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Respond now to Neighbourhood Plan

Help set out a vision for Wooburn and Bourne End parish

"Everyone is urged to respond"

Those words, from the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party, are meant for everyone in the parish concerned about future development. The working party honestly believe that the consultation on the parish's Neighbourhood Development Plan is essential for the future of our parish.

A draft plan has been produced by the parish for the period up to 2033, the period concurrent with WDC's New Local Plan, and now all it needs are the views of the community before it is finalised and then published.

The consultation closes on May 15 and whether you are a resident or a business – the parish needs your views.

Just go to the parish council website, access the Neighbourhood Development Plan, then check

through the vision and recommendations.

Or, you can attend one of the 'surgeries' held every third Wednesday of the month, starting at 10.30am in the parish council offices, inside the cemetery in Town Lane. There will also be two evening surgeries at the council offices on April 17 and 25 between 7.30 and 8.30pm.

Giving feedback is simple. Send an email or letter to the parish clerk giving your comments or suggestions and, where possible, state the specific section or policy. All details are at the end.

The aim of the plan is to set out a vision for the future of the parish to promote and improve the social, economic and environmental well being of local residents against a background of increasing demand for housing and a rising population.

It is an opportunity to set out policies and projects that will shape our future.

After the consultation the parish working party will amend the plan to reflect what has come from local residents and businesses. Then the plan will need to go to the council for approval before being put to an independent examination for an eventual local referendum.

Once approved it will become a legal document that WDC must consider in all planning applications.

For residents without computers there will be copies of the draft plan in the library or from the parish office. Comments to the parish clerk please at: Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council, Council Offices, Town Lane, Wooburn Green, HP10 0PS email: clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk website: www.wooburnparish.gov.uk

Doctors surgeries merge...update

Hawthornden and Pound House Surgeries have confirmed that both the Chiltern Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England have approved their proposal to merge the two practices.

The new practice will be called the Bourne End & Wooburn Green Medical Centre. The practices thank everyone who submitted suggestions for the new name – there were some lovely ideas.

The business merge will take place on April 1. However the clinical merge (joining the two patient data bases, appointment books etc) will not take place until May 8, and so booking appointments with either surgery will remain the same until that date. Both telephone numbers will continue to work indefinitely.

As the clinical merger will take place on the Tuesday after the May bank holiday, patients from both surgeries are urged to check their ongoing medication requirements, and make any requests in plenty of time as they will temporarily stop taking requests by 1pm on May 4.

Please continue to check the practices' websites and Facebook pages for updates.

Hawthornden practice manager, Ann Ronan says: "We thank all of our patients for their support and their many positive comments about this important step into the future for both surgeries".

Dr Peter Newman is retiring from Hawthornden Surgery in May. More about that and new GP appointments in the next issue of Target.



Cheery daffodils made from aluminium drinks cans are set to brighten up the village of Bourne End, thanks to the WI

Bourne End WI needs your help...

They have been busy making daffodils from upcycled aluminium drink cans found littering the neighbourhood.

The plan is to plant them in pots around the village for Easter. However, more would be merrier!

Aluminium from drink cans is surprisingly easy to cut with ordinary scissors and (as long as you are careful) smooth to touch.

You don't need any special skills as each daffodil will be different and unique. You will need large drink cans for the petals, wire, sticks and tiny beads for the stamen and lots of UHU (or similar) glue.

The WI sprayed theirs (one side only) with bright yellow project enamel paint. If you (or a group you are involved with) would like to contribute to the display please email bourneendwi@yahoo.com or call Kath Acres on 01628 531521 or visit spadeoakfarm.com/blog/ for detailed instructions and templates.



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BULL'S EYE

Firstly a huge thank you to all of you who took notice of our request for donations towards the running costs of Target magazine. I am including the details here again (see form below) in case anyone still wants to pay for their magazine. To use a supermarket's catchphrase, *every little helps...*

My family features in a special *Take Your Target* on this page. Pictured below is my son Adam (left), daughter-in-law Helen and her hubby, my eldest son David.

Helen arranged a fabulous surprise 30th birthday ski trip for David to Meribel in February. I'm in the pic on the right (as promised to Marina Pete).

We'd just returned when the heavens opened and it started to snow here... sadly we don't cope as well with the snow in Bucks as they do in the French Alps. Also there's a dire lack of hot tubs to enjoy locally.

The snow certainly brings out the best and worst in people. Happily one reader in Goddington Road discovered she had lovely neighbours and wrote to me: "We have a fairy godmother. We woke to see a white world but closer to home our drive seemed untouched. But touched it had been. The next morning we heard scraping and, looking out, we saw someone clearing the snow away from our drive - a neighbour so not magic after all. How lucky we are."

I had another interesting email this week from Rev Janet Binns who is also known locally as The Running Rev.

She said: "I am running the Boston marathon on April 15 which is a bit special as it's the oldest marathon in the world and you have to qualify to get a place, which I did running the London marathon last year.

"I have always wanted to do this one but what with Easter and other things it's not been possible before."

We wish her well and will have a report on her marathon efforts in the next issue.

Debra Aspinall, Editor



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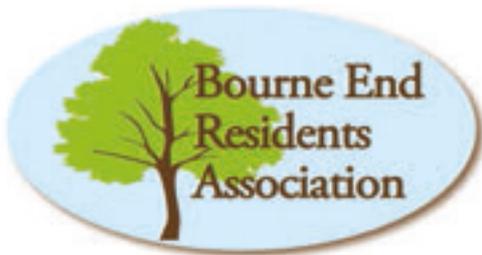
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TARGET COMPETITION (page 40)

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As I sit down to write it is a relief to have a variety of subjects to mention, rather than just the local plan on which, at the moment, there is nothing to report.

The last time we had heavy rain the lake outside the Last Viceroy and Kongs restaurants was no longer there. I was delighted, as were they, but I wondered why?

For some time we have been urging both the county and district councils to sort out the drains. We were told, which we always disputed as simplistic, that tree roots were bunging up the pipework.

This only happens if drains are broken as roots cannot penetrate pipework that's in good order.

The pipes are now repaired and the council's other devastating option should no longer be necessary. Cutting down all the trees along The Parade was the council's preferred option. Ignoring the ecological and aesthetic devastation that would cause, repairing a few feet of pipes must be cheaper than removing beautiful trees. Could it be that sense has prevailed?

Another huge problem for Bourne End, and probably most towns and villages, is the constant problem with parked cars. Car parks are either full up or expensive to use, particularly for all day parking.

This inevitably means that cars are left on side roads and sometimes partially parked on pavements. When cars are parked in this way and pavements are blocked it means that pushchairs or mobility scooters have to go onto the road. This is intolerable. I would urge

enforcement officers, both council and police, to fine any such offenders. Please park with consideration.

One good news story, and don't we need that now and again, is that Cherwell Green is now owned by the parish council.

When Red Kite took over the district council's housing stock the green between Cherwell Road and Kennet Road was promised to the parish. Unfortunately, and this was not a surprise, when two councils are dealing with each other, all sorts of problems arose.

However seven years down the line all the snags have been ironed out and the green is now owned by the parish council.

At one time the local residents who use the green applied to have it registered as a village green, which would protect it from some forms of development. The parish did offer to voluntarily register it with that safe status.

The village green which is part of Slate Meadow has proved that it can be an obstruction to any form of development and we will now look forward to similar protection for Cherwell Green.

Just one negative note relates to a similar offer to the parish council from the district council regarding Sappers Field, Watery Lane recreation ground and the Red Lion car park. This now seems unlikely to happen.

Personally I hope that the parish council would resurrect the offer and protect what are vitally important recreational areas as well as an important car park in the centre of the village extensively used by the Wooburn community.

And now to some very recent news. Doctor Peter Newman has announced that he will be retiring in April.

In his decision letter he stated, and I quote, "patients soon realised that they did not need to bring substantial reading material as the wait for their appointment was much shorter than with my predecessor".

Doctor Newman is correct that his predecessor was not a clock-watcher. An appointment could be quite long or very very short. He decided if your need was genuine or otherwise. If you were in the last category then you were out the door in seconds. However genuine needs were conscientiously dealt with, including home or hospital visits, as well as early or late night calls to his home if you were away on holiday.

So while wishing Doctor Newman a happy retirement, his predecessor was a credit to his community and to his profession. And now, happy in his retirement, he is still setting a fine example with local charity work.

As always, if you have any thoughts or questions, please feel free to call me..

Jim Penfold, Chairman
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A message from Kate Haven, of Kennet Road, in response to the news about Cherwell Green

In November 2011, more than seven years ago now, hundreds of local residents stated their wish for Cherwell Green to be secured as open space in perpetuity.

Collectively, and not without some pain and discourse along the way, we have finally achieved that aim.

A number of parish councillors have come and gone over the years, so a huge thank you to all previous and current members and staff of Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council for their patience and tenacity in seeing this through to conclusion.

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WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Margaret Amos
Secretary to the Association

The daffodils are beginning to flower so Spring must be on the way, though it does not feel like it as I watch snowflakes fall outside (on February 27).

As is often the case in our country the daffodils can be forgiven for being confused. The graveyard opposite St Paul's Church has been a gloriously white carpet of snowdrops (see photo below).

By the time you read this a representative from the parish council will have attended our meeting on March 12 to talk about its Neighbourhood Development Plan and how it wants to engage the residents of the Wooburns in the process prior to a referendum later in the year.

They tell us it is not within the power of the parish council to prevent development, they can only hope to shape and influence the nature of any development.

An important date for your diary:

Monday May 14, at 8pm, we are holding a social evening when Mike Overall, chairman of Revive the Wye is speaking on "Reflections - on 10 years of Reviving the River Wye". The meeting is in The Wooburn Club on Wooburn Green. Our AGM takes place at 7.30pm. All welcome to both meetings. Please come along and have a chat with your friends and neighbours over a glass of wine or a beer.

For the latest news visit our website www.wooburnresidents.org and follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/wooburnresidents> For a copy of Wooburn News email Margaret Amos at margaretamos123@gmail.com Contact can made with the association through the website

Our photo of snowdrops at the graveyard opposite St Paul's Church was taken by Phil Laybourne



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The Green, Wooburn Green
AGM at 7.30 pm**

Come and meet your neighbours, have a chat over a glass of wine or a beer and hear about the work of the Residents' Association

Quaker meeting

Quakers have been meeting at the community centre on one Monday each month since January. This will continue and we invite you to join us from 10 to 11am on the first Monday each month, even if it is a Bank Holiday.

The next meetings will be on 2 April, 7 May and 4 June. Do come to sample a mainly silent meeting; all welcome. Tea and coffee provided after 40 minutes of quiet contemplation.

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Marina Life with Peter Osborne



No floods this year to date, but temperatures have been down to minus six or so, yet shorts are still the apparel of the day.

The weather has been a little irritating and as I scribe this missive, we have quite a few boats out of the water for work to be carried out but the paint brushes are freezing in the tins of paint, so progress is not being made which in turn means we will be behind with our schedule of works.

Chaos and Matty are smelling as they are unable to wash due to the water being frozen, maybe they could wash in beer as they seem to get hold of that in liquid form at the moment?

Although it's rather chilly we have still been able to undertake maintenance around the marina and some boats have been painted/polished and launched since the New Year. It would appear that we have a high workload this Spring and so would appreciate warmer weather, the antifoul paint that we use can only be applied in temperatures in excess of five degrees.

Already this year the tug has undertaken two towage missions, both completed to the customer's satisfaction. One mission was due to take a day, but ended up taking two.

Chaos and I departed the marina with the tug under the skipper's Rocky to pick up a boat at Boveney Lock, just above Windsor, and tow her to Bray Marina. On the way back, Rocky approached Cookham Lock, Chaos and I jumped out and opened the lock gates for the tug to enter.

Once in the lock we could let the water out, but were unable to open the gates to let the tug out. We were stranded and on a timescale to fulfil our commitment. The lock was unmanned, but we summonsed a lock keeper who arrived after half an hour and said that there was a power failure and we were therefore trapped.

After another half an hour there was no news other than help was on its way. The lock keeper, at this stage, was presented with my mobile phone number and advised that we could be contacted care of The Ferry pub.

Sometime later we were called and told that the tug was now out of the lock on the

downstream side, but he could not guarantee that we would get back though later that day. Mission aborted.

We staggered back to Bourne End on foot, thank goodness Rocky knew where he was going. The mission was concluded the following day without any further dramas.

As many people are aware, Easter tends to be recognised as the beginning of the boating season. By this time, we will be fully stocked with supplies and all the maintenance on the infrastructure completed and ready to meet the expected demand.

As Easter is a bit earlier this year, and the weather is currently not great, I guess it is likely to start with a whimper. Having said that we must be prepared, as we are. I just hope the marina boys will be out of their hibernation slumbers by then, sometimes they seem to be in it permanently, fingers crossed for this year eh?

A short while ago I attended a river meeting that comprised of companies/organisations involved with the river on the stretch between Marsh Lock, Henley and Boulton Lock, Maidenhead.

