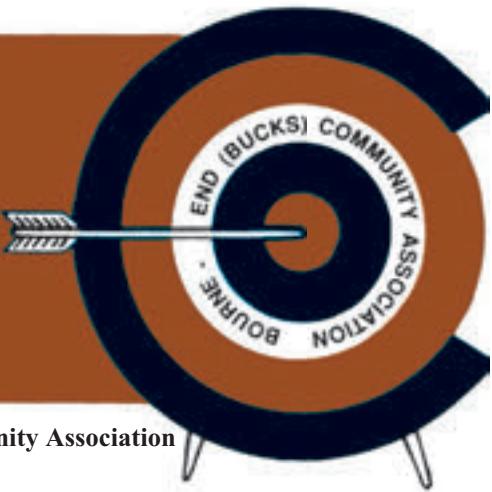


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Massive housing threat to Bourne End

New Local Plan develops on Green Belt and the fight is on...

When councillors vote through the New Local Plan on October 9 there will be just six weeks for consultation. Then the Government Inspector steps in to decide on the fate of our neighbourhood.

Decisions already taken have changed Bourne End's status from a village to that of a town with the possibility of more development. Now Green Belt destruction piles on the pressure.

How do the figures stack up? Slate Meadow has a proposal for 150 homes while removing Hollands Farm from the Green Belt would provide 467 dwellings. A further 170/80 would come from general planning. By 2033 housing numbers are likely to increase by 800 at the loss of vital Green Belt.

Action group Keep Bourne End Green has spent the last 18 months getting prepared for this moment. Fundraising has made it possible to consult professionals who are getting prepared for the Public Inquiry to come.

"We are so grateful for local support" Penny Drayton told Target "but there's more to be done. If you've not been too aware of what is going on, now is the time to find out. If you thought this would go away, it hasn't. If you presumed it was a done deal, IT ISN'T."

Penny continued "If you love the difference green spaces make – just imagine those numbers of houses on Slate Meadow and Hollands Farm."

Everyone objecting to the New Local Plan needs to show their support for the Keep Bourne End Green group by signing their mandate at keepbourneendgreen.org/mandate

To help guide locals through the objection process Keep Bourne End Green are holding an open session on Thursday November 2 at Bourne End Community Centre between 2pm and 4.30pm. Everyone should find out what they need to do in response to this threat.

More money is still needed to fight the proposals.

So far the support and generous donations have been amazing, but huge amounts have already been spent on consulting the right professional representation to prepare arguments.

Penny Drayton is convinced that the last 18 months of hard work will result in a thoroughly professional case for the opposition.

"Don't delay." is Penny's message. "six weeks will fly by. Please act now!"



ACT NOW:

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50 years ago a community centre was built...



Fifty years ago, in October 1967, a dream came true for the local community. Surrounded by people who made the dream a reality the honour of declaring the community centre open fell to the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire.

"This is the sort of thing that can be achieved when people pull together," Brigadier Sir Henry Floyd told the packed hall, "it shows your determination to help one another."

And the dream that became a reality has countless successes, some disappointments, but has remained a constant in local life.

Bourne End Community Centre has, like the community, grown over those 50 years. People who weren't around in 1967 love the building, enjoy what it has to offer, and have become involved in its running.

So let's go back to October 1962, obviously a good month in community centre history, when a working committee met for the first time. Someone donated ten shillings to the fund and they were off on a long road towards the acquisition of a site and the building of a community centre.

Now, 50 years later, the names on the committee are just history but their legacy remains.

From then on there were constant fund raising activities, prize draws, dances, beauty contests and the first carnival held on the playing field at Jacksons Millboard and Paper company off Cores End Road.

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BULL'S EYE

What now for Bourne End's Day Care Centre?

This issue's Bull's Eye focuses on Bourne End's Day Care Centre and its imminent closure. Target asked Simon Fowke from the Friends of Bourne End Day Care Centre group to answer some of the many questions being asked by local residents...

Rumours about about the future of the day centre. What is the truth?

The position is that after five years of providing day services from the Bourne End Day Centre on behalf of The Friends of Bourne End Day Care Centre CIC, the Freemantle Trust have decided to cease their operation with effect from December 17 this year.

Is there anything you can do?

We have been discussing the matter with Buckinghamshire County Council and we have been seeking a replacement service provider but, at the moment, neither avenue has produced a solution.

Having saved it from closure once, how do you feel about this?

Naturally, we [the Friends] are concerned and will be disappointed if we cannot continue to provide a day care service from such a first class facility at the heart of our community. The reality is that when, some five years ago, we took on the role of service provision from the county council, they wanted to close the operation and sell the property.

Then the basis of financial support for the elderly from local government was in the process of complete change. With swingeing cuts to budgets, the resulting fallout meant that, from that point on, very few elderly people received financial support specifically for day care provision and those few that did receive financial support in any form, did so as a personal budget to spend as they chose.

As a result, over the last five years, the mix of clients of the day centre has dramatically changed from being mainly local government-funded individuals to those who can afford to self-fund their requirements. The impact being that, despite many ongoing cost lowering and marketing exercises, the numbers and income from clients attending the day centre on a daily basis fell by some 50%, thus creating a financial operating position that has not improved sufficiently over the years to keep the operation reasonably viable.

Is the message that older people don't want day care services?

No, this not the full story. The problem is mostly financial and the wish of government, as imposed on local authorities, to cut costs. That said, modern day care has also to improve upon what and how it provides the service in a much changed and still changing economic environment. It has to become more flexible to balance what the clients would like and what they personally can afford. If it is to survive, the services may have to be even more streamlined and focus on a lower cost base to support the reduced income, which ultimately means a lower level of provision than that provided at present.

How else do you get housebound people out of their homes?

Well this somewhat flies in the face of what Government sees as care in the community, which is now based on keeping people out of hospitals and care homes, but sees care as being delivered to just a few in their homes.

Obviously, it is not just a government or local government issue as families need to look at the situation for their own elderly family members and decide whether or not they should spend so much time on their own. Even just a couple of half days or a day spent at a local day centre each week, meeting people and being active can do so much to brighten someone's existence and provide something to look forward to attending and to enjoying.

Is there the support from the county council and social services for day care?

I think that you can probably understand from what I have already said that it is not a question of verbal 'support', it is about a commitment to putting enough money into the system to provide real local support to the true numbers of individuals in need and those who would really benefit.

How will carers find a bit of free time if day care finishes?

We would have to ask how many of them managing this now, as the numbers of clients attending day care has fallen since the removal of financial support. The simple answer in many cases is that they are not getting a bit of free time but, for those who receive a carer allowance in any form, perhaps they could reconsider their options.

Local people are very attached to the day centre – can they do anything?

We cannot give simple solutions at this moment as the problem is not just about saving the centre as it was last time. The real problem now is about the future of formal day care - what is required going forward - can it be funded and, if not, is there a viable long term solution?

We have not given up and will continue to seek a solution. Whatever the outcome, we certainly do see the facility remaining as part of the community's asset base and providing ongoing services to Bourne End residents.

TARGET COMPETITION (page 40)

Terms and conditions: Entrants must be aged 18 or over, only one entry per person, no cash alternative to this prize, our decision is final, no correspondence can be entered into. The meal must be booked in advance and is subject to availability. Drinks not included



WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Margaret Amos
Secretary to the Association

We invited members from Wooburn's community groups to come along to our September meeting and tell us how we can attract new members to the association. We are hoping to work more effectively with them.

Fencing of Children's Play Area – Wooburn Park
The parish council has set the dates for the Parks and Play Areas Working Party to look at the issues and general usage of the parks and play areas within the parish. Wooburn Residents' Association will be represented on this Working Party.

Possible development of 37 new retirement properties along Wycombe Lane

You may remember that Renaissance Retirement Ltd held a public exhibition at the Wooburn Club in December 2016 to show local residents their proposal to develop the site currently occupied by SRS Joinery Ltd at 10 Wycombe Lane into sheltered housing for the elderly.

Renaissance Retirement has now lodged its planning application with Wycombe District Council to build a three-storey block with additional accommodation in the roof space, comprising 37 apartments (18 one bed and 19 two bed apartments) with communal lounge, guest suite and concierge office and associated 28 parking spaces (see planning reference 17/06861/FUL).

While generally supportive of the provision of more

accommodation for the elderly in the area, we are concerned in particular about the scale and height of this development and its impact on the Conservation Area around The Green and the adequacy of the parking provision.

We would encourage local residents to look at the plans and make their comments to Wycombe District Council.

Wooburn's Pub Lunch Club

If you would like to make some new friends, or are in need of some company as the Winter draws in, why not come along. Details in the diary page at the back.

The next WRA meeting

This is on Monday November 13, at 7.30 pm in The Wooburn Club. Come along for a drink and a chat.

Emailed Newsletter - Wooburn News

This emailed newsletter has a wide circulation. If you have information that you would like included for subsequent issues please email it to Terri Sherlock at terriwooburn@btinternet.com in PDF by the 25th of the month.

We aim to circulate the newsletter by the end of each month.

WRA Website/Facebook

Contact us: For the latest news visit our website www.wooburnresidents.org and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wooburnresidents

Wooburn's Christmas Lights Celebration Saturday November 25, from 4pm

We are delighted to be able to tell you that Father Christmas is making a very special visit all the way from Lapland on his sleigh and will be arriving at The Wooburn Club on The Green around 4.30pm.

He will then be in his grotto for the children to make their requests for the big day.

There will be a lucky dip for the children and festive face painting. No need to think about tea that evening, as the family can enjoy a hotdog. Mulled wine and mince pies will also be on sale.

By popular request, Marlow Ukulele Group will be entertaining us again with Christmas music and the opportunity for a good sing-along. All money raised will be used to meet the bills for the Christmas lights around The Green.

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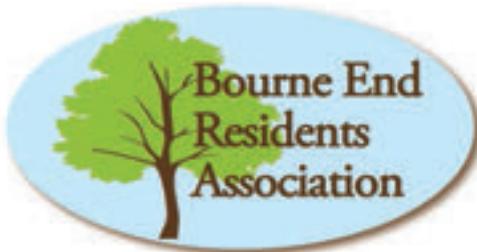
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Support local shops and businesses



After months of speculation we now know exactly what the council officers propose in their long-awaited local plan.

For Bourne End and Wooburn the facts are as follows. Slate Meadow is to be developed with 150 houses with access from Stratford Drive. Across Cores End roundabout and along Princes Road the whole area of Hollands Farm is to be developed.

The proposal is to take it out of the Green Belt and this will allow 467 houses to be built. At the same time, to enable access, a link road is proposed across Hollands Farm to the junction of Hedsor Road and Ferry Lane. That's it in a nutshell.

A total of 617 new homes. Personally I think it is appalling.

If, like me, you think that this New Local Plan could ruin Bourne End and Wooburn, you must write in to the consultation, but please take note of the council's comment at the end of this article. Ring me if you have queries.

Any comments need to be made by November 23. You may then put your views at the public inquiry in early 2018.

The residents association will be making a representation on the New Local Plan and, if you wish your name to be added to it, let me know.

At the beginning of this plan there is a section titled 'Principally for Bourne End and Wooburn'. There are contradictions. One wish is to provide the eastern link road through Hollands Farm, connecting Cores End Road and Town Lane to Ferry Lane and Cookham Bridge.

The very next wish states 'Explore improvements to Cookham Bridge that do not result in additional traffic through the village'. Surely the first is exactly

what the second states it does not want to happen – or am I missing something?

With the link road there might be fewer cars using Cores End Road and Furlong Road. But, hang on a minute, with 617 new homes, with a probable 1,500 extra cars, which roads will they be using?

Suggestions of a new school and a new health centre are indicated, but neither would be central meaning more car journeys and problems for those without transport. A planning officer responded 'well walk or use your cycle'. Where do they find these people?

