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Honour for Wooburn action man

British Citizen Award for Jon Dalton

Congratulations poured in from all directions when Jon Dalton's community award was revealed. It represents a lifetime of volunteer work in Wooburn Green.

Wooburn Residents Association say they are delighted that Jon had been given a British Citizenship Award (Community) in recognition of what he has done over many years.

This prestigious national award recognises exceptional endeavour. Whether a person has excelled in business, healthcare, the arts, in the community or education, the awards were founded to ensure they get the recognition they deserve. Presentation ceremonies take place at the Palace of Westminster.

Buckinghamshire Scout Association and Jon's

own 1st Wooburn Green group are thrilled at the announcement of an award for a man who had made a considerable contribution to both scouting and to the lives of the people of Wooburn Green. Over the years Jon has been responsible for major projects which have brought the community together.

The Dalton name is a familiar one locally as Dalton's Path into Wooburn Park was named after his late father John Dalton who was both a councillor and chairman of Wooburn Parish Council.

A love of the outdoors was also inherited from his father who, as a WDC councillor, was a familiar sight as he cycled into the council offices and to attend site meetings on planning issues. Today one of Jon's roles includes a daily



Jon Dalton

visit to his mother Pauline who lives in the family home on Wooburn Park.

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With love from me
to you... Paul
McCartney sends
his regards to Ken



Message from a musical icon

Yes... it really is Sir Paul McCartney (arguably the most famous music icon on the planet) holding a copy of *Target* Magazine. And we promise you it isn't photoshopped!

How???? You ask. Well in the December/January magazine, Barrie Penfold got Bourne End's Ken Townsend to share a story about his Beatles connection and his trip to America last year to talk about his career-long work at Abbey Road Studios.

She says: "I had heard how Ken had been to Rochester University in the USA to attend a three day conference to celebrate 50 years of the iconic Beatles album *Abbey Road*. I asked Ken if he could write a piece for us and he duly obliged."

Ken picks up the story: "I have known Paul ever since the band's infamous Artist Test on the evening of 6th June 1962 and worked on a high percentage of Beatles recordings throughout the 60s.

"Sadly, only Paul and myself survive of everyone involved on that first day, apart from drummer Pete Best who was swiftly replaced by Richard (Ringo) Starkey.

"Even now, 25 years after retiring, I still exchange Christmas cards with Paul and although a pop superstar he remains very humble and likes to hear how his friends at Abbey Road are doing.

"So, this year I sent him a copy of *Target* and said that if he could send me a photograph of him holding the magazine it would be the icing on the cake and prove I know him!

"His secretary took a picture and phoned to say she was sending it by email. I waited a few days and there was no sign of it until I recovered it from my junk mail folder!"

Sir Paul went one better than a photo – his friendly "cheers Ken" got the message across the miles and provided a huge scoop for *Target*.

"He always was a great bloke" Ken laughs "and he would have loved my little story. His message is great."



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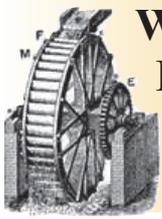
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TARGET COMPETITION (page 40)

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WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Margaret Amos
Secretary to the Association

A wonderful start to a new year and a new decade. All our members were delighted that Jon Dalton was recognised with a BCA Citizenship Award (Community) – so very well deserved. More about this on the front page.

He is an example to us all. We raised a glass to him just before Christmas in The Gray's Inn, along with leaders from 1st Wooburn Scout Group and representatives from other community organisations.

By the time this edition is received Christmas will be a distant memory, but at the time of writing it is not, as Christmas decorations still cheer up our house and indeed Wooburn Green until Twelfth Night.

The rain did not stop the crowds coming to The Green on Saturday November 23 to see Santa's

arrival by sleigh and enjoy a mulled wine and delicious sausage rolls made by our Village Bakery.

As the rain was falling, the Blend Choir's energy and smiles singing their Christmas repertoire enchanted us all. After that the crowd dispersed and enjoyed a chat with friends and neighbours over a glass or two in The Wooburn Club.

All funds raised during the event went to support the Christmas tree and dazzling lights around The Green.

Next meeting – Monday March 9 – 8pm in the Wooburn Club

Environmental issues are of great concern globally and locally, but it can be complicated to understand the key problems, and what to do about them.

Phil Clarke, one of our members, who works in sustainability, is going to speak at this meeting about climate change and the environment, answer our questions and talk about what we can all do to really make a difference.

Notice Boards on Wooburn Green – a reminder
The parish council has put two notice boards opposite Tesco by the bus stop. If you would like to

advertise events taking place in the area, please call 01628 525033 to arrange.

A date for your diary

Wooburn Fête – Saturday June 13. Please feel free to register your interest/offer your help to Caroline Meechan - caroline@meechanomics.co.uk

Be sure to look at the following:

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In Spring 2020, Bourne End Bridge Club will run an eight week course that they hope will encourage bridge players to start playing at the club level. This should appeal to the

many bridge players in the local area who are familiar with duplicate bridge, understand a bidding system and want to progress to being a Duplicate Bridge Club Player.

The course will run every Friday starting on Friday April 17, meeting in Abbotsbrook Hall in Well End 7.15 for a 7.30pm start. There's plenty of parking behind the hall and access is easy.

Each evening will offer tuition, guidance, with pre-dealt boards, enabling pairs to play and then review their progress. No partner is needed and refreshments are included in the £3 per week fee.

To find out more about us and register online, go to www.bridgewebs.com/bourneend or email bobaperrin@outlook.com

Stamps prove to be a festive winner..

Offering to stamp, and post, readers' Christmas cards proved a winner. A total of 755 cards were stamped, earning £151 for the community association.

If sufficient stamps are available then this fundraiser will be repeated next year; it depends on the quantity of stamps and whether the community association wishes to repeat it. Look out for a front page reference to the offer in the Dec/Jan issue of *Target*. All the details will be tucked away inside the magazine.

Amazing how many people spotted the offer – and used it. Many thanks to all of them, especially the ones who got in touch to say what interesting stamps were on their card.

BRIDGE PLAYER'S BIDDING

QUIZ

Bourne End Bridge Club has compiled some of the best quiz questions which have appeared in *English Bridge*. Try this one set by **Julian Pottage**:

You are West. What should you bid on the given auction at pairs, Love All?

♠ Q J 10 2	W	N	E	S
♥ A 10				Pass
♦ 10 9	Pass	Pass	1♦	1♠
♣ J 10 7 6 2	1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
	?			

Julian Pottage gives his answer on page 7

English Bridge is published by the English Bridge Union.



AWARD FOR JON DALTON CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

Jon has been involved with 1st Wooburn Scouts for 52 years, since he became a Cub. He has worked his way up to becoming Assistant Scout Leader. Jon is passionate about the development of young people and is keen to keep to the established and proven ways of character building.

At the same time he works to maintain the Scout Headquarters. He has built a staircase into the loft space so Scouts could safely store their equipment. He also created a covered veranda and decking area for the special needs playgroup who use the Scout headquarters daily. It seems that "nothing is too much trouble for Jon" when it improves life for young people.

Jon has made a significant contribution to Wooburn Fete, organised by Wooburn Residents' Association for the last six years; site planning and making and running many innovative games to raise money for the Scout group. He is also responsible for heading the team of tent and gazebo pitchers on the night before and has undertaken similar responsibilities for the Annual Village Show.

It was Jon's idea to create a visual memorial as part in the annual Remembrance Service on Wooburn Green and have white crosses to remember all the soldiers who died during the First and Second World

Wars - 146 crosses in total. He researched the names and made the template for the Scouts to assemble and paint with name plaques for each one. Subsequently he provided lights for both sides of each cross.

For the past two years Jon has been one of a two-man team which has re-instated the tradition of having a Christmas tree with lights on Wooburn Green after a gap of some 20 years. Through all these roles Jon never asks for recognition and is a role model in the community. He is like all award winners who are extraordinary people who have made a commitment to improving the lives of others.

Jon's reaction to the award was "I was totally surprised and was in shock. I was very honoured and humbled." When asked why he volunteered for Scouting he said, "It's payback! Cubs, Scouts and Venture Scouts provided me with so many opportunities. Scouting made me the person I am. I want to give young people similar opportunities that I had."





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Marina Life with Peter Osborne



Well, we had an active Christmas period with the river rising over the banks at the marina due to the amount of rainfall in December. The path in front of the houses in the marina was quite a few inches deep under the water.

Thankfully people heeded the warnings; in previous years we had a cyclist go along the path, not see where the bank was and cycle straight into the water.

Whenever the river floods it obviously goes over the banks and this results in the banks being washed of all loose branches, logs and rubbish. This then sweeps towards the marina and becomes clogged between the boats and the pontoons. Some of the larger items, such as trees, entail us getting the tug out to remove the item, which could ultimately damage the boats that it comes to rest on.

You'd be surprised at some of the flotsam that comes downstream; this time we had a dead sheep wedged between some boats.

The floods receded and all returned to normal without any real damage until the next continuous heavy rain.

We hope all had a great Christmas period and survived unscathed. The marina Christmas 'do' at the Black Lion went off without incident and some 30 people enjoyed the occasion. I would like to thank the landlord, Mark, for putting on a good show. The food was top quality, a buffet with joints of beef cooked on a spit in front of the open fire. All staff reported for duty the following morning, almost on time. I would like to thank all the attendees for helping make it a great occasion.

Sadly, Matty has left us for pastures new having served the marina for 20 years and has started a new position. We wish him all the very best in his new challenge. We still see Matty as his job brings him down to the marina every now and then – there's no getting rid of him. With Matty leaving it broke the team up that had been together since Chaos started working for us some

17-odd years ago. It's sad to see Matty move on, he's like a son to me, however, we still see him so it's not the end. Cheers for everything you've done for us old boy.

Also our cleaner, Irene, has retired and our Fridays are now bereft of her humour and chatter. Rocky is devastated as I believe she was his favourite member of staff and he always greeted her with a smile and wagging tail as he tried to climb up her leg. All is not lost on that love affair as he looks out for her when she walks through the marina.

Irene had been working at the marina for many years and started when there was a hire fleet operating from the site. Chaos and I thank Irene for her time spent with us.

We are currently negotiating with a car parking control company who we are instructing to control the parking in the marina.