This meeting is also attended by the Environment Agency, who are the river authority. They man the locks and maintain the river etc.

During the summer months the lock keepers are supplemented by assistants as well as voluntary staff who have been given the necessary training to undertake their tasks. It was announced that this year there would be fewer additional staff due to monetary restraints.

Some river users feel that after the many layers of bureaucracy in the organisation, there is not enough budget left for the staff who actually work for them on the river.

The net effect of this is that this year it is likely that locks will be unmanned for longer periods of the day, often one lock keeper may have to look after more than his own lock and there will be times when there will not be enough staff to man all the locks.

On these occasions the locks must be

operated by the boat owners themselves. That's fine, however, it slows down the process.

The locks are not packed as tightly as they could be and queues form as people wait longer to transfer through.

This will take away much of the fun for some owners and will, inevitably, lead to less usage of the river. This is exactly the opposite of what we all want.

I am thinking of leading a military coup against the DEFRA, the government department that controls the EA, in order to seize control and manage the river the way staff should be allowed to, in order that it becomes more efficient and a greater joy to all who use it.

The staff here at the marina do not look forward to Easter due to the changing of opening hours. From Easter until the end of September we are open from 8am until 6pm every day, as opposed to 8am to 5pm in the Winter weeks and 9am 4pm Winter weekends. It's surprising how often we are requested to work outside of these hours to meet a client's needs. I suppose we are in the leisure industry and therefore we must be flexible and be available and if we do not meet the clients' needs we do not get the business, it's as simple as that.

You'll be pleased to note that we get paid the same in the Summer as we do in the Winter. I often think about that, but I'm not raising the issue as the marina owners would probably reduce our pay in the Winter.

Here's hoping for a great season, plenty of sunny weather to encourage people down to the river, be it for boating or other leisure activities. One last thing to do before Easter is to stock up with soft drinks and ice creams. As ever, we look forward to seeing you all down here, but please only arrive by car if you are a boater or using our services. Happy days!

Until the next time
Peter Osborne, Marina Manager

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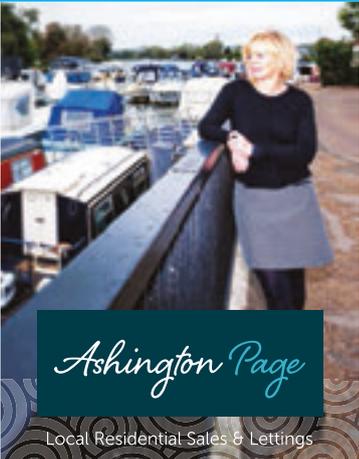
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SMALL BUSINESS MATTERS

with Sylvia Bourhill

So you have a great idea...

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If it is a great App for people who like birdwatching and look like Madonna then it may not be the most marketable product around.

Give your friends and family permission to be brutal with you if you are trying to sell pie in the sky. Ask for professional opinion from among your contacts. Be prepared to go back to the drawing board.

Once you have it sorted – how are you going to let people know about it?

A colleague once said to me that a business without some kind of sales, marketing or advertising is like winking at someone in the dark – you know you're doing it, but they don't.

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A simple landing page will do – use free software like wordpress – or you can go upmarket and use a web designer. There are some good ones in Bourne End.

Get listed in all the free places you can – you don't have to pay for a simple listing on Google, yell.com or others. Just make sure that you 'claim' the business and update the information.

Get networking – there are lots of free events out there – or ones where you just have to pay for the coffee, as well as the more serious networks, which specialise in referral marketing, and where you are guaranteed to get business.

Don't know how to start? Just say 'hello'. Everyone wants to talk about their business – you will be everyone's best friend if you just listen to start with. Identify the people who will be most useful to you and set up a one-to-one.

Sylvia Bourhill, Another Answer Books & Accounts
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Art competition commemorates the end of the First World War

Are you handy with a paintbrush, pencils or other creative tools?

People of all ages are invited to take part in an art competition that could see their work featuring in a calendar to commemorate the end of World War One.

Wycombe District Council is working with the Royal British Legion and the calendar will be sold to raise funds for their Poppy Appeal. There will also be a local display of entries.

Cllr Graham Peart, Cabinet Member for Community, said: "This is a significant anniversary for our country, as we remember those who died for our freedom. We may even have ancestors among the fallen.

"Commemorating and remembering their sacrifice through art is a lovely tribute. I look forward to seeing the entries, from people of all ages."

Artwork can be submitted in one of five age categories (five and under, six to nine, 10 to 13, 13+, and 18 and over) by Saturday June 30.

The theme is 'Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1 / Remembrance'.

For conditions of entry and the entry form go to www.wycombe.gov.uk and search for 'art competition'.



There is a wonderful selection of mouth-watering dishes on the comprehensive menu at The Last Viceroy.

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You can opt for the Khas-e-Viceroy at £24.95 per person where the chef will prepare a mixed starter, main dishes and side dishes with rice and bread. Or choose the chef's special dishes which are cooked with fresh ground spices and prepared by a slow cooking method to bring out the delicious flavours; six hours' notice is required for these meals.

The restaurant is well-established, having opened 28 years ago. Its cuisine attracts regulars and newcomers alike and its striking interior is divided by floor-to-ceiling pillars, making The Last Viceroy an ideal venue for a cosy dinner for couples or large parties. Open for lunch, dinner and take-aways seven days a week.



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Annual Parish Meeting

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday May 16 in Bourne End Library. The meeting starts at 7.30pm and refreshments will be available before the meeting begins. Parking is available in Wakeman Road.

If you have never been to one of the annual meetings before then you may be interested to know that this meeting doesn't follow the format of our usual meetings. The main difference is that there is no agenda as such and this meeting is a chance for the general public to ask questions about all aspects of the parish from what we have spent our precept on to who mows the communal area of grass near their house.

The chairman and committee chairmen will tell you what the parish council has achieved during the past year and any questions will either be answered there and then or your details will be taken and your question answered when the relevant information has been found. This is, in effect, 'the peoples' meeting and it gives you the chance to speak up about things you have noticed or which concern you.

During the meeting certificates will be awarded to the winners of the best shop fronts in Bourne End and Wooburn and best kept allotments at Peggs allotment site in the parish.

Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Flooding in The Parade

Things have now been resolved regarding the constant flooding and subsequent lake that occurred in The Parade every time there was a heavy downpour. Transport for Bucks recently

had a team in Bourne End who dug up the problem area and removed a section of damaged clay pipe which was blocked with tree roots. They replaced the old section with plastic pipe which was then covered with concrete to stop the tree roots breaking through again.

New Ashes extension at cemetery

Plans are well underway regarding the creation of a new Ashes Burial area in Wooburn & Bourne End Cemetery. Although the current Ashes Burial area still has space it is envisaged that we will need to move onto the new area within the next 18 months. The groundsmen have been working over the Winter to widen the roadway to accommodate a new parking area. New steps and pathways will be created along with planting and seating areas for visitors. A name for the new area has yet to be decided.

Cherwell Green

The finalisation and transfer of ownership of Cherwell Green from Red Kite to the parish council took place in February. This means we now have sole responsibility for this area and it will be looked after in line with our other open spaces regarding grass cutting and maintenance.

Beacon lighting for peace

We have been asked to join other parishes, town and county councils in lighting our parish beacon on Sunday November 11 to commemorate the ending of the First World War. Plans are in the primary stages at the moment and more details will be published in *Target* and on our website, Facebook page and parish notice boards nearer the time.

Are you a good neighbour?

Many of us feel we would like to help our elderly or frail neighbours, but aren't always sure how to go about it, or even if it would be appropriate. After all, no one wants to appear nosy or interfering. However, a few simple steps can make a world of difference to someone who may be reluctant to ask for help themselves.

Bucks County Council and your local NHS

organisations have jointly developed a campaign, 'Be a Good Neighbour', to show people easy ways in which they can help.

Go to: www.buckscc.gov.uk/goodneighbour

Short and sweet

Just a quick reminder to Peggs Allotment holders that your annual rent renewal payments for 2018-2019 are due by April 1. The renewal notices should have been with you all by mid-March.

There has been further remedial work to address drainage problems in the gravelled parking area of Wooburn Park car park. An additional soakaway has been dug and gravel has been added to the edges to help with drainage.

We had a tremendous response to our Christmas tree recycling programme with 98 trees donated for chipping which was just over double the amount we had in January 2017. The chippings were used in the muddy areas of the parish like the entrance to Wooburn Park and in Farm Wood.

Meeting Dates:

Full Council: March 27, April 24, May 22

Annual Meeting: May 22 (takes place directly before Full Council Meeting)

Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials: April 3, May 1 Planning, Highways & Lighting: March 28, April 18, May 9 & 30

Annual Parish Meeting: May 16

All meetings start at 7.30pm

Normal Parish Council Office opening hours are from 9am to 5pm each day. Please call 01628

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Take Your Target

Ros Clitheroe took time from her poker game to take this photo of her mum, Pauline, of Blind Lane, Bourne End.

They were on a weekend trip to see Diana Ross perform at the Wynn Hotel, Las Vegas.

She told *Target*: "It was exhausting. Diana was magnificent! We can't wait to go again."



U3A launch exceeds expectations

Would anyone be interested in setting up a U3A (University of the Third Age) for Bourne End & District, they wondered? How many chairs could they expect to fill at the launch meeting on January 23?

The small organising team decided to think big and put out 100 chairs in the community centre – then spent the minutes approaching 2pm frantically wheeling out all 250 available as the hall filled. And when people continued to arrive, sadly a good number had to be turned away.

After hearing presentations from the chairpersons of neighbouring Marlow and High Wycombe U3As and an explanation of how the U3A might work, the audience was asked to vote on whether a Bourne End & District U3A should be formed. The verdict was a resounding Yes.

A questionnaire asked people to list the interest groups they would like to join or help run, resulting in more than 100 suggested groups and more than 30 offers to run them.

Among the most popular ideas were groups for theatre trips, walking, history, outings, books, music appreciation, art appreciation, various languages, singing, dancing, crafts, and board games. Other groups included science, computers and maths.

From the many people who volunteered to help move the U3A forward, a steering committee of 14 was appointed. They set to work sorting a constitution and a bank account, and planning the inaugural meeting on Tuesday March 27. This was the opportunity for people to become U3A members and sign up for the dozens of interest groups on offer.

The first groups are now meeting, each with a volunteer convenor. For full details of all the groups set up and many others planned, visit tinyurl.com/u3abourneend



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Aviva boost for holiday group

Bourne End Holiday Activities started more than 30 years ago by a group of local mums running activities in their own homes in the first week of the Summer holiday. It became so popular it had to find bigger premises and went on to thrive.

Now the group is celebrating winning a £1,000 grant after friends and supporters secured more than 1,000 votes on the Aviva Community Fund website.

This fund supports important causes in local communities nationwide. It's open to everyone. Friends, family and supporters vote online and a judging panel awards the funds.

"When I heard about the chance to enter this scheme, I knew we had a really great opportunity to secure some additional cash for our Activity Week," commented Jenny Scarborough, chair of the organising committee.

"We are a non-profit making organisation, run by volunteers. It is always a challenge to keep down how much we charge, while ensuring we spend enough to provide quality activities. A huge thank you to everyone who gave us their votes and spread the word around their friends. It is fantastic to have successfully won the grant."

Based at Claytons Primary school, the week is run independently of the school and is open to all children aged 4–11 years at the beginning of every Summer holidays, subject to a reasonable charge.

Activity Week provides a mix of physical and craft activities to keep the children happily occupied for three hours a day. On offer is a varied timetable, with a choice of five different activities over each of the three hours. Popular activities include cookery, T-shirt design, ceramic painting, tie dye and puppet making.

The children love to go home at the end of the morning to show their families everything that they have made. Their carry home bags include scratch art picture frames, bead necklaces, bracelets decorated by glass pens, decorated trinket boxes, key rings, fabric bags and book marks. There are also more energetic activities: den building, gymnastics, Kung Fu, street dance, football, a bouncy castle and use of an off-site climbing wall. Some activities are aimed at four to six year olds, others for seven to eleven year olds.

Treasurer, Alison Jones remarked, "It is hard work for the committee and helpers to set up and run Activity Week. But we always find it so worthwhile to see how much the children enjoy themselves during the week."

The committee is in the process of drawing up this year's timetable for Activity Week, which will take place at Claytons school from Monday July 30 to Thursday August 2. When finalised, the timetable and booking form will be available on www.beha.org.uk or on their Facebook page (BEHA – Bourne End Holiday Activities). Details are also circulated to local schools.

The plan is to use the Aviva money to invest in more up-to-date booking technology.

Activity Week is only possible if enough adults volunteer to help supervise activities. As well as the fun of joining in, volunteers benefit from the offer of their first child joining in for free.

New committee members will learn the ropes of running Activity Week over the next two years. Some of the current committee will be stepping down soon as their children move on to secondary school.

For further information, email behaclaytons@yahoo.co.uk



Luke, aged 11, posing in his T-shirt

Beating the bounds...