Just a couple of final thoughts, and this is probably the biggest and worst aspect of the plan. Not only are they proposing a 25% increase in the size of Bourne End, but where are extra parking spaces to be found in the centre of the village? This is vital for the village shops to survive.

And truly last, we lose forever a part of the Green Belt surrounding our communities which is vital for the pleasure and relaxation of those who live here.

Good planning demands that any further developments do not make existing problems worse or, indeed, create more. They should enhance the area. In my opinion the New Local Plan gets that totally wrong.

Once again, thank you for reading this article and if you have any thoughts or comments please feel free to give me a ring.

Jim Penfold
01628 525415

Wycombe District Council: "The purpose of this stage of consultation is to be sure your objections are heard by the Inspector appointed to examine the plan. The Inspector has a specific legal remit, to test the soundness of the plan. It is therefore in the interests of those objecting to the plan, to submit comments spelling out the 'soundness' shortcomings, rather than just setting out general objection. It is not clear at the time of going to press whether 'general' objections can lawfully be taken into account or not. We intend to hold some drop-in sessions during the consultation period to help people fit their comments to the relevant tests - dates and locations for these are not yet available."

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Marina Life

with Peter Osborne

As I scribe this missive the August Bank Holiday is over, the schools have gone back, the sun is out and the river is calm and as flat as a pancake (depending on how you make them).

The season is all but over and we can breathe again, bliss. The only blot on the landscape is that the road traffic has increased, a sure sign that the holiday season is dying a death.

Unfortunately, this does not mean that the Marina Boys can relocate to the Caribbean for the next six months.

Some time ago I was asked: "What do you actually do at the marina besides mooring boats?"

A good question and one that I pondered over for quite a while.

Having carried out some in-depth research I now have a good idea what we do. For those of you, like myself, who have often mused over this point I can, with authority, now advise the following.

There are basically three areas that we are involved in: 1. Mooring and looking after clients' boats. 2. Purveying services to the river (providing diesel fuel, emptying sewage from boats, supplying chandlery, Calor gas and the like). 3. Working on boats by way of repairs, painting and undertaking general maintenance (incidentally I knew him as a Lance Corporal).

Besides these three revenue streams we also have to maintain the marina structures and machinery. We achieve all this with a complement of three full time staff, one cleaning lady every Friday, one Saturday boy in the Summer and person on the gate to control parking at weekends.

You may be aware that the marina is open for business every day of the year, albeit from Christmas Day to New Year customers are required to time their visits with our security rounds, so it's quite a task really given the staff numbers.

On reflection, it has been an average season for us this year in terms of the river trade. This is quite confusing as most days throughout the Summer we are turning people away who

enquire about mooring their boat with us since we cannot physically fit any more in.

On the other hand, we feel that there has been less river traffic this year. How this works we just don't know other than they may be using their boat in the same way that you would use a holiday cottage?

It seems boats are generally getting bigger. It's nothing to do with the clean river water making them grow either, but we have sold more fuel this year to boats calling in with twin engines as opposed to a single engine.

Unusually, we have had more boats out of the water this Summer than we usually have, that equates to an increased work load, also we have had more towing tasks with the tug, vessels such as barges and broken down boats. We love undertaking tows.

We get some strange customers coming into the office. A while ago a chap walked in and he had a newt on his shoulder. He promptly announced that he was going out with friends who had a boat in the marina and, pointing to this thing on his shoulder, asked if we had a life jacket for Tiny.

I had to explain that they don't make them that small, but said we had a glass jar that we could lend him. If it fell in the river the jar would float and he would have half an hour to 'fish' it out before the oxygen depleted.

He took up our offer of the glass jar and I then enquired as to why he called him Tiny, he replied "what him?" pointing to the Pleurodelinae on his shoulder, "well, he's my newt".

This season has seen quite a few complaints about the locks. When the locks are unmanned they are switched over to 'out of hours operation' which means that river users can operate them by use of buttons on a control panel. However, this year it was not uncommon for boat owners to be left stranded in or outside a lock, as the system crashed and would not function.

This put a lot of pressure on lock keepers to answer calls to 'rescue' people at all times of

the night. A special commendation should go to Simon Shepherdson, the keeper at Hambleton Lock who was called out on many occasions on locks between Cookham and Marsh lock, at Henley. If it weren't for him many people would have been waiting until the morning to be freed. Why is it impossible for the Environment Agency to provide foolproof out-of-hours lock systems?

We have been advised by the EA about this year's Winter lock maintenance programme. We are free of any lock closures this time which, we hope, will encourage boat usage though the Winter months subject to there not being any floods. Fingers crossed on this one. It's been quite a dry Summer and water levels are low, let's hope they stay that way.

Saying that we find it quite fun if the floods come, other than if property is threatened.

I would like to thank all our customers for their support this year, you all made it yet another successful season for us. I would also like to say a big thank you to the local people of Bourne End and its environs.

I am sure that we are not the only marina that has the Thames Path running through it (although I cannot think of another). We enjoy the banter and the activity down here, especially when you discipline Matty and Chaos having found them sleeping and gently point them back to work.

Having the Thames Path in the marina could lead to security problems and potential damage to the marina, however, this rarely happens and when there is something untoward occurring it is very reassuring to us that you report it to us so we can nip it in the bud. Thank you all, it's very comforting to know that the villagers show respect to the marina.

Right, it's time to have a coffee then confront the Winter planning in respect to maintenance and ordering the supplies required to see us through! Until the next time.

Peter Osborne
Marina Manager



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SMALL BUSINESS MATTERS

with Sylvia Bourhill

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- Know instantly if you can afford to take that holiday to Barcelona in the first place.

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Sylvia Bourhill, Another Answer Books & Accounts

Faces recognised...



Jim Rolfe, who currently lives in Chalklands, but spent 25 years in Wooburn and has Wooburn family traced back to the early 1800s, emailed Target after seeing our old football team photo in the last issue.

He wrote: "H Rolfe was my grandfather. I never knew him as he died only a few years after this picture was taken. He was a journeyman painter, travelling to where there was work. E Rolfe was one of three sons and my uncle.

Elizabeth [same family] was one of three daughters and for many years ran the Post Office just above The Green in Wycombe Lane.

"H Cook I am sure was the person I met around 1940. He worked at Soho paper mill and was an expert at colour matching and dyes.

"It was possible in wet weather to know what coloured papers they were making by the colour of the river downstream at Cores End. I also believe E Aldridge later ran the hardware shop at the top of The Green."

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Village Show

On Sunday September 3, Wooburn Park was host to the first Parish Council Village Show. There was plenty going on to keep the visitors entertained from looking at the most amusing/unusual-shaped fruit/vegetable entries, to checking out the fantastic array of vintage cars or having a go at Splat the Rat. Craft stalls sold local produce and a barbecue and beer tent provided a welcome stop-off point during proceedings.

The show was the brainchild of Cllr Katie Lamb who did the bulk of the organisation and who was ably assisted by the parish council staff. Councillors and volunteers made it a successful event despite the continuous drizzle and occasional gust of wind. Our grateful thanks to all who helped make the event happen.

As with all new events we had a couple of glitches and the drizzle put paid to the arena events. Hopefully next year the weather will be kinder to us and we can put on the show in its full capacity as we had intended to do this year. Parish council proceeds from the show will be donated to charity.

See photos of the event on page 25.

Pond at Farm Wood

As the grass surrounding the pond had grown so well, the temporary fence was removed. Unfortunately due to the large number of dogs who are now going into the pond the new grass has disappeared and been replaced by a large muddy patch.

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Free Parking Days

Every year Wycombe District Council allocates three free parking days for Wakeman Road car park. Suggestions are put forward for the councillors to consider along with their own. This year the days have been allocated for the Bourne End Junior Craft Show on Saturday October 7, Celebrating 50 years of the community centre on Saturday October 21 and the Bourne End Fun Night on Friday December 1. The machines will be covered by Wycombe District Council and a notice put up to inform users of the car park that no parking charges will be made for that day.

Short & Sweet

Save the date for next year's Annual Parish Meeting which will be held on Wednesday May 16 in Bourne End Library. The meeting starts at 7.30pm with refreshments available beforehand.

Meeting Dates 2017:

Full Council: October 24, November 28
Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials October 3, November 7
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FLU CLINIC DATES TO NOTE

These are drop-in sessions so please take advantage of them and protect yourself against some types of flu.

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TAKE YOUR TARGET!

Trevor and Charmaine Adams remembered to take their Target when they visited their daughter and son-in-law (who is in the Navy and is currently stationed in Dallas). The couple, who live in Blind Lane, Flackwell Heath, took this photo at The Alamo.



TAKE YOUR TARGET TWO!

Ladies, and a few gentlemen, from Bourne End, Wooburn Green and Flackwell Heath went on a coach to Sissinghurst Castle Garden in Kent during early August. They enjoyed glorious weather, fabulous gardens and, as always, lots of fun with Jamie's Tours. Armed with Target some were tracked down as they were enjoying the gardens.

As always the M25 sprang a hold-up after an amazingly clear part of the journey, but no surprise there. At 95, and the oldest on the trip, Gladys Parsons had a great day out. Pictured here are: left to right: Helen Lunnon, Edna Harris, Maggie Page and Sue Baldwin.



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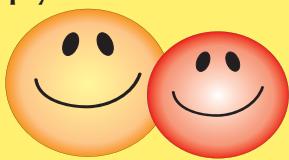
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Casual Madness rocks Bourne End

Local band, Casual Madness, brought the house down in June when they raised more than £1,200 for the 1st Bourne End Scouts Group.

Issy Byrne aged 15 (guitar and bass) and Louis Presencer aged 14, (drummer) both from Bourne End; Cassie Halpin aged 15, (vocals and guitar) from Marlow and Sam Holdford aged 15 (vocals and guitar) from Cookham Dean, formed the band in December 2016 and played their first gig in the Hedsor Club in April this year.

Louis and Issy are former scouts with the 1st Bourne End troop and Emma Lee, scout leader, who attended their first gig, invited the group to play at the troop's band evening to raise funds.

Emma commented “I was delighted to be able to give this young talented band an opportunity to play another live concert. They were amazing. Never before have four young people raised so much money for our troop. I'd like to say a huge thank you to the amazing talent that is Casual Madness.”

Casual Madness play a mixture of original songs and contemporary covers including One Republic's Counting Stars and Bruno Mars' Uptown Funk. The band's rapid progress at a young age is down not only to their musical abilities, but also their charm, talent and sense of humour and they have developed quite a following over the past few months.

Casual Madness' next gig is at the Hedsor Club on Saturday 21 October 2017. Tickets are available by calling 07811 949547 (£3 child/ £5 adult).



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Come down to the community centre in Wakeman Road, Bourne End, on Tuesday 10 October at 2.30pm.

Wycombe District Neighbourhood Watch are organising the event and the speakers. The meeting is open to everyone. And, if you don't want to be a victim, you should be there.

You will be able to ask questions of the speakers. They know the very latest schemes and they want you to be aware. Being a victim of a scam is very traumatising, particularly for the elderly. Come and learn how you can avoid being a victim!

Little Marlow Village Fête

The sun shone and shone and shone on our village fête as temperatures soared to a record 28 degrees! It made a most welcome change to use our gazebos to provide shade from the sun rather than shelter from the rain.

The weather was not the only thing breaking records this year. For the first time ever we raised more than £7,000 thanks to the generosity of all those who came along to support us, so a huge thank you to you all.

We were delighted to welcome the Wycombe Phoenix Harriers to this year's fête. They brought along some of their young athletes who kindly helped to run the children's sports and even gave some instruction on using a starting block and javelin throwing. There are definitely a few budding athletes among the children in Little Marlow.

