiving.com/Sam-Briggs5)) in memory of his mum's cousin Laura who died last year. The page is still open if readers would like to donate.

Dad Tim added: "We are immensely proud of him."

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### ABOUT BOURNE END JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB

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

## Swimming Section

We are proud to announce that Bourne End Junior Sports Swimming Section has been awarded Swim21 Accreditation by the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA).

It is testimony to the coaching staff, swimmers, club management, lifeguards and all our volunteers that the ASA National Panel has recognised the hard work, systems and procedures that are in place within our club.

Swim21 also recognises the potential that is evident in the club to provide the best experience possible for everyone here. As part of the Swim21 accreditation we have also been awarded Clubmark which recognises that we provide an environment which ensures the welfare of members and encourages everyone to enjoy sport and stay involved.

Our planning to achieve Swim21 accreditation started at the AGM in 2013 and was finally approved at the ASA National Panel on 25 September 2014. For a small swimming club this was a significant effort which was only possible through the hard work of our coaches, committee members and all our volunteers. Our thanks go to John Couves and his team for all their hard work in making this happen. Congratulations to you all.

## Basketball Section

The Junior Basketball Section meets every Friday at the sports hall from 5.30pm to 7pm. The sessions comprise a mix of training drills integrated with some fun games and with proper game play at the end.

The aim of the sessions is to give new players awareness of the core skills required to play the game, and then to put these skills into practice and to have a bit of fun.

The sessions are organised by the section itself, and have been led over the years by an assortment of experienced coaches, fully qualified referees, as well as a semi professional player.

Currently, it is being run by two Reading Rockets U16 players, and one young man who has been playing with the club for seven years. (There is also an adult presence in the building throughout.)

No experience prior to joining the section is required. The section provides members with a very strong base in the sport, as well as an effective launch-pad for those who seriously want to develop their skills.

One development pathway is through the National League basketball club Reading Rockets, with which the section has developed a strong relationship.

Over the past few years five section members (who all learned to play the game with the club) have gone on to train with and play for the Rockets' junior teams, and some on to even better things; one is in his third year playing for the South of England team in the annual GB-wide National Inter Regional Tournament; a second is now playing for his university.

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There is also a Senior Section currently running from 7 to 9pm directly after the juniors. This is for boys and girls aged 14+. However, as the standard is becoming much greater by the year, we now require you to have a good skill level with prior experience in the game - this session is not for teaching the basics.

## Football Section

Our very popular "Junior Kickers" sessions held at the sports hall on Saturday mornings for U5s and U6s still have some spaces left. This is a great way for children to be introduced to football and offers them a structured pathway within the club to develop their football skills (these sessions cost less than £3 a time over the season).

Also, we are always looking for new players to join all age groups, especially our U7s, U8s, U10s, U13s and U16s groups. If you are interested in joining BEJSC, please call Ken Murphy on 01628 525359 or e-mail [info@bejsc-football.co.uk](mailto:info@bejsc-football.co.uk).

## Sportsfest needs sponsors

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Finally, we are still looking for a chairman for the football section to work with an experienced group of committee members. Knowledge of football is not a pre-requisite. If you are interested or require more information, please call Ken on the telephone number above.

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Art has always been Libby's passion and she studied at art college in Hull before getting a job with Goya in Old Amersham.

Fate stepped in when she met Bryn Evans who

was running a market garden on one side of Hedsor Road. They married and she found herself involved in the business doing everything from deliveries to creating flower arrangements.

Expansion to the other side of Hedsor Road created what everyone knows as Bourne End Garden Centre and Libby found little time for painting as the family grew with the arrival of two boys and a girl.

In recent years she has found more time and has enjoyed painting and



sculpture – while still capturing life's funny moments through her charming caricatures.

Libby runs a regular art class in the garden centre café on Wednesdays from 9.30 to 11.30am then from 2 to 4pm. It costs £8 and Libby is happy to see new people. "Please just turn up," she encourages.



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Organisers Sue and Amy Croall, a mother and daughter team, were delighted with the number and high standard of entries – the judges certainly had their work cut out in picking the winners of each class.

Thanks to generous donations from local businesses everyone who was placed first, second or third in their class was able to choose a prize to take home from a wonderful array spread out over two prize tables.

The ultimate prize, the Penny Walsh Cup, donated by Bourne End Horticultural Society and presented to the Judges' Favourite Entry, was won this year by 12 year old Emily Dean for her stunning self-portrait which really impressed the judges.

In addition to the arts and crafts on display refreshments – including some utterly delicious cakes – were available in return for a small donation to library funds.

The organisers would like to thank everyone who entered, all those who kindly donated prizes or cakes, and the judges for all their efforts on the day.

Planning for next year's show is already underway so watch out for local publicity nearer the time and make sure you don't miss out!



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**Bourne End Day Centre** would welcome some volunteers to work on the garden surrounding their building in Wakeman Road. Everything from weeding to pruning, planting to general tidying would be welcome for a few hours a week.

It's a lovely garden that has suffered from neglect and needs some TLC.

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**Events Committee** at the community centre needs new members keen to be involved in organising a wide variety of activities, from concerts, musical gigs, dance workshops and lots more in the two halls at the centre or just in the bar. Initial contact giving your name and contact number or email is through the centre office, ring 01628 522604 or email [office@bebca.org.uk](mailto:office@bebca.org.uk)

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NMO is a London-based freelance orchestra of up to 35 players. They were founded in 1977, and have been acclaimed for their high quality performances - especially on London's South Bank - and their work in schools and other music education settings.

The 14 musicians who visited St Paul's, under the leadership and conductor's baton of Artistic Director, Clive Fairbairn, all had extensive experience both as orchestral players and soloists and in outreach activities.

As well as delighting the pupils with their music – which included pieces from The Carnival of the Animals by the French Romantic composer Camille Saint-Saëns – the musicians entertainingly explained and demonstrated how their instruments made their own particular sounds.

The programme also included the school singing a specially prepared piece, The Bird Catcher, from The Marriage of Figaro accompanied by the orchestra.