There has been a church dedicated to St Nicholas on the spur of the hill at Hedsor, looking over the Cookham-Bourne End-Winter Hill stretch of the Thames and beyond, since the 13th century; but how many locals could tell you where it is?

On Sunday May 20 St Nicholas Church will be holding a Beating of the Bounds event where locals will have the opportunity to explore their own area.

Beating the Bounds is a traditional parish event which, before accurate maps, was the way to pass on the knowledge of where the parish boundaries were to the next generation.

"Hedsor is such a small, beautiful parish, but something like 30 per cent of its boundary runs through the private estates of Hedsor Park, Cliveden and Hedsor Wharf, including a stretch of the River Thames at Cliveden Reach, so opportunities to Beat the Bounds don't come around that often," says event organiser Stuart Fletcher.

"But on May 20 (May being the traditional Rogation month), all three estates are inviting us to Beat the Bounds as a fund raiser for the church."

A full Beat the Bounds walk of 4.4 miles and a shorter 2.0 mile option are being offered. Both walks use paths not normally open to the public and include a short ferry trip along the River Thames below Cliveden, described by Jerome K Jerome as probably the most beautiful reach on the river.

Walkers will also be able to enjoy a rest and refuel with a barbecued burger in Hedsor Park during the walk. Since so much of the access for both routes is on private property the number of tickets available for the event is strictly limited, and can only be purchased before the day.

St Nicholas Church, Hedsor, Beat the Bounds, Sunday May 20 at 11am. Tickets, which include parking, river ferry transport, a barbecued burger and walk notes cost £15 (£5 for 12yrs and under) and are available by emailing hedsor.church@littlehill.net



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Pedr pedals off from Bourne End to Australia



Bourne End resident Pedr Charlesworth is on an epic cycle ride across the world, raising funds for Endometriosis UK in the process.

Pedr, aged 23 of Wendover Road, started his marathon journey in January. All being well it will end in Sydney next year. He has promised to keep in contact with *Target* along the way and here is his first message from Vienna in February.

Growing up in Bourne End I had no interest in bikes. Four wheels were my thing, with the opening of the Higginson Park skatepark during my first year at Borlase, all free time was spent with a skateboard underfoot down there.

Many a summer holiday was skated away as we began to venture from Marlow to Maidenhead to London and beyond. It was only after a successful campaign to build a ramp in Cookham did two wheels begin to creep back into my world.

Landing a part-time job in London, I began furiously pedalling a second-hand road bike from school to Maidenhead to catch the earlier city train every Wednesday afternoon. This quickly progressed to me leisurely exploring the local contours of the shire on sunny evenings, and if I was really daring, a ride up Winter Hill. I was most definitely a fair weather rider, nevertheless this sowed the seeds for taking on what is likely to be the biggest adventure of my life.

Fast forward to leaving home, a chemistry degree, a year saving money while working in research and we arrive at 'today'. On January 20, 2018, I opened the garage door like I had done numerous times before,

wheeled out my bike and began to ride through Bourne End into a relentless Winter rain. Only this time I wasn't about to take a loop around the Chilterns, I was cycling to Australia. Sydney to be precise.

This was something I had dreamed up in my sixth form days, and as I found myself at Dover, first in line for the gateway to the rest of world, I could barely believe I was actually doing this.

The grey skies of the UK were soon replaced with greyer skies of northern France then Flanders as I slowly trundled eastwards. Luxembourg became the Alsace, which soon transformed into the snow covered Swiss Alps.

As the mercury dropped further I frequently became referred to as the 'crazy Brit' and even more frequently was pitied, taken out of the cold and welcomed into strangers houses.

Even though my alpine detour and subsequent days being snowed on as I climbed way above the snow line happened just two weeks ago, they already have that same golden haze of fond school memories.

Thoughts of water bottles freezing as I battled my 50kg bike up 25 per cent switchbacks are overshadowed by glorious descents that followed.

The first month on the road has seen me and Tina (my bike) ride through eight countries and total up more than 1300 miles so far. Some days are tough, but so far my sense of humour is weathering the European frost and I'm very much managing to enjoy the riding.

I now write this from Vienna, my most eastern city of western Europe. Tomorrow I shall pack my life back into four bags on my bike and ride along the Danube to Bratislava, Slovakia and my entrance to eastern Europe.

*The forecast has promised arctic winds bringing temperatures down to a rather brisk -13°C, so this should be an 'interesting' week. If you fancy the fine print on the trip so far take a look at my blog (www.pedrcharlesworth@gmail.com) or wait for the follow up right here in *Target*.*



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RNLI's gift from birthday girl Molly



Edith Smith (known as Molly to friends and family) passed the milestone of her 100th birthday on January 10 and as a way of marking the occasion made a generous donation of £175 to the RNLI.

This was gratefully accepted by local South Bucks &

Thames Branch, chairman Michael Prager along with his wife, Linda, the branch media officer.

Molly, who lives in Bourne End and is a regular bridge player, was born in the Midlands in 1918 and tells the story that, although named Edith, her father took one look at her when he saw her in hospital just after her birth and decided she looked like a Molly (an actress of that time) and the name stuck.



Sprightly centenarian Molly lived for 34 years on the Channel Island of Sark where she saw the work of the lifeboats up close and has been a supporter ever since.

Our picture, above, shows Molly with Michael Prager

Free archaeology talk

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the High Wycombe Society and also the 170th anniversary of the Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society. As part of the celebrations of these anniversaries there will be a special meeting, hosted by the two organisations, at the Trinity United Reformed Church on London Road, High Wycombe, on Saturday April 28 at 2.30pm.

A talk will be given by Leslie Webster who is former keeper of Anglo Saxon and Viking collections at the British Museum, about the Saxon burial discovered at Taplow, the story of its excavation and more recent finds. There will also be associated displays around the room. Entry is free and there will be refreshments after the talk.

Even if your experience of archaeology goes no further than TV's *Time Team*, you are invited to come along and discover the fascinating world of exploring the past on a local level.



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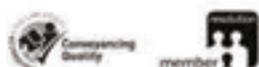
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Flower Club took members to the musicals



February is never an ideal month for flower demonstrations so the flower club usually do something special for their members. This February they offered members a One Night Only with four demonstrations on the theme of cinema musicals. It was fun for everyone and a great evening.

Thelma Robinson (top right) was first off with an arrangement on the theme of Cats. As most of the cats were black-and-white she displayed white roses. Her ginger cat sat among them in bright yellow-flecks. A lamp standard, cats tails and an upturned dustbin completed the look.

Tracey Ricci (bottom right) entertained with a choice of Kinky Boots and her

display was done in two flowery wellingtons. Completely different and again, real fun, for her audience. New ideas and a colourful mix of flowers kept the musical theme. Boots were courtesy of her family.

Interval time and two usherettes took choc ices around (below) while Pat created ice cream cones with carnations for all the members. Another lovely touch.

Sherry Smith took her audience back to 1958 when she told them about an 11 year old being taken to see South Pacific.

She described it as 'absolute magic'. Her display was colourful, exotic and finished with glorious orchids. Snatches of songs from the show were a bonus.

Finally Susie Barwick (left) stepped forward in time to 1961 and Breakfast at Tiffanys. Starting with a green teacup and ending with a glittering moon it was inspired. Susie's skill as both a demonstrator and teacher finished what was a great members evening for the flower club.

And then lucky raffle winners were able to take home the displays created during the evening. If you've ever thought about flower arranging then think about becoming a member and taking advantage of tips and ideas from other members.

There are also workshops during the year and days out to beautiful gardens. Visit www.bbando.org.uk or www.facebook.com/bourneendfas



Butterfly House appeals for Target readers to volunteer

Have you not quite lived up to that New Year's resolution you made way back at the start of January?

And are you feeling guilty about failing to carry out the good deeds you promised yourself you would do in 2018?

If so, The South Bucks Community Hospice has an easy answer to help both you as well as people with life-limiting conditions.

The hospice is reaching out to residents of Bourne End, The Wooburns and the surrounding area asking them to volunteer – either at its new headquarters at Butterfly House in High Wycombe or at its shops in Bourne End and Hazlemere.

The campaign to recruit new volunteers is being spearheaded by Mimi Harker OBE, former Mayor of Amersham and immediate past chairman of Chiltern District Council (pictured).

Mimi, who is a patron of the hospice, said: "If you have never volunteered before or are looking for another role, and would like to see what it is all about, what a great place to start.

"Not only are you surrounded by an amazing team of staff to support you, but there are so many roles you could volunteer for – from running reception, to helping in one of the shops, tending the garden, working in the kitchen, driving patients back and forth or getting involved in one-off events."

But people with only limited time on their hands need not worry. "If you only have a couple of hours to spare, that's fine," said Mimi. "Those hours will be incredibly valuable if, for instance, they are spent greeting people as they come through the door at what can be an incredibly stressful time.

"No special skills are needed – just enthusiasm, commitment and perhaps a love of chatting and spending time with others, although there are plenty of behind-the-scenes roles too. We welcome applications from a wide range of people."

Mimi is the hospice's volunteering ambassador and to show her commitment, she volunteered in both the Bourne End and Hazlemere shops at the end of January.

She added: "There is such a wide variety of work to do there, and it's so fulfilling to know you are making a difference to others. My heart literally lifts when I work with an organisation such as Butterfly House, especially when I can see the impact my work is having and how many people are benefiting from my tiny contribution.

"This could be you. So, if you have any time at all, just give us a go. If the first role you try isn't what you expect it to be, you can try out so many different others."

To find out more call 01494 552761 or email volunteers@sbhospice.org.uk or



Diabetes fundraising day

Carol Bailey is once again holding a fundraising day for Diabetes UK at her home, 227 Blind Lane, Flackwell Heath, on Friday May 18.

There will be tea/coffee, cakes and biscuits from 9am to 5pm then a cheese and wine party until 10pm.

There will also be a table top sale outside and lots of competitions, a tombola and Carol's 'famous' Grand Draw inside.

Carol says: "We will also have jewellery, Tupperware and gifts for sale. So far we have raised more than £21,000 for the charity.

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Nick is back on the water raising money for charity

Nick Pink explains how he and his ex-police pals are hoping to recreate their achievement from 39 years ago

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The race is 125 miles long and has 77 portages. The first 52 miles are along the Kennet and Avon Canal to Reading, the next 55 miles are on the River Thames to Teddington. The final 17 mile section is on the tidal portion of the River Thames.

The race is a severe test of skill, physical and mental stamina and planning which produces a memorable sense of achievement for those successfully completing it.

I still have those memories from when, at the age of 17, I represented Thames Valley Police in the 1979 race.

Fast forward 39 years and after a re-union get together and a few beers a group of ex-Thames Valley Police officers, including myself, decided to train for the 2018 race. As our £1,000 kayaks didn't arrive until November we have had to train at every opportunity in the harshest of conditions. I can personally tell you the River Thames water is quite cold at this time of year (having had a few unscheduled swims in between the canoeing).

We are now doing distances approaching 20 miles and currently I am outside the cut off times where each of the long days has to be completed in 9.5hrs. This roughly equates to an minimum speed of 4mph across the water. During each day you have to be fed on the go at various portages en route. We still have a lot of training ahead of us and there is no doubt it is going to be tough.

Should I not make not qualifying times come March I will take on the roll of Head of Support Crews which is a compulsory requirement.

Returning to Westminster after 39 years will bring back some very happy memories. I would like to thank Dave Hughes of the sports club for allowing me to train on their ergo machine on cold evenings.

We will all be raising money for the charity My Cancer My Choices. (More information can be found here:

<http://www.mycancermymychoices.org/>) This is a fantastic charity set up by Mandy Barter and Sue Evans both ex-Thames Valley Police officers.

My Cancer My Choices is a volunteer led service offering a range



of complementary therapies in a calm, peaceful and welcoming environment across the Thames Valley. If you would like to support the charity put in the name Nick Pink at www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com.

Above: Our original photo from 1979. This was the year that the record was set in a time of 15hrs and 35mins, our time that year was 20hrs 17mins. That record wasn't broken again until 2015. Left: me today and top: our intrepid team for this year's event.

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A cricketing Summer in Little Marlow

by Neil Lancum

Cricket has been played, on and off, since 1857 in the beautiful village of Little Marlow, and the Summer of 2017 was no exception.

It was a season of contrasting fortunes for our two Chilterns League teams, with the 1st XI, under the captaincy of millennial captain Andrew St Maur, winning promotion from Division 3.

Sadly, the same level of success didn't extend to our 2nd XI, and the players enjoyed a far more successful Summer in the picturesque beer garden of the Queens Head, than they managed out on the square.

While the aim for 2018 is to put that right on the pitch, we're all hoping for a similar level of success in the Queens!

At a time when many cricket clubs, and indeed many other sports, are experiencing participation problems, we have been lucky enough at Little Marlow to have a steady membership, and a willing bunch of volunteers within the club who organise a myriad of social events including quiz nights, test match away days and curry nights.

That said, we are always looking to recruit new players of all ages to get involved, be that with our league teams, our thriving Sunday team or in our list of mid-week friendlies throughout the season.