We suffer from cars parking which are not entitled to be here and use up all the spaces for our customers. The enforcement of the parking restrictions will entail unauthorised cars receiving penalty fines automatically through the post. Parking problems are obviously a nationwide issue; these problems also affect us and the running of our business, so the time has come for us to act – you have been warned.

It's a year since we sent out the renewals for the berthholders to sign up for a further 12 months moorings effective April 1. It just seems like yesterday we went through the same operation, I think the world needs to slow down so that I can catch up. I'm not sure what's wrong with me as the gas bottles get heavier, as do the bags of coal, the older I get. Gym time?

Yesterday I missed going to the gym, that was the 1,647th consecutive day I haven't made it, still, there's always tomorrow.

We were hoping to lift the tug out onto the hard for routine maintenance but due to the river conditions we felt it prudent to keep

her in the water to undertake any mission that resulted from the floods.

Fortunately, we were only called upon a few times and she was mainly used for clearing the moorings of trees etc that were too large to be cleared by hand.

It can be tricky removing the debris in between the boats with the tug during the floods. There is not too much room to manoeuvre and we need to keep the bow pointing upstream as if we went across the current we'd be in danger of losing control and crashing into a moored boat.

Also, if you have a rope around a log/tree this can obviously impact on your manoeuvrability. It's very important to be aware and cast off the item being towed at a moment's notice to ensure the safety of the venture. If you get into difficulty and jettison the tree, once you have re-established control of the tug you can always reattach the item being towed and take it to a place of safety.

We wish everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year, we are all hoping that with the political events of December and the withdrawal from the EU at the end of January that we can all enjoy a more stable year than last, whatever your political leanings.

It has been noticeable both for business and as individuals that the uncertainty surrounding the last years has affected us as a nation. We are currently implementing our plans to open another office in Monaco, for commercial reasons, of course. Whatever the future holds we hope you have a great year.

I only have Chaos to boss around so I'd better leave the warmth of the office and tell him he's not working hard enough, that is assuming Matty didn't let him know where the hidey holes are.

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with Sylvia Bourhill

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1 Take stock

Take a good look at your goals and business plan. Are they still fit for purpose? When did you last review them? Think both in financial terms and personal terms – have you drifted off course? Are you on target for your personal goals as well?

2 Chase the money

It is all very well making sales, but make sure you get paid – on time, every time. My mantra to my clients is that I am not their bank and I am not their mother. You have done a job and you deserve to be paid. Remember that 'cash is king' – but do a good cashflow forecast so you don't get caught out when the bills need paying.

3 Get your name in lights

Take advantage of all the free advertising you can find – and make use of your local magazine – it gets your name known. Use local business wherever possible to increase local knowledge of your services.

4 Don't try to do everything yourself

Michael Gerber in The E-Myth says that most entrepreneurs go into business to get away from the pressure of employment and find themselves working for a lunatic. Don't be the lunatic. If you spend every working hour doing your job and then come home and spend all weekend doing the paperwork both you and your family will suffer – find a team of service providers to outsource to.

5 Don't forget the work-life balance

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3NT. If the original range for your free response of 1NT was 7-10, you might consider yourself in the lower half of the range with 8 points. This time the super intermediate cards – all four tens – fully justify treating the hand as a maximum.

Julian Pottage.

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Bourne End Bridge Club



AFFILIATED CLUB



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

They include coconut lamb, apricot lamb and cashew nut chicken alongside starters, specialities, traditional Balti, Tandoori and Biryani dishes as well as delicious seafood and vegetarian choices. The friendly and attentive staff will advise you if you are unsure about any dishes on the extensive and varied menu.

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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New councillor

We would like to welcome Nigel Dibbo who was co-opted onto the parish council at the Full Council Meeting in November. Cllr Dibbo became our 17th councillor which means all of our spaces are now filled. He will be representing the Bourne End ward and we hope that he enjoys his tenure.

Jon Dalton BCA

We are delighted to hear that Jon Dalton has been given the British Citizenship Award (Community). It is very much deserved. See the story on page 1.

Open spaces

The groundsmen have continued with their winter work including hedge cutting, cleaning of the road signs in the 30mph zones in the parish and maintenance of their equipment to keep it in good order.

Potentially lost Rights of Way in Bourne End and Wooburn

Our parish has a 'last chance' to find and register any footpaths and bridleways which are not so far secured on the National Register.

A working party of councillors and interested residents has started to...

- check on all known Rights of Way and their condition,
- find, confirm the validity and register any others which would otherwise be 'lost'.

We are asking any residents who have records or memories of footpaths and bridleways which are no longer in use, or which may not be registered, to contact Malcolm Silver, our parish clerk, who will arrange for your information to be put to good use to enhance our environment.

A map of known Rights of Way is available on the parish website or from the clerk.

Contact: clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk
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Neighbourhood Development Plan

The latest draft of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) can be found on the following web link:
www.wooburnparish.gov.uk/latest-draft-ndp

Short & Sweet

The new parish guide is underway and will be delivered by Royal Mail to all homes and businesses in the parish soon.

It contains information on both Bourne End

and Wooburn along with contact details for various local organisations along with a handy street map and street index.

Thank you to those of you who took up our offer to recycle your discarded Christmas trees. These were shredded and the chippings spread on the muddy areas of the parish.

Meeting Dates

Full Council: February 25, March 24
Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials: February 4, March 3
Planning, Highways & Lighting: February 19, March 11
F&GP: March 10
All meetings start at 7.30pm

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

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TAKE YOUR TARGET

This delightful Take Your *Target* picture is of Eloise Roberts who is the granddaughter of Sheila Roberts, one of the stalwart *Target* distribution volunteers. Eloise's mum, Danielle, says:

"Eloise and I recently went to Lapland (Saariselkä, Finland) and we took our *Target* with us.

"The number of daylight hours is really short there, but we took this photo sitting around a firepit (in the snow) to give us light.

"We had the most amazing time and took a reindeer sleigh ride, went husky sledding, met Santa's elves in an igloo workshop and also saw the reindeer training centre. We were pulled by a snowmobile through the forest to find Father Christmas and you can see a present which Eloise had just received from him in the photo.

Change of name for charity

The older people's charity Contact the Elderly has changed its name to Re-engage.

The charity, which was founded as Contact in 1965 to tackle social isolation among older people through regular tea parties, said it planned to create a wider range of social activities to support people over the age of 75.

The charity has almost 900 groups in the UK that put on regular gatherings for more than 6,600 people. It said the groups had focused on running Sunday afternoon teas, but it planned to start new activities, including a walking cricket programme and reading groups, with further activities in the pipeline.

The rebrand, which cost a total of £45,000, was entirely funded through a grant from the People's Postcode Lottery, the charity said.

www.reengage.org.uk

The Wooburns Youth Club closes

It has been decided that The Wooburns Youth Club should close. A sad decision, but it is no longer viable with low interest and attendance.

The club was created 10 years ago to help resolve youth-related problems in the village at that time.

During its whole operational period it was run by the same team of loyal and dedicated local volunteers. Sincere thanks to them for their loyal support and enthusiasm.



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Tree management to bring back views from Bourne End

The sweeping views over Winter Hill are to be opened up once more to the delight of local walkers.

Reports started to circulate last August that the National Trust was to start a restoration plan to thin out the vast number of self-seeding trees which have all but obliterated the old sweeping vistas between Cookham and Bourne End over the years.

Despite the overgrown trees, Winter Hill offers arguably some of the most breathtaking views of the River Thames and nearby Cock Marsh. Winter Hill is believed to have been used as winter pasture for livestock when more fertile areas on the flood plains became unstable – hence the name.

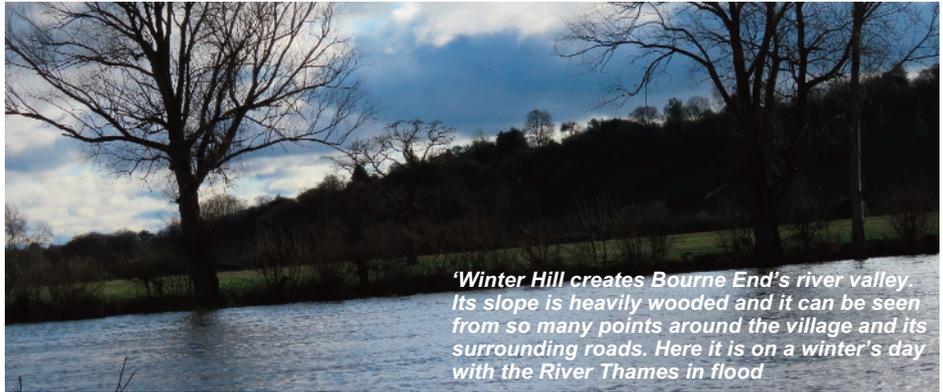
The National Trust has issued a statement explaining how they will be thinning this patch of woodland and intend to clear-fell it later this year. The reason for the thinning this area beforehand is to avoid 'shocking' the woodland and to allow the wildlife to gradually adapt to its new environment

This thinning operation involves markings on some trees.

The National Trust says: "Those [trees] with a pink dot are trees to felled as part of our thinning programme. Trees with a pink cross are dead or dying due to ash dieback. These dead/dying ash trees have been identified as posing a health and safety risk to surrounding roads, paths and neighbouring properties.

"Some of the timber will be left as habitat, where suitable, and the rest of the timber will be used for charcoal or firewood, which are a by-product of our work that we sell to the local community. We will extract the timber as sensitively as possible to minimise any disruption to surrounding roads.

"A big part of the project is ridding Winter Hill of all



'Winter Hill creates Bourne End's river valley. Its slope is heavily wooded and it can be seen from so many points around the village and its surrounding roads. Here it is on a winter's day with the River Thames in flood'

the rubbish that litters the slope from top to bottom. So if anyone would be keen to join us in tackling the litter issue, please get in touch.

(owen.hibben@nationaltrust.org.uk) We will be working through to the end of February. So if you would like to join in and help out or even simply find out more about our work, please come along to talk to us.

"Some have raised concerns over wildlife that could be present on site. The felling works will only ever occur in the autumn and winter months, which are the least sensitive times of the year for wildlife such as bats and birds. However, as with any felling work, we always follow our internal process of assessing our trees for the bat potential. Any trees that have high potential will be left undisturbed, unless they are of an immediate health and safety concern.