Deputy head Mrs Conner said: "This visit is so important for children to experience a live orchestra. It also reinforces all they have learned this term about music and musical instruments."

The children we spoke to said it had been "great" and more than a few said they felt inspired to learn a new musical instrument.



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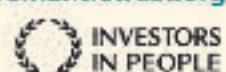
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## Bums (not) on seats!

There are 650 MPs in the House of Commons but there's only enough seating for 427 meaning during busy debates or the State Opening of Parliament up to 223 Honourable ladies and gentlemen could be sitting on the floor.

This was just one of the interesting things Year Six students from The Meadows School learned when they visited the Houses of Parliament on a school trip this term - and one they are unlikely to ever forget.

The 20 pupils enjoyed an educational tour of both the houses of Lords and Commons visiting the Westminster Hall where the trial of Guy Fawkes was held and, in more recent times, Barack Obama and Nelson Mandela both gave speeches.

Then they went on to take part in a workshop which included a politics quiz and a lively debate on their own proposed law – the Bonus For Hard Work Bill.

Dominic Grieve, MP for Beaconsfield (and Bourne End and the Wooburns) took time out of his busy day at the House to pop in and chat about the work of an MP and answered some probing questions from the children and their teachers.

Following on from the visit Target Editor, Debra Aspinall, visited the school to talk about journalism and set the children the challenge of creating their own news report on their school trip.

Our photo (above right) shows the challenge winner Chloe Chippendale-Efde, with Lemar Browne (judged to be the most likely to be a future MP) and Johnny Rooney - whose inquisitiveness brought him the prize of most likely to be a future journalist.

Below Year 6 students before and during their school trip.



L to R: Lemar Browne, Chloe Chippendale-Efde and Johnny Rooney winners of the House of Commons report challenge

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## Wooburn WI By Sue Pressney

Our Christmas Bring and Buy in November swelled our coffers nicely.

In December Brian Clews will be telling us about the history and wildlife of the Jubilee River, and then in January Ann Lathrop will be speaking about 'Old Wives Tales'. Sounds intriguing!

Don't forget, we meet on the first Wednesday in the month at 2.15pm in St Mary's church hall, and hope to see you there.

As most of you know, we have to report the sad news that Isabel Swain passed away in October. She had been our secretary for many years, and was a stalwart in the WI. She will be sadly missed.

## Inner Wheel Club By Elaine Morris

At our monthly evening meeting in October over dinner at a local pub we hosted a very good speaker, Alistair Borland who is a 'Blood Runner' and the chairman of SERV OBN who arrived on his huge motorbike.

Service by Emergency Rider Volunteers OBN (Oxon, Bucks and Northants) is one of 23 groups in the UK and manned entirely by volunteers working 365 days a year from 7pm to 6am, with no salary.

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Inspired by their work, we are donating proceeds from our December 5 Christmas tea party at Bourne End Community Centre to this wonderful independent charity.

Our November meeting was a fun evening of Irish Bingo with mulled wine and mince pies at Elizabeth House Cookham. No two meetings ever follow the same format which makes for an interesting annual programme!

## Probus By Howard Fitter

In an after-lunch presentation entitled 'Would You Believe It', David Gilbert told us of a number of amazing hoaxes, from the Oxford tradesman who tried to claim the throne, through Orson Welles' famous radio broadcast about martian invasion which caused mass panic in the US, to the man who 'sold' the Eiffel Tower to metal dealers.

In a second presentation Nick Channer discussed 'The Mystery of Agatha Christie' describing how the 'queen of crime-writing', whose world-wide readership is exceeded only by the Holy Bible and Shakespeare, disappeared from home in the winter of 1926 and her car was discovered perched in the snow on the edge of a cliff. Located in Yorkshire 11 days later, she had been staying in a hotel as 'Mrs Neal' (the name of her estranged husband's mistress). Revenge?

## Little Marlow & Well End WI By Judy Wilson

Our October speaker, Graham Harrison, gave a fascinating talk entitled Poisons as Medicines, looking at Victorian medicine at a time when what we now consider poisons were part and parcel of everyday treatments. The use of morphine in children's medicine was commonplace and he commented on whether there was a possible connection between this medication and the high infant mortality rate in those days. It certainly made us grateful that far more suitable and safe medicines are available over the counter nowadays.

Members joined in the Carrington Group outing to 'Secret London' which included a tour of Leighton House. We were also hostesses for the group autumn meeting where the speaker was Colin Lomax. He gave an insight into the life and work of Charles Rennie Mackintosh, one of the most famous architects and designers of the early 20th century.

Five ladies visited St James' Palace to see the results of members' handiwork among almost 20,000 items of clothing provided by volunteers before they were packed. It was a sobering thought that they will all be supplied to various charities within the next year. We now take up our knitting needles again.

At our Annual Meeting in November, after the usual monthly business was completed and our new committee was formed, Maggie Ryan was re-elected president. Although our meeting place is relatively small, we are still within the guidelines as to numbers attending events. We therefore made the decision to increase our membership, although sadly this will still leave us with ladies wishing to join us.

Jean Morris, ex-County Chairman, gave us further information about forthcoming events to be held for the national WI's centennial celebrations in 2015. It's going to be quite a year for us all, so watch this space... Visitors are always welcome, for details tel 01628 481343.

## Bourne End WI By Kath Acres

At our October meeting we had the gory pleasure of seeing one of our members cut in half by guest speaker and Magic Circle member Jean Purdy.

Our Annual Meeting in November saw the election of a new committee and President (me), but the high (or maybe low) light was the discovery that a certain member had provided a loaded dice for our Beetle Drive - it only rolled sixes! She claims that she must have accidentally taken it from an old magic set.

Our Craft and Chat Group did a roaring trade selling decorated candle holders with LED night lights (both for Christmas and for the boudoir) at this meeting. We will be selling these at Bourne End Fun Night on December 5 in, or near, the library depending on the weather.

December is our members only Christmas party

with musical entertainment provided by Voice Versa.