We run a successful colts section, mainly aimed at Under 11s, organised with our partners, Future Legends. Little Marlow CC would also welcome anyone interested in umpiring at the club and would gladly support the cost of the 1-day umpiring course on offer through the Association of Cricket Officials.

Sadly this Winter, we lost our charismatic, and much loved umpire, Eric Atkinson (pictured middle row left); and he will be greatly missed by all at the club. However, no one would have welcomed someone standing in for him (while he watched from the sidelines with a cup of tea) more than Eric.

Having played for Little Marlow since moving to Bourne End five years ago (after not playing for 20 years), I found the club to be a fun, competitive and social environment; and we would love you to join us.

If you are interested in playing, or indeed umpiring, and would like a chat (or beer in the Queens), please get in touch. If you have primary school age children interested in joining the colts, I can put you in touch with our youth development officer, Guy.

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Hopefully Spring will be just around the corner and with it warmer weather.

A new financial year

At this time of year, we look towards a new financial year and to make sure we continue to deliver value for money to our electorate. Our precept is increasing this year to £50,452. The council has continuing pressures on its budget as we continue to provide devolved services on behalf of Bucks County Council.

This includes maintaining footpaths, cutting grass verges (in 30mph zones), drainage slips in Sheepridge and Winchbottom Lanes and bus shelter maintenance. We will also continue to provide a community bus service in partnership with Marlow Town Council and Marlow Bottom Parish Council. It is vital to maintain this service to give parishioners who don't drive access to transport.

Action Plan 2018/19

We are again setting ourselves ambitious targets for the year ahead. Road safety is high on the agenda with the council committing funds to speed review in Little Marlow Village and improving the immediate exit from the Athletics Track into Westhorpe Lane. Other projects include further improvements to the seating in the playground and improvements to the grounds at Abbotsbrook Hall. Our biggest project for the coming year is the refurbishment of The Pavilion.

What your precept was spent on

The cemetery and chapel were maintained to a high standard with ongoing grass, hedge and tree maintenance which has really improved the cemetery's overall appearance as has the introduction of better facilities for families to dispose of rubbish and old plants. We undertook further work on the old memorials to ensure safety for visitors.

We continue to maintain the 'green footpaths' in Winchbottom Lane and Burroughs Grove Hill Road to ensure there is a safe place for pedestrians to walk.

Projects we completed last year included the clearance of the footpath from Abbey Road to

Chalklands. This greatly improved the path for pedestrians and also enabled the street lights to be more effective in this area.

Also completed were the installation of 'The Brig' play equipment at the recreation ground which has been a huge success with our younger parishioners; the extension of the Spade Oak Car Park and the insertion of two soakaways – to help with flooding issues. There have been improvements to the interior of Abbotsbrook Hall with decorating and upgraded emergency lighting; and the provision of dog bins for Little Marlow which has reduced the amount of discarded dog waste. We were delighted to provide donations for worthwhile projects to Claytons School, Bourne End Scouts and The Marlow Museum.

Annual Parish Council Meeting

Come and hear more about what your council is doing in your parish. The council's Annual Parish Meeting is on May 18 from 8pm. Come and meet your local councillors at Abbotsbrook Hall. Wine and cheese will be served.

Forthcoming council meetings: April 24, May 29

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Parish councillor Katie Lamb's environmental update



This is the time of year when we slow down on doing all the Winter jobs like fencing, general repairs and maintenance and start to think about what we need to do for Spring, before Summer comes and the never ending job of grass cutting starts.

We have many plans for this year. The wildflower areas will be topped up with seeds and extended wherever possible and we are discussing what to do in Farm Wood as the seeds around the pond didn't take last year.

We hope to plant up the edge of the pond with marginals soon which will become shelter for many aquatic animals. Let's hope the frogs return to breed again. Although I didn't see any newts there last year, I'm keeping my fingers crossed for this year. However, I think we may need to plant some more weeds in the pond to encourage the newts to breed.

We will start the long job of weed killing soon; so if you see one of the rangers on the quad bike going slowly (and yes, sorry, holding up the traffic) give them a toot and a wave as the job of weed killing the road sides and pavements is a thankless one.

It takes about eight days to cover the approximate 129 miles needed to keep the parish weed free and looking neat and tidy.

Other great news is that the parish council has voted to hold the Village Show again this year. It will be on Sunday September 9.

Watch out for the categories which will be announced soon.

I'm sure we will have the longest runner bean and most perfect dahlia as well as many other classes for all you growers, bakers and craft makers (the young or the more mature).

We plan to have a classic car show, as well as many traditional games and a return of the craft market.

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NEWSLETTER

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INLINE HOCKEY

Olly Shone (pictured right) joined the club at the age of 11 and continued with us until he was 18. gave him the platform to develop and continue his love of Ice and Inline Hockey.

Olly played ice hockey with Slough Jets as well as playing in the Inline league for the club. He went on to Bristol University where he has continued his ice hockey with the Bristol Pitbulls.

Olly has just reached 150 goals with the Pitbulls earning him the title of 'Leading All Time Goal Scorer' for the team. In addition he has just been named the Pitbulls Supporters' Club's Player of the Month for January 2018. This was in recognition of his fine form during the month, scoring 6 of the team's 11 goals, further stretching his lead as the team's all-time goal scoring leader.

Congratulations to Olly, who was presented with the trophy by the Supporters Club after the team's home game against Bracknell. We look forward to hearing more of Olly's achievements in the future. It's great to see a former club member continuing his sport to reach new heights.

CLUB SWIMMERS SELECTED FOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Six of our swimmers were selected to compete at the Oxford and North Buckinghamshire County Championships in January and February this year. Entry to the championship is based on meeting qualifying times at licensed swimming competitions throughout the previous year.

The times are particularly tough to achieve and so it is credit to the hard training of our swimmers that they managed to qualify. In addition to our six individual swimmers, the club was able to submit teams of four for the relay



County Competition this year in two categories: 13/14 year old boys and 13/14 year old girls. Our Swim Section always prides itself in allowing swimmers to meet their potential through training that can be integrated more easily around school and as a small club can offer many more opportunities to those swimmers who want to compete than larger clubs. As a voluntary club our fees are also kept low to allow accessibility to all members of the community

NEW JUNIOR BASKETBALL SESSION

A new Friday session is aimed at children aged between 7 and 12 and runs from

5.30pm to 7pm. Please either just come down for a free trial session or email bejsc.basketball@gmail.com for more information.

NEW WEBSITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Please be patient while our website is being reconstructed – remember we are all volunteers with limited experience and limited time! Perhaps YOU might be able to help? Please get in touch if you can.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Sportsfest'25, our annual football tournament, is on Saturday June 9.

Sports on offer to club members

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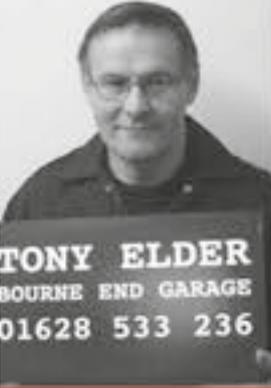
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Jean Peasley makes a plea to everyone while looking back at the day centre's history and local involvement.

"Good luck to The Princes Centre as they have taken over the running of our Bourne End Day Centre. Over Christmas I sat thinking about the day centre and its impact on our village. For me there are so many happy memories taking me back over the 34 years since the doors opened and we had our day centre.

I recall those lovely caring people from way back who dreamed of a place where the lonely, often housebound, elderly residents in our community could meet and socialise together in comfortable surroundings. Their dream became a reality when the day centre opened in 1984.

It's hard to believe how much hard work and fund raising was needed to make this happen. It united so many people who responded to the call and came up with ideas, organised events and helped to keep the project alive in everyone's mind as the money raised reached its target.

Decades passed and social changes slowly had their effect on the day centre. The number of people using its cosy rooms dropped due to rising costs of day care and changes in staffing. Still lots of smiling, familiar, faces as the day centre celebrated 25 years and planted a rose in the lovely garden.

Then in 2011 Bucks County Council suddenly, it seemed, announced the closure of 22 day centres as they were considered out of date. A public meeting was held in the community centre – the hall was full of angry residents – the cry was 'It will not be closed without a fight'.

Around the county there were similar cries so Bourne End was a voice among many. One of them being the day centre at Princes Risborough which has become the award winning Princes Centre and our current saviour.

Here in Bourne End, after being so uplifted by the news that our day centre was going to be up and running again, it was all short lived. Money was spent on new heating controls, furnishings and the garden had a make-over. Sadly client numbers remained very low and, after five years, the service providers at the Fremantle Trust, did not renew their contract.

So I really think this must be a wake-up call to us all. You know the saying 'If you don't use it – you lose it'. One positive way to help is by popping in to see the day centre, meet the care team and maybe stay and have a cup of tea or coffee while chatting

to the people using the service.

Another offer, if booked in advance, is a hot two-course lunch at a great price. See for yourself what a great venue we have for our village and keep that early dream alive. And thank you for reading this."

Jean Peasley



Jean Peasley

Kim Challinor – who runs both the Princes Risborough and the Bourne End centres – talks positively about how they have already started community working.

"Contact has been made with New Beginnings day nursery and we are working with the small children who are coming in and spending time with our older people, which should be fun. We went and spoke to the WIs and explained what we were about and we have plans to meet with the community centre and tell them about what we do.

"We would love some colourful paintings to brighten up corridors and the local secondary school are painting for us to brighten up a hall, which would be great. Apart from that we just need to increase our client numbers to ensure the service continues.



Bourne End Day Care Centre is open five days a week – visitors are welcome to call in and look around. For queries or to book lunch ring 01628 527024. You will be very welcome.

Thursday coffee morning moves from one centre to another while work is being done in the community centre bar. The Day Care Centre was delighted to find space



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Festive in February

Snow cancelled the charity lunch for seniors at Christmas. It also got close to cancelling the Rotary Club's revised date in February. Thankfully it held off and allowed more than 70 seniors from around Bourne End, Wooburn Green and Little Marlow to enjoy a festive lunch with entertainment. There were smiley faces all round on Tuesday February 27.

It's a highlight of the Rotary year and a very special occasion for Bourne End Academy as they welcome so many familiar faces. There are always crackers with jokes and hats to get everyone in the party mood. Food from the school's kitchen is excellent and there are mince pies to eat or take home.

Organiser Sue Pomeroy from the Rotary Club makes sure that the food is served quickly and that everyone has what they want.

"Chef and the students between them do this job really well," she said, "and the students enjoy a chat and a smile with our very welcome guests."

Working with Jean Peasley, now a resident at



Blyton House, people's names are listed and the aim is to include as many as possible. "Rotary enjoys providing a very good meal for them and last year's snow closed the school and meant that lunch had to be cancelled. It was great that we were able to find a date in February – with just a little snow!" Sue joked.

Entertainment during lunch was provided by students including dancers, student duets and a smiley solo guitarist. "It was lovely" Jean said "and so good of the Rotary Club to provide this every year." Everyone took home a bunch of daffodils as a reminder that Spring was not far away.



Help on DIY SOS from Heppelthwaite The Red Van Plumbers

Bourne End plumbers, Heppelthwaite The Red Van Plumbers, popped up on the telly in March as part of the team of helpers on DIY SOS undertaking one of the programme's biggest projects of 2017 transforming the East Barnet home of 35-year-old police officer Kris Aves who, in March last year, became a victim of the terrorist attack on Westminster Bridge. More in the next issue of *Target* magazine.





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HEADWAY BENEFIT FROM MARLOW CONCERTS

While singing for the sheer pleasure it gives them, Marlow Music Makers also like to support local charities.

This year Headway South Bucks, the brain injuries charity with a day centre in Bourne End, has been chosen by the singers as a local charity to benefit from the proceeds of their Summer concerts.

Established in 2009 the Marlow Music Makers is a choir of mixed voices who love to sing popular classics. From *Everything's Coming up Roses* to *The Way You Look Tonight* with *I Wish You Love* and more in between. They present a series of Summer concerts in June called *A Grand Night for Singing*.

The concerts are on June 28, 29 and 30 at The United Reformed Church, Oxford Road, Marlow and tickets are £10 to include a glass of wine and light refreshments. You can get them from Leighton Insight, High Street, Marlow or by telephoning 01628 484618 or 01494 883392

Many choir members live in Bourne End and a committee member recommended Headway to be one of this year's charities. Three days a week the charity runs a well-supported day centre at the community centre in Bourne End. They are delighted at the decision by Marlow Music Makers as funds raised help to support people with brain injuries.



Help for Headway

Headway, the brain injury association, would like more local volunteers to

help with sessions at the community centre on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9.30am and 4pm.

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Upper Thames Sailing Club news

by Debbie Kite

Have you ever watched the sailing dinghies from the river bank? In April there's a chance to have a go and experience dinghy sailing on the River Thames for yourself.

It's our annual Open Day on Sunday April 22, from 10.30am to 4pm.

We extend a warm welcome to anyone interested in the club to have a ride in a sailing or power boat, find out more about joining (including social membership) and enjoy 'Tea by the Thames' in aid of the Sail 4 Cancer charity.