"The works we are proposing will in fact improve foraging habitat for a lot of wildlife. Woodland edge and grassland habitats are incredibly important

feeding grounds as they support a diverse variety of invertebrates that many of our native species feed on. Furthermore, our aim is to improve the woodland areas we are retaining to help support more species by planting a more resilient native species mix, installing bat and bird boxes and 'veteranising' trees to create more natural roosting and nesting habitats.

Nick Pink, director of Bourne End Motor Company, is a regular walker on Cock Marsh. He told Target: "Whilst it is always sad to see trees and shrubs cut down in the current environmental situation we are in, the National Trust are experts in thinning overgrown areas to assist healthy trees as has been proven elsewhere. We all need to look after what we have around us!"

You can see the National Trust map for the works on the My Marlow website.
<https://www.mymarlow.co.uk/2019/11/winter-hill-restoration-project-update>

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TARGET VISITS YEAR 4 PUPILS AT CLAYTONS SCHOOL

Orange Class were learning all about journalism with teaching assistant Alex Hill who had worked on a local newspaper for many years. Looking at a copy of *Target* he felt that someone from the community magazine would be just right to visit the class and talk about the changes that have occurred in magazine production – along with today's challenges from social media.

Target was happy to help and sent managing editor, Barrie Penfold, to meet the youngsters armed with back copies and some tried and tested rules on seeking out and then writing stories.

"Remember – you have to be constantly looking for a story that would attract your readers' attention," she told the children, "that's why I have brought my camera and will take a picture of you to appear in the magazine."

There were questions about getting into journalism, queries about anyone famous who had been interviewed and also how the name Barrie had been given to a female all those years ago. Notes were taken as Alex Hill had told them that the final challenge would be to create a picture caption for the photograph to be taken in the school grounds.

"I really enjoyed the session," Barrie said, "they were lovely children and there was an interest in the magazine many of them received regularly through their front door."

Then it was time to go outside and take Orange Class around the bell tower from the Old Claytons School which originally stood at the junction of Furlong Road and Station Road – now relocated to the current Claytons School.

Here's the picture caption for that photo (top right) written at the end of the afternoon. All the class were involved in it and with the benefit of modern technology it was written as different pupils came up with ideas and suggestions.

Mrs Penfold visited Claytons' Orange class to talk about journalism. Target's managing editor spoke about the secret of being a good journalist – finding the story. Barrie, who told the class her name came about because her mum wanted a boy, amazed the Year 4 Claytons pupils with her stories dating back almost 40 years. The children from the Wendover Road, Bourne End School learned Barrie has interviewed famous people "Who, what, where, when and why are the essence of journalism," she said. Barrie said of her visit on Wednesday, December 4, "You are the future, so talking to you about journalism means that the process continues."

Felicity Challenor (photo on the right) was awarded 'journalist of the term' by her teacher Mr Hill for consistently high standards of work and engagement during the Wednesday afternoon lessons.



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The business has grown, the staff increased from four to nine, moved into larger premises, streamlined and automated the business and almost become paperless.

Managing director Sylvia Bournhill was delighted with the award and what it brought to the business: "We now have a brilliant team on board and we have a commitment to growth, best practice in the use of accounting software and to training both for ourselves and clients. Our commitment to our clients is paramount as without them we would not have a business at all."

Another Answer now has an extended client base since that first award four years ago. There's an excellent level of personal service to small local businesses, but now they have started to attract larger clients with more complex needs.

The testimonials on their website indicate that Another Answer has a bookkeeping service that is so much more than just keeping the books. Sylvia is delighted to have another award on her shelf – but after the celebration it's back to work.

Our picture shows the fabulous team pictured outside their office. They are, from left to right:

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Meet the future – meet Space Pod

Announcing Space Pod as the special Christmas light sponsor for another year might have prompted the question “Who, or what, is Space Pod?” The answer is simple. Space Pod is a Bourne End company planning where, and how, people will be spending their working life in the future.

“Our aim is to make the best use of space,” Kevin Parker of Space Pod explains, “people will be on the move, using a mobile or a laptop, and our office designs will meet their needs.”

Kevin’s enthusiasm for ‘agile working’ is infectious. During 30 years in the office design business Kevin has always embraced new ideas and adapted them to meet his client’s needs.

Space Pod’s premises can be found close to Bourne End station and its creation fulfilled Kevin’s dream to build in the village close to his family home and be part of the local community.

“We’ve been here for six years now and get on well with our

neighbours, the children drop in after school and my wife Raina is always in and out. It’s perfect.”

There’s an individual pod in the firm’s reception area. Kevin describes this flexible pod as a firm favourite: “This will never go” is his emphatic reaction. Acoustic innovations in furniture design create meeting and conference space. And a wall can be folded back to make a larger space. A screen for presentations fills one end of a room or a laptop might be all that is required for a one-to-one. “It’s constantly evolving” is Kevin’s message.

It was always Kevin’s dream to build a West End showroom in his home village. Space Pod has achieved that perfectly. Kevin demonstrates the very latest in technology as workstations adjust for his designers to be sitting or standing. It is light, airy and simple. Any working station can also be used as a ‘hub’ by suppliers or visitors who drop in. “That works” Kevin says “and we like to see new faces.”

Most of the staff are local, although one commutes the 15 miles from Greenford. Space Pod has around 22 staff, many of them out on site. “We keep careful control on all our projects – from concept through to construction.” Kevin is emphatic on that “as we have a high regard for our clients and want to make sure they get what has been designed.”

Eldest daughter Jazmin helps out with marketing while Raina helps with administration.

With a smile Kevin admits that his aim is to sponsor all the Christmas lights along The Parade eventually. “We really are a local company and we want to be part of the community,” he says. Apart from the Christmas light there is support for the Scouts, local football teams and St Paul’s Church.

For those curious to know more about Space Pod there’s a website with this message about the company, what it does and what it plans for its clients. It says “We work with you to capture and deliver the science behind

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Fundraisers get busy in 2020... we meet two local ladies making a difference

Helping, teaching and caring for elephants

Jazmin Parker is working hard to finance her summer trip to Thailand. Check out her music and quiz poster below.

In Thailand Jazmin will be teaching English in schools, progressing engineering projects and helping at an elephant sanctuary. "Rather daunting," is Jazmin's first reaction, "but then so exciting and a chance to make a difference where it is needed."

Jazmin's trip is with the Future Sense Foundation who specialise in supporting disadvantaged communities around the world to empower them to build a better future. Future Sense Foundation focus on understanding the community needs and developing a range of long term programmes to address the issues identified. They work with local partners to ensure they are understanding the needs correctly and developing programmes that are relevant.

Jazmin started her fundraising with a stall on Fun Night (pictured here in her Santa hat) and is now busy organising a Live Music and Quiz Night on Friday March 6 in the May Woollerton Hall at the community centre.

"This should be a great night," she said, "as I've got friends playing the music of Elton John as well as Indie and Pop. I'll be singing hits from the musicals." In addition there's a raffle and auction as well as karaoke – so a new star might appear on the musical horizon.

Then there's the role of Alice in the Wycombe Swan Youth production of *The Addams Family*. Performances are on Friday to Sunday 21 to 23 February for anyone who wants to see Jazmin on stage. She is very excited about the role and from past experience knows that the Wycombe Swan Youth shows are inspiring and entertaining. "I like being busy" laughs Jazmin, "and it should be great experience."



Walking in Wales for charity

The prospect of walking 870 miles is daunting for most of us, but Jo Bates is taking it in her stride.

The 50-year-old IT consultant and life coach, has set herself the challenge of walking the Wales Coast Path to raise money for Alzheimer's Research UK.

She's doing it in stages and has given herself two years to complete the walk, but it will still take her 77 days of walking, 50 of which are planned for this year.

She told *Target*: "I started in 2019, initially as a personal goal to mark my half-century, but it soon became a fundraiser and I set myself a two-year deadline to achieve it (I have to do it in chunks as I can't take three months off work), so I aim to finish by end of July 2021.

"I am now 14 days into it, so 2020 will see me heading off at various intervals to add another 50 days so that I can finish in time. I am walking it on my own for the most part, although I do welcome anyone who fancies joining me for a day or two here and there [email her at info@jobates.net].

"As well as raising money for charity, I am hoping to attract interest from local organisations who might like to help me fund the travel, as I am self-funding it all and it soon adds up. But it's for a great cause."

Jo, who grew up on Cliffords Way then spent some years living on Furlong Road, currently lives on Harvest Hill, Bourne End.

She says there have been some memorable moments on her journey so far such as seeing grey seals at Angel Bay, falling in love with Anglesey, seeing the sun rise from behind the Snowdonia mountains and an up-close encounter with a friendly red squirrel.

A scarier moment involved her ignoring a path closure sign and finding herself trapped by demolition works and having to climb over a safety fence to avoid a long detour.

If anyone is interested in supporting Jo her fund-raising page can be found at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JoBates3>

She adds: "I have also been blogging about it on my facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/jo.bates.5> and on instagram @inspired_life_coaching so readers can easily follow my journey and see the photos."



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An enchanting tale from Forum Players

It may be a 'tale as old as time', but that didn't stop Bourne End's amateur dramatic group, Forum Players, putting a charming new spin on their production of *Beauty and the Beast*, writes **Debra Aspinall**.



Their traditional January panto was written by Emily Plumridge who managed to incorporate elements of panto while sticking quite closely to the original story and adding some familiar Disney moments.

There's a lovely mix of ages among the group and casting was spot on. Graham Dearing was terrific as the panto dame character Madame Vano de Marlow. His slick performance was worthy of a professional stage.

Belle was prettily played by Rachel Davison who had a suitably delightful Disney princess singing voice. The height and physical presence of David Wells (the beast) gave him a head start in the role which he played with charming gravitas. High five to the person who created his fabulous costume.

Gin and Tonic, (Mike Dearing and Mat Forrest) the comic sidekicks of the dame, really got into their stride as the show progressed and quibbling narrators Wendy Keeble and Angela Telfer added a new dimension to the show. Charlie Jones stole every scene he was in as the enchantress's apprentice.

Emily Plumridge and Tracey Huxley proved their stage experience as the candlestick and the clock while Zoe Hopson took us back to the olden days of principal boy glamour as the egotistical Glaston Berry.

With the talented Bourne Again Shadows providing the musical accompaniment and some enthusiastic players making up the chorus and minor characters, this was a great ensemble piece.