At our January meeting Bourne End WI member Jill Harden, winner of the prestigious City & Guilds 2014 Lion Awards Creative Craftsperson of the Year Award, will show us how to construct floral arrangements we can be proud of. Visitors are welcome.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month at St Dunstan's church hall at 7.30pm. Our Craft and Chat Group meets in the library on the third Tuesday of the month. Visitors are welcome here too but please let us know if you are planning to attend. Email [bourneendwi@yahoo.com](mailto:bourneendwi@yahoo.com) for further information about all our activities.

## Bourne End (Afternoon) WI By Julie Wardell

When our September speaker failed to show, an ex-WI speaker among our membership gallantly stepped up to the podium and gave a light-hearted rendition of personally penned odes. These were thoroughly enjoyed by a delighted audience and a relieved committee! Thank you, Pamela.

Our first AGM in October included a participatory craft session on jewellery making which resulted in some fine necklaces and bracelets – whether for personal use or for gifts, it kept our members busy.

Our first outing to the Wycombe Swan to see Beyond the Barricades was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. We propose to follow this in the spring with a visit to Wisley.

Our November talk was on 'Flower Arranging for the Terrified', an opportunity to gather ideas for the Christmas table and general decorations for the home.

Our December meeting will be a Christmas social event with the promise of mince pies, a glass of something and maybe even a carol or two.

Our group meets on the second Monday of each month at 2pm in St Dunstan's hall and visitors are welcome. For details ring Sue Berrido on 07776 713701 or email [bewiafternoon@gmail.com](mailto:bewiafternoon@gmail.com).

## Glory Mills Bowls Club By John Palfreyman

Following a successful 2014 season, the club has planned a wonderful presentation evening, when a myriad of internal club trophies covering all forms of the game from rinks to singles will be presented to our successful members.

The club is also looking forward to its Christmas musical evening when it will be entertained by John Dunsterville, former guitarist with Rick Wakeman, Val Doonican and Lonnie Donegan, who promises "songs old and new with some hilarious stories of life on the road".

The club is now playing indoor bowls in High Wycombe but is always looking for new members. It offers free coaching, low fees and the loan of bowls to get you started. Ring 01494 673859 or email [shirley.churn@btinternet.com](mailto:shirley.churn@btinternet.com).

# Success for Hedsor traffic campaign

Upper Hedsor Road residents are celebrating a success in their campaign for a lower speed limit.

The fast traffic using this narrow village residential road has been a worry to residents for more than 30 years.

They have been concerned about the safeguard of home owners, pedestrians and road-users.

Five years ago, Hedsor Road residents Jane Tyrrell, Anne Theobold and Jodie Cavaye (pictured) launched HRAS (Hedsor Residents Against Speed) to continue the campaign for road safety.

They collected data which showed a surprising 4000 cars regularly use the road daily, with more than 10% of vehicles driving over 30mph and on one particular Monday in September 2011, 35 vehicles were recorded driving over 40mph.

Now the campaigners have got the council's backing for a pilot scheme that will see the implementation of a 20mph speed limit along this dangerous stretch of road.

Jodie Cavaye said: "We are delighted that we have finally been recognised as a special case.



L to r campaign organisers Jane Tyrrell, Jodie Cavaye and Anne Theobold

Upper Hedsor Road has unique characteristics not found in many roads in the county and the existing 30mph national speed limit was resulting in an average speed that was unacceptably high. We believe the new 20mph speed limit will go a long way to reducing this and making the area safer for everyone."

Upper Hedsor Road comprises the narrow stretch

of road from the Ferry Lane intersection up past the Garibaldi Pub to Hedsor Hill. It has no pedestrian footpath for 60% of its length and operates as a single lane road for almost half its length.

It is used regularly by local residents and pedestrians, including children and dogs, who are forced to share the road with the passing traffic. Horses also regularly use the road and it is a popular through-route for cyclists and ramblers during the weekend.

"Over the years, we have put up with road rage, clipped wing mirrors, dented side panels and accidents along this narrow stretch of residential road," Jodie added. "Sadly, we had our first fatality last year."

The pilot scheme implemented by Transport for Buckinghamshire will begin in December 2014 and the final stages of the consultation will roll out over the ensuing weeks into 2015. This will involve legal newspaper adverts, notices and posters on roads as well as letters to local residents.

Local resident Paul Sharman welcomed the news: "This has been a long time coming and is a well-deserved result for our road. Hopefully there will be no more damaged vehicles or risk to lives once the speed limit is in place and accepted by road users."

Paul added, "It will, however, mean the end of our traditional spectator sport of sitting outside the Garibaldi laughing at the stupidity of drivers who refuse to give way to oncoming traffic resulting in some enjoyable road rage incidents."

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# Artist inspired by local landscape



Frances Ackland Snow stood back and looked at her new collection of paintings displayed in the Bygillian Gallery and smiled. Most of the pictures were inspired by the local landscape she has known since childhood and is still part of her life. In her paintings she has captured the dark romantic aspects of Cliveden from the river Thames and Hedsor Hill in differing moods.

At the gallery launch she revelled in the comments as people recognised local landmarks set in the hills we all see regularly. Two larger paintings feature Snowdonia in its brooding glory that Frances says were inspired by visits there with her son Jacob.

For Frances her childhood involved playing with Daleks as her father worked for the BBC on Doctor Who and made the first Tardis. She admits it was fun going along to see the productions being filmed and then getting a preview of new creations as stories progressed. Her passion for art took her to creating film backdrops at top speed, with a roller in each hand while standing on top of a ladder, and then knowing that what she was painting created the mood for a particular scene.

From artist-on-the-scene for television she has progressed to being artist-in-residence at Claires Court School in Maidenhead. Then she spends every spare moment in her studio. Her work is exhibited widely and any new collection attracts a great deal of interest.

Gillian Cumming was delighted to see the collection launched at her gallery with the event attracting visitors from far afield. "We're thrilled to launch these fabulous pictures especially as Frances is a renowned artist who lives just down the road from the gallery," she told *Target*.

And the future means more paintings. Frances explains: "I love working in my studio and inspired by Dark Romanticism I am constantly seeking out the next subject from a new angle that will show its strength and haunting mystery. I am never happier than when applying paint to a canvas."