It's a friendly club with regular sailors from age eight to 80, and even younger at the cadet regatta in May.

We have many family memberships, some sail, some don't, and everyone is involved in the social side and supporting all the on-the-water activities.

If you're a complete beginner or you've had a go at sailing on holiday and want to learn more, we have training sessions on Saturdays in early summer, and run Royal Yachting Association week-long courses in the Summer holidays.

If you're more into motor power or bigger boats, you are welcome to join and help with the rescue boat team, or gain your RYA Powerboat qualifications, all part of supporting the regular racing taking place at weekends and on Wednesday evenings.

The sailing season started again in March, after a busy winter of planning, social events and the stalwart efforts



of the bank clearing team, who continue to cut withies upstream for cleaner winds.

Everyone is welcome to the Open Day, non-sailors and anyone with any level of experience alike. To find out more contact our membership team on memberships@utsc.org.uk, call in to the club, or see our website at www.utsc.org.uk.



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It means that each issue of the magazine is packed with stories about our villages – their people and what they have done to make a story. Frequently it starts as a simple comment between friends who then mention it to others. Eventually someone says something to the *Target* editorial team and they spot the potential.

Just take a glance through any issue and you will be amazed to read about the

huge variety of issues that make *Target* stories. With delight anyone mentioned in a story will laugh off the publicity, but admit to being questioned constantly by interested friends and, often, by totally unknown magazine readers.

It has the editorial team concerned on occasion as, at the start of an issue, they have very few stories and large areas of white space to fill. But it is amazing how quickly they recover as ideas, phone calls and emails bring those precious story lines that will be totally right for *Target*.

Always pleased to fly the flag for the difference between a good story and public relations copy, *Target* tries to be fair and find the local link that will make the printed story worth reading. Copy is read through, questioned for its local link and often followed up to make sure there is a Bourne End, Wooburn, Hedsor or Little Marlow connection.

But we have to confess to making space for news about major local issues. We chase our residents' associations for their take on things and Keep Bourne End Green put *Target* high on their list of contacts. New ideas like U3A have to be contacted after their meeting which attracted hundreds and we'll be there when the community cinema opens its doors.

If we look back there are so many stories, each one important at the time, then vaguely remembered. While – just a few – will never be forgotten. Our running reverend, school children pedalling through Bourne End with a police escort and those horses on Slate Meadow.

While stories tell of many things there's only one Marina Life bringing the mighty River Thames into each issue. Doubtless readers over the years will have become familiar with the fun and moments of frantic emergency in the regular feature about life, and occasional work, on the river.

It's a never-ending search of course. Each issue needs filling and there will be no change in our view that each story must have some local value.

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Cores End church is 250 years old

Cores End United Reformed Church celebrates its 250th anniversary this year.

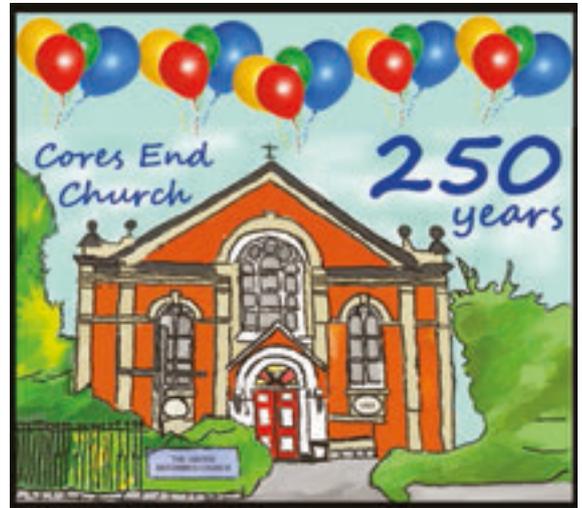
The celebrations began on the last day of 2017, when a commemorative picture was presented to the church by Rosemary Reynolds, an artist and member of the church.

The picture has been put up in the church's hall and is also going to be used in all publicity materials for this special year.

The church's present minister, Terry Hinks (pictured), commented: "Rosemary's delightful picture speaks of our church's colourful past, its joyful life today and its hopes for the future. Our anniversary is not simply a time to look back at past glories, but to how we serve our local community today and in the years ahead."

The church traces its roots back to the work of Thomas Grove, a preacher who began preaching in a barn in what is now the church's graveyard. He donated the land for the church's use and a plaque on the graveyard wall has the words: 'This wall is part of the barn in which the founder of the church, the Rev T Grove first held services, 1768'.

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1804 and then extended in 1881 to form the present building. Originally an independent church, it became Cores End United Reformed Church in 1972 when Presbyterians and Congregationalists across the country came together to form a new united church.

During this anniversary year members of the church are exploring its history and will be putting on an exhibition later in the year. A timeline has been set up in the church hall, and members have been invited to note important events on it over the last 250 years, and place words or pictures on the time line. We hope many will add to this display as the year goes on.

What's coming next?

The official launch of the church's anniversary celebrations takes place on the first May Bank Holiday weekend. Rev Julian Macro (minister here between 1968 and 1977) will be leading worship at 10.30am on Sunday May 6; the special service will be followed by a church lunch. The following day there will be a Fun Day for the whole community, with activities and refreshments for children and all ages.

Celebrations to mark the 250th anniversary will kick off with our Community May Day Party on Monday May 7 from midday until 4pm in the church grounds. All are welcome to enjoy a barbecue, bouncy castle, games and challenges, treasure hunt, circus skills and more.

This is a great opportunity to come together as a local community and have fun.

From May to November there will a series of special events which will be publicised in *Target*

If you have memories of the church in the past, we are keen to hear them, as we are compiling a commemorative booklet.



Bourne End & Cookham Rotary Club By John Dunsterville

At last we rescheduled the Christmas party for the elderly in Bourne End Academy on Tuesday February 27 (see page 24). Despite snow forecasts the sun shone when the guests arrived, and it snowed only while they tucked into turkey and trimmings and magically came out again when we took the partygoers home. Food was served by the fifth and sixth forms and the Arts and Drama pupils entertained with terrific song and dance routines. Pensioners went home clutching bunches of daffodils, well fed and entertained. Thanks to organiser Richard Monger, the caterers, Headteacher Andrea Jacobson and pupils of the academy, and those who drove our honoured guests safely.

When you hear in the news that charities are in trouble, it affects all of us who put service before self, and Rotary take these concerns very much to heart.

When we help any project, or people in trouble abroad, we always work through the local Rotary club to ensure any help we give is cost-effective and administered to those in greatest need. With that in mind, our president and four others from our club, went to Nepal at their own expense to see the rebuilding of earthquake damaged schools in the hilly Pokhara district only seven miles from the quake epicentre.

After travelling over high rocky mountain passes on dirt tracks for two and a half hours, the school and villagers greeted them with great excitement, flowers, tea and much horn-blowing. A memory never to be forgotten and it shows how charities like ours take the utmost care to give aid in the best way possible. Thanks go to the Gurkhas, The Arun Chaudhary Foundation, Sahara UK and our Nepalese friend Mr Navin Gurung.

Back in our club we are always discussing how best to use our funds to benefit communities here and abroad. To join in the decisions and fun, contact John Dunsterville on 07811 702853.

Rotary Club of Cookham Bridge By Nancy Ovstedal

Rotarians and their wives at the Burn's Night at Winter Hill Golf Club enjoyed tasty haggis piped in by a Scottish piper. Valentine's Night was again a fun event with the male members singing *With love from me to you* to their wives and partners after a candlelit dinner.

This year the club is launching The Wheel of Fortune built by one of our Rotarians and inspired by a visit to a French Rotary Club operating a "Roue de la Fortune" at a fair. The objective is not just to raise funds for charity, but be fun to play and become a community attraction with its bright colours, lights and loud noises. There will be small prizes, but no cash, to comply with the law. We are hoping for many opportunities to try out our new 'toy'; school fetes, town and church fairs and other community events. We are looking forward to seeing what The Wheel of Fortune brings in 2018. Ring 07764 154724 or email billbearn@gmail.com for more information.

It is never too early to think about entering a team for the Cookham Regatta. Visit www.cookhamregatta.org.uk

Inner Wheel of Bourne End & Cookham By Elaine Morris

Our 34th birthday celebration Sunday lunch in February at Harleyford Golf Course was a huge success, followed by a wonderful slide presentation by Graham about *Brown Bears in North America*.

At our February meeting district chairman Kate told us about several very interesting historical facts she had researched about Bourne End and Cookham. We also enjoyed a lovely lunch in president Mercia's home.

In March we continued to collect dried foods, towels, bedding and warm children's clothes for the charity BeKind. We hold our Overseas Charity Bridge Drive at Stubbings this year in aid of Toilet Twinning.

In April we plan to revisit a beautiful garden at Pinkneys Green to enjoy the tulips, and on April 26 we hold our Charity Colours Fashion Show in Bourne End Community Centre at 7pm for 7.30pm (tickets £5, www.innerwheeldistrict9.org.uk).

In May at our District Overseas Charity Tea and AGM we look back over the year with a slide presentation. Meanwhile we continue to receive many invitations to neighbouring Inner Wheel Clubs for their walks, lunches, speakers, antique talks, etc.

Bourne End WI By Kath Acres

In February we enjoyed an excellent talk from Captain Ian McNaught (Master of the QE2 for five years and now Deputy Master of Trinity House) entitled *From Tramp Steamers to QE2, Queen Victoria and Trinity House*.

We had to cancel our March meeting (due to extreme weather) but Frances Benton aka The Pearl Lady has agreed to give the planned talk at 7.30pm on Friday April 20 in St Dunstan's Church hall, with an opportunity to buy fabulous pearls. Email for a free ticket.

We are busy making daffodils from discarded drink cans to be "planted" round Bourne End for Easter (see page one) and we are encouraging everyone to join us knitting hearts to adorn the front entrance of the Princes Day Care Centre in Bourne End.

If you would like to join in either of these projects you would be very welcome. Both are easy to do. Please email us or visit spadeoakfarm.com/blog/ for a pattern and instructions.

The Mikron Theatre Company will be performing *Get Well Soon - a humorous look at the issues affecting the NHS* on its 70th birthday on Tuesday July 17 outdoors at Spade Oak Farm (weather permitting, fall back the community centre). Email or phone to reserve tickets (£12).

On Thursday April 5 at St Dunstan's Church hall at 7.30pm Julia Freeman will talk about life as a Wimbledon Umpire. Visitors are always welcome. All enquiries to bourneendwi@yahoo.com or 01628 531521. bourneendwi@yahoo.com.

Bourne End & Cookham Probus Club By John Daymond

At our AGM in February Roger Gould was installed as chairman, with Roger Emery as vice chairman. Richard Royal was thanked for his excellent chairmanship during his year of office.

In January Cmdre Gerry Thwaites gave a talk on

the Royal Yacht Britannia, where he served in 1991/2 as Chief Marine Engineer Officer. The last of the Royal Yachts, it was much used in trade missions around the world, and was enjoyed by the Royal Family.

To join our Probus Club contact Hon Secretary, Terry Scott on 01628 626047.

Glory Mills Bowls Club By John Palfreyman

Committee members are working to ensure that everything is in place for the start of the new season. Even though Glory Mill Bowls Club is smaller than some, it has 28 friendlies in Chiltern & Thames and one team in the Bucks League that plays eight games.

The club in Wooburn Green welcomes new members and can provide coaching and the loan of bowls until prospective members and their coach feel they are good enough to compete in a game. Contact shirley.churn@btinternet.com or phone 01494 673859.

Bourne End & Wooburn WI By Janet Spill

In January wildlife photographer Tom Way updated us on events since his previous visit and spoke with enthusiasm about his love of Africa, showing stunning photography. In February Anne Bauling gave a talk entitled *Supershoes - Empowering Children Fighting Cancer*. This charity designs customised and hand-painted shoes which bring a smile to a child's face when going through a difficult time.

Also in February Ray from the Rennie Grove charity shop in the village gave a brief history of the charity and talked about the shop and the importance of the volunteers who work there. Later in the month a group of members met for a Snowdrop Walk around Cliveden.

In April we hear about *A Female in Fleet Street* with Deborah Brady.

Our meetings are held in St Dunstan's Church hall on the second Monday of the month at 2pm. Email beandw.wi@gmail.com

Little Marlow & Well End WI By Pauline Clitheroe

In February we welcomed a speaker from Wycombe Women's Aid. Denise informed us that they provide support to women and children experiencing the effects of domestic violence by offering safe, temporary and emergency accommodation, as well as practical and emotional support within the refuge. The collection made at the Christmas tea was presented to Denise.

At the March meeting we were met with an array of beautiful pearls brought by our speaker, Frances Benton. She gave an exciting talk about her passion for pearls which she had travelled thousands of miles to collect. She showed us how to recognise the three categories of pearls and told us that in Roman times, only the men were allowed to wear pearls. How times have changed. After a successful rearranged Christmas lunch due to adverse weather conditions it was unanimously agreed to have next year's Christmas lunch in February.