The younger children had great fun running the egg and spoon race and the beanbag-on-head race, neither of which yet features in the Olympics. One day perhaps... We are grateful to the Harriers and also to Little Marlow School who organised a treasure hunt and brought along some racing pigs, the Bourne End and Cookham Rotary Club whose mini-train was a great attraction, the Cricket Club who ran the coconut shy and the plate smashing and local residents who ran Splat the Rat, painted faces and manned the bouncy castle.

The dog show was as popular as ever, the tug-of-war attracted a good number of willing volunteers, but was not as fiercely competitive as in previous years when the teams were provided by the Queen's Head and the King's Head and there was a cup, not to mention reputation, at stake.

We were yet again very fortunate to have lots of support from businesses in Little Marlow, Marlow and Bourne End who generously donated prizes for the raffle and from local residents who supplied prizes for the tombola, treasures for the bric-a-brac, books, plants, preserves and accessories for the church stalls and home baking for the teas and cake stall.

The proceeds from the fête will go towards local good causes, including the Wye Valley Volunteers and the Bucks, Berks Oxon Air Ambulance, as well as to projects and activities which benefit the residents of Little Marlow.

Next year's fête will again be held on Bank Holiday Monday which in 2018 falls on 27 August. I hope you already have the date in your diary.

Valerie Brownridge
Chairman, Little Marlow Village Amenities Committee



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Claytons 'Big Shift' sustainable travel week

Claytons Primary School in Bourne End successfully ran a 'Big Shift' sustainable travel week in July to highlight the benefits of cycling, scooting and walking to school.

Like most primary schools Claytons has a few issues with congestion and parking at pick up and drop off times as it is situated on a residential road. But the school, via the School Travel Plan group, works with pupils, parents and residents to minimise and manage these in various ways including running campaigns to encourage active journeys.

Activities during the week included a visit from logistics company, Gist, who brought an HGV into the playground to help pupils in Years 3 and 4 to understand the dangers of large vehicles.

The friendly volunteer drivers gave a talk to the children and then showed them around the truck, even letting them climb into the cab to bring to life the discussions about stopping distances and blind spots.

A group of 24 Year 5 and 6 pupils were given Level 2 Bikeability cycle training, part funded by Bucks County Council and delivered by Spokes Cycling Instruction.

The highlight of the week was the 'Police Peloton' or police accompanied cycle/scoot/walk to school which saw nearly 75% of pupils travel actively to school on that day, a new record.

Fast becoming a fixture of sustainable travel campaigns, because both police and pupils enjoy it so much, the local community officers led by Sgt Robin Hughes on his bike stop the traffic briefly along The Parade to allow more than 100 pupils and parents to make their way safely for a few traffic-free minutes down the road to the A4155 zebra crossing and up Wendover Road to school.

The School Travel Plan group has also been working with other village groups including the Parish Council and Future of Our Village to improve safety at the zebra crossing near school.



In 2015 a Speedwatch group was set up with parent and local resident volunteers to monitor speeding along the road by the crossing, which over the course of the first year saw average speed of those measured exceeding the limit drop from 43 mph to 38 mph - an improvement, but still work to do and more volunteers always needed.

In 2016 funding was obtained to have Zeebright lights installed over the beacons making the crossing more visible, plus the trees were cut back and the road markings repainted. And this year commitment from Transport for Bucks for matched funding has been obtained for the installation of 'wig wag' signals to alert drivers coming from Marlow well before the crossing, with funding commitments also gratefully received from Bourne End Parish Council, Future of Our Village and some too from Little Marlow Parish Council. The school will be fundraising to raise the remainder needed over the course of the next academic year.



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Nickart2017

Amateur Bourne End artist Nick Cooke has found a novel way to share his creations.

He paints pebbles, or bits of broken pottery, and leaves the decorated items in hiding places around Bourne End and Marlow giving a clue to their whereabouts via social media.

So far he has painted and given away more than 200 pebbles prompting the Bourne End and Wooburn past and present Facebook group to organise an exhibition of his work in November.

Nick, 47, who started painting just three years ago as a form of stress relief, told *Target*:

"I am hyper-critical about my work and would often paint something, look at it again later, find I didn't like it and bin it!

Only very occasionally would a piece make it onto my wall.

"I thought if I painted pebbles and left them in various locations I wouldn't have to look at them again. The thought of someone finding them and them making people smile was a bonus.

"I work quickly, so in no time at all I



had many painted pebbles and was leaving them all over the place, leaving clues via my Facebook and Instagram accounts."

It's fair to say Nickart2017 has grown beyond anything Nick could have dreamed of.

"I didn't really think people would take them away with them, but then some were asking if they could keep them and I said of course they could. It then became a bit of a race to find them.

"It was as if people were finding little treasures and I started to get lots of lovely messages from people about how finding a pebble had cheered them up.

"I felt just wonderful that this simple

idea was having such a positive effect on people.

"I've now done more than 200. I even left pebbles to cover for when I went on holiday, leaving timed clues every two days!" Nick's butterfly collection (pictured) became known as the Great Bourne End Butterfly Hunt.

While back home people were looking for these, Nick was on holiday in Kefalonia painting another 40 pebbles to leave there. One lady from Budapest messaged him to thank him for her pebble which she found on the Greek island.

But don't worry if you've not found one yet. Nick still has plenty of ideas for pebble art and intends to carry on for the foreseeable future.

"So many people have now given me good-shaped pebbles I have a big box full of primed pebbles."

If you've found one of Nick's pebbles you can take part in the charity exhibition being organised by Michael Kelly of the Bourne End and Wooburn Past and Present Facebook group.

It's being held on Saturday November 25 at St Mark's Church, Bourne End 10.30am to 3pm.

"I'm not sure how it will be managed, but it will all be made clear on the Bourne End and Wooburn Past and Present Facebook page," said Nick. "I will set up a mirror event on the nickart2017 page to keep everyone up to date."

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50 years of memories

Going back over the years there are so many memories of events that happened at Bourne End Community Centre. Here are just a few....

Ken Townsend came back with: "Once upon a time, when I was just a little boy, I used to walk across the footpath in the big field from Blind Lane to Lloyds Bank to go to school. Then when I was a bit bigger, in the war, we used to kick a football around on the clinker car park at the back of the cinema until Mr Warner told us to clear off. Now there is no big field, no cinema, no bank and no school in Station Road, but what we do have is a wonderful community centre.

"Can you really believe it is 50 years ago that a group of volunteers had the foresight to create this facility, while others have given up their valuable time to keep it going. Let us not forget too those stalwarts who produce and deliver the *Target* magazine to every household. Thanks to you all."

Jean Peasley, now in Blyton House, remembers a variety concert to mark the start of Gala Week 1968.

"A packed audience filled the hall with May Wollerton, community association president, in the front row with Ken and Olwyn Morgan, Geoff and Sybil Gardener and the newly crowned Miss Bourne End. David Fielder was the compere and the show was produced by Daphne Boyd – a lovely talented lady who had been part of ENSA during the Second World War. Les and Elsie Holland played the piano.

"Sixty community centre members, dressed in red, white and blue, sang '*We're backing Britain*'. Then the Chalkburn Singers followed by Bourne End School of Dancing then St Mark's Women's Fellowship Choir with their hilarious rendering of '*Animal Crackers in my Soup*' and '*Flash, bang wallop*'.

"We all had such a wonderful fun time and, sadly, so many of those members are no longer with us, but we still say thank you".

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John Timewell remembers that "We usually included '*Jingle Bells*' with full brass accompaniment in the annual Carol Concert. One year, when we reached the first chorus, the sound of a loud bell echoed through the hall. It was Sir Bernard Chacksfield, joyfully ringing the old Claytons School bell. He had smuggled it into the choir (where he was an enthusiastic tenor) without my knowing. It was hilarious! Needless to say, Sir Bernard and his bell became a fixture for future concerts."

Freida Dandridge has countless memories of the great 'togetherness' there was in the community once the decision had been taken to build a

community centre in Bourne End. She remembers 'buying a brick' as part of one fund raising scheme. Then there were the dances, bazaars and the Gala Week. Freda recalls names and the roles they played in making everything happen.

Daughter Caroline's wedding reception was held at the community centre 36 years ago. Husband Len's wake was also at the centre and she smiled as she remembered the times he was up on the stage as a member of the Wycombe Orpheus Male Voice Choir."Len had a lovely voice" she said.

Douglas Fergusson was astounded by the numbers at the centre for his retirement party. "As a GP they were all faces and people I knew," he said. "It was just seeing them all together and there was such a warm feeling." Douglas went on to say that Nora Holland did a magnificent job of 'stitching him up completely'.

They expected maybe 20 children, in fact 200 turned up

Terry Belcher from the Angling Club found some fascinating facts in the club's archives. "The club started in 1969," he said, "and the earliest records were 1973 when the centre's room charge was 25p. "Our trophy insurance was £1.50 per year, EA fishing licences were £3 per year. We had annual coach trips to the river Avon for an all-in cost of £2. "Then 1980 saw the club's membership peak at 65. These were the days when we had our own water at Hedsor Wharf. Membership was only gained after written request and an interview and a lengthy waiting list. We are not at that level now but we are increasing our membership thanks to *Target* magazine."

David Jarman from the Film Makers recalls getting involved with the filming of the Town Twinning event when residents from a town in France joined in a weekend of celebration with the local residents. More recently the club celebrated its own 50th anniversary.

Liz Hutton remembers that back in 1970 a group of local parents invited local children to come to the community centre one Saturday morning if they were interested in joining a sports club. They expected maybe 20 children, in fact 200 turned up and Bourne End Junior Sports Club was born!

Shirley Mansfield has one great memory among many. "Colin and I attended a fund raising dance at the centre and won the bumper £200 raffle. A lot of money in those days. We went straight out and

bought a colour television – much to the delight of our two children."

Colin Blacklock, who managed the centre from 1988 to 2001, remembers that "The gaming machines from the bar were stolen and dragged out into the carpark. I was called out as the alarm had activated so I dashed down to the centre. The thieves were long gone, but they had broken open the tubes of one pound coins and they were spread everywhere. There was I, at 3am, waiting for the security company, trying to find all the coins. I probably missed a few."

Wendy Keeble remembers being a member of Forum Players since 1971. Gosh is it really that long! She recalls many productions, a great deal of laughter (not always intentional) and some tears (some of them scripted).

Wendy explained "We are the envy of many other drama groups for our wonderful facilities, our opportunity to rehearse on the stage every week, our storage space for costumes and props and our area for the storing and building of sets. Long may it continue to be a tremendous asset to the community that use it."

Lewis Ashman, then the community centre manager, got so excited with anticipation that he nearly went into orbit

Sandra Garey and Kath Booth put their heads together and came up with a couple of memories. "There was a fund raising lunch with Russell Harty as speaker. In the late seventies Russell was at the peak of his fame and we were lucky to have persuaded him to come. Of course he attracted a huge audience and the large hall was packed. We were rookie caterers and had to plate up in advance using planks laid across the kitchen.

"Another favourite was the first time Any Questions came to the centre as part of the Wooburn Festival. To put it in time context the chairman was John Timpson and the panel included Michael Winner, Marghanita Laski and the festival chairman Douglas Brooks.

"Lewis Ashman, then the community centre manager, got so excited with anticipation that he nearly went into orbit.

So many memories, so many people to thank for their continued support of this wonderful community facility and sincere hopes that the centre will flourish for many more years to come...

Bourne End Community Centre 50th Anniversary Celebrations



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Saturday October 21st 2017



Cont from page one

Behind all the visible fund raising there were meetings with Bucks County Council to show the strength of local feeling. Finally an area of land was found behind the car park.

In 1965 *Target* started and brought regular news about progress towards the dream. Tenders were sent out to local builders and one selected. Work started and the dream of a community centre became a reality. To start with there was just the hall and an office. New housing brought more people into the area and they pushed for a hall and bar extension.

People played badminton and table tennis, a drama group and an operatic society became part of the centre, groups met on a regular basis. And a drink at the bar proved popular. With support from the county council a warden was appointed to deal with the day-to-day running.