Gavin Mills produced and directed the show and the pretty much packed houses for every performance appreciated his efforts. Well done to everyone at Forum, on stage and back stage, for an enchanting tale well told.

Keeping Bourne End festive with lights

by Nick Pink from the Fun Night Committee

Christmas lights in Bourne End are always a challenge, but we have got through with minimal problems this year. Hopefully, you will all have noticed the new illuminated Christmas Tree on Penny's Corner and from comments it has been really well received. It was enhanced by new mistletoe lights in the tree behind that were installed by Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council.

Every year we run a competition with local schools to design a light and have it manufactured and illuminated on The Parade. We have been doing this for more than 15 years now. Eventually the lights either become uneconomic to repair or we simply retire them as we do not have room on The Parade.

When this happens we contact the designer of the light and ask them if they would like it. In recent years I am pleased to say that the lights have been returned to the person who designed them, now some years older. They in turn have made donations to our light fund.

We have had to retire a light this year from 2007 which was designed by Freddie Evans from St Pauls School. Despite contacting the school we are currently having trouble tracking down Freddie. If anyone knows Freddie we would love to hear from him and he can contact me on 01628 533222 or np@bemc.co.uk

Bourne End is a great village but with austerity cuts still on-going and the arrival of a unitary authority funds for such things as Christmas lights are going to suffer. As a result we will have to rely upon donations from local businesses and the community. If you can spare something to see the fruits of any donation at Christmas I would be really grateful. Please see bank details for donations below or just call into the motor showroom.

For donations to the Christmas lights funds the bank details are as follows: Lloyds Bank - Sort Code 30-95-36 Account Number 01885365

Where does Fun Night money go?

The good news is that £1,625 was made by the Fun Night Committee's charity events which included Santa's grotto, tombola, funfair and the famous Bourne End hot dogs. Every penny of this was donated to charity with Cookham Bridge Rotary Club receiving £1,000, Bourne End Community Association received £500, St Paul's school choir and St Mark's church choir each received £50 and 1st Bourne End Scouts received £25.

The library footfall counter recorded 1,062 people crossing their threshold. It was a lovely night in Bourne End with the official opening held safely outside the community centre. Provisionally the date for the 2020 Fun Night will be Friday December 4. Please note it in your diary.

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The parish council elections were postponed from May 2019 until May 7, 2020, so that they could take place at the same time as the first elections for the new Buckinghamshire Council. If you have ever thought of becoming a parish councillor this is your opportunity. The role and responsibilities of parish

councils are likely to evolve over the next few years as the new Buckinghamshire Council beds in. This is therefore a great time to join and help shape its future role in terms of how it serves the local community and how it works with and alongside the new council on a range of local issues such as planning, infrastructure, transport, green spaces and community facilities.

Our current councillors live in Little Marlow village, Westhorpe, Winchbottom Lane, Fern Lane, Coldmoorholme Lane and Abbotsbrook. A number are planning to stand for re-election, but it would be really good to have candidates from all parts of the parish. Training is provided.

The deadline for the submission of nomination papers will be in early April 2020, but I would encourage you to start giving it some thought now, discuss it with your friends and neighbours, talk to existing councillors

and I hope come to the conclusion that you would like to put your name forward to stand.

New Unitary Authority: Buckinghamshire Council

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Geoffrey Moss Memorial Bowl

Geoffrey Moss was a former county councillor and chairman of the parish council from 1975 to 1980. He donated a rose bowl to be presented annually to a resident of Little Marlow who had given outstanding service to the community. Councillors would like to recruit the help of residents in finding deserving candidates. Please send nominations by email or letter to the clerk by February 29.

The bowl will be presented to the most worthy candidate at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

Meeting Dates

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Environmental report by parish councillor Katie Lamb

Christmas feels like a distant memory now, but it really wasn't that long ago at all. Once again we recycled hundreds of Christmas trees and used the chippings at the muddy areas in the parks, and woods. Thank you for donating your trees, we get more and more every year. And this year areas are particularly muddy.

As you may have noticed the lights on the Christmas tree on Wooburn Green were slightly dimmer than last year. This was an electrical issue and although we tried to rectify it before Christmas the electricity company have only just been out to have a look.

Hopefully it will be fixed and next year they will shine brightly. I must thank Jon Dalton and Nigel Dibbo for all their battery charging and work keeping the lights shining.

I think I mentioned last time that the parish council had had a tree survey done on all the trees in the parish (apart from Farm Wood which is a project in its own right). This survey identified the trees which needed work doing to them and we now have a management plan for all tree maintenance going forward. All the immediate work has now been done and phase two will start soon.

We had a couple of dead trees in Wooburn Park which we have taken out and replaced with edible plums (please help yourselves in the summer). Also we had a request for a commemorative tree to be planted by the paddling pool in Wooburn Park. The open spaces committee agreed and a new tree will be planted soon.

A few years ago Wycombe District Council devolved small areas of land to the parish council to maintain and look after. Along with this came other jobs and responsibilities like cleaning road signs and emptying more bins (all very glamorous). Phase Two has now been announced and we will be taking on more areas. This means a lot more mowing, hedge cutting, tree maintenance and repairs, all of which is costly and time consuming. Our intrepid three will be working their socks off this year to keep on top of it all.

We will be preparing and planning areas soon for our wild flower project and hopefully some of our new areas can be planted too.

By now the 'Purple Pinkie' crocus planting around Penny's Corner will be out. These were planted by the Rotary Club as a reminder of their project to eliminate polio. The name Purple Pinkie comes from the vaccination programme which gives each child the vaccination on a sugar cube.

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ANGLING CLUB

FROM THE WATER'S EDGE

Happy New Year to everybody
 Anglers are having a short winter
 matches.

Since my last write up we have
 old and new. In September we
 Coleborn with 15lb 8oz, 2nd J

November took us to a new
 everyone caught. 1st was J Wall
 Smith and C Edwards with 5lb.

For our Christmas match we
 and cold and many of the guys
 Smith and yours truly remained
 Coleborn 11lb. Well I would ha
 off the hook just as it decided t
 for you.

Unfortunately more sadness f
 passed away suddenly the week
 all in shock. We will miss our d
 to our day, as it did to everyone
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and hope you had a great Christmas. Bourne End
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e had three matches in 2019 which took us to venues
returned to New Farm fisheries where it was 1st A
Wallis 14lb 1oz and 3rd T Beales 12lb 2oz.
venue at Royal Berkshire fisheries. It was a cold day but
is 23lb 14oz, 2nd J West with 10lb 8oz and joint third R
were at West End Pool. Although dry it was very windy
went home at lunchtime. However A Coleborn, R
d to the bitter end. 1st R Smith with 19lb 4oz, 2nd A
ve come third had my one and only fish not dropped
to raise its head out the water, but hey ho that is fishing
for our club as our member and friend Mick Shurrock
k before Christmas. It was very unexpected and we are
ear friend, his banter and cheek always brought laughter
e who knew him. It is always a huge blow as we are a
o and we are like a family – albeit a competitive one.
w members to welcome into the fold and become part
ll enjoy. So if you fancy being part of that do contact us.
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Michele Smith - club secretary

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NEWSLETTER

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

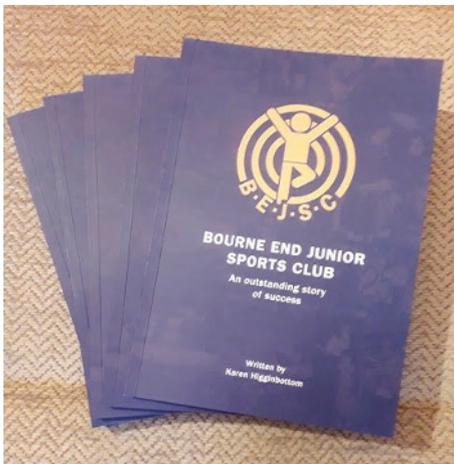
l to r: Gerry Paine, director, Nick Pink, treasurer, director, and former member, Liz Hutton, director and Andy Gatcombe former member and volunteer.



ANNIVERSARY BOOK

A big 'thank you' to Nick and Tim Pink for enabling us to launch our book entitled *Bourne End Junior Sports Club - An Outstanding Story* on the very successful Fun Night in Bourne End.

The book is selling really well, but it's not too late to buy one. They are available from the showroom at Bourne End Motor Company, Wakeman Road, Bourne End SL8 5SX for just £10 (cash or cheques only please). The book is packed with information, memories and lots of photos. You can also buy it from our website www.bejsc.co.uk with a direct debit payment (details on the



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Alternatively you could write to BEJSC Sports Hall, New Road, Bourne End SL8 5 BW enclosing your cheque for £12.50 plus your return address. Don't miss out, this is a fabulous read!

It has been quite a task to amalgamate 50 years' worth of information, pictures, statistics and memories from members and volunteers, both past and present, but the result really is an outstanding story of success.

Thanks are due to those who helped us put it all together – Karen Higginbottom who wrote it for us, and Sally Todd and Georgina Henshall from Flourish PR for their help with editing and design, plus all those who took the time to add their memories.

With more than 500 active members, the club is a fantastic example of what can be achieved when a community backs its young people.

From fundraising more than £20,000 for disabled swimmers to enter the Paraplegic Games, to opening a sports hall benefitting 3,500 children and young people, this hard-working charity won the Flourish PR vote of support.

50th CELEBRATIONS

Some important dates for your 2020 diary. In June we will be celebrating our 50th birthday. To start things off there is a children's event at Wooburn Park on Sunday June 7 – lots of fun and entertainment from midday to 4pm.

During the following week we will put up a timeline in the Bourne End Community Centre showing the development of the club from 1970 to the present day. The highlight event is a dinner in the Sir Bernard Miller room, Odney Club at Cookham on June 20 from 7pm with carriages at midnight. More details on all these to follow soon.

COMPETITION TIME No responses yet!

Our 50th anniversary 'merch' is proving popular with some of our swimmers, one of whom took his bag to far away places. Can anybody do better than that for obscure or remote, or unusual use of club merchandise?

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Roll call of remembrance...

Olive Tirrell

Born on September 30, 1920, as a new bride in 1945, Olive moved to a one-room wooden chalet behind the garage. Today it is the land between the day centre and the public toilets in Wakeman Road.