Sandra's memorial

It was close. By just one vote the decision went to design A – shown here – and now we can go forward on the decision of the community. Thanks to those who voted to make the final decision.

The design will be drawn up and sent out for tender. Again, if anyone can recommend a wrought iron specialist to do this please let us know. But don't delay. Call 01628 525415 to discuss.



TAKE YOUR TARGET

Kay Hudson is on the right with the girls from St Michael's Primary School in Busembatia, Uganda, about 88 miles from Kampala. Kay was just six when the family moved to the top of Brantridge Lane in Bourne End. She volunteers at the government aided school and, at present, is buying books for them thanks to charitable funding. The girls are very excited that their picture might appear in an English magazine. *Target* has already been recycled to make beads as they love the shiny paper.



Susan Flashman RIP

Susan Flashman, a long-time resident of Bourne End and community supporter and wife of Piers, lost her short battle with cancer on February 4, dying peacefully at home with her family where she had been nursed for several months.

Newly married, Susan and Piers moved to Bourne End in 1962 having found a little clematis-clad cottage in Camden Place. Thames Cottage was to be their home for the next six years before they decided to move, in anticipation of an expanding family, reserving a larger home in Abney Court Drive, which at the time was an apple orchard. The family has remained there for more than 50 years.

Susan was latterly employed in the IT industry at ICL Training Centre at Moor Hall Cookham before retiring and following her lifelong interest in heritage, gardens and flowers.

This included membership of the Bourne End branch of NADFAS from the late 60s to the present day, together with active involvement in fund raising for the NSPCC and the founding of The Thames Hospice in Windsor.

Along the way through parenthood she found time to set-up and run a small but successful costume jewellery business for several years selling to a number of independent retail customers in and around Bourne End.

Latterly Susan took over and ran the Garden Studio for eight years or so which, with a membership of 50 plus, provided visits by coach to private and exclusive gardens that had been featured in the press, all within a reasonable radius of Bourne End.

Susan was a very active lady who loved her life and the many friends she held dear in the Thames Valley area. She will be missed.



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Campaign update

by Penny Drayton

Thank you to everyone who attended our public

meeting back in February. The large hall in the community centre was almost full yet again, proving, as ever, the strength of feeling within the community about this matter.

At the meeting we were really pleased to be able to present and share all the representations and evidence which we submitted to WDC at the time of consultation last year.

The standard of the work and submissions is nothing short of outstanding, something we are sure everyone would agree if you wish to read through (all 1,000-odd pages of it). We have loaded the representations and accompanying appendixes to our website, please visit <http://keepbourneendgreen.org/representation> to have a look through.

Included in these files (which caused quite a stir at the meeting) was the evidence one of the team members had found to prove that, according to WDC's own housing numbers, there was actually a potential over supply of houses to the district from houses already built or planning permissions granted and the evidence proves that there is in fact no need to touch any green belt in the district and WDC would still be able to fulfil their allocated housing numbers and housing needs.

So now we wait for the hearing, which the council currently predict could be as soon as June/July but may be slightly later.

Without the money raised to date we would never have been able to build such a strong and solid case through the top-level professionals we assigned. Now we urgently need to raise funds in advance of the hearing to try to finish this with the same strength we have given throughout.

We have a Charity Ball on April 21 and other fundraisers in the pipeline. Please support where you can.

Contact us on info@keepbourneendgreen.org or 0300 302 0866 for more details. Donations can also be given to <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/keepbourneendgreen> and please gift aid if you can. This whole community has fought this and can win this together, with everyone's support.

Former pupils get in touch

St Paul's Church of England Combined School has introduced a new feature in its monthly newsletter which will be of interest to local families.

Each month, the newsletter features an ex-pupil, letting readers know what they have achieved since leaving St Paul's.

Contributors share memories of their time at the school and reflect on how their experiences shaped them as learners and as people.

Former pupils contributing to date have included a policeman and a jewellery designer and have come from as far afield as the USA.

The purpose is to broaden children's awareness of careers and employment options.

Headteacher, Joanne Butler, says "If you know anyone who could feature in this section, please let the school know; we would be very interested to hear from ex-pupils from a range of ages and careers."

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Bourne End Community Library

by Inka D'Agostino, library manager

"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything"
William Shakespeare

As I write this article with the temperature outside at minus four degrees I do hope Spring will bring us warm and glorious weather.

We had a wonderful response to our Christmas raffle to raise funds for the refurbishment of the junior library.

We are very grateful to Sam Roberts, from local company Acorne, who kindly donated the splendid hamper which was won by the Fleming family (pictured below).

The raffle raised an amazing £825 which will go towards buying new kinder boxes, rugs and junior books.



Over the years picture books have become wider and no longer fit in our existing boxes. The WI will also contribute by donating a book bench, but I shall leave the details to the WI to reveal in the next edition of *Target*.

Alice Fleming, from the winning family, has kindly submitted a review of one of her favourite books. I do hope you enjoy reading it.

Itch By Simon Mayo

Itchingham Lofte, a 14-year-old, science-mad boy, is on a mission to collect all of the 118 elements of the periodic table.

He drives his mum mad with his dangerous experiments in the name of science. He has burnt his eyebrows off more than once and his long-suffering younger sister, Chloe, now sleeps with a jug of water by her bed.

One day he is given an element by a shady character, named Cake. The rock is supposedly Uranium... but is it?

Everybody seems to want the rock and Itch finds himself and his family in danger. But is the whole world in danger too? And who can he trust?

Of course he can trust his cousin Jack (Jacqueline), but his teachers?

This action-packed book is unputdownable. I would recommend it to girls and boys aged 10+,



especially if they like science. Other people I know who have read the book said, "It was a real page-turner, and I have enjoyed the whole trilogy". "It is a great adventure story".

Itch Rocks is the second book and Itch Craft completes the trilogy. They are by Simon Mayo, the Radio 2 drivetime presenter.

**Review by Alice Fleming, aged 10,
Claytons Primary School**

Adult and junior book reviews are very welcome. Please submit the reviews to our email address below.

Dates for your Diary

Library Quiz Night with Mark Mason, author of *Walk the Lines*.

Friday April 6, 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £15 to include fish and chip supper and a glass of fizz.

Bounce and Rhyme every first Thursday of the month 10am to 10.30am.

Storytime every third Thursday of the month 10am to 10.30am.

Easter Crafts for Children Tuesday April 3, 10.30am to midday.

Lifestyle Friday April 27, 10.30am to midday.

Guest Speaker Marion Perks *"From Elizabethans to Concorde, Life in the Air"*

For room hire or further information on library activities please email lib-boe@buckscc.gov.uk or call 01296 382415 or Bourne End Community Library Facebook page.

Community Market Focus

Jocasta made This

I have always liked crafting, but it has only ever been a hobby to me. However it has become more popular in recent years.

When I was looking for a couple of gifts for significant birthdays/events I was surprised when I could not find quite what I was looking for. So I ended up making a couple of gifts and it got me thinking that maybe my hobby could be a little more than that.

At the same time my niece said to me: "I really like doing craft, but what do I do with it all when I have finished? There are only so many presents you can give to your own family and friends."

The obvious solution was to see if anyone else liked what we made. Although there are lots of crafty things I enjoy doing, I decided to focus on my pebble art, sea glass and 3D pictures. It turned out to be quite a learning curve for me.

Who knew there were so many sizes and colours of pebble around until you wanted just a particular one? It is amazing how much time is spent on matching the right stones, let alone all the varnishing etc that goes along with it.

I am sure everyone thinks you can just put it all together in a few minutes, but that is not the case. And of course using natural materials you can't make identical products – each one is unique – but that is what I like about them.

Although I sell online I love being able to do local craft shows. It's great to get feedback on what people like, and it is nice when people stop at the stand and look at every picture.

At least if they don't buy anything you feel as if they like what you have done. Being local means that I can also do customised versions for people. A favourite of mine is the family pebble art – and I can cater for many different family set ups!

I have been to the community market at Bourne End a few times as a customer and have been glad to now join as a seller. My first show was January

and I have signed up for the rest of the year so come down for a visit – I am just one among a great many interesting and varied stalls (including some fabulous food).



If you can't make it to the show you can find me on www.jocastamadethis.co.uk or on Facebook.com/jocastamadethis

The market runs on the second Saturday of every month, from 10am to 1pm in the library. Come along for lovely crafts, artisan food stalls and a charity tombola.

For other market enquiries call 07989 716635 or email rosieohagan@me.com www.beccmark.co.uk <https://twitter.com/BECCMARK> <https://www.facebook.com/BourneEndCommunityCraftMarket>



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Past times...by Barrie Penfold



Some houses seem to have a story to tell – Church View in Wooburn Town is one. It demands a second look. Standing proudly among delightful old cottages it is different and special. Easily identified in two old photographs from volumes one and two of ‘The Way it Was’ Church View is part of Wooburn history.

A government document says that Church View dates back to the early part of the 1800s. It has substance and looks very different from the older cottages along Wooburn Town.

So who had the money to build something so different? A building that has always been two homes, each with its own front door, on the side, and not fronting the road?

Over the years each part has been bought, sold and lived in. Until the 20th century there was a large garden or allotment alongside packed with neat lines of vegetables.

Records from 1760 show that it was a village

bakery with the oven now a feature maintained by the present owners. Even then a mill was recorded at Soho.

St Paul's church would have been the centre of traditional religion although a chapel at Cores End was the centre for members of the local congregational church. So who, in the early part of the 1800s, decided to build an impressive house, with good size rooms and bedrooms above?

Admittedly the local area was expanding all along the River Wye valley so was it simply an investment?

What we do know is that a West Wycombe farmer, William Beasley Morris, sold Church View to another farmer, John Okey Simmonds in 1856 whose address is given as Abbey Farm in Little Marlow.

So why were two farmers keen to buy a large house in Wooburn Town? No answers to this query so far. Then in 1897, following the death of John Okey Simmonds, Church View was sold to John Thomas who had come from Kent in 1860 to run Soho Mill and expand its business.

John Thomas worked hard and Soho thrived under his guidance. Initially he lived in a house at the mill but in the 1871 census he is living in Brook House at Grange Drive.

There was a coach house on the road, still there today, although Brook House has been demolished.

He joined Cores End United Reformed Church and took the welfare of his workers seriously. Classes were organised for them at the school teaching them to read and write. Sadly few went willingly, but left more than willingly.

In that 1871 census a papermaker is listed in Church View. He is Hezekial Freeman. Whether he had enough time to look after the garden isn't known, but with the mill close by he was seldom late for work.

Through Freeman did Soho Mill see the potential of having a house close by for any mill workers who needed to be helped or for visiting paper workers from other mills who had expertise that would add to Soho's range of paper products?

One can only presume that John Thomas bought

both sides of Church View knowing that it would be used by mill workers or his own staff. With good size rooms and a number of bedrooms it was perfect and certainly more substantial than the cottages around the mill.

Coachman Charles Walker was listed in the 1891 census then engine fitter Thomas Wheeler in the 1901 census. In the 1911 census the Butterfields are listed and we know that Frederick Butterfield was coachman for John Thomas, knighted by then for services to the Liberal Party.

Still as staunchly anti 'the demon drink' he was well liked locally and was warmly welcomed back to Wooburn after his investiture.

John Thomas was a firm and stable hand in local papermaking. He could be relied upon to help when any of the mills in the Wye Valley had problems. For all of the mills a fire was always a possibility – that's why the owners and senior staff lived close by their own mill. In the event of a fire in any mill the owners rallied around and offered their own facilities to the stricken mill until the fire was put out and they were back in production again.

Sir John Thomas died in 1920 and is buried in the little graveyard at Cores End United Reformed Church, close to the wall. No obtrusive headstone – he was always a plain-living man. His estate passed to a cousin, Felix John Thomas who sold both sides of Church View to Henry Kester in 1921.

Today Church View is two again – as it was intended to be.

Long gone is the large garden or allotment and another cottage fills the space. It still looks the same as it did in the middle 1800s, but a new boundary wall was built with bricks when Soho Mill was demolished.

"I don't know why but we wanted to keep the connection with the paper mill," says the present owner. No doubt Sir John Thomas would have agreed with the recycling of old bricks and smiled at the faint smell of paper, ink and manual labour attached to each one.

Grateful thanks to Marie at Church View and Esther for research



Right: Church View (foreground) in the early 1900s with the garden/allotment alongside – the mill is on the right

Above: Sir John Thomas

OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

St Dunstan's Church

Simple Lenten lunches have raised about £1,000 for the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development.

The recent Ladies' Evening was a huge success and an excellent opportunity to finally put names to, and get acquainted with, all those friendly faces we see at Mass every Sunday. We look forward to more parish social events, especially the family barbecue in mid May to mark the Feast of St Dunstan. A parish quiz night will be held at the beginning of October.

We will be delighted to welcome back Fr Henry Sanni from Nigeria, who will be visiting with a group of pupils from his school in Ilorin. They will spend three weeks in schools in the diocese, meet with Bishop Peter and do a lot of sightseeing.

Why not join us at Mass on Easter Sunday morning at the usual time of 10am.