Great years until the county council withdrew their funding and a protest was launched.

Everyone rallied behind the protest, but eventually failed. Having acquired a taste for public meetings, the community centre was used by the residents association to save a green in the centre of Bourne End.

As the years moved on new ideas took shape. What about putting a pitched roof on the small hall and would wider paths make life easier for people in wheelchairs?

Keeping pace with modern technology solar panels were added. They faced the sunny South and raised money for the community centre. Computers took hall bookings.

This is the community centre today on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

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Multi-sports for pre-school children introduces them to all the games they are likely to play and highlights the skills they will need. Every sport has different skills. It could be hand/eye co-ordination, balance, flexibility or strength. Added to this is the need to deal with winning and losing, trust, respect, honesty and 'good sportsmanship'. These skills are identified at Playball.

Physical activity develops concentration and listening skills to make children more independent before going to school. The earlier the better is essential as sport gives children more confidence, encourages them to work as a team and the ultimate ambition - to challenge themselves. They develop a more mature attitude to the competitive side of sport and life in general.

So start them young. Playball multi-sport and movement classes take place at the community centre on a Friday morning in term-time at 9.30am for older 2-3 year olds, 10.20am for 3-4 year olds and 11am for the younger 2-3 year olds. Playball camps and parties are also available. To book a free trial class please contact Joanne on 07736405034 or email joanne@playballsouthbucks.co.uk or visit the website at www.playballkids.com



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New play equipment at the Recreation Ground

The council is delighted that the new piece of playground equipment – The Brig – has been installed. It is a fantastic addition to the playground. It's a fun design in the shape of a pirate ship and is proving very popular with our younger parishioners.

New heating in The Pavilion

With Autumn here already, it was important to upgrade the old heating system in The Pavilion and we are pleased that a new boiler has been installed. It has made the heating much more reliable, effective and efficient.

Budgets and Precept for 2018/19

It seems like a long way off, but the council will be considering its budgets for 2018/19 in the Autumn.

Should there be any projects you wish the council to consider, please contact the clerk as soon as possible (details on the right) so it can be discussed at our November and December meetings.

A gift of Faith

Members of the Community Church in Wooburn Green were both intrigued and delighted recently to find that a shopping bag left outside their chapel contained an old painting of the building itself.

There was no indication of who had left it, but the inscription on the painting says 'FAITH APRIL 1960'. So maybe the artist's name was Faith, or it could simply be a title. The painting is in excellent condition and gives an accurate view of the chapel which has hardly changed, at least externally, since the 1960s.

The chapel was originally erected by the Methodists in the 1870s and was taken over by the Community Church in 2009. It is now in regular use not only for Sunday services but, together with the church hall at the rear, for a number of community orientated activities during the week.

It seems clear that the donor of the painting wished to remain anonymous and we respect this. However, we would like to record our thanks to them for this lovely gift which is very much appreciated. Quite naturally we are still curious to know more about the painting and the artist, where it has been all these years and why it has now been given to us. If readers have any information or ideas we would love to know. Please contact David Price at 07738 114345 or info@dpc coaching.co.uk.
Words and photo by Keith Pugh

Spade Oak Car Park

The new soakaway and increased car parking spaces have been completed at the Spade Oak car park. This is a huge improvement to the surface and accessibility of the car park. It is much more level and the number of pot holes and muddy areas have been drastically reduced.

A huge thank you to Coldmoorholm Lane residents and The Heart of Bucks donation which, along with funding from the parish council, enabled these enhancements.

Little Marlow Relief In Need Charity

You may or may not be aware of the old charities that exist in Little Marlow. The first was set up in 1633 by William Alanson, the second in 1847 by Sir George Nugent and the third in 1863 by Margaret Birch and the fourth in 1915 by the Coal Club Charity. In 1974, these charities were amalgamated to become the Little Marlow Relief in Need Charity. Monies were originally intended



for clothing, coal, bread, tools and books.

The charity still donates to residents in the civic parish and the trustees would like to hear from anyone who might benefit from it. Money can be paid for, or towards, an item necessary to alleviate an ongoing illness or condition, to help towards heating or food costs, or for travelling expenses to hospital and for 'comforts' for the housebound.

Recently it has made gifts to young people in need of equipment or therapy to improve mobility, older residents who are facing bills for heating and lighting, and gifts to Little Marlow School and pre-school groups for the purchase of books.

Kings Head Pub redevelopment

At the time of writing this article, the Kings Head Pub redevelopment application had been turned down by Wycombe District Council's Planning Committee. The grounds for this refusal were to do with the lack of car parking provision for the proposed expansion plans. The parish council was in favour of the development in terms of retaining this local amenity, but completely agreed with the committee's decision as the number of car parking spaces was not adequate. We wait to see if the applicant lodges an appeal.

Future Meetings:

Full Council on November 7 and December 19 at The Pavilion, Church Road, Little Marlow, SL7 3RS from 8pm.

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Parish councillor Katie Lamb's environmental update



We step into October with blackberry-stained fingers after picking the last of the crop and start to eye-up the sloes on the blackthorn trees (sloe gin has always been popular in my household).

This year we seem to have a bumper crop too. It's not only we humans that start to pick fruits, the squirrels will also be gathering up nuts and hiding them away for secret Winter feasts. Badgers too, although they don't hibernate, will be eating and fattening themselves up to get through the lean food months.

It's time to wash down the bird feeders and restock the fat balls and all the high fat feeds which are great to boost the diets of our feathered friends through the Winter months.

If you are planning to clear out and tidy up your pond, do it sooner rather than later or leave it until February, so as not to disturb hibernating frogs which may be lurking at the bottom in a Winter slumber.

If you have room in a quiet garden corner to leave a stone or wood pile, that would be a great place for a toad or slow worm to rest and hibernate under.

We have been really busy over the last few months, with the Parish Council Village Show taking up the majority of the time, but it was worth all the work.

It was lovely to see so many of you out and supporting local causes, whether trying your luck at the coconut shy or one of the other games, buying from one of the craft stalls, talking to the Wycombe bee keepers and viewing the hive or looking at some wonderful classic cars; fun was had by all.

I would like to personally thank everyone who got involved, whether you were a stall holder or volunteer, one of the parish councillors, or a classic car owner who came down, and of course Jon Dalton, who seems to be behind or involved with so many of the village events.

Thank you all for giving up your time to make our first village show a success, despite a little rain.

Rosettes and cups were won and presented to our winners. I would like to thank Bourne End Motor Company and three anonymous people for sponsoring them.

I would also like to thank the judges for the art and produce side of the show – let's hope more of you will get the bug and enter next year.

Keep warm this Winter and have a safe and enjoyable Bonfire Night.

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SWIMMING SECTION

We offer two swimming facilities:

* **Learn to Swim Programme**, who meet on Friday evenings at the Court Garden pool in Marlow. These half hour sessions run by a friendly experienced coaching team enable members to learn key stroke techniques that build the foundations of all swimming skills. Progression towards the entry level of the competitive section is achieved at the individual's own pace.

* **Competitive Swimming Section**, providing continued teaching, training and coaching programmes for swimmers, who are additionally given the opportunity to compete in various club and individual competitions during the year.

The squads meet at various times during the week at the Handy Cross Sports Centre and at Wycombe Abbey School. Our main training session is on a Saturday morning at Handy Cross.

Our philosophy is to provide all members with an opportunity to swim regardless of their standard or aspirations.

Integration from the Learn to Swim Programme into the Competitive Swimming Section can be seamlessly achieved through the progressive squad system that has successfully enabled swimmers to improve upon their strokes and stamina.

Well done to three of our swimmers who recently took part in the Henley Open Water Competition with some excellent swimming and achieving good times over the various course lengths.

Tessa Hayter 200m (4.48 mins.), Emily

Roberts 800m (11.44 mins.) and Ruby Millard 800m (11.08 mins.)

Our picture (left) shows Ruby and Emily after their swim. The Henley Mile is a straight line downstream River Thames swimming event, held over the Henley Royal Regatta boomed course.

Masters Section continues to grow. Originally set up for parents of our junior swimmers who wanted a structured swim training session, we now cater for a broad section of adults who want to improve their swimming technique as well as maintaining and developing their speed and stamina.

Each week we focus on a different stroke or training objective so if you can swim 400m and would like to be part of a fun and friendly adults' swim squad, please come along to Wycombe Leisure Centre at 8pm on Thursdays for a trial swim.

FOOTBALL SECTION

The football season has started and all the BEJSC teams have hit the ground running. Our development squads U7s to U11s age groups will play a mixture of non-competitive and competitive matches, while our U12s to U16s age groups will play competitive league and cup matches.

In addition, our very popular 'Junior Kickers' (U5s and U6s) sessions have started at the sports hall on Saturday mornings, which 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 per session over the season).

We are urgently looking for a coach to support our U15s team manager. Their squad training sessions (astro-turf) are held on Wednesday evenings and matches on Sundays.

Also, we are always looking for new players to join the club at all age groups, especially for our U7, U8, U9 and U13 squads, so if you are interested in joining or coaching, please contact Ken Murphy on 01628 525359 or via

the 'contact us' option on our website www.bejsc-football.co.uk.

Finally, our U10s and U11s squads have had new kits sponsored by two local businesses, but more about this in the next edition.

HELP!

Our wonderful and unique club cannot run without volunteers. We urgently need a person willing to serve as a director/trustee which is a rewarding and satisfying position to hold and not too onerous either.

If you would be interested in being a part of the club then please do get in touch to find out more at office@bejsc.co.uk. We would love to hear from you.

Having been involved in the club for many years I can assure you that personally you gain a great deal in terms of job satisfaction as well as numerous skills and great friends.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Open Day Saturday September 30 from 10.30am to 12.30pm at our sports hall in New Road, a chance for children and young people to see what sports are on offer and try out a few.

Sports on offer to club members

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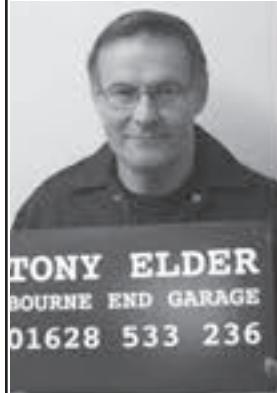
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Volunteer leader Keith Pugh adds: "Another bonus is the chance to meet new friends. Bourne End library kindly host the group, and we finish the walk in the library garden or back room for coffee and a chance to chat. It's a very friendly group."

The Bourne End Simply Walk lasts 45-60 minutes, with a second longer walk often on offer. They leave the library at 10.30am each Wednesday throughout the year. For more information and details of all walks please visit www.buckscc.gov.uk/simplywalk



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Shirley Mansfield has always been known for the smile on her face and a cheery comment. When she decided to retire from Mothers and Toddlers at St Mark's Church she told everyone that, at 80, it was time to go.

Shirley also knew that her heart condition was making things more difficult among the lively children. "I know what I've got," she said, "and I have to put up with it."

It didn't make her retirement day any easier as, crowned with a tiara, Shirley cut a special cake and was part of a celebration that was entirely in her honour.

"I love children," Shirley admitted, "and they made the day very special for me. And I just hope they find someone to replace me and provide everything I used to do – both for the children and their mums."

Shirley loved the Mothers and Toddlers group. She made coffee for the mums and chatted with them. She sang nursery rhymes with the children, including all the actions, and told them stories. There were parties to arrange whether it was for Mothers Day, the Queen's birthday, Christmas, Easter and any celebration in between. "We all loved the parties, and it meant special cakes."

There was never going to be a leisurely retirement when Shirley left Ink Design and Print after working there for 25 years. At that time the vicar of St Mark's was Reverend Ann Trew and she wanted to start a Toddler Group. Shirley was her first choice.