Among other activities she is a keen fundraiser for The Princes Trust particularly in the role of auctioneer when paintings are for sale. Recalling her family days in the world of television Frances says that these days her dad makes her frames.

Pictured left: Frances Ackland-Snow with her paintings. Below, familiar hills in dark mood



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# Bourne End Community Market

## Chocolates by The Lass in the Apron

When Alexandra and Cate McDermott arrived in Buckinghamshire this summer, having moved across the ocean from the other Bucks County, in Pennsylvania, USA, one of the first things they did was to look into the community markets around their new home in Bourne End.

"The markets were one of our favourite aspects of village life when we lived in England before as children —they're part of a uniquely English lifestyle that brought us back; markets in the States don't have the same sense of community," Cate says. "As soon as I saw the flyer on the Bourne End Library table, I made plans to come and see it the next month."

But the sisters are interested in the Bourne End Community Market for another reason beyond the fun of shopping and socialising with neighbours — they immediately signed up to act as vendors, selling Chocolates by The Lass in the Apron.

The Lass in the Apron is Alexandra, who is a home caterer, cookbook author, and food blogger, holding two culinary diplomas. She was the youngest ever student to graduate from L'Academie de Cuisine, a prestigious culinary school in Maryland whose



Pastry Programme was begun by a former chef at the White House.

After studying pastry, Alexandra went on to study culinary more broadly at George Brown College in Canada — globe-trotting is a natural instinct in this family! Her handmade truffles, nut barks, chocolate biscuits and other treats will satisfy any sweet tooth, and you can spy on her recipes at her blog: [www.thelassintheapron.com](http://www.thelassintheapron.com).

As for Cate, she handles the business side of her sister's craft, and helps out at the Community Market in whatever way she can.

"She's the sort of person who will put on a Santa Claus hat and go out and greet people coming to the market during Christmas time — she's done it before," says Alexandra. "That's a very rare talent."

While it can't be guaranteed that you will see Cate in a Santa Claus hat, you can see both the sisters selling The Lass in the Apron chocolates at the Bourne End Community Market on the second Saturday of each month, from 11am to 2pm at the library. Come and try the luscious treats for yourself and enjoy the community spirit of the event.

"It's the best way to feel a part of the community," the sisters agree.

If you would like more information about the Community Market, or represent a new or less well-known local charity or community group who would like to be featured as our Charity of the Month in our Charity Tombola, call Rosie O'Hagan at 07989 716635 or email [rosieohagan@me.com](mailto:rosieohagan@me.com).



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## Bourne End Library

By Inka D'Agostino, library manager

*"Winter is not a season, it's an occupation."*

**Sinclair Lewis**

2014 has been an exciting year with our series of outstanding speakers. In January the year kicked off with a very moving talk by Lord McColl on the splendid work of the Mercy Ships. In July we were delighted to welcome not one, but two international authors, Lindsey Davis and Gerald Seymour.

October was another busy month; we made a successful bid to Penguin books for Rhidian Brook, author of the international bestseller "The Aftermath". A few weeks later Dr Nick Slope enthralled our Lifestyle Club with a fascinating talk on Nelson's Lost Heroes. Hopefully he will return next year to deliver a talk on Nelson's Women!

The series ended with a wonderful illustrated talk on the Cinema of Graham Greene by Quentin Falk. Many thanks to Quentin for also leading the Q&A events with Gerald Seymour and Rhidian Brook.

It will be a difficult year to follow, but I already have some ideas for 2015 so please watch this space.

### Future events at Bourne End Library

#### December

As always we shall be participating in the Village Christmas Fun Night on Friday December 5. Please join us for our famous mulled wine, children's Christmas crafts, treasure hunt, face painting and more. Saturday December 13, 10am to 1pm Community Market, with special visitor Father Christmas

Friday December 19, 10.30am to midday Lifestyle Club Christmas coffee morning and quiz.

Tuesday December 23, 10am to 11.30am Christmas craft morning for children aged 4 to 11. This will be followed by Storytime with Father Christmas at 11.30am.

#### January

Friday January 30, 10.30am to midday Lifestyle Club - talk on the secret wartime activities of Hughenden Manor. Guest speaker Alan Ross.

For these or any of our regular events listed below please contact us on [libboe@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:libboe@buckscc.gov.uk) phone 0845 2303232 or visit us on our Facebook page: Friends of Bourne End Library

We have regular Yoga and Tai-chi, throughout the week. In the New Year new classes in Italian begin as will "Sing your Pain Away". For learning computer skills we have sessions every Friday morning; booking is essential.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated volunteers who have helped throughout the year, the Friends of Bourne End Library and all our customers who have supported us especially at our events.

My staff and I would like to wish all our customers a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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# Past times...by Barrie Penfold

## PENNY'S CORNER, BOURNE END

Penny's Corner is the more recent name, given to the little plot in Bourne End to acknowledge its cultivation by former parish council chairman, Penny Walsh, and her husband Brian.

Their rescue mission brought it from derelict land to a delightful open space at the centre of Bourne End. Then their constant care maintained it until it was eventually purchased by the parish council after plans to develop the area with shops and flats caused a local outcry.

Early in the 20th Century the Nag's Head public house stood on this important junction where the road from Cookham Bridge connected with the routes into Marlow and High Wycombe. Sometime after the end of the Second World War the Nag's Head public house was demolished and the land acquired by Bucks County Council to widen the road junction.

Having done the road work the remaining land was left untended until Penny and Brian turned up, got started and created a pleasant grassed area with flower beds. Without a doubt it's Bourne End's own village green.

Going back to the days of the Nag's Head pub there were wharves off the road from Cookham Bridge where raw materials were unloaded and finished goods were transported to London or Oxford. It was mostly down to horsepower of the four hooved variety but the valley of the River Wye, renowned for its fast flowing water, used that water power in small mills along its length to the point where it flowed into the River Thames. At the Nag's Head junction there was a farrier where horses could be shod – all within easy reach of the River Thames towpath. Other small shops and services had premises across from the pub.