For Stan and Olive it was home. And for Stan it meant a job as a mechanic at Bourne End Motor Company, owned by Mr White, and a proper start to their married life. Olive soon had everything spotlessly clean and its wooden floor sparkling. Stan was definitely back home as he was born in Hedsor.



Olive died just before she would have celebrated her 100th birthday and the party was already being planned.

A Yorkshire lass had become a Bourne End wife, mother and grandmother over the years. Whenever there was a get-together Olive would be there

with her great friend Jean Peasley, as their friendship spanned over 70 years.

Olive and Stan took a special interest in the houses being built on the estate up behind their chalet. Olive had already decided which house she wanted and she could watch its progress from her back window.

The imminent arrival of their son meant their dreams came true with a move into the house on Loddon Road. Her friend Jean was a close neighbour.

Olive worked as an auxiliary nurse at the

Canadian Red Cross Hospital at Cliveden and also at Fieldhead when it was a residential home. They had been married for 64 years when Stan died in 2009.

Sight problems restricted Olive, but there was always a guiding hand from Jean.

Eventually mobility problems meant a move into Hughenden Village at High Wycombe where she was a great favourite. Olive was there for a few months before being taken into hospital where she died on November 24 2019. RIP

Mary Beseke

Mary regularly delivered *Target* around Telston Close in Bourne End and she enjoyed the chance to stop for a word with neighbours she had known for years. She was a regular at Cores End United Reformed Church and they held a celebration of her life after her death before Christmas.

Mary was one of the young mums who became part of the Thursday Club which still meets regularly in members homes around the Goddington Road area. They will miss her smiles and her trademark sense of fun.

Mary enjoyed the support of her family as the years progressed and she loved her family home. Mobility and memory problems progressed quickly in recent months and Mary died on December 12, 2019. RIP

Pete Singleton

Pete was a private person who delivered *Target* magazine for many years around the Princes Road area.

Pete was a dedicated Scout Leader with 1st Bourne End Scout Troop and also their quartermaster – looking after camping equipment and making sure everything was in full working order for the next outdoor trip.

He also helped youngsters in the troop with their sailing badge and he maintained the group's sailing dinghy.

Pete loved his garden and he enjoyed making and repairing things. Sadly, a lack of mobility eventually restricted him.

Friends will remember him and his family will miss his ability to make something that was just perfect and solved a problem. As a leader and an inspiration he will always remain in the memory of countless former Scouts. RIP

Joyce Chambers

Joyce was born on October 8, 1932. When cycling to work in Slough she passed a dark haired young man cycling from Slough. Smiles became chats and then dates. He was to be husband Len and eventually the couple moved to a bungalow in Ufton Court off Brantridge Lane in 1960. For the sum of £1,900 this became their home and Joyce's pride and joy.

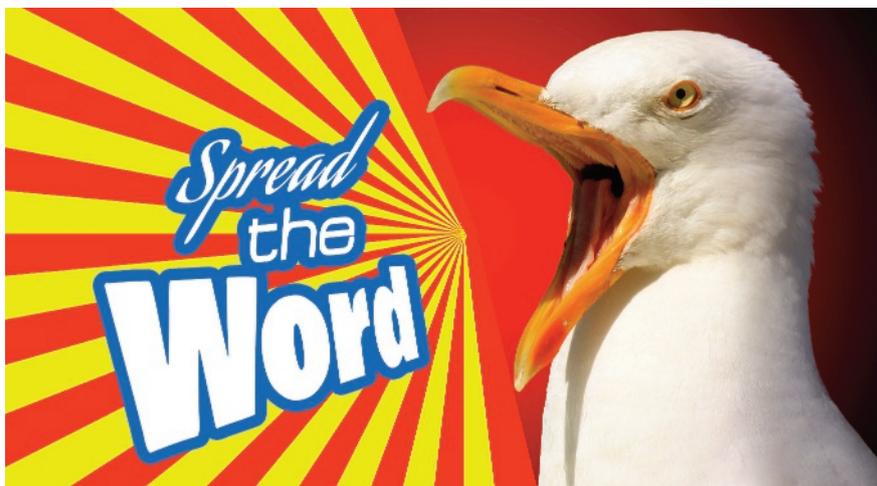
Together they created a lovely home and garden. In the summer everyone would comment on their stunning display of flowers. Joyce couldn't visit a garden centre without buying a few new plants for her near perfect garden. And their lovely labradors seemed to know that the garden was off limits.

Together Joyce and Len delighted in the arrival of son David to make a perfect family. When they had the time Joyce and Len loved ballroom dancing and regularly went on dancing holidays. They shared a love of music with Joyce having a particular affection for Tom Jones ballads.

When Len died Joyce was supported by friends who insisted she continue to dance. Walking Inky took her outdoors and she liked to stop and chat. Joyce also delivered *Target* for many years.

Sadly illness and mobility problems made the last two years difficult for Joyce. Daily care meant so much as Joyce was determined to remain in her home. She died just before Christmas and will be missed by son David and his wife Louise, her own family, friends and neighbours. RIP

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A puzzle from 1931...

Ken Townsend collects anything associated with Bourne End and has people around the country who look out for 'Bourne End and Wooburn Green' items that crop up in their local area.

Ken's collection features anything and everything and the following is a very quirky puzzle from 1931.

When chatting to Barrie Penfold prior to the Christmas lights being switched on by our famous local TV Personality Lorraine Kelly on Dec 6, I mentioned how Neil Garland, one of my 'Northern Scouts', had sent me a piece of ephemera from Huddersfield about Bourne End.

As a collector of anything historical to do with our village, especially when it referred to close neighbours of my grandparents, this made very interesting reading.

Below you will see the Summons sent to Margaret Short, spinster, of Thornbie Bourne End, Bucks for illegally driving her car on 7th January 1931 in the hours of darkness, according to PC68 Robert Roworth, without her front lamps properly trimmed. She was therefore ordered to attend court less than a week later in New



Sleaford in Lincolnshire to answer these charges. The wording and detail of this alleged crime I find quite amusing.

If anyone knows if she has been released from prison yet Target would like to interview her.

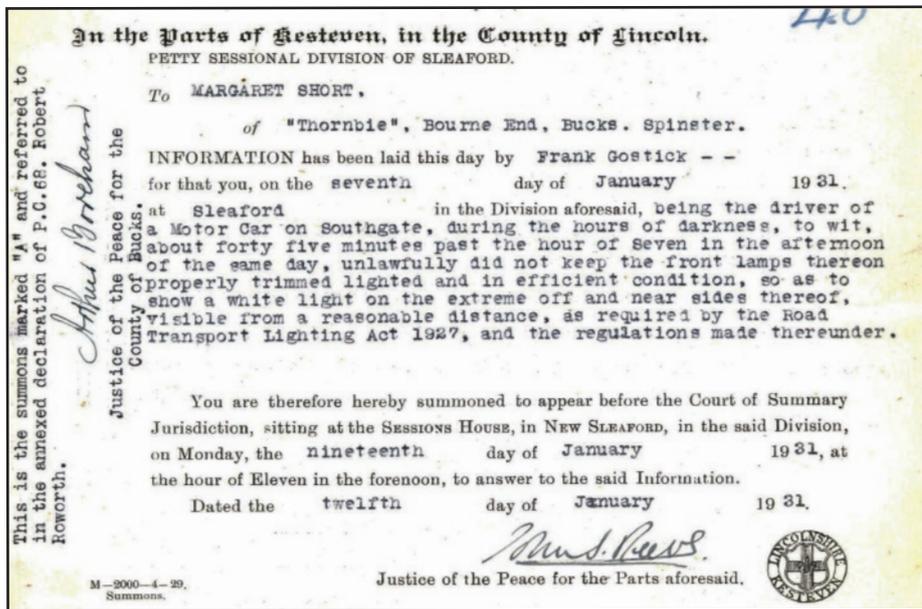
Ken Townsend adds a further puzzle from 1908 – relating to the riverside house in Margaret Short's summons.

It comes from Ken's extensive collection of postcards illustrating scenes from the local area.

Mystery surrounds these two postcards both published by Collier of Reading.

The full view (above) was posted in 1908 and gives the house name as 'Thornby' yet the second one (below) posted in 1912 gives the name as 'Thornbie'. So was the first one spelt incorrectly or did they change the name?

Also strange is that both were given the same number of 2477 which, in itself, is extremely rare for two different pictures. Other postcard publishers in particular WHA from Ascot at a slightly later date always gave the name as 'Thornbie'. Although most of Ken's cards were used as postcards and sent through the post - none of them had been sent by Margaret Short.





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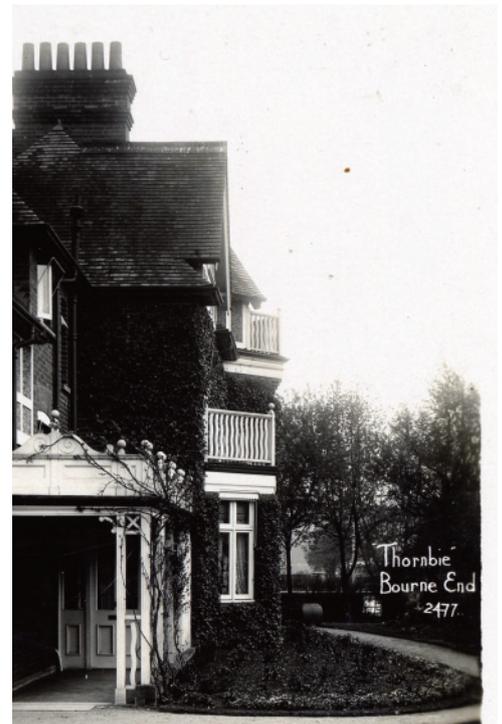
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The end of an era?

Just before Christmas the little café alongside the station was hit by a vehicle and is now boarded up. Regulars at the café might wonder whether this marks the end of the road for this little café, their 'full English', chats with friends or a chance to read the paper.

The atmosphere was always cheery, the service was good and the prices were reasonable. It was just the job for the working men and women who used it every day.

There are stories galore about those who relied on a good breakfast, kindness shown to people in need and the fact that a cuppa could last for hours if necessary. It was there and it was loved.

It was a part of local history with memories of it being a flower shop, car hire office, sweetshop and where you placed your order for a delivery of coal. People remember buying sweets with church collection money. Others recall that flowers grown just along the road at the market garden were bunched and sold. Questions about the location of the coal yard – was it off Wharf Lane or closer to the mill.