With her pink, glittery IPad Shirley is still there to listen and talk. "Isn't the internet wonderful. I can talk to friends Colin and I made when we travelled all over the world. Or those just along the road."

Shirley admits that she has been very lucky to be surrounded by so many caring people. And then there's her knitting.

Shirley dressed her first doll when she was a ten-year-old and hasn't stopped knitting outfits. She's been a familiar face at church fundraising events as her cute matching outfits were a perfect gift for treasured dolls.

Shirley and husband Colin moved to Southbourne Drive in 1963 when their daughter Dawn was six months old. Son Julian came along later. Shirley recalls Father Ash from St Mark's arriving on his bike to welcome them. Colin later became church warden and church secretary. Shirley joined Young Wives which became Mothers Union and then Women's Fellowship.

Sharing her retirement with the children was great, but for Shirley there were birthday celebrations with the family as well as she enjoyed afternoon tea and then a party in the church hall. "It reminded me of the days we served tea for the ladies at Fieldhead," she said with a smile, "and what about the baby clinic in Wooburn?" For Shirley there are so many memories to smile about.

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Charmain and Jayson McAlpine couldn't be more fond of Bourne End if they had been born and bred here. In fact they both come from Johannesburg, South Africa, around 6,000 miles away as the crow flies.

The couple, who took over the day-to-day running

of community-owned pub, The Garibaldi, in July, have been in the UK for about 11 years.

Jayson, who is a trained chef and has worked in some top hotels, including Danesfield House, and in corporate dining at sporting venues including Chelsea Football Club and Wembley Stadium is in

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charge of the kitchens at the Hedsor Road pub. His wife, Charmain, who has moved from the suited and booted world of recruitment, runs front of house.

As parents of two young children, Georgia, 5, and Hunter, 3, the couple are delighted to be back in a village they fell in love with five years ago.

"We have lived in Reading and Maidenhead since settling in the UK," explained Jayson. "But we really felt we had come home when we lived in a house in Willows Road, Bourne End. We loved it there... our neighbours were fantastic and we just loved the village feel of Bourne End."

Sadly their landlord decided to sell the house and it was back to Maidenhead for the family.

"We decided we would come back here and Charmain found out about The Garibaldi looking for new managers. It seemed a perfect fit. A business we could put all our energy and efforts into and still have time for the children. And in a village we love." The pub has had a minor facelift since they moved in, the menu has had a stylish overhaul and Jayson has plenty of ideas for the future (his moules and frites Wednesdays is already up and running).

They are serving great pub food at reasonable prices: "I like to offer good value for money," says Jayson. And they are encouraging locals to come along for a drink or a bite.

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After a lovely Saturday the Sunday of the Parish Council Village Show was cloudy and rainy, but it didn't deter those who made it all happen. Even a flying tent was quickly captured with hardly a blink in the action.

Crafts, crazy shaped potatoes, extra long beans and more contributed to the various classes while around Wooburn Park there were stalls, games, classic cars, barbecue, teas, beer and more.

Thanks go to everyone involved from car parking to judging and from burger cooking to ice cream serving (every summer event deserves an ice cream). And the monster cheese was an amazing sight.

Bees attracted great interest as children watched their antics courtesy of Wycombe Beekeepers.

Classic car owners retreated inside their motors when the rain got heavy while the barbecue's tasty smells attracted customers.

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Wooburn Festival delights ahead

So far Wooburn Festival has provided great events highlighting horses to spies – and lots more in between.

Still to come is the work of Frank Taylor as the featured artist at the Visual Arts and Photo Exhibitions in St Paul's Church hall. Photography is new to this year's exhibition.

Finding out more about John Piper was a job for Natalie Patel from Henley Museum.

Piper's romantic landscapes show him as one of the most significant British artists of the 20th Century. His stained-glass window at Coventry Cathedral can only be described as "unforgettable".

And did you know that leafy Bucks was rife with subversion, spies abounded and mansions were at the centre of counter espionage?

Author D J Kelly laid out the facts, at least those she was allowed to mention, in a fascinating talk that probably had the audience checking under their spare bed later.

While the music world is delighting in a new production of Puccini's opera La Boheme, Barefoot Opera will stage it at the community centre in Wakeman Road, Bourne End, for everyone to enjoy on Friday October 13. It will be sung in Italian, fully staged, and with Barefoot's band of accordion, double bass, clarinet and piano. Don't miss it.

Film night returns to the National Film School in Beaconsfield with *The Man Who Knew Infinity* introduced by Quentin Falk. That's on Tuesday October 3. Then a challenge to all wannabe singers when they can join the Wooburn Singers in a day-long workshop of Elgar's *The Kingdom* in the Beaconsfield School on Saturday October 7. There's a finale performance for friends and family at the end of the day.

Finally there will be a choral concert on the theme of *Remembrance* on Saturday October 21 to send sounds into the rafters! Details can be found at wooburnfestival.com or opposite.

Calling all mini Monets or pint-sized Picassos

Don't forget to enter the **Bourne End Junior Craft Show** taking place at Bourne End Library on Saturday October 7. With classes for drawing, painting, collage, photography, knitting, sewing and other needlecraft, models made of clay, plasticine or junk and any other crafts including origami, hama beads, decoupage, loom bands and others there is something for everyone.

The classes are split into age divisions four to seven years, eight to 11 years and 12 to 16 years. As previously it is completely free of charge to enter and there are some great arty crafty prizes on offer.

Entries should be brought to the Library between 9.30 and 11am on Saturday October 7 so that they can be placed in the correct class. Or beat the rush and bring them down on the Friday between 3pm and 5pm.

On the day our team of Judges will be hard at work up until 12.30pm when the show is open for all to come and have a look at the fantastic entries. Also during this time refreshments will be available in return for a small donation to Library funds.

The grand prize giving will take place at 1.15pm. Any entries (or prizes won!) which are not collected on the day will be held at the Library for collection.

Organiser thank the Parish Council for arranging free parking on show day in the Wakeman Road Car Park to facilitate dropping off and later picking up (this only applies on Saturday 7). Full information is available on our website at croalls2005.wix.com/bejuniorcraftshow

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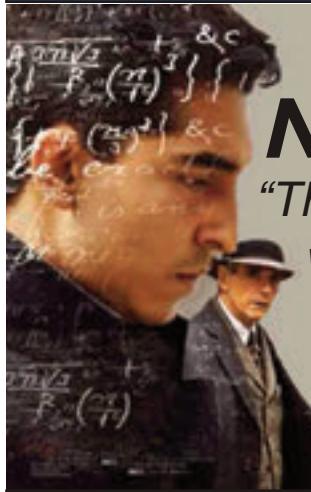
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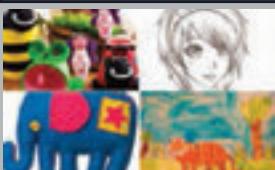


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A bench for George



Outside the bar at the community centre, just where he would have wanted to sit, there's George's bench.

Bought from donations after George Parker's funeral it has a plaque with his name, dates and an inscription.

His widow, Joan, and daughters Jane and Lorna went down to inspect the bench and declared it 'perfect'.

George Parker's long association with the community centre will be remembered by those who knew his soft Scots accent and his quick wit over the decades. George's roles included a period as chairman, serving on many committees as well as being a skilful chess player, dedicated to the annual concert and a regular at the monthly jazz sessions in the bar.

Pictured l-r: Lorna, Joan and Jane

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Bourne End & Cookham Rotary Club By John Dunsterville

What a great turn-out and fabulous weather we all had at Little Marlow Fête on August Bank Holiday Monday. Once again, we gave the young ones a fun ride around the green on our Rotary 'Rocket'.

A proper village fête it was too, complete with dog show, coconut shy, tug-of-war, jazz band and all manner of stalls and plenty to eat and do. It's always fun catching up with other clubs, societies and of course the public as well.

Being your local Rotary club, it is so important to hear first-hand comments and suggestions from the community.

We help worthwhile projects and charities, and fresh input is always welcome. Why not find out more at our open evening at Flackwell Heath Library on Thursday October 12 at 7.30pm, with nibbles and wine.

Rotary Club of Cookham Bridge By Nancy Ovstedral

At the Cookham Regatta in September, fine weather meant a good turnout of friends and families to enjoy the racing on the water and the many stalls and attractions. Classic cars were polished to perfection and the dog show had 60 entrants. Much goes on behind the scenes to make this annual event such a success with members of Marlow Thames and Cookham Bridge Rotary Clubs enjoying the challenge.

The Rotary Club has been busy organising the Welsh Male Voice Choir performance at Taplow Court on October 1.

Our Autumn Bridge Supper is at Pinder Hall, Cookham on Friday October 27. This was a sell out last year, a great evening with good home cooked food and cash bar. Tables of 4 are £60 or £15 each. There are always good prizes to win and raffle. We are still raising funds to rebuild a school damaged in the earthquake in Nepal as well as for other charities. To book ring 01628 674036 or e-mail memaskell@btinternet.com. www.cookhamrotary.co.uk.

Bourne End & Cookham Probus Club By John Daymond & Richard Royall

In August we hosted a return visit from Tom Way, the internationally renowned wildlife photographer. Tom's talk was *Wildlife on your doorstep*, with stunning photos of foxes, badgers, kingfishers and other native species.

We began our July meeting with a silent tribute to our past chairman John Marshall, who had died unexpectedly on June 26. John was an excellent chairman and will be sadly missed.

The brilliantly illustrated talk by Ian Smith, a retired BA Chief Flight Engineer, covered the background to supersonic flight and Concorde's impressive statistics of almost 50,000 flights at over twice the speed of sound.

Ian made two round the world flights and flew both the Queen Mother and her Majesty the Queen.

For details of our Probus Club ring Terry Scott on 01628 626047.

Inner Wheel of Bourne End & Cookham By Elaine Morris

With Inner Wheel being an international organisation, it is not unusual for overseas members to visit when on holiday. So we were delighted to have the President of the Delhi Greater Kailash Club, Neena Vasudeva, with us for a garden visit.

In July members helped at the Rotary tea party for the elderly at Bourne End Academy. The objects of Inner Wheel to promote true friendship, encourage personal service and foster international understanding couldn't have been more evident in one month.



To the right is Neena Vasudeva president of Delhi Inner Wheel, Sara Pajwani whose garden we visited, Mercia Hailstone president of our IW, Marianne Edwards founder president.

Our August meeting included an entertaining talk by *The Accidental Actor* Michael White followed by tea with 75 friends. Proceeds went to local charities.

Our September meeting featured the new local Alexander Devine Children's Hospice, which is our president's chosen charity this year.

Gifts of 'Twiddle Muffs' for use by people suffering with dementia and made by our members are being distributed locally.

We are looking forward to attending our Annual District Rally Lunch at Bisham Abbey in October in record numbers.

Plans for Frivolous Festive Fun are underway for November and December and Sweet Talk in January on the subject of honey.

Why not stop and have a chat with us – 'The Inner Wheel Bag Ladies' – on December 1 at our Charity Bag Stall at Bourne End Fun Night?

Bourne End WI By Kath Acres

In September we enjoyed a talk from Rosemary Edginton about Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and met her dog and puppies who were being socialised by volunteers to become Hearing Dogs.

Two members of Bourne End WI were excited (and terrified) to be part of the team from Bucks Federation of WIs presenting the first ever WI community radio show on Wycombe Sound. The show aims to dispel myths about the WI and to encourage more women to join. Our slot is 'Jammin'

with the WI' (no stereotypes there then) and you can listen again online at Wycombe Sound.

Our Summer Garden Party in July was blessed by glorious weather and we had a great time learning to belly dance (sort of) before indulging in delicious curry from The Coriander in Bourne End.

We were ashamed to run out of Prosecco at this event (but have learned for the future from our mistake).

Great weather also prevailed when Mikron Theatre Company performed *Best Foot Forward* at Spade Oak Farm to an audience of more than 220 WI members and friends.