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

May marks the end of the Alpha course at St Paul's. We were delighted with the attendance and would like to thank all that came and welcome them into the congregation.

There will be no family breakfast in April, due to church members visiting the Walk Centre in Kenya, but they will continue in May and each month on the first Saturday. If you would be interested in coming please contact wstangowilson@yahoo.co.uk for more information.

The Revive Service, a time of quite meditative prayer and music, as well as individual prayer, will be held at 6pm in St Paul's on Sunday 6 May.

Social lunches will be on Sunday 8 April and Sunday 13 May. For further information ring 01628 312613.

Sunday Club is for primary aged children. It meets at 9.30am at St Paul's hall.

Friday Communion service and lunch is held in St Mary's at noon during term time. Toddlers group meets on Tuesdays at 9.30am in St Paul's church hall.

Friday Tots Praise with Alpha – enjoy the new Alpha videos and discussion in a small group. Breakfast pastries and fruit are provided. Children are welcome to come and play within your sight. Ends on Friday May 18.

To hire St Mary's Church hall or St Paul's Church hall and garden contact stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com or call 01628 525512.

For more information on any of the above events please email: events-stpauls@mail.com or call Martin at the vicarage on 01628 521209. Follow us on Facebook: St-Pauls Wooburn or visit www.stpaulswooburn.org



St Mark's Church

If you would like to join us for any of our services and events, you can be assured of a warm

welcome. However, if you feel a bit nervous about coming for the first time, please call Jane on 01628 810590 for a chat.

Regular Sunday worship with Holy Communion is at 10.30am with the exception of the second Sunday of the month when we have our family-friendly all age Pathway service at 10.30am. This lasts for only 45 minutes. There is a Holy Communion service at 8am which is quiet and reflective.

Do join us every Thursday at 12.30pm for our Holy Communion service followed by a simple, but delicious, lunch. Our popular Monday Café is open 10am-noon every week in the hall. Do drop in for a cuppa and chat.

Puffins, the baby and toddler group meets every Wednesday 10am to 11.30am. Join us for unhurried conversation and refreshments while the children play. All parents, grandparents and carers with small children welcome.

Following the success of our jazz evening, our next social event will be a quiz supper on Friday April 20 at 7pm. Either form your own team (maximum of eight) or come and join in with a team. Tickets will be £10 per person and available from Jane 01628 810590 or cottrelljane@hotmail.com

On Sunday April 29 at 4pm, all are invited to come along for a 'Bit of Peace'. A short session where you are invited to simply sit back and relax while listening to beautiful poems, readings and music. Our theme will be 'family' so do please bring a favourite family photograph with you.

For more information about our services and events please see our website parishesofhedsorandbourneend.co.uk and our Facebook page (St Marks Church Bourne End)



St Nicholas' Church, Hedsor

On Easter Saturday at 7pm we have a beautiful service, The Service of Light, when we bring in the new light from the brazier in the churchyard. This is accompanied by our choir under the direction of Dr Peter Wilton.

For those who wish to rise early on Easter Day there is a 6am Sunrise Service on the hill and then we have our Easter Morning Service at 9am with an Easter egg hunt for the children. Do come along and join us.

A date for your diary is the 'The Beating of the Bounds' on Sunday May 20. For more details please see page 11 in this issue. It's a wonderful day out for the family across private land, high on the hill and including a boat trip. Unmissable.

Our regular Sunday morning service is at 9am with the children. The second Sunday of each month is Pathway which is our Family Service and lasts just 45 minutes. Join us for meditation at 1.30pm each Wednesday afternoon.

St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

On Easter Day there will be a special family communion Easter service at 11am followed by an Easter egg hunt and refreshments. There will be the usual said communion at 8.30am.

Saturday May 26 sees the return of 'Music in the Manor' in Little Marlow. Gates will open at 5.30pm with entertainment from 6pm to 8pm. Bring a picnic and enjoy the music.

A date for your diary is June 24 and our Patronal Day. The church will be specially decorated and a concert is being organised for the Saturday evening.

To keep in touch and for further details please go to our website www.4u-team.org



Cores End United Reformed Church

For Easter Sunday our church will be decorating the cross on the roadside with flowers and greenery as usual. Try to catch sight of it as you go round the roundabout.

Cores End has long supported Christian Aid Week which runs from 13-19 May.

Our 250 year anniversary celebrations begin on the Bank Holiday weekend with a party for all local residents on Monday May 7. All are welcome. For more information see our article on page 28. Yarn Bombing has become very popular and members and friends have been busy knitting flowers, birds, bells and balls to decorate the church gates and railings. Come and look. There is always a warm welcome. Sunday service is 10.30am.



Community Church

Throughout April and May our Sunday morning services take place at The Meadows School, Wooburn Green, starting at 10.30am, but with refreshments served beforehand from 10am.

We are delighted to be offering the Alpha course once again, starting on Thursday April 19. This will run every Thursday for 10 weeks from 7 to 9.30pm. Further details, including venue and contact information, can be found on our website (see below.)

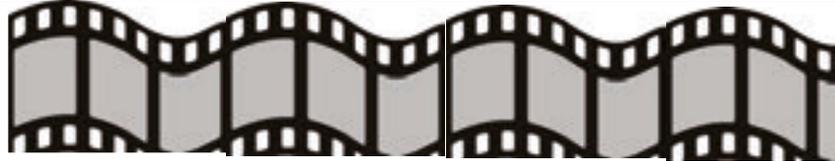
Dads' Little Steps, our monthly toddler group for Dads with their youngsters, will take place on Saturday April 7 and Saturday May 5 from 10 to 11.30am at the Chapel on the Green. Why not come along and enjoy a cuppa and a bacon roll with other Dads while the little ones play? (Cost £2 per family.)

Tuesday Lunch Club meets at 12.30pm in the hall at the Chapel on the Green. It's a great way to enjoy a relaxed lunch and to get to know other people. For more information contact Dave Bitcheno on 07894 143925 or d.bitcheno@sky.com

Our weekly toddler group, Little Steps, continues to meet on Thursday mornings in the hall at the Chapel on the Green between 10 and noon.

There may be some slight changes to our schedule of regular weekly activities during April and May so please do check our website for any updates. You can find all the information you need about our regular activities and our special events at www.wooburngreen.org





Movies in Bourne End

The New Royalty, Bourne End's community cinema, will be showing *Viceroy's House* on Sunday April 22 at 3.30pm.

Viceroy's House (rated 12A) is a historical drama film starring Hugh Bonneville and Gillian Anderson. It tells the story of Lord Louis Mountbatten arriving at Viceroy's House in Delhi in 1947 with his strong-willed wife Edwina and daughter Pamela. As the final Viceroy of India, he is in charge of overseeing the dissolution of the British Raj and the establishment of an independent Indian nation. Meanwhile, Mountbatten's newly-arrived valet Jeet falls for the beautiful Alia, who spurns him because he is Hindu and she Muslim.

The screening will begin with tea and cakes at 2.30pm giving time for a chat before the film starts. The centre hall has full blackouts and new seating and will hopefully transport you back to the classic cinema era.

The Wye Valley Volunteer Bureau is running a minibus service for people who are on their transport list to bring them to the cinema.

To book a place on the bus please contact the community centre office on 01628 522604 or email minibus@TheNewRoyalty.org.uk

Cinema tickets for the pilot screenings cost £5 and these can be booked online at TheNewRoyalty.org.uk or in person from the office at the community centre or bought on the door (subject to availability). For information visit TheNewRoyalty.org.uk, email enquiries@TheNewRoyalty.org.uk or call the community centre office on 01628 522604

The movie *Dunkirk*, also a 12A, will be shown on Thursday May 24 at 8pm.



Tell us about it. Maybe that adding n ear Wendy technology flying Peter Pan Email your memories to jill the centre marked Forum P

ANGLING CLUB

Tales r the aters edge

Our Christmas match was my report at the beginning of December. We returned to the banks on Sunday March 11 after three months rest with the hope milder temperatures. This was be. The rain and wind chill factor made the prospect bleak.

However the majority of the e hardy souls who turned out, were rewarded with a decent day's fishing.

First place went to John Wall a very mixed bag of fish consisting of carp, bream, roach, perch, and three tench. He certainly s

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Forum's 50th festival

Our panto was a great start to our Golden Anniversary year and we have a murder/mystery planned for May (see poster below).

With food courtesy of Wendy and her team it is certain to be an entertaining evening and guessing the killer will keep our audience on their toes until the final scene.

Further great news is that Rick has agreed to be the organiser of a very special 2018 Summer Festival. Rick is a past master of this style of entertainment where our members – whether they are set directors, stage managers, front of house, make-up artists or actors (young and old) will be part of the action.

This is experimental theatre, it is great fun. People will take on roles and enjoy playing a part, there will be poetry and prose readings and the whole gamut of entertainment. Just a theatrical snapshot but not the movie. The idea is to try something and watch the audience reaction.

Reviving something that ran successfully for four years, but with new people from our current membership, it will be a challenge but the prospect is thrilling for everyone involved.

Watch out for the notices, tell your friends and come along to exciting festival theatre in our 50th year.

And we would like to hear your memories of Forum. Think back and was there a particular memory you will never forget.

have won a prize for the most species.

John's total weight was 20lb 11oz. Second place went to Eric Leuzinger with 14lb 1oz and third was club treasurer Tony Colbourn with 12lb 9oz.

The club's next match is Easter Sunday at the prolific Campbell Lake on the Milton Pools complex. Hopefully this should produce some bumper catches and warmer conditions. I will try and have some pictures for my next report.

Terry Belcher

CRIBBAGE

The Bourne End community centre team are not doing very well in the league table this year, but we are still in the knockout competition and Dave and Val are through to the semi finals of the pairs competition so fingers crossed and good luck everyone.



centreJAZZ

in the bar

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By Joanne Mercer
Saturday 12th May 2018
Bourne End Community Centre
Doors Open 7.30pm
Supper starts 8pm sharp
£15 earlybird until 9th May
£18 from 10th - 13th May
2 course hot supper included
Call 01628 524371 for tickets.
PLEASE NOTE: Tickets will NOT be available on the door
www.forumplayers.com BEBCA Charity Number 300236

Fab Flicks

Saturday February 10 saw the community centre turned into a movie house for the community association's Valentine movie evening. Guests enjoyed live music from the movies starting in the 50s up to the present day, with numbers from the likes of Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra to Abba and Grease. Organisers were delighted that "everyone seemed to have a good time". They added: "We are now looking forward to our next event. Keep an eye on the website www.bourneendcommunitycentre.org.uk and *Target* magazine for news of future events.



OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

1st Wooburn Scout Group

2018 kicked off with the Scouts, Beavers and Cubs learning some useful skills such as emergency first aid, fire safety and knots (useful for camping and outdoor pursuits).

The 1st Wooburn Scouts participated in The Quest 2018 Competition Hike and our two teams were placed 5th and 7th out of the 45 teams; an amazing result considering it was cold, wet and muddy.

The Scouts then went on the Feb Freezer Camp in which they took part in lots of activities and it wasn't without mud. The Cubs have been active too with a 6km hike, science night and a judo evening. The Beavers had a more relaxing term with plenty of games, pizza-making, arts and crafts as well as a hike.

1st Bourne End Scout Group

The Beaver colonies are looking forward to a county fun day and the ever-popular night away sleeping in teepees. The Cub packs are planning a longer camping trip sleeping in tents, as well as competing in the District Swimming Gala. The Scouts will also be sleeping in the teepees, along with entering the District Camp and Cook Competition. We are hoping to discover some budding Nigellas and Jamie Olivers.

Vulcan Explorers for ages 14 to 18 now has an impressive membership of 45 young people, planning to take part in various camps and events. To keep running, we need more volunteer leaders to help on Tuesdays from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at the HQ in Furlong Road. Similarly, the Yukon Beaver colony is urgently searching for an assistant leader to help at the sessions on Wednesdays from 5pm to 6pm. Please contact the Group Scout Leader, Emma, at besg.gsl@gmail.com if you can offer your help.

I am sure that the young members of the group, and their parents, appreciate the time and effort of the many volunteer leaders, including the executive committee, who help with decision making, fundraising and finances. The group extends its thanks to Alisa Schroeder for her years of efficient and patient service as the group's treasurer. She has recently stepped down from this role to be replaced by Roxie Deacon, who was previously the chair of the committee. Thanks also to Roxie for her years of enthusiastic leadership in this role. And good luck to our new chair, John Samuels. We hope he enjoys his new role in this friendly group.

Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

On Tuesday April 3 national demonstrator Lorena Dyer will present a display on the theme of *Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend*. This is something worth seeing and any potential flower arrangers will learn from Lorena's skill. Then on Tuesday May 1 Alison Suffolk will present a display on the theme of *You Never Know*.

Visitors are welcome, entry charges are kept low and lucky raffle winners take home the displays created during the evening.

Our monthly meetings on the first Tuesday take place in the May Woollerton hall at the community centre from 8pm. To find out more ring 01628 476641 or email bourneend@bbando.org

Bourne End Horticultural Society

On April 19 Russell Bowes will speak about *Lancelot Capability Brown*, a man who changed the face of England forever.