Fast forward to more modern times when it was the office for a company called Meltec. From 1980 to 1982 they used the building behind to make the first kidney dialysis machine for home use. Who remembers Bill Mellis who ran the company or Eddie Pritchard who was works manager?

Old photos show no building there in the late 1800s and then the little building was there in the early 1900s.

Target received an enquiry from someone writing a history of the building. Photos were supplied along with memories. Let's hope that it doesn't end with this picture here and a final date of 2019.



The little café in Bourne End, pictured soon after the December accident

NEW NETWORKING GROUP IN BOURNE END

Local businesswoman Kate Bushby is launching a new networking group in Bourne End.

"Bourne to be Bold is a creative, collaborative, fun and relaxed new networking group in Bourne End. Designed to bring like-minded local people together to boost your self-esteem, your knowledge and your friendships. Along with a glass of wine or a famous Bourne for Desserts coffee or two.

"We will provide the framework of the evening so there won't be any uncomfortable silences and polite chit chat. Using our local network of established professionals, business owners, start-ups and anyone who may have a great idea the evenings will be filled with fun, laughter and who knows – new ideas will be born.

"By being part of your local network, anything could happen – make 2020 time for change and realise you truly are 'Bourne to be Bold'."

There is no formal setting for the group, no membership fees and 'no awkward moments' says Kate who runs Growing Daisies coaching (growingdaisies.com) and has set this up in collaboration with Ralph Durbridge of Bourne for Desserts on The Parade.

The group meets at Bourne for Desserts on the last Wednesday of every month from 7pm to 9pm. First drink is complimentary from Bourne for Desserts.

All profit raised from the events will be donated to the two charity shops in Bourne End, South Bucks Hospice and Rennie Grove Hospice.

Email Kate on kbushby4@gmail.com if you would like a ticket to attend the February or March events. Tickets, at £15, are available from eventbrite.



RNLI BIRTHDAY GIRL

Ninetieth birthday congratulations, yes, that's 90, to Di Spokes, who is Honorary Branch President of the RNLI South Bucks & Thames branch.

Di celebrated this great day in December and is pictured here with daughter Rose Start (centre) and good friend Valerie Rudd (on the left).

Di has spent countless years fundraising for the RNLI and being an essential part of the local branch.

Well done Di and very best wishes from members and friends... and from Target too!



Bourne End & District

The 40-plus groups that have been running in our area for nearly two years under the University of the Third Age banner are just part of a national picture.

Chairman Mike Bellamy says: "This year marks the 40th anniversary of the U3A being set up in England and there are now over 400,000 members.

"A national publicity campaign will highlight how being a member can help people lead fuller lives with the opportunities to pursue various interests as well as socialising."

A number of the interest groups in our local U3A are so active that they have created spin-offs, for example, there are four French Conversation groups with a fifth soon needed, and the Rummikub and Italian groups have had to divide into two.

Others, such as the book group and play reading/drama, are full but new ones can always be set up.

The Christmas Party on December 17 was a great success, with entertainment from the play reading/drama, ukulele and singing groups.

The speaker at the monthly members' meeting on February 25 will be Peter Smith, bringing his collection of model-size royal coaches.

The meeting on March 24 will include the AGM and renewal of membership.

For details about U3A membership visit bourneendu3a.org.uk or call chairman Mike Bellamy on 01628 523924.

By Sandra Carter

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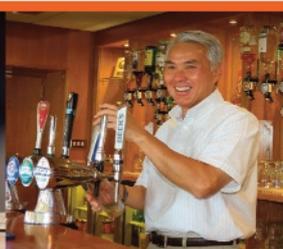
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Police want public to sign up for free counter terrorism training

An award-winning counter terrorism training course is being made available to the public for the first time and Thames Valley Police want you to sign up and help protect the UK.

Devised by CT officers and security experts, the ACT Awareness e-Learning package was previously only available to staff working in crowded places like shopping centres and entertainment venues.

Now Counter Terrorism Policing has decided to open up the training to anyone who wants to become a CT Citizen so they can learn how to spot the signs of suspicious behaviour and understand what to do in the event of a major incident.

The online learning is available free of charge to anyone who wants to take part.

The decision to offer the training to the public was not made in response to the recent attack in London. However, the tragic events which took place in November, when two people lost their lives to terrorism, were a stark reminder of the ongoing threat and the need for vigilance.

"ACT Awareness e-Learning is especially useful for anyone working in or regularly visiting crowded places," says Detective Chief Superintendent Richard List.

"We developed each stage alongside industry experts and to date over one and a half million modules have been completed.

"The course has been so popular, with nine out of 10 users saying they would recommend it, we want to open it up to as many people as possible.

"The threat level remains at Substantial – meaning an attack is likely - so giving everyone the chance to be extra eyes and ears for police and local security teams help to keep all communities across the Thames Valley safe.

"The festive period was obviously a very busy one for everyone – but now is a good time to join up and become a CT Citizen."

ACT Awareness is made up of seven modules that take a few minutes each to complete. You can pause and re-join at any time. In total it takes just 45 minutes – so less than an hour of your time could help to prevent an attack or help save lives if one was to happen.

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Bourne End & Cookham Probus Club By Bill Leftwich

More than 80 Probus members and guests attended the Ladies Christmas lunch in December, giving all present an excellent start to the festive season.

Earlier, at our November meeting, Roy Smart, an ex Naval Captain and Air Fleet pilot, took us from 1871 to 1936 on the life and times of Admiral David Beatty who he dubbed 'The Last Naval Hero'.

With his great enthusiasm and a tremendous array of presentations Roy described this remarkable figure who has been honoured with his statue in Trafalgar Square.

Good company, an excellent lunch and fascinating talks at our Probus Club – if this interests you then call Terry Scott on 01628 626047.

Rotary Club of Cookham Bridge By Terry Whall

The weather was kind for the Bourne End Fun Night and a large crowd had a great evening. Lorraine Kelly, along with our Rotary president, Ron Phelps, helped Mia Grozmann, age 10, from Claytons Primary school, to switch on her Christmas light.

Mia won the children's light design competition and in doing so had her design converted into a full-size Christmas light panel which will join 15 others, from previous years, that adorn The Parade.

Children enjoyed having their faces painted in the library and Rotarian Peter Osborn's wife, Wendy, reports that she was so busy that there was a danger of running out of paint. When not having their faces painted, the children enjoyed seeing the fire engine that came as a guest feature.

The hot dog stall had a busy night as usual and at times the Rotary crew were flat out trying to remember the right sequence of 'with' and 'without' onions to satisfy the hungry crowds.



The Cookham Bridge Rotary Wheel of Fortune is a novelty stall for fairs and events with all profits going to charities. Rotarian Roger Thurston reports that it took a few outings to get the balance of prizes right, to make it attractive to those wanting to play, while getting maximum reward for the charities supported. There is a 50/50 chance of a prize with a consolation novelty prize for children who don't win a main prize. More than 250 prizes were given by members at the wheel on this occasion, the majority to children. Prizes included sweets, torches, wine and beer.

Many local organisations were present, and the Fun Night committee events raised an additional £1,500 for local charities. A very happy time was had, enthusiastically driven by the Rotarian members each year.

Bourne End WI By Chrissy Hayes

At our Christmas party we were entertained by the wonderfully tuneful Aca-Holics Quartet and we all left humming Christmas carols.

Our meetings are generally on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in St Dunstan's Church Hall. However the first meeting of 2020 was on the second Thursday, January 9, when we heard about catching smugglers from Malcolm Nelson. On Thursday February 6 Meriet Duncan will explain the lifecycle of the honey bee and the importance of these bees to our lives.

Outings planned include afternoon tea at the Crazy Bear, a tour of the Globe Theatre and a guide to Shakespeare's London followed by lunch and a trip to Borough Market.

The wonderful Mikron Theatre Company will be returning on Tuesday July 14 with a play called *Crufts*.

Visitors to our monthly meetings are always welcome. Email bourneendwi@yahoo.com or call 01628 526309. Or simply come to a meeting and make yourself known to a committee member.

Little Marlow & Well End WI By Pauline Clitheroe

At November's well attended AGM meeting, WI advisor, Judith Forster, joined us for the voting for next year's committee. Carole Kirkland was re-elected president for 2020.

Due to its popularity, the members of Little Marlow & Well End WI agreed to increase their membership. Hopefully, this will avoid ladies having to join a waiting list.

Members were instructed on how to make their own autumn wreath at the craft and chat session in November. There was an assortment of materials to choose from which encouraged everyone to make their own unique example.

Niki Ralfs organised a ramble through Burnham Beeches, ending up at Blackwood Arms for lunch. In December a trip was organised to Hughenden Manor where there was a talk and refreshments, followed by a viewing of the 1940s themed Christmas decorations.

Our Christmas tea this year was attended by visitors from fellow WIs in the Carrington Group. The entertainment was provided by the magician, Steve Nixon. Among many baffling magic tricks, he was able to show guests that a £5 note can disappear from a purse and reappear inside an orange on a table on the other side of the room. Sheer magic!



Bourne End & Wooburn WI By Janet Spill

Our Christmas festivities got off to a good start early in December with lunch at the Walnut Tree. The celebrations continued at the party themed monthly meeting.

The afternoon began with members enjoying a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie while deliberating over a Christmas-themed table quiz before being entertained by opera singer Emily Yarrow. It just remained for the Secret Santa gifts to be distributed and the lucky winner of the 100 Squares competition to be announced.

Once again we have a full and varied programme of events to look forward to in 2020.

Visitors and prospective members are always welcome to attend our meetings on the second Monday of the month in St Dunstan's Church Hall at 2pm.

Bourne End & Cookham Inner Wheel By Libby Steel

Members' Christmas table decorations were enthusiastically judged by a group of Yr 6 pupils from Cookham Rise Primary School at our November meeting. These arrangements graced the tables throughout the festive season at the day centre in Cookham.

At our Christmas tea two members of the National Garden Scheme told us about its interesting history and that there will be new gardens opening up in 2020.

Later in December two of our members held a Christmas collection of £600 in Taplow for Thames Valley Adventure Playground.

Our 2020 calendar includes a Charter Lunch on February 2 at Harleyford Golf Club and Bridge Tea at Stubbings on March 11 in aid of international charities.