It was very different from the Bourne End we know today. From a small cluster of cottages called Bone End the arrival of the railway in 1854 created a local station originally called Marlow Road and later changed to Bourne End.

With it came business and recreation. Lloyds Bank was built in 1925 with endless fields behind. The parade of shops on the left towards Marlow is dated 1902. Horsepower continued along the River Thames towpath but the railway provided a speedy supply of goods to the mills along the River Wye and fast transport of finished goods all over the country.

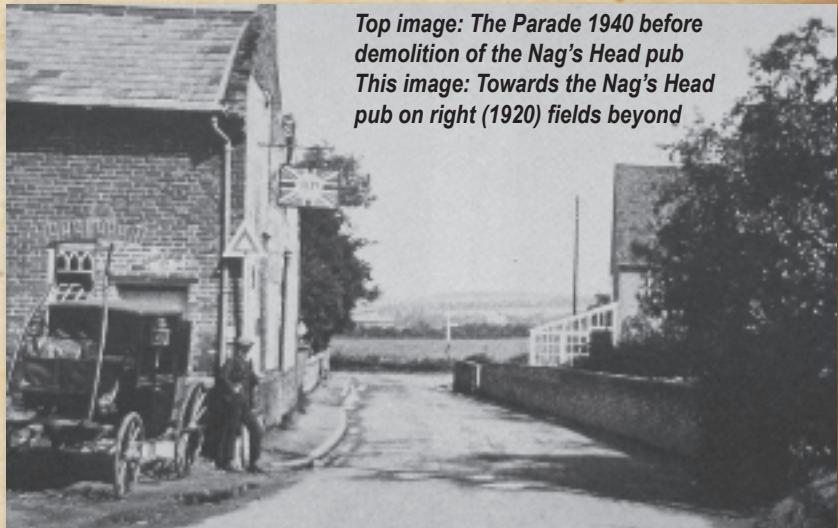
Business developed around the railway station and the Railway Hotel alongside provided accommodation for salesmen. Small



papermills merged to become major suppliers to meet the industrial needs for packaging and the huge expansion of paper for printing. At the same time the Victorian and Edwardian love of day trips brought visitors in their hundreds by train to enjoy boating. With easy access into London the riverside attracted wealthy people to invest in large riverside mansions. The rich and famous in the arts world and in business found their perfect location for weekend entertaining or seasonal retreats just an hour by rail away from the capital.

Penny's Corner can celebrate its role in the history of the village. At the same time it provides a pleasant place to rest for anyone stopping in Bourne End. And it's there for the future...

*Old photographs from Bourne End Residents' Association's collection called 'The*



*Top image: The Parade 1940 before demolition of the Nag's Head pub  
This image: Towards the Nag's Head pub on right (1920) fields beyond*

*Way it Was'*

### Coming up...

It was an opportunity not to be missed. Booking a trip to see the poppies at the Tower of London offered a visit to the Imperial War Museum. It meant a chance to see Bill Williams' hand written memories of service in the First World War (Past Times Oct/Nov). Look out for the report in a future issue along with a photo of the guns this 18-year-old moved between battles.

## OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

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

Our Carols by Candlelight is on Sunday December 21 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. Please come and share in our celebrations.

All the normal groups at both St Paul's and St Mary's will be back in January, with Tots Praise and our Friday Communion service and lunch on January 9 and then Toddlers at St Paul's church hall from Tuesday January 13. [www.stpaulswooburn.org](http://www.stpaulswooburn.org)



### St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

We start off a busy Christmas period with our traditional Nine Lessons and Carols on December 21 at 6pm, then on Christmas Eve at 4pm we have our Crib Service where children are very welcome to come dressed as angels, shepherds, wise men, Mary or Joseph. The midnight Holy Communion Service starts at 11.30pm. On Christmas morning we celebrate communion at 8.30am and a family service with communion at 11am.

There will be no All Together family service on December 28, but this family service will start again on January 26 at 4pm. [www.marlowanglican.org](http://www.marlowanglican.org).



### St Nicholas' Church

We are joining with St Mark's to run a Christmas Bazaar at St Mark's Church on Saturday December 6, 11am to 3pm. Do come along for holly and mistletoe, Christmas table decorations and Christmas boxes, mince pies, festive stalls, raffle, Santa Claus, roasted chestnuts, and bring the children for a Christmas fancy dress competition.

We begin our Christmas celebrations on December 14 at 4pm with our Christingle Service, a very special occasion with the puppet ministry performing. On Christmas Eve our midnight service starts at 11pm, and a special family communion takes place at 9am on Christmas Day. Please join us as we celebrate



this special time of year.

Our annual Epiphany Carol Service takes place at 4pm on January 4 with our choir directed by Dr Peter Wilton.

Each week our morning service commences at 9am, you are very welcome to join us with your family. Our Pebbles group of young children also meet each week. On the second Sunday of the month we have Pathway, a service for the young and families.

### The Community Church

How about giving Jesus a thought this Christmas by coming to one of our celebrations at The Chapel on the Green? We'll be holding a Carol Service on December 14 and a more informal Christmas Celebration on December 21 – both at 10.30am with refreshments from 10am.

On Saturday December 20 we'll be holding our popular Carols on the Green at 5pm, with refreshments in the Chapel before (4.30pm) and afterwards. On Christmas morning a short celebration in the Chapel starts at 10.30am.

If Christmas is about 'can I afford it?', then we can help – at least with sorting out whatever state your credit cards are in, come January. Our next CAP Money Course entitled 'Christmas on the Cards?' starts on Tuesday January 6.

The three-evening course, run with other local churches, will be held at St Peter's Loudwater. Details: Peter Lisle, [peterlisle@outlook.com](mailto:peterlisle@outlook.com), tel 07802450069.



If your main thought is 'I would really like to enjoy the company of others this Christmas' then come along to our Thursday Lunch Club that is open every Thursday between 12.30pm and 2pm at the Chapel on Wooburn Green (except for Christmas Day and New Year's Day). Details: Dave Bitcheno, [d.bitcheno@sky.com](mailto:d.bitcheno@sky.com), tel 07894143925.