Our Ladies Fashion Show and Pop Up Shop is on Friday November 10 at 7pm at the community centre featuring well known high street brands with at least 50% off. Tickets (£5) from the library or community centre or contact us on bourneendwi@yahoo.com or 01628 531521.

On Thursday October 5 at St Dunstan's Church Hall at 7.30pm we will be regaled by butler to royalty and VIPs, William John French. Visitors are welcome at our meetings and we have a short waiting list for new members.

Little Marlow & Well End WI By Pauline Clitheroe

In August we celebrated our successful Annual Show, with 104 entries ranging from cookery and flowers to craft and poems. Carole Kirkland was the well-deserved overall winner of the show.

We celebrated the skills and expertise of our very own Lynn Prosser at the September meeting. Lynn explained how she had started patchwork with her grandmother, then moved onto quilting, using old clothes such as her beloved Laura Ashley dresses. The stunning display included a wall hanging based on her photograph of trees on Marlow Common and a quilt inspired by Kew Gardens.

Glory Mills Bowls Club By John Palfreyman

With the influx of new members the work of the captain to select and turn out teams became easier as the season progressed. We managed to complete the season with only one game cancelled.

The new members have settled in well and have enjoyed playing for the club, and in most cases been able to offer a competitive, highly skilled game. We are always looking for more members. Call 01494 673859 or email shirley.churn@btinternet.com.

Bourne End & Wooburn WI By Janet Spill

In July we welcomed Geoffrey Farrah-Brown and Pepper from the charity Medical Detection Dogs, hearing about the life-changing difference the dogs can make. In September we heard about *Liberty - The Shop and The Global Style*. We hold our AGM in October.

Visitors are very welcome at our meetings on the second Monday of the month in St Dunstan's Church Hall at 2pm. Email beandw.wi@gmail.com



Thanks to helpful volunteers

Painting, cleaning, planting and weeding – the active ingredients of a Volunteers Weekend. And a volunteer spraying the centre paths with weedkiller. Very grateful thanks to everyone who gave up their time, got into working clothes, and did something for the centre

Pictured left, painting the *Target Room* are l-r, Sarah Ralphson, Julie Bull, Deborah Pearce and Di Walker.

Sue (below) and Linda (right), from the centre office, washed and planted. Bill Hudson, Dave Gibson and Paul Hurley painted the chair store while Tony Crossman tackled the weeds. Myra took out the cobwebs from their cosy corners.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The kind people of Bourne End

Dear Editor

I felt I must write to Target to publicly thank Curly, John and Linda from *The Fruit Market*, and a kind off-duty nurse who all came to my aid when I fell on The Parade on August 18.

Curly and John fetched a blanket and pillow when I was unable to get up, and Curly applied a damp cloth to my head and face where I fell - a subsequent black eye!

Linda rang for an ambulance and John rang the surgery to cancel my husband John's 10.30am appointment, and the nurse tested my reflexes and limbs. I couldn't have wished for better attention.

One more time when I have praised *The Fruit Market*, and said how lucky we are to live in Bourne End.

Many passers-by offered help, and a close friend who saw what happened drove our car home so that my husband John could come in the ambulance with me.

After a visit to Wexham A&E where I was quickly attended to, a fractured left shoulder was diagnosed.

Our daughter Rose was soon on the scene to bring us home.

It is heartening to know how kind people are.

Yours sincerely
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by Inka D'Agostino, library manager

I ransack public libraries, and find them full of sunk treasure – Virginia Woolf

National Libraries Week

To celebrate National Libraries Week we have a treat in store for you: *An Evening with Robert Thorogood*, creator of *Death in Paradise*. The event will take place on Wednesday October 11 at 7pm. Tickets are £10 and include a drinks and canapé reception. Please do come and join us for what will be a very enjoyable evening and at the same time show your support for your local library.

Lifestyle club meets once a month on a Friday morning 10.30am to midday. If you enjoy talks on a variety of subjects in a sociable atmosphere then please do come along. All are welcome. The next meeting will be on October 27 when our guest speaker, John Fawell, will give a talk on *Water*.

The theme of November's meeting on the 24th will be *World War 1* when local author Wendy Worley will be speaking about her novel *Echoes of Friendship*.

Autumn is a good time to keep up with your summer fitness before the bad weather sets in and gives you an excuse not to go out. Why not join our Simply Walk group which meets every Wednesday in the library at 10.15am. We also have yoga, meditation and Tai-Chi classes and well as Sing Your Pain Away sessions.

Regular Learn My Way computing sessions are held on a Friday morning. If you would like to brush up on your computing skills or help with any aspect of computing please contact us to book a place

For further information about library activities, tickets for our events or to hire our community rooms please contact us on lib-boe@buckscc.gov.uk or phone 0854 2303232/01296 382415 or leave a message on our Facebook page: Friends of Bourne End Library.

Target is grateful to Bourne End Library for their donation.

Wooburn & Bourne End Local History Group

There is a suggestion to set up a new group for those who would enjoy finding out more about the history of Wooburn, Bourne End and surrounding villages including Hedsor and Well End.

Initially we would meet for talks at Bourne End library, and if there is further interest, move on to researching local points of historical interest.

We are liaising with Flackwell Heath Local Area History Group which also covers nearby areas.

If you are interested or would like to explore this idea further, please email historybew@gmail.com or call Roger Carter on 01628 520557.

Community Market focus Bethan Cartwright - The Lapis Tree

My name is Bethan Cartwright, owner of The Lapis Tree, and I am a gemstone enthusiast. I make beautiful gemstone tree sculptures and jewellery and in January 2017 I launched my online shop to sell my crafts www.thelapistree.co.uk.

My love for gemstones began while I was working at a wonderful small independently owned jewellery shop in the beautiful cathedral city of Lichfield. As I studied for my Professional Jeweller's Diploma I gained knowledge in many aspects of the jewellery trade, but the gemstone subject caught my attention and has continued to interest me.

I have always been astounded by the sheer beauty which can come from Mother Earth and the almost magical processes which culminate in the creation of these rare treasures. After researching into recognising and identifying gemstones and the unique scientific properties which give them their characteristics, I also investigated in to the different folklores behind their meanings.

Then, on a bustling market day in Lichfield Square, a small stall with a glimmering golden glow caught my eye... It was an incredible and fascinating collection of amber gemstone trees. I was in awe of the magic oozing from every one of them. As I admired the intricate twists of the wire and the contrast with the shining dazzling stones in the sunlight, the one I chose was of a medium size and perfect for a gemstone enthusiast.

This was to be the 'Good Luck Tree' and it has followed me ever since. From home to home and place to place, and even though my life has taken me in many different directions since that day, it's still just as beautiful as the day it found me. And my collection grew in size. Although, I could never find one quite so intricate and well made.

After collecting gemstone trees from many different places and in varying styles and shapes, I found myself wishing that there was more variety in the different types of gemstones and wires used. So I set out to make my own. These would not only have more choice of gemstones and wire combinations, but also of materials used for the tree bases.

The focus would be on the quality and individual characters of each tree, with the hope that each one would have its own story and its own aura. And here I am now running The Lapis Tree - The home of beautiful handmade gemstone trees and gifts.

In May 2017, I joined Bourne End Community and Craft Market which runs at Bourne End Library on the second Saturday of every month between 10am-1pm and has a fantastic range of crafts, delicious artisan food stalls and a charity tombola.

I show my gemstone trees and jewellery, and also take orders for custom-made pieces. These can be delivered or I can have them ready for collection at the next month's market. I would love to meet any fellow gemstone fanatics at our next craft stall so please pop by and say hello.

www.thelapistree.co.uk

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Past times...it really was Bourne End on Thames

The Bourne End stretch of the River Thames was bustling in the 19th and early 20th centuries as Ken Townsend explains...

Barrie Penfold's excellent article in the last issue about the famous steamer 'Alaska' which was built at Bourne End in 1883 indicated how important the River Thames was in those days.

Nowadays very few local residents venture down to the river and only a handful of us remain who remember the tail end of those glory days.

It was in the late Victorian and early Edwardian era that the river became the centre of attraction during the Summer months. All along the River Thames boatyards sprung up for both building and hiring of boats. Very often it was located on a wharf previously used by barges to deliver coal and heavy goods, made redundant by the onset of railways. Bourne End was no exception.

It was in the 1880s that my great grandfather Robert Hally Townsend, at that time the Thames Conservancy Lock Keeper at Hurley, became aware of the rapid rise in private boat trade.

His response was to purchase Wiggington's Wharf separated from Horsham's by the stream, now known as the Abbotsbrook, and built a new boatyard alongside his illustrious neighbour.

Almost simultaneously the impressive Quarry Hotel was built on the Berkshire bank nearly opposite, so Townsend's initiated a ferry boat giving easy access. It also served the new bungalows together with Cockmarsh and The Flam, our local 'swimming pool'.

The ferry boat also connected in midstream to the Salter's Steamers on their daily scheduled return trips between Henley and Windsor.

The pre-First World War postcard, above right, shows the ferry with the Quarry Hotel in the background. Meanwhile just upstream the Upper Thames Sailing Club was founded in 1884 before moving six years later to its current location.

This was prompted by the success of their sailing regatta known as Bourne End Week. This notable



annual event still takes place in June every year with several races including the Gold Cup, the Connaught Cup and The Queen's Cup which was presented to them by Queen Victoria in 1893.

To celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897 Lord Boston and several other local dignitaries promoted a rowing regatta centred round Townsend's and The Platt.

A military band provided live music throughout and the GWR even ran special excursions trains from Paddington to Bourne End. It was such a howling success that it too became an annual event.

Huge crowds flocked to witness the races, with ladies dressed in their Sunday best. As can be seen on the postcard below by EJ Day who lived at Well End post office, there were races of all categories, this one for paddling punts. As anyone working on the river was not permitted to enter a second Watermans Regatta was held later each September.

It was not until the 1920s that these fizzled out, but the river still remained the place to go at weekends especially if the weather was fine.

The stretch of water from Marlow Lock to Cookham was a similar length as Putney to Mortlake so frequently the Oxford and Cambridge crews practised for the Annual Varsity Boat Race. Even the Harvard crew trained here when they had challenged the winners. What a great shame it was when the Yanks got beaten out of sight.

It was in 1925 that John Andrews set up a new boatyard on an old wharf adjacent to Mill House and the River Wye. He became famous for designing and building their Greyhound Stern Slipper Launches at Bourne End. The best known was Baby Greyhound which, during the Second World War, was used by the UTP Home Guard and even had Winston Churchill aboard on one occasion.

John Andrews built up an impressive fleet of hire cruisers each of which was named with the prefix SUN. Meanwhile upstream at Townsend's on the August Bank Holiday Monday of 1938 previous records were broken when over 3,500 used the ferry to 'get across to the other side' and most of them came back!

The popularity of hire cruisers along the River Thames boomed after the end of the Second World War but unfortunately the wash from some of them made it very uncomfortable for anyone rowing in skiffs or dinghies and virtually impossible if you were in a punt.

The writing was on the wall too when more and more people purchased cars and ventured further afield for their entertainment. One by one boatyards closed and selling the real estate became more

profitable than hiring and building boats.

However those wonderful days should never be forgotten.



Photos from Ken Townsend's collection of postcards

OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

Cores End United Reformed Church

In July, members from Cores End and Burnham URC went to Loughborough URC to join the Golden Jubilee celebration of the ordination of our previous minister, Mike Playdon. A very special occasion.

Our minister, Terry, has returned from his sabbatical feeling refreshed, challenged and inspired. Terry and Elizabeth came to Link Up Club to talk about their experience walking St Cuthbert's Way, which he described as 'challenging but a blessing'.

Our Children's Fun Day in August was enjoyed by children and helpers alike. We look forward to seeing many of them again at a Christmas Fun Day in December.