Bourne End and Cookham Rotary Club By John Dunsterville

We are recovering from the busiest part of Rotary club life after the Christmas party for the elderly and of course the Santa, elves and sleigh collections around the area. Heartfelt thanks to all who turned out on damp nights to meet Santa and support the charity funds.

We cordially invite you to an informal evening at Bourne End Academy on Thursday February 13 at 7pm with the theme 'What can Rotary do for my family?', 'What can Rotary do for my school?' and 'What can Rotary do for me?' The emphasis is on the terrific new initiatives and opportunities Rotary can give to people of all ages, from young children to retirees.

I implore you not to miss out, as our intention is to help your community to get the very best out of life. We could also do with some active support from the community so come and join us and be a part of the good and often unreported things that happen in our area. Please get in contact with me, John, on 07811 702853 or www.facebook.com/beacrotary

who is...

The Brilliant fish?

Julian Bazley is a children's author based in Bourne End, where he has lived for eighteen years. Inspired by the Dr Seuss books he read as a child, he created *The Brilliant Fish* as a bedtime story character for his daughter Charlotte. The stories are written to encourage children to have fun with words and to use verse to write creatively. Copies of his book can be ordered via online booksellers and from the publisher at <https://www.troubador.co.uk/bookshop/picture-books/the-brilliant-fish-and-the-clumsy-octopus>

From where he gets his knowledge no-one seems to know but day to day, year to year it simply seems to grow

Is his special wisdom gained from some encyclopaedia does he learn from Sea TV or other forms of media?

He knows about mathematics politics and law he speaks a dozen languages (by now it's probably more)

If you know any creatures that live beneath the sea who might need help with problems our friend may hold the key

So how do you get hold of him this underwater master? by letter or by telephone? an email would be faster

But fish can't use the internet computers wouldn't float and letters would get soaking wet unless they went by boat

The quickest way to seek him out the ocean's greatest mind is contacting his mother who isn't hard to find

They sit beneath the old ship's bell and wait for it to chime he's never early, never late but always right on time

He'll listen to each problem and stroke his scaly chin he'll purse his lips and nod his head and scratch it with his fin

Sometimes he'll have an instant fix an answer right away and other times it needs more thought he'll ask them back next day

But in the end he'll help them out he'll have the right solution and it's all free – he never asks for any contribution

So if you have a salty friend from near or foreign quarters who has concerns of any kind and swims in troubled waters

Get them to call on TBF there's not a thing to lose if they can swim there's no bus fare or leather off their shoes

He's bound to have the answer to cure their fears or woes to give them back their confidence with highs instead of lows

There's many that can vouch for him there's been a tale or two but are the stories true or false? it's really down to you

The best way to make up your mind about this fish of fish is read the stories for yourself ... believe them if you wish!!

She runs the corner fish shop which all sea creatures use it's open late most evenings (and rarely are there queues)

Yet Brilliant Fish keeps learning some say he has a tutor others think he must have built an undersea computer

He likes to use his knowledge because he is so wise to help sea creatures great and small with problems any size

They call from every ocean there's mackerel, plaice and eels tuna, lobster, whales and sharks and even arctic seals

They come to him with questions some vague and some precise Who? What? Where? And Why? they ask for guidance and advice

Just turn left at the lighthouse and right at Smugglers Cove down past Davy Jones' Antiques (a real treasure trove) It's right there at the crossroads between the Ship and Anchor before the school for dolphins and the sunken oil tanker

His Mum will take the details and fix a time and date then write it in a diary to make sure he's not late

Though many come from far and wide he manages to see them his favourite place to rendezvous is the Fishtory Museum

Way, way down beneath the waves or so the stories claim there lives a creature quite bizarre The Brilliant Fish by name

He's not like all the other fish who swim the waters deep since all they really seem to do is swim and eat and sleep

The Brilliant Fish is different his brain is truly vast his knowledge just defies belief things present and things past

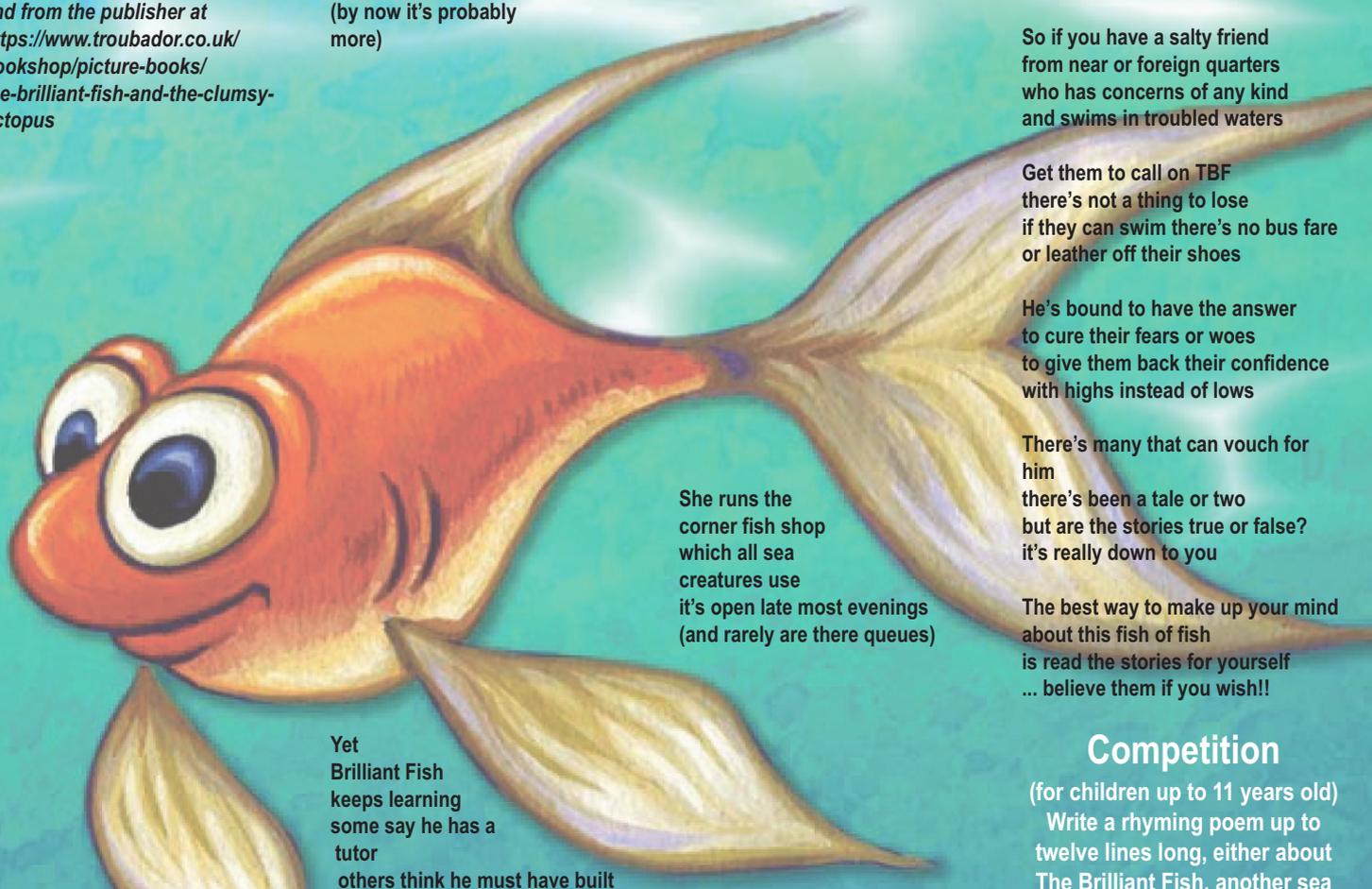
Competition

(for children up to 11 years old)

Write a rhyming poem up to twelve lines long, either about *The Brilliant Fish*, another sea creature or any animal of your choice (it might be a family pet).

Try to make your poem funny and remember to use your imagination. *Target* will judge entries and five winners will be awarded a copy of *The Brilliant Fish* book and a place on a 'Time to Rhyme' workshop run by Julian in the Easter holidays.

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The majority of my designs are inspired by nature: bumble bees, butterflies, birds and flowers. Other designs, often at the request of a customer, include boats, children's book characters, cup cakes and houses. The possibilities are endless...

I joined Bourne End Community and Craft Market last summer and have found everybody to be very friendly. The stalls display a wide range of creative and traditional craft skills and products. I

had a great time talking to customers at the pre-Christmas markets and at Bourne End Fun Night and sold lots of Rockin' Robins, Magical Mistletoe, Blue Birds, Bumble Bees and others. You can see my full collection by following Fragile Beauty on Instagram.

To discuss requests, please contact me at fragilebeautyhandcrafted@gmail.com.

I look forward to displaying my products at the market's 10th anniversary event on February 8. The market runs at the library on the second Saturday of every month, from 10am to 1pm and has a fantastic range of crafts, delicious artisan food stalls and a charity tombola.

For other market enquiries, call 07989 716635 or email rosieohagan@me.com

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Funds for Great Ormond Street

Gillian Yuill (left) from Mankind Barbers raised £440 for Great Ormond Street Hospital over Christmas. Gillian gave the cheque to Aledya Broude from Bourne End who is an ambassador for Great Ormond Street Hospital. Money raised came from Mankind's Raffle which also took to the streets on Fun Night. Gillian roped in her assistant Sam, who bravely wore the Olaf costume, and Sam's daughter Ava as Elsa. Gillian kept warm in a reindeer costume. See picture page 35.

Beaconsfield Theatre Group

HAY FEVER – an evening's entertainment not to be sneezed at!

It is summer 1925 and you are invited to an hilarious stay at the elegant Cookham home of the hopelessly theatrical Bliss family – Judith, a retired actress, David, a novelist, and their two over-indulged grown-up children, Simon and Sorel.

When each family member reveals they have invited a house-guest for the weekend – without telling anyone else (including the housekeeper) – the scene is set for some chaotic encounters!

It soon becomes clear that the guests are not the problem at all, but the Bliss family itself – as Judith turns every moment into her own private drama, and her husband and children assume the roles of her supporting cast.

Beaconsfield Theatre Group hopes to see you at the Beacon Centre between 26th and 29th February to enjoy this perennial favourite from Noel Coward.