Do you have questions about Jesus? What is the true meaning of life, let alone Christmas? Our Alpha Course will help you explore the basics of the Christian faith in an informal setting. We chat over a meal (which we provide) and you get to meet other people asking similar questions. The course on Wednesday evenings starts on January 14. Details: David Bennett, [davidbenne77@gmail.com](mailto:davidbenne77@gmail.com), tel 07590 336337.

### Cores End United Reformed Church

Harvest Festival in aid of Work Aid was well supported and we collected garden and household tools for the charity.

Our Children's Christmas Fun Day was on November 22 and our Christmas Fair on November 29. December 7 is our Toy Service in aid of Dr Barnado's.

On Sunday December 21 at 4.30pm Cores End is hosting Christmas Joy - a candlelit celebration for Christmas, organised and presented by Wendy Craig with Derek Holland. Carols will be accompanied by the Waltham St Lawrence Silver Band; solos by Isabelle (Izzy) Cooper, who has appeared on Songs of Praise; Wendy's granddaughter will be playing the flute and there will be Christmas readings; all followed



by mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies. This promises to be a wonderful start for Christmas and everyone is welcome.

There will be our usual Sunday services over the Christmas period plus a shorter service on Christmas Day at 10.30am.

Looking ahead, on Tuesday March 17 there will be pancakes served at Fair Winds, Grange Drive in aid of our Churchyard Fund.

More information at [www.coresendurc.com](http://www.coresendurc.com).

### St Dunstan's Church

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Masses will be at the following times. On Christmas Eve, Nativity Mass at St Dunstan's at 6.30pm. A Christmas Vigil Mass will be held at St Teresa's in Beaconsfield at 10pm, preceded by a Carol Service at 9.15pm. Christmas Day Mass is at St Dunstan's at 10.30am; and at St Teresa's at 9am and 11am.

### St Mark's Parish Church

In November we marked Reverend Rosemary Payne's retirement with gifts of thanks for her ministry at both St Mark's and St Nicholas' over many years.

Our Christmas Bazaar on December 6 at 11am in the Church and Hall is a new event for both parishes. Messy Christmas is for children and adults on December 13 at 3pm. A Christmas meal is on December 17 at 7pm. Carol Service on December 21 at 4pm. Christingle Service on December 24 at 4pm and Midnight Communion at 11.30pm. Family Communion Service on December 25 at 10.30am. Look out for our posters: "Christmas starts with Christ".

The usual regular activities take place in December and January which are always open to all. Pathway informal service is on second Sundays at 10.30am which is popular with families. On all other Sundays it is Holy Communion at 10.30am while Penguins, our Young Church, meet in the hall. The Monday cafe in the hall at 10am is a chance to relax and chat. The Tuesday Puppet Theatre welcomes 8-year-olds-plus in the hall at 5pm. Puffins, the Mothers & Toddlers group, enjoy meeting in the hall on Wednesdays at 10am. Coffee is served after a reflective Thursday Communion at 9.45am. There is a chance for all to explore the Christian faith in our Pilgrim Course on Thursdays at 7.45pm at the Rectory.

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We started off the Winter League season with a thumping win, only for the points gained to be deducted because the opposition decided to withdraw from the League. Following that disappointment we hit the trough and only scored one draw in the next three games. Alas! Alack! Prospects in our fourth game didn't seem much better as we were to play the strong Happy Union team.

However, lots of practice combined with a never-say-die determination saw us trounce them 6-5. Our tails are up and long may it continue.

You will have noticed that most of these reports make a plea for new players. Up until recently they have been falling on deaf ears (how can a written report fall on deaf ears?) but I'm pleased to say that finally they have borne fruit with a sudden influx of two new players. Is this the start of a stampede? Come and join us.

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## Membership costs and application form

### APPLICATION FORM

Cut out and send or hand to:

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

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....  
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Email address: .....

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

## Target Quiz



### Number 83 - Pots and Pans

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.

For this quiz each word starts with either pot or pan.

- 1 Sudden fright
- 2 Strongly influential
- 3 Black and white herbivorous bear
- 4 A cure for all things
- 5 A thick soup
- 6 Complete havoc
- 7 Large organ that secretes enzymes
- 8 German city near Berlin
- 9 We have too many of these!!!
- 10 Silvery metallic alkaline metal (K)
- 11 Homemade spirit
- 12 A hat and country
- 13 Wise man or teacher
- 14 Italian Christmas cake
- 15 Window made of glass
- 16 Pretty flower of the viola family
- 17 A shrub of the rose family
- 18 West African primate
- 19 Epidemic over a wide area
- 20 American trousers

The Closing date is Friday January 9

Name:.....

Address:.....  
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Tel:.....

### ANSWERS TO TARGET QUIZ No 82

- 1 Bob
  - 2 Tarka
  - 3 Ivor
  - 4 Sinbad/Popeye
  - 5 Alfred/Catherine/Alexander
  - 6 Ethelred
  - 7 Mick
  - 8 Jude
  - 9 Robert
  - 10 Ivan
  - 11 Denis
  - 12 Eddy
  - 13 Jack
  - 14 William
  - 15 Mack
  - 16 Eric
  - 17 Dumbo/Jumbo/Bar-Bar
  - 18 Buffy
  - 19 Warwick
  - 20 Edward.
- The winner was Ann Gibbins, Trees Road, Bourne End

## OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

### 1st Wooburn Scout Group

The Scouts have had a busy term so far learning skills for their survival badge including water purification, shelter making and fire lighting. This culminated in an 'Independence Camp' at Dorneywood in October which was a great success and enjoyed by all. Special thanks to the leaders for making this a memorable event.

On September 12 Cubs completed their Cycling Badge - not an easy task for some as they had to complete a course on the main roads as well as prove they can perform simple fixes at the roadside. Well done to all of them. They also gained their Animal Care badge with help from Bonnie at Pets at Home. As ever, Red Watch from High Wycombe Fire Station showed the section all the exciting bits at HWFS as well as giving out safety advice - a huge thank you to them.