The August coffee morning raised £380 for Bethesda Hospital in Benin. Terry's brother-in-law has been the eye surgeon there for 30 years and came to talk about his work.

Despite inclement weather, a group of us took part in a circular walk from the church to Cookham on September 3, returning for afternoon tea and a short service of Songs of Praise, where we were joined by Ed and Ellen Harrison from the USA. Ed came to see the monument to his great-great-great-grandfather Joshua Cobden, who was minister here 1819-1831 and is buried in the graveyard. The church is currently exploring its history in preparation for the 259th anniversary. If you have any information about the church's history - weddings, World War memories or other connections - please contact us.

In October we will again be collecting shoeboxes for Romania.

On Sunday October 15 our service will be led by Geoff Britt and Angus Massie, focusing on the Church's Commitment for Life, supporting projects among the poorest people in the world.

Finally, advance notice that our Christmas Fair will be on December 2 with our usual popular stalls.

St Paul's & St Mary's Church Wooburn

St Paul's welcomes everyone to an all-age Harvest Festival service at 9.30am on Sunday October 1.

St Paul's Revive Service takes place on Sunday October 1 and Sunday November 5 at 6pm for a time of quiet meditative prayer and music.

The annual Remembrance Service takes place on Sunday November 12 at 10.45am at Wooburn Green War Memorial.

The next of our monthly family breakfasts at St Mary's will be on Saturday October 7 and November 4 at 9.30am. To book text 07907 854950.

A Pamper Evening is planned with St Paul's School PTA on Friday November 17. See our website and Facebook page nearer the time.

Sunday Club is held every week for primary aged children at 9.30am at St Paul's Hall.

JAG for older children next meets on Sunday November 19 at 3.30pm at St Mary's.

Friday Communion Service and lunch is held at St Mary's at midday followed by a light lunch.

Toddlers meet on Tuesdays at 9.30am and Tots Praise on Fridays at 9.45am at St Paul's Church



Hall.

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St Dunstan's Church

It has been a very eventful month at St Dunstan's. Shortly after Fr Francis Higgins' Silver Jubilee celebrations we received the startling news that he was leaving us in the middle of September – at a time when many diocesan moves take place – and going to Milton Keynes. We did not have long to recover from and digest the news and we bade him farewell a couple of weekends ago, after a very emotional mass.



In Milton Keynes, his home town, Fr Francis is leading an exciting project to draw together five existing parishes into one new pastoral unit. He is certainly rising to the challenge.

Fr Paul Gonsalves, who has been assisting Fr Francis, has moved also, to Kettering.

On a more positive note, we are delighted to welcome Monsignor Sean Healy as the new Parish Priest of Beaconsfield and Bourne End. He comes to us from Daventry and is joined by Fr Shyju Chacko, who also continues to assist with Sehion Ministries. We are looking forward to getting to know them better.

We express our gratitude to all our priests and wish them all the best in their future ministries.

St John The Baptist, Little Marlow

The sun was shining on Bank Holiday Monday and a good day was had by all. Thank you for supporting the church stall and stocking up on marmalades etc.

Around 50 of us gathered at the church for our bat safari. Although no bats were detected in the church many were found swooping across the water at the gravel pits.



Our Harvest Festival Service will be on Sunday October 8 at 11am followed by lunch in the cricket pavilion. Tickets, £8, are on sale at the church or from Jeff Smith 07775 957090. Harvest gifts should be brought to the church or left in the porch beforehand and will be shared by OneCan and Women's Aid. A collection will be taken for the charity Send a Cow (www.sendacow.org.uk).

A Remembrance Day service will be on Sunday November 12 at 10.45am, and the Christingle Service at 4pm on November 26 followed by tea and cakes.

Advent starts on Sunday November 3. Please check the website for details of special services. www.4u-team.org.

A Pudding Evening is planned for a social evening and opportunity to hear some of the plans for the future of the church. Do join us. Details will be on the website in due course.

If you are interested in the formation of Friends of Little Marlow, contact Wendy Osborn at osborw01@yahoo.co.uk.

St Mark's Parish Church

We are running two Alpha courses this term: on Wednesdays at 7.30am at the rectory and Thursdays 1-2pm immediately after the communion service in the church. Lunch is

provided and all are welcome at any time to join in. Please ring the rector for details.

Bible Study is looking at Paul's letter to the Hebrews and is for anyone who can make Thursdays at 7.45pm. This year our Harvest Festival is a joint event on Sunday October 1 at 4pm at St Nicholas Church, Hedsor, when the Archdeacon of Buckingham will speak. Gifts of dry foods will go to Wycombe food-bank OneCan.

On Sunday October 15 a special service of Healing and Wholeness takes place at 5pm. We will hear about the work of Still the Hunger, a Reading-based recovery programme based on Christian principles for those with mental health issues.

The short mid-week Holy Communion service on Thursdays at 12.30pm finishes with a light lunch and is open to all who live and work locally.

Regular Sunday worship is at 10.30am.

The popular Monday Cafe is held in the hall at 10am and is convenient for passers-by to drop in.



Puffins, the toddler group, meets in the hall on Wednesdays at 10am.

See www.parishesofhedsorandbourneend.co.uk and www.archchurchnearyou.com also Twitter and Facebook. To hire the hall ring 01628 521677 or visit www.hallshire.com. The Rev Janet Binns can be contacted on 01628 523046.

St Nicholas' Church

At our Harvest Service on Sunday October 1 at 4pm the Venerable Guy Elsmore, Archdeacon of Buckingham, will speak and preside, after which we will celebrate with a light meal. All harvest gifts of imperishable food will be donated to Wycombe food-bank OneCan.



Communion Service is at 9am each Sunday, with Pathway our family service on the second Sunday of each month and Pebbles our Sunday school on the fourth Sunday. Children are welcome at all services.

Remembrance Service will be on November 12 at 9am. At our Service of Light on Saturday November 6 at 6pm we join with the other churches at St Mark's to remember those we have loved and lost.

Community Church

Our Sunday morning meetings continue to take place at the Meadows School up to October 22, then from October 29 at The Chapel on the Green until the new year. They begin at 10.30am with refreshments from 10am.



On Sunday November 12 we join with others on The Green for the Service of Remembrance.

Little Steps toddler group meets on Thursday mornings during term time in the chapel hall. Dads' Little Steps, our monthly toddler group for Dads with their youngsters, will take place on Saturdays October 7 and November 4, 10-11.30am in the chapel hall. Come and enjoy a cuppa and a bacon roll with other Dads while the little ones play (cost £2 per family).

Tuesday Lunch Club meets every Tuesday at 12.30pm in the hall at the Chapel on the Green to enjoy a relaxed lunch. Details: Dave Bitcheno on 07894 143925 or d.bitcheno@sky.com. For information see www.wooburngreen.org.

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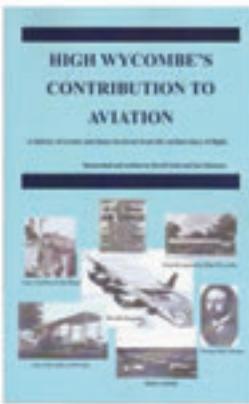
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DARTS

The Wooburn Green Summer darts league has now concluded and we managed (despite some very indifferent results) to secure the runners-up position in division two, just losing out to the Green Dragon A team, so well done to all the team.

The Winter league commenced on Wednesday September 27 and as usual we are on the lookout for keen dart players, so if you fancy a game etc please drop me a line on the following email address

garyjohnson811@gmail.com

CRIBBAGE

Congratulations to all the crib team members who won the Winter League Cup last season and have it behind the centre bar for all their home games.

Pictured on the right are, left to right, Alan Parsons, David Clews, Richard Hipkin and Mick Payne. The ladies are Valerie Tucker and captain, Belinda Parsons. Team member Ian Allard isn't in the picture. John Smith is the team reserve.

The new season started on September 18 with a loss against Crauford Crusaders, but Belinda says "Never mind, there is a long way to go and plenty of time to turn things round."

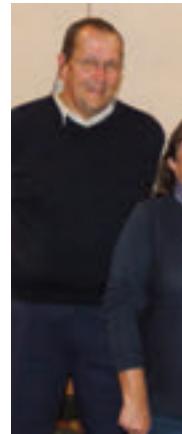
ANGLING CLUB

News from the waters edge

The July match at New Farm had to be switched to West End Pool as the fishery had double booked the venue. Rising water temperatures put the fish in a feeding mood with top place going to Terry with 48lb 8oz and club treasurer a close second with 43lb 12oz and new member Derek Johns with 36lb 4oz.

August saw us again return to West End Pool, temperatures up once again which was fortunate for match to retrieve an expensive pole section. First place went to Tony Colbourn with 50lbs and Terry, now also known as the swimmer, came a creditable third place with 23lbs 12oz.

The new members are adding significantly to the club's friendly competition. We have two new additions seven new members this year. It is not to late to join us, phone Terry on 07836 767452.



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October 3rd

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November 7th

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Why not try short mat bowls?

Twice a week Short Mat Bowls is played at the community centre by an enthusiastic group who enjoy the exercise, the fun and the laughter among other club members. There's a slightly more serious side as local leagues provide the challenge for teams. Games are played either at home or away on a regular basis. Some competitions involve a weekend match and there's a variety of friendly games to be enjoyed. You will be made very welcome and tuition is given if you have never bowled before.

So why not give Short Mat Bowls a try? Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7pm you can call into the community centre, meet other players, probably recognise people you see around the village and embark on something entirely new. Afterwards you can enjoy a drink at the bar as you recall the bowls that didn't go where they were intended.

Over many years the club has enjoyed good social meetings with other clubs and refreshments when the games are over.

Just to let you know that the Bourne End club is part of the Buckinghamshire Short Mat Bowling Association which in turn is affiliated to the English Short Mat Bowling Association who govern the sport at national level.

As a member you would be entitled to take part in association competitions as well as league competitions. You would also be covered by the club's insurance and could also take part in coaching schemes should your skill increase and your hopes aspire to the national championships.

Membership is £6 per year and should be paid to the secretary with cheques payable to the English Short Mat Bowls Association. You will also need to be a member of the community association. Don't hesitate to contact Christine Thomas for more information. She'll be happy to talk to you about the club and send you more information. You can contact her on 07719576678 or email thomas.christine73@gmail.com

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OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

Bourne End Horticultural Society

Our speaker for October will be Chris Chadwell who will tell us about *Gardens of New York and New England* on October 19. Tony Powell will speak about *Autumn Colour in the Garden* on November 16.

Our friendly society welcomes all new members and guests at St Dunstan's Hall, Bourne End on every third Thursday of the month at 8pm. Details: Penny Hampson on 01628 521482 or visit our Facebook page.

Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

We entered our first competition and came away with a 'commended' award at Blenheim Palace. We chose our recent events to feature in an exhibit called *Our Celebration*.

Congratulations to everyone involved.

At our demonstration on Tuesday October 3 Carol Brighton will present *My Life in Flowers*. If you are interested why not come along – it's always a delightful evening. It starts at 7.30pm in the large hall at the community centre and visitors are always welcome, paying a small admission charge. Lucky raffle winners take home the displays created during the evening.

Setting the festive scene for us on Tuesday November 7 will be Sarah Motley with her display called *All I Want for Christmas*. It's bound to be an inspiring display. For more information ring 01628 476641.

Bourne End Townswomen's Guild

We meet on the second Wednesday in the month at 1.30pm in the Target Room at the community centre. Why not come along and meet us, stay for the speaker and enjoy a cup of tea later.

On Wednesday October 11 we welcome Diana Hayes who will tell us about returning to Washington DC. Then on Wednesday November 8 we have one of our very popular Games afternoons when some members show the competitive side of their character. To find out more ring 01628 527931.