Ray Broughton will share his *Topical Tips and New Ideas in the Garden* on May 17.

Please come and enjoy these excellent speakers as a visitor or become a member of our very friendly society. To find out more ring 01628 521482 or email pennyhampson@hotmail.com

Bucks Family History Society

Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month in the Eghams Room at the community centre at 7.30pm, entry £4 for non-members and £2 for members, with very knowledgeable speakers.

On April 10 Audrey Collins will talk about *The First World War and the Community*. It's well worth coming along, especially if you plan to take part in the art competition – see page 7 – centred around the end of that conflict.

On Tuesday May 8 Kevin Varty will talk about *Exploring Churchyards – the lost language of headstones*. The symbols carved into headstones in churchyards or cemeteries have a language of their own, much of which is lost today. This talk re-examines this lost language and explains hidden meanings behind the carvings.

We are a friendly group with wide experience so please come along and find out more. Visit www.bucksfhs.org.uk



Bourne End Film Makers

Are you interested in converting your video clips into short films? Following the huge success of the club's first beginners' course on film making two years ago, a new programme is planned for the Spring. Keep an eye out for dates published on our web site and via 'Meet Up'. The programme will be run over eight consecutive evenings.

Participants will learn basic film making skills, including preparation, camera craft, lighting, sound and editing. Contact Bob High on 07802 223 957 or email rhig@highandwatt.com for a programme with dates and cost, or contact Geoff Bourne on 07943 350 398.

The course is for anyone aged 16 and over who is interested in creative film making whether or not they have previous experience. Equipment will be provided or bring along your own camcorder, stills camera or smartphone.

Having completed the previous course, Mike Power commented: "This was a very thorough introduction to film making. I particularly liked the combination of technical and artistic skills."

"We collaborated in small groups to develop our own short videos and the resultant five films were then presented on the last day."

Production of the latest club film is now underway based on the Edgar Allan Poe story, *The Tell Tale Heart*, a tale of gruesome murder most foul. Saying more would give too much away!

We meet twice a month (except August) on the first and third Wednesdays at 8pm in the Target Room at the centre.

We are looking to increase our membership so if you are interested in film making or associated aspects such as script writing, costumes and props just come along to one of our meetings where you are sure of a warm welcome. Alternatively contact Bob High whose contact details are given here.

Wye Valley Volunteers

The community minibus underpins several of Wye Valley Volunteers' services. It is broadening its activities and now offers regular shopping trips for residents of sheltered housing and has been used, for instance, to enable groups of elderly friends to attend funerals. It will shortly be available to transport relevant people to the cinema at Bourne End Community Centre.

There is capacity for more community use of the minibus so if you know of further needs for shopping trips or have any other ideas please let us know.

In addition, local organisations may hire the bus for non-profit activities using their own drivers. For information, availability and bookings call Bourne End Community Centre 01628 522604.

We currently (unusually) have a couple of home visitors without clients. Our home visitors/befrienders visit clients regularly, in their own home; client and visitor are carefully matched to make sure they have similar interests and expectations. They agree what they would like to do during visits – tea and a chat, visit the garden centre, go shopping, play Scrabble etc.

Please contact us if you would like to find out about having a visitor, or if you know of anyone who might.

We have had a good period of recruitment of volunteers, but we always need more, especially drivers. You can do as much or as little as you like, and when and where suits you. Volunteers often report back how fulfilling their work is.

If you would like help from any of our services or you would be interested in volunteering do please contact us by phone 01628 521027, by email enquiries@wyevalleyvolunteers.org.uk or in person at the Community Volunteer Office,

Wakeman Road, Bourne End (the portakabin to the right of the community centre – open 10am to midday each weekday).

Marlow and District Railway Society

We started 2018 with another presentation from local photographer and enthusiast, Geoff Plumb, this time featuring pictures he had taken during 1967. As usual, the standard was very high and the members were suitably entertained.

At our meeting in February our esteemed visitor, Sir Peter Hendy, chairman of Network Rail, talked about his enthusiasm, career and the work of Network Rail.

This was followed by the AGM which, thanks to the circulation of all necessary documents in advance, took only a relatively short time.

On April 19 our talk is *On and Off the Footplate - part 3* by the chairman of the Bedford Branch of the Locomotive Club of Great Britain, Bill Davies. His talks are full of humorous anecdotes and recollections from a long railway career.

On May 17 we welcome Adrian Shooter, former chairman of Chiltern Railways and now involved with both Vivarail, which converts former underground vehicles for onward use on the main line, as well as Vintage Trains, which operates main line steam trains and is currently going through a public share issue.

Visitors are always welcome to come along to any of our meetings at 8pm to enjoy not only the presentation itself but also the community centre bar. A small fee (£3) will be charged. Visit www.mdrs.org.uk

Bourne End Twinning Association

Bourne End welcomes French friends in May. To join us, see below.

But first, what happened to the AGM and supper? Like so many other projects of the first weekend of March, our plans slithered to a halt in the snow. By the time you read this, however, they will have happened a fortnight later, on Friday March 16. More of this next time.

We confidently expect better weather on May 17 to 21, when about 30 of our friends from Octeville sur Mer arrive in the village for a long weekend.

We'll do our best to keep the coach out of your way (the drivers do an amazing job), but please be patient and give them a friendly wave.

Our local traders do us proud with specially-decorated shop windows, too. You don't have to host or speak French, but as a member (£5 individual, £10 family) you could join in the activities.

There will be a welcoming reception (members free), a full day excursion (£9/£15) to Wallingford and Basildon Park (NT) with cream tea, a barn dance (£5) and a closing dinner (£15).

To find out more, contact Wendy Langford by calling her on 01628 520065, or emailing langford@thamesinternet.com.

Our website is www.bebta.ukgo.com, and our 'twin' is Octeville sur Mer, Normandy, at www.cjo.fr

CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

APRIL

- 1 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm
- 3 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the Community Centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle
- 5 Thur Community Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8.30pm. 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 Community Market 10am – 1pm in the library
- 7 Sat Salsa at the centre. Salsa lessons 7.45 to 8.15pm for beginners only. Social dancing 8.15pm to midnight
- 8 Sun Table top sale at the centre 9.30am to 11.30am. Call Caroline on 01628 485642 to take part
- 9 Mon Wooburn Pub Lunch Club (for the over 55s) The Old Bell, Wooburn Town at 12.30pm. A two-course lunch for £8. Contact must be made for the first lunch with Margaret Amos on 01628 525033. All welcome.
- 13 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
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- 21 Sat Spring Ball organised by Keep Bourne End Green group to raise fighting funds. The black-tie event is held at The Grovefield Hotel £45 a ticket. Limited availability so buy yours now by contacting info@keepbourneendgreen.org
- 22 Sun Open Day at Upper Thames Sailing Club from 10.30am to 4pm. Full details page 26
- 22 Sun The New Royalty, the community centre's cinema, will be showing Viceroy's House at 3.30pm. See page 36 for details.
- 27 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm

MAY

- 1 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the Community Centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle
- 3 Thur AGM of Bourne End Residents' Association, 8pm in the small hall
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- 7 Mon Community May Day Party to start the 250th anniversary celebrations of Cores End United Reformed Church, held in the church grounds from midday to 4pm. See page 28 for more details
- 11 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 12 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the library
- 12 Sat Forum Players present a murder mystery supper, Downtown Crabbey. See poster and report page 37
- 14 Mon A Social Evening when Mike Overall, Chairman of Revive the Wye is speaking on "Reflections – on 10 years of Reviving the River Wye" The meeting is at 8pm, in The Wooburn Club on Wooburn Green. Our AGM takes place at 7.30 pm. See page 4
- 16 Wed Annual Parish Meeting of Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council in Bourne End Library at 7.30pm. Refreshments available beforehand
- 18 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 18 Fri Annual Parish Meeting of Little Marlow Parish Council, Abbotsbrook Hall 8pm
- 20 Sun Beating the Bounds walk around Hedsor Parish. See page 11 for details
- 24 Thur The New Royalty, the community centre's cinema, will be showing Dunkirk at 8pm. Details page 36
- 25 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 25 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company
- 31 Thur Bourne End Community Association AGM in the community centre 7.15pm for 7.45pm. Refreshments available

SAVE THE DATE: Wooburn Fête Saturday June 16 from midday to 4pm on The Green at Wooburn. Lots to buy, see and do for all the family

The next issue of Target will cover June and July 2018

Email editor@targetmagazine.org.uk by Tuesday May 1 to get your event included in the calendar. The magazine will be published on Friday May 25

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

THE FALCON QUIZ

Set and sponsored by The Falcon Pub, Wooburn Moor

The Falcon's quiz master, Steve, set this quiz and landlady, Katie Lamb, offers a meal for two at the pub as a prize for the winner. For your chance to win, send in your answers to the questions below by email to editor@targetmagazine.org.uk (with the subject line Falcon Quiz) or write down your answers and drop them in at the community centre. Don't forget to include your contact details. The winner will be picked at random from all the correct entries on the closing date Monday May 7. Have a go... if nobody gets all the answers the winner will be the person with the most correct answers. Good luck!

If you have enjoy this quiz The Falcon has a weekly pub quiz which starts at 8.30pm on Mondays £2 per person, money and prizes to win on the night plus a roll over cash jackpot.

Boys names : All of the below are clues to a boy's name

- 1) A small cut or notch
- 2) A network of interconnecting rabbit burrows
- 3) The head of the chapter of a cathedral or collegiate church
- 4) A spanner or key designed to fit into and turn a hex style screw
- 5) A phrase said to announce breaking news
- 6) The third longest river in the UK with its source in Staffordshire on the southern edge of Biddulph Moor
- 7) To stamp an official mark on a letter or parcel to indicate that postage has been paid
- 8) To walk with effort through water or another liquid
- 9) The nickname of the gold statuette given as an Academy Award
- 10) A type of fine hard porcelain developed by Josiah Wedgwood and used for Wedgwood cameos and other delicate work
- 11) A person who defeats an enemy or opponent in a battle, game, or other competition
- 12) A jump in skating from the forward outside edge of one skate to the backward outside edge of the other, with one and a half turns in the air
- 13) A person skilled in cutting, dressing and laying stone in buildings
- 14) A nursery rhyme's old king
- 15) An aromatic plant of the mint family, native to tropical Asia
- 16) To touch quickly and gently with the flat of the hand
- 17) A small deciduous tree of the rose family sometimes called the mountain ash
- 18) Sounds like the wool has already been cut off this sheep
- 19) The fifth sign of the zodiac
- 20) A river and a sovereign Arab state in western Asia.

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ IN THE LAST ISSUE: 1) Capulet and Montague 2) Dublin 3) Red Roses 4) Cupid 5) Robbie Burns 6) Sleeve 7) Pauline Collins 8) Liver 9) British Museum 10) Taylor Swift 11) Pisces/Aries 12) War- Mars 13) 1st March 14) Caesar 15) Basketball 16) Chiswick - Putney 17) Vincent van Gough 18) Space Walk 19) Harry Houdini 20) Yellowstone
The winner was Chris Baron, Camden Place, Bourne End.



The Falcon Pub

Watery Lane,
Wooburn Moor, HP10 ONE

Tel: 01628 522752

All our usual great nights
Monday is Quiz Night,
Tuesday is Curry Night,
Wednesday is Rib Night,
Thursday is Thrifty Night, then
Fishy Friday, Raffle Saturday and
Traditional Roast on Sunday

Special Events for April and May

St George's Day Party

Friday April 20 – Kick off a very English weekend from 8.30pm with food specials and ales

Vinyl Nights – Sunday April 29 and Sunday May 27 from 7pm

Bring your favourite vinyls, take your turn on the deck or add them to the play list!

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

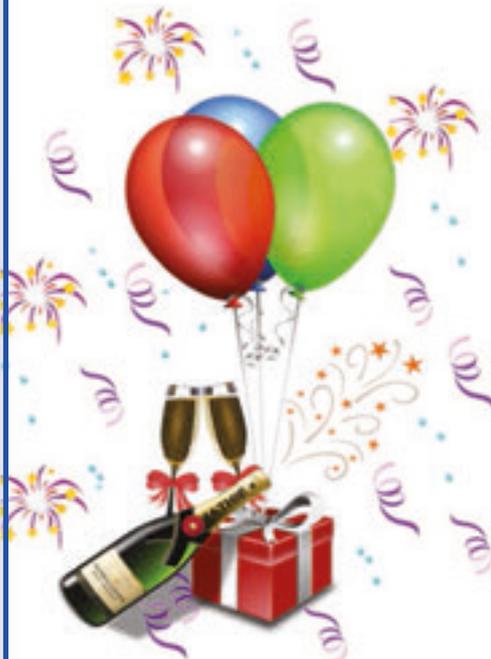
We have various rooms for hire to fulfil your party or special event needs and kitchens available for party food.

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



The Centre, Wakeman Road, Bourne End, Bucks SL85SX