We currently have spaces available, so if you would like to join us in our adventures please contact Ray on 07769 686484 for further information.

Beavers worked on their gardening badge and also visited the Holtspur Fire Station.

For more information see  
[/wooburn.wix.com/wooburnscouts](http://wooburn.wix.com/wooburnscouts)

### Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

We meet at the Community Centre, Wakeman Road, at 8pm on the first Tuesday of each month. Floral demonstrations are arranged for each meeting plus an annual outing and occasional floral workshops. Visitors are welcome, with a fee of £10. For our December 2 meeting we have national demonstrator Tracey Griffen with the floral theme 'Forever Festive'. For further information contact Thelma Robinson 01628 524689. In January we have our AGM so no demonstration.

### Wye Valley Volunteers

We are into the Christmas countdown again with a mulled wine and mince pie social early in December for all volunteers and the Christmas Luncheon Club in mid-December.

The three teams of volunteers who run the monthly Luncheon Club (for the older and more isolated members of the community) come together for the latter event. Turkey and

full trimmings are hugely enjoyed by guests and volunteers alike.

The Community Minibus is into its stride now and John Kelly, the minibus manager, is working on opportunities to increase its use. The minibus used to be regularly used for transport to the Tuesday coffee morning at the Community Centre. Numbers have dropped to the extent that currently transport is provided by volunteers in their cars. One problem has been that the coffee morning started quite early making it difficult for guests to get ready in time. This is to be changed so that pickups will start from 10am.

The Tuesday coffee morning is a very friendly occasion with coffee and biscuits provided at the amazing price of 20p! Do please get in touch if you would be interested in attending and would like transport in the minibus, or if you know of someone who might be interested.

To enquire about help from one of our services (transport, home visiting, coffee mornings, Luncheon Club etc), or if you are thinking about becoming a volunteer, contact us either at the Community Volunteer Office (to the right of the Community Centre and open 10am to midday each weekday) or by phone 01628 521027.

### Marlow and District Railway Society

We look forward to our Christmas social event on December 18 which will include food, a quiz and selections of videos and photographs from the past year.

The 2015 programme starts on 15 January with 'That was the year - 1963' with Geoff Plumb. This is the fourth presentation from Geoff, each on 12 months in the 1960s. All meetings are held at Bourne End Community Centre.

We are also planning visits to Neasden depot, MOD Kineton, Laira depot and a few other locations to be decided. Note that through our contacts, opportunities arise to visit sites not accessible to the general public which may be at short notice. Please see our website at [www.mdrs.org.uk](http://www.mdrs.org.uk) for more information and updates.

Why not join us? Annual membership costs £16 - but visitors are always welcome to attend at a charge of £3 per meeting. New members who cannot receive The Marlow Donkey by e-mail will be asked to pay an additional £10 (£26 in total), to cover the costs of printing, postage and packaging.



It was dark, – as the trenches were dark. Little space for soldiers to live and then fight. Bourne End Scout Group created a First World War trench in their Furlong Road headquarters. Visiting was a surprise – candles and the occasional lamp – gunshots and explosions in the background. During November hundreds of children visited as part of school projects. "They all found it an amazing experience" GSL Emma Lee said "and we have been astounded by the amount of local support we received." Our photo shows Toby (8) making grenades using tin cans and spent bullet casings.

### RNLI Bourne End and District Branch

We held a fundraising pub quiz at the Black Lion in Well End in November. Thanks to all who took part, we raised £60. A further £826 was collected at the last Aviva Premiership match at Adams Park on November 16.

Our annual three-day Christmas collection will be

held at Tesco Loudwater on December 12, 13 and 14.

### Bourne End Video Makers

At the September meeting we decided on the films to show at the Annual Gateway competition against Staines and Reading Video Makers. This competition has been running since the 70s and each club takes it in turn to host the event. This year it was Staines' turn and the event took place on October 10.

The competition produced some excellent films from the three clubs but the judges decided that Staines provided the best programme, with Reading and ourselves coming a joint second. Ah well, better luck next time although the judges did agree that one of our films, The Big One, was the best individual film.

Joe Phillips from the Staines club came to talk to us in November about making wildlife films. In early December we have the President's Night when we invite our President, John Barlow, to talk to us about some aspect of film making. John spent most of his working life at BBC Television and always has lots of interesting stories to tell about his time as a cameraman.

Meetings are held in The Target Room at Bourne End Community Centre on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm to 10pm. We welcome new members of all standards and interests. Enquiries to David Jarman, tel 01494 712441, see [www.bevm.co.uk](http://www.bevm.co.uk)

### Bourne End Horticultural Society

Brenda Harold gave a talk on November 20 in St Dunstan's Hall entitled Flower Power: how plants control animals.

Our annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday December 6 at St Paul's Church Hall from 7.30pm, with a delicious three-course meal. Tickets in advance, £24, are available from Shirley Rogers on 01628 528482.

Our AGM will take place on January 15. Members and visitors are most welcome to all our meetings. For membership details contact Penny Hampson on 01628 521482.

### Future of Our Village (FoOV)

Our organisation met in September and held its AGM in late November. Slate Meadow has inevitably dominated recent events and members have attended a number of meetings including the decision of Wycombe DC cabinet. The concerns over infrastructure, flooding and the merging of Wooburn Town and Cores End were particularly raised.

Brian Pollock's exhibition in the library was deemed a great success and supplemented national commemorations of the outbreak of World War I.

The transfer of the green by Cherwell Road had been held up by County Council after approval by the Parish Council. FoOV had a reply from the Post Office about the lack of leaflets. The loss of services remains a concern and people are encouraged to write to the Network Consultation Team.

### Townswomen's Guild

We are now settled into the Target Room and our members are pleased that they have been able to support both Headway and the

community association by making the small hall available for this very worthwhile charity.

We meet on the second Wednesday in the month at 1.30pm and visitors are welcome.

On Wednesday December 10 we will have our Christmas Tea with entertainment while on Wednesday January 14 we welcome Rita Trigger who will be helping us to remove the holiday surplus by getting us active with Fitness Fun. Rita is retiring but said she would do our usual January meeting and we are grateful to her.