Bucks Family History Society

On Tuesday October 10 we welcome Kevin Varty with a presentation on The Great War through the Magic Lantern. It will show how the illustrations of the Great War were heavily censored as a result of the Defence of the Realm Act. All of the slides are shown in their original format, and they include a rare selection of uncensored American slides.

On Tuesday November 14 Tony Eaton will talk about The Rudolf Hess Cover-up, and the curious arrival in Scotland in 1941 of Hitler's deputy, shrouded in mystery. The official account states that he made the dangerous flight of his own volition and his offer of peace came from a deluded mind. But has there been a cover-up to protect those involved in secret negotiations for peace with Nazi Germany?

Members meet on the second Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm at the community centre small hall. Visitors are welcome to hear a

particular speaker with a small donation to funds. For further information go to www.bucksfhs.org.uk

Bourne End Film Makers

We have changed the name of the club from 'video makers' to 'film makers'. Video is associated with a particular technology of the past and film implies a broader concept which more accurately describes the purpose of the club.

Following last year's highly successful Learn Movie Making course Algie Gray, in collaboration with Bourne End Film Makers, is running an enlarged and updated programme across eight Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 10pm commencing on October 2. The course will be held in the Target Room and is for beginners and intermediates to learn the basics of making films. If you hurry there may be some places left. Contact Bob High on 07802 223 957 or rhigh@highandwatt.com.

Our members make short individual and group productions essentially for fun, but also for competition and film festival submission. Some of our films may be seen on our web site www.befm.club along with details of the movie making course. Meetings are held in the Target Room from 7.30pm until 10pm on the first and third Wednesdays of the month except during August.



President John Barlow presenting the successful team with the Film of the Year award.

RNLI (South Bucks and Thame)

Showing true dedication to fundraising our members are happy to put on yellow waterproofs and wellies to shake a can outside supermarkets and at the M40 motorway services. "The outfits are eye-catching," Val said, "and they keep you warm if it is cold."

Wearing another hat, Val Clarke from



Abbotsbrook is not only a RNLI collector but also a regular *Target* volunteer. Our photo (below) shows her in her yellow waterproofs having rushed from her stint at the M40 services to collect her bundles of *Target* for distribution. "It's amazing what we do for the RNLI," Val laughed, "and *Target*, of course."

Over that collection period at the end of July RNLI volunteers had £1,569.05 in their cans from the motorway services. Another good result for the charity which not only supports the work of lifeboats around our coasts, but also the inland services on our major rivers. The RNLI want the water to be a safe place to enjoy right through the year.

A sum of £2000 was donated to the branch from Chairman Mike Prager's 46-mile Ride London. Congratulations to Mike who completed the Ride in 3 hours, 29 minutes, 31 seconds.

To find out more contact Terry James on 07585 888 416 or Terry_James@RNLI.org.uk, or visit www.rnli.org/support-us/become-a-volunteer.

Wye Valley Volunteers

In terms of length of volunteering, Gladys Keen must beat most. Now approaching her 90th birthday, she started helping at the Tuesday coffee morning when it was set up in the 1980s and volunteered there continuously, serving guests many of whom were almost two decades her junior. Towards the end of this time the coffee morning was taken over by Wye Valley Volunteers.

Gladys left recently to move near her son in Scunthorpe. The arrangements went through very quickly and Gladys was sad that this gave her little time to say goodbye properly to her friends.

However, Jean Peasley reports that she is very happy in her new bungalow, shared with her sister, in its

beautiful location. We thank her for her exceptional dedication; she will be missed by her many friends.

We don't expect such lengthy service from all our volunteers! However volunteering does become addictive and most of ours get great pleasure and fulfilment from their work, as well as knowing how much it can help less fortunate people in the community.

If you are interested in helping at the coffee mornings, or in one of our other services – driving, home visiting, minibus driving – do please contact us: phone 01628 521027, email enquiries@wyevalleyvolunteers.co.uk, or in person at Community Volunteer Office, Wakeman Road, Bourne End SL8 5SX – open 10am to midday each weekday. Contact us also if you would like help from one of our services.

Marlow and District Railway Society

In July Brian Ringer's presentation was *Strictly Freight Only*, describing the revolution in the way goods traffic was handled on British Railways during the 60s, 70s and 80s, including

the introduction of modern containerisation and merry-go-round trains for bulk goods. We plan to have Brian back again in 2018 to bring us up to the present day.

At our meeting on October 19 we have *Early Days – 1949-61* by David Maidment. Prolific author David is best known for founding the Railway Children charity but for us will be concentrating on the development of his own enthusiasm for railways before he embarked on a career working for them. On November 16 our Society Treasurer, Peter Robins, will present *British Railways – Not Quite Modern Image* and will show some of his excellent images of first generation BR diesels in operation all over the UK.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings at 8pm to enjoy not only the presentation but also the bar facilities at Bourne End Community Centre. A small fee (£3) will be charged. For further information visit www.mdrs.org.uk.

Bourne End Twinning Association

Interested in people and the similar-yet-different ways they live their lives? Want to make new friends, here and elsewhere?

We are always glad to welcome new members to our half dozen local events a year, and to add to the links with our neighbours near Le Havre in Normandy. It doesn't seem far away, but there's so much to discover. Speak to Wendy on 01628 520065 to find out if it's for you.



On September 2 about 50 members met for a garden party. Gazebos and bunting sprang up in a beautiful garden and the weather this year was wonderful.

Tea and conversation flowed; cake vanished. Books in English and French found new owners.

We were glad to meet visitors from the USA and southern France, and pressed some of them into service (thank you) with the raffle and the hat competition. Entries for this were elegant, flowery, wacky, even bedecked with corks and cans. Winners were Estelle Huxley, John Marsh and Rob DeVille (pictured above).

Our next event on Saturday October 14 – don't miss it! – is a social evening with speaker, drinks and canapés.

Tales of Town Twinning by John Dixon will explore delights and disasters from his years of experience in twinning. John is an accredited speaker for the Alliance Française, but will be speaking in English this time. Everyone welcome – when you receive this, you may just have time to get tickets at £10 from Wendy or David Langford on 01628 520065.

CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

OCTOBER

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| 1 Sun | Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm |
| 2 Mon | Wooburn Pub Lunch Club (for the over 55's) 12.30pm in The Old Bell. Contact needs to be made for your first lunch. Call Margaret Amos on 01628 525033. Delicious two-course lunch £8 |
| 3 Tues | CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the Community Centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle |
| 4 Wed | Flu clinic at Pound House Surgery 8am to 11am. Drop-in session |
| 5 Thur | Community Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8.30 pm. It's a £1 per person, and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night |
| 6 Fri | Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm |
| 7 Sat | Bourne End Junior Craft Show at the library. See all details on page 26. |
| 7 Sat | Flu clinic at Hawthornden Surgery 8.30am to midday. Drop-in session |
| 7 Sat | Salsa at the centre. Salsa lessons 7.45 – 8.15pm for beginners only. Social dancing 8.15 to midnight. See page 36 for details. |
| 8 Sun | Table top sale at the centre 9.30am to 11.30am. Call Caroline on 01628 485642 to take part |
| 10 Tues | Wycombe Neighbourhood Watch presentation at the community centre to learn more about cyber-crime, cons and scams. See page 10 for details |
| 11 Wed | An Evening with Robert Thorogood, creator of Death in Paradise, at the library to celebrate National Libraries Week. See page 32 for details. |
| 13 Fri | Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm |
| 14 Sat | Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the library |
| 19 Thur | Wycombe Lions charity quiz competition. Teams of up to six are invited to the community centre bar for this first heat. Entry is £3, starts at 8.30pm. |
| 20 Fri | Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm |
| 20 Fri | Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company |
| 21 Sat | Flu clinic at Pound House Surgery 8am to 11am. Drop-in session |
| 21 Sat | Celebrating 50 years of the community centre. See posters page 15. Free parking on the Wakeman Road car park. |
| 27 Fri | Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm |
| 28 Sat | Flu clinic at Hawthornden Surgery 8.30am to midday. Drop-in session |
| 28 Sat | Kirby's Travel Fair at the community centre from 10am to 4pm. Travel companies exhibiting. |
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NOVEMBER

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| 1 Wed | Flu clinic at Pound House Surgery 8am to 11am. Drop-in session |
| 2 Thur | Session to guide objectors to the New Local Plan, organised by Keep Bourne End Green (see front page) 2pm to 4.30pm in the community centre |
| 2 Thur | Community Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8.30 pm. It's a £1 per person, and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night |
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| 8 Wed | Cards For Good Causes charity Christmas card shop at St Dunstan's Church, until December 16. Opening times: Monday to Saturday, 9.30am to 4pm |
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| 24 Fri | Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm |
| 25 Sat | Exhibition of artist Nick Cooke's pebble art at St Mark's Church from 10.30am to 3pm. See story page 15 |
| 25 Sat | Wooburn Green's Christmas Lights Celebration from 4pm at The Wooburn Club. See details page 3 |

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Friday December 1. Bourne End Christmas Fun Night and late shopping. Full details in the next issue of Target.

The next issue of Target will cover December 2017 and January 2018.
Email editor@targetmagazine.org.uk by Monday October 30 to get your event included in the calendar. The magazine will be published on Friday November 24.

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

Target Quiz

Sponsored by The Falcon Pub, Wooburn Moor

Number 100

This is the big one. And in a year of golden anniversaries it is worth repeating the 50th quiz from April/May 2009. There's gold in all the answers and, at the time, Penny Walsh said that Brian and she had created it for the 50th quiz. So exercise those 'little grey cells' and think gold.

Get all the answers right and you could win a mystery prize PLUS a meal for two at The Falcon in Wooburn Moor. Write your answers on an envelope, add your name and address, include £1 entry fee and then take it into the community centre office. All money raised goes to the community centre.

- 1 What is the chemical symbol for gold?
- 2 What is the former name of Ghana?
- 3 A type of apple?
- 4 One of the UK's smallest birds?
- 5 A large bird of prey found in Britain?
- 6 A type of treacle?
- 7 Author of "The Vicar of Wakefield"?
- 8 He wrote "Lord of the Flies"?
- 9 Aaron made an idol of this?
- 10 Black and white diving duck?
- 11 You will find this in San Francisco?
- 12 Tall garden plant with spikes of small yellow flowers?
- 13 A large dog with a long silky coat?
- 14 A fish often found in garden ponds?
- 15 How many carats in pure gold?
- 16 The date of the Californian gold rush?
- 17 A famous film director/producer?
- 18 She is the heroine of a children's story?
- 19 When was the Queen's Golden Jubilee?
- 20 What was Jason of the Argonauts searching for?

The closing date is Monday 6 November

ANSWERS FOR QUIZ 99: 1 Poets Laureate 2 Clouds 3 Cats 4 Rivers 5 Nuts 6 Boats/Ships 7 Bulbs/Flowers 8 Composers 9 Measurements 10 Paper sizes 11 Authors 12 Museums 13 Universities 14 Architects 15 Naturalist 16 Famous horses 17 Heraldic colours 18 Egyptian gods 19 Canals 20 Bears.

The winner is June Higley, Wooburn Moor.



The Falcon Pub

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Fishy Friday

12 to 2.30pm 6 to 9.30pm

Fish 'n' chips to eat in or take away.

Choose from our fresh fish selection, fried in our secret batter recipe which lets the fish steam cook in a light and crisp billowy case.

Don't mention the C word

Join us for one of our party nights.

Buble and Boogie

Friday 22nd December

The welcome return of Mr Buble to serenade you while you eat from our set menu and then dance the night away

More dates in December to be confirmed

Why not hold your party or event at Bourne End Community Centre?



We have various rooms for hire to fulfil your party or special event needs and kitchens available for party food.

Our cosy, welcoming Centre Bar can be used by your guests (hour extensions can be arranged) with drinks at competitive prices (cheaper than your local pub).

Check out our room rates by calling the centre on

01628 522604

or go to www.bourneendcommunitycentre.org.uk for more information



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