Our programme for 2015 has some interesting speakers and activities. Any queries, please ring our chairman Cynthia Houchin on 01628 527931.

### Bucks Family History Society

At the end of an interesting year we will enjoy our Christmas social on Tuesday December 9. It also gives us a chance to exchange ideas and research suggestions while enjoying some festive goodies.

On Tuesday January 13 Colin Chapman will be talking to us about Migration. Some people stayed in the parish of their birth while others were surprisingly mobile. Colin will cover migration within the UK as well as emigration and immigration and how it is possible to find that elusive ancestor.

We meet on the second Tuesday in the month at 7.15pm in the small hall at the community centre. Non-members are very welcome to hear a speaker or just to see how the society operates. A small donation to funds is appreciated. For more information see [www.bfhs.org.uk](http://www.bfhs.org.uk)

### Bourne End Twinning Association

Every September the people of Octeville-sur-mer (our French 'twin') celebrate their liberation in 1944 by a British regiment. See the report and photos on page 40.

October 17 saw our annual coffee morning in the library, when many of our members enjoyed French pastries, viewed photos of the above event and had a chat.

This year we were joined by a representative from the delicatessen in Cookham who sold some delicious French cheeses and pate which proved to be very popular. Due to the generosity of our members we were able to send a donation of £100 to Medecins sans Frontieres following this event.

For our Autumn dinner at the end of October, a record number of members crowded into St Dunstan's Church Hall, where we enjoyed a three-course meal, followed by a most interesting talk from our local MP and former Attorney General, Dominic Grieve.

Dominic answered many questions at the end of his talk and a good evening was had by all. We really appreciated the fact that Dominic gave us time out of his busy schedule.

### Wooburn Park Lawn Tennis Club

The new tennis club building is well under way and should be completed by the end of November. Walkers in the park have commented favourably on the appearance of the building. The club welcomes new members, young or old. See [www.wpltc.org.uk](http://www.wpltc.org.uk), e-mail [wpltc@sky.com](mailto:wpltc@sky.com).

# CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

## DECEMBER

- 2 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the community centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle.
- 4 Thurs Community Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8.30 pm. It's a £1 per person, and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night.
- 5 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 5 Fri Bourne End's Late Opening and Charity Fun Night from 5pm. See our front page for details.
- 5 Fri Marlow Ukulele Group in the community centre bar from 8.30pm. See the poster on page 36 for details.
- 7 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm
- 12 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 13 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library
- 14 Sun Table top sale at the centre 9.30am to 11.30am. Call Caroline on 01628 485642 to take part.
- 19 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 19 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company.
- 21 Sun Christmas Joy carol concert at 4.30pm at Cores End United Reformed Church. This candle-lit Christmas celebration of music and readings is organised and presented by Wendy Craig with Derek Holland, followed by seasonal refreshments. Everyone welcome.
- 21 Sun Christmas Raffle draw at the community centre bar at 4pm. Tickets on sale now at the bar for 25p each
- 21 Sun Carol Concert at the community centre 7.45pm, free admission. Tea, coffee and mince pies in the interval.
- 31 Wed New Year's Eve Dance and American Supper organised by Barbara and David at the community centre. See the poster on page 36 for details.

*Until December 16 Cards for Good Causes shop is open at St Dunstan's Church from 9.30am to 4pm Monday to Saturday.*

## JANUARY

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- 6 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the community centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle.
- 8 Thurs Ken Townsend presents a talk on the history of Bourne End. See the poster on page 36 for details.
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- 9 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 10 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library
- 10 Sat Childrens Party at the community centre with food and entertainment from Oscar the Magician. Tickets from the community centre. See the poster on page 37.
- 16 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm . Good dancing in friendly company.
- 16 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 17 Sat St Mark's monthly market in the church hall from 10am to midday with coffee and cakes
- 21 Wed Forum Players present a special free performance of the panto Cinderella for OAPs. For details turn to page 17.
- 23 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 24 Sat Forum Players present Cinderella, a pantomime for all the family by Stephen Duckham. For details turn to page 17.
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*Email [editor@targetmagazine.org.uk](mailto:editor@targetmagazine.org.uk) by Monday January 5 to get your event included in the calendar.*

*The magazine will be published on Friday January 30.*

**Please call into the centre and pay for your copy of Target**

# AROUND & ABOUT

## Pumpkin fun at The Walnut Tree

The Walnut Tree pub really went to town on Halloween this year. Chef-Proprietor Chris Grego and his wife Grace held their first ever pumpkin carving competition and attracted around 30 entries ranging from cute to incredible. The pub was decked out in full Halloween glory.

Kids, mums and dads of all ages entered the contest and the tough job of judging them fell to landlady Grace, reporter Andrew Colley from Bucks Free Press along with Barrie Penfold and Debra Aspinall from Target.

Entries were judged not only on skill, but on the creative idea behind the carving and the pumkin's effectiveness when lit. The winners were first prize: £75 won by Ryan & Michael McMahon, second prize £50 Alex Royal, age four, and third prize £30 won by Harvey & Emily Dean aged 10 & 12

The Walnut Tree also donated 25p for each pumpkin entry to the PTA committees of three local schools – Claytons Combined Bourne End, St Paul's C of E Wooburn and Cookham Rise school – as nominated by each entrant.



## Remembering with our French twins

These photos were taken at the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of Octeville sur Mer, Bourne End's French twin town.

Each year the inhabitants of Octeville sur Mer commemorate their liberation by British troops on September 12, 1944.

This year, the event was particularly important because it was the 70th Anniversary. More than 60 military vehicles took part as well as around 140 actors dressed in outfits from the 1940s.

A delegation of nine Bourne End Twinning Association members attended the event. They joined the long parade in the town organised by the local Remembrance Association, named the Astonia Association after the code name used by British forces for the liberation campaign.

The parade stopped to honour the fallen at the two war memorials at the church and the war memorial in the cemetery accompanied by a Scottish pipe band playing laments.



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