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Bourne End Fun Nite and late shopping in December was another great success.

Bigger and better than ever!

Well done to the organisers, participants and thanks to everyone who braved the chill and turned up for the food, fun and entertainment.

We hope you enjoy our selection of pictures by Target's Barrie Penfold.



Past times

by Barrie Penfold

Names, names and names – thank you to everyone who contacted *Target* to identify those in the pictures from Past Times in the last issue. And to explain that dressing up in ladies' clothes and playing football on Jackson's Sports Field was a one-off event for that Christmas 70 years ago.

Many of the young lads were all at Bourne End School in Furlong Road – later demolished and now Alfred Court. There were fathers and sons in the photo, no name for the landlord at the Heart in Hand and still a few blanks just in case anyone comes up with a name.

Target went to meet one of the pictured men, Bill Charlton – now in a rest home – and found Keith Telfer visiting him (pictured right). Bill played football for Wooburn Athletic and Keith was the team's manager for many years. Keith likes to call and see Bill so they can reminisce together.

So here's the photo again, with numbers, with a list of names so far. If you can add to it please do so by emailing editor@targetmagazine.org.uk



1. Joe Perfect
2. Landlord of the Heart in Hand pub
3. Lives in Flackwell Heath – no name
4. Not known
5. Viv Lock
6. Reg Doe
7. Alan Smith
8. George Hodges
9. George Egleton
10. Charlie Squib
11. Tony Hurst
12. John Harris
13. John Hemmings
14. Bill Charlton (still alive, rest home)
15. Charlie Watkins
16. Gordon Stopps
17. Father of Joe Perfect
19. Father of Charlie Watkins

And here's another little challenge. *Target* received this photograph (below) of Wooburn Green children taken at a celebration event to mark the end of the Second World War. The corrugated St Mary's Chapel is in the background with part of Glory Mill on the right. Recognise anyone? Please let *Target* know by contacting: editor@targetmagazine.org.uk



OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

St Nicholas' Church

Our weekly services are at 9am, always a very peaceful time whether it be our Holy Communion services on the first, third and fourth Sundays or Pathway our family service on the second Sunday.

Pathway primarily focuses on contemporary worship songs with some traditional hymns and an interactive talk. The service lasts about 45 minutes. Small children are welcome at all our services.

On Mothering Sunday, March 22, children will be able to give flowers to their mums at the 9am service.

Pebbles our young church group meets each week, partly in our log cabin for activities before joining the congregation towards the end of the service.

On February 2 we welcome a representative from Open Doors to speak about their work with persecuted Christians across the world. Do join us for what promises to be a very thought-provoking presentation.

Our choir leads a lovely Sung Communion service every 4th Sunday. Please look out for our Lent course and other activities on our Facebook and Twitter accounts and our website www.parishesofhedsorandbourneend.co.uk

We would love to see you at St Nicholas, why not make 2020 the year you take the opportunity to explore your faith afresh.

St Mark's Parish Church

On February 2 we welcome John Barringer from Open Doors, an organisation reaching out to persecuted Christians across the world. The service starts at 10.30am (following his talk at St Nicholas' at 9am).

Pathway is our informal multi-media all-age service for families held each second Sunday of the month at 10.30am.

The music is modern worship songs, if you play the guitar your talent could be usefully employed in this service. Do get in touch with our Rector.

Our regular Holy Communion service is at 10.30am on all other Sundays. Do join us for our

Mothering Sunday service on March 22 when all mothers receive posies. A short service is also held on Thursdays at 12.30pm followed by a simple lunch, open to everyone. We welcome more and more parents and toddlers to the busy Puffins session each Wednesday in the church hall, 10am to 11.30am. We will be running a Lent course towards the end of February.

A group of committed volunteers provide beautiful flowers in the church each week, we invite more people to join the rota. If you can do that please get in touch. The church hall can be hired for parties, contact lindal.jolliffe@gmail.com. We have a coffee morning in the hall on Mondays, 10-11.30am, with lively discussions on current issues, do join us.

For further information contact the Rev Janet Binns 01628 523046 or admin@parishesofhedsorandbourneend.co.uk.



St John the Baptist Church, Little Marlow

After a very busy Christmas we are in a period of calm before Lent, Christ's Passion, Good Friday and then glorious Easter. Posies made by the children at Little Marlow School will be given out at the 11am service on Mothering Sunday, March 22. There will be special services during Lent and Lent courses. Please check our website.

There is now a Monday drop-in at the church, 9am to 11am, for coffee, tea and a chat.

Little Marlow School parents, younger children, local residents, church members and visitors are warmly welcomed.

On Sunday February 2 all who were baptised at Little Marlow are particularly invited to come and join us at our Candlemas service.

On Saturday February 22 we are having an afternoon of games at the Abbotsbrook Hall be it bridge, mahjong, scrabble or dominoes. Tables of four but do come with a friend or on your own and join in. £10 per person to include a delicious tea.

For tickets contact rosemary.piggott@googlemail.com or 07967 838481 or antheafalk@gmail.com or 01628 483817. Proceeds will be shared between the church and local charities.

For details of all activities see www.4u-team.org/ or www.facebook.com/littlemarlow



St Dunstan's Church

The Confirmation Class of 2020 started at the end of January. Besides learning about their faith, the class enjoy outings with other parishes and are also encouraged to work in the local community, which many continue to do after Confirmation.

January also saw the second edition of the Church Youth Bulletin designed to help the youth understand more about their Catholic Faith and the Catholic Church.

Events planned include the popular quarterly ladies' evenings and the annual Feast of St Dunstan in May.

The Catholic Church in England and Wales have launched 'The God Who Speaks: The Year of the Word' in partnership with the Bible Society. The year started with all the mass readers being commissioned and receiving their certificates from Bishop Peter.

Many attended the session on 'The Gospel of Matthew', given by Deacon Brent Adonis. This year, Year A in the Catholic Liturgical Calendar focuses on the Gospel of Matthew.



Cores End United Reformed Church

We give thanks for two dear friends who were stalwarts of the church who died recently:

Bryn Webb, a kind and faithful Christian, and Mary Beseke, who served as an elder and supported many people over the years.

The charity coffee morning in December was packed out with items for sale and people supporting the morning, raising £715 for charity.

Our church-related community worker, Karen Campbell, begins her work in February, mostly with Trinity Church and the Wycombe Refugee Partnership, but she is also giving 20 per cent of her time to help develop Cores End Church's



involvement in the local community. A service to commission her is on March 7 at Trinity Church.

Community Church

Our Sunday morning services are at Bourne End Academy, New Road, starting at 10.30am (refreshments from 10am), visitors always welcome.

Tuesday Lunch Club meets weekly (except February 18) at 12.30pm at the Chapel on the Green for a relaxed lunch and to get to know other people. Contact Dave Bitcheno on 07894 143925 or davebitcheno@thecomunitychurch.online.

Our Little Steps toddler group meets each Thursday in the hall at the Chapel on the Green, 10am to midday (except February 20).

Dad's Club is an opportunity for those taking care of children to enjoy a morning together eating bacon sandwiches, having coffee and letting the kids play. With a variety of activities for children age 0-10 years the charge is £2 per family for the morning. Next meetings will be Saturday February 1 and March 7.

You are warmly invited to our Father's Heart Conference, a day to help us better understand the heart of God. This will be at Bourne End Academy on Saturday February 22. For details of all events, including our current Alpha Course, visit www.thecomunitychurch.online



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

Our vicar of 17 years, Martin Wallington, is retiring. His final Sunday service will be on February 23. To celebrate his time at St Paul's Wooburn and to wish him and his wife Judy well in their onward journey, we invite you to join us on February 9 after the service for lunch in the church hall.

Family Breakfast will be on February 1 and March 7, 9.30am at St Mary's, with profits to charity. Dresses Workshop is on February 1 and March 7, 11.30am to 2.30pm, at St Mary's to make clothes for the children of The Walk Centre. For more information and booking for the Family Breakfast and Dresses Workshop visit <https://lybother2535.wixsite.com/website>

Messy Tuesdays activities for children in the half-term holiday are on February 18, 9.30-11.30am. Regular Services continue with Sunday Communion at 9.30am at St Paul's Church, with Sunday Club in the hall during the service for children of all ages.

A shorter Friday Communion Service with lunch is at midday during term time in St Mary's, Glory Mill Lane, Wooburn. All ages are welcome.

For church/hall hire or details of activities contact stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com, or call 01628 525512, or the vicarage on 01628 521209. Facebook: St-Pauls Wooburn or visit: <http://www.stpaulswooburn.org>



Bourne End Quaker Meeting

A Quaker Meeting for Worship takes place in the Target Room at the community centre at 10am on the first Monday of every month.

Everyone is welcome; we stay seated in shared silence until about 10.40am.

Anyone present may share their thoughts during this period of worship, as in any Quaker meeting. We chat briefly over tea and coffee after the meeting. For more information visit www.caqm.org.uk

Please call into the centre and pay £1 for your copy of Target

OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

Ist Wooburn Scout Group

We started back again in January at our HQ with those who have moved up from Beavers into Cubs or into the Scouts.

The Beavers will be doing the Cook and Emergency Level 1 activity badges as well as the My Outdoors Challenge badge. They will also be able to add activity badges for hobbies and clubs outside of the Scout Group.

Coming up towards the end of term (March 27-29), the Beavers and Cubs have a joint activity camp. They will take part in five or more specialist activities run by the staff, as well as camping out on the main field.

The Scouts will be participating in more challenges and increasing their skills for the outdoors.

Finally, on behalf of the Ist Wooburn Scouts, we wish Jon Dalton (Assistant Scout Leader) huge congratulations for being awarded a British Citizen Award (BCA) for his work in the community.

Marlow & District Railway Society

Our September meeting should have had a talk on the life and work of Terence Cuneo with particular reference to his interest in railways. Unfortunately Carole Cuneo, Terence's daughter, was taken seriously ill and he was unable to attend.

The October meeting was well attended. The audience was treated to a feast of *Iberian Steam* from Brian Stephenson who has travelled widely to come up with a range of pictures for the audience.

Our November meeting was addressed by the Rev Brian Arman on a return visit to the MDRS on the subject of Broad Gauge Journey 1 - Paddington to Bristol.

He is a very well informed historian particularly on the Great Western Railway and as usual his talk went on until quite late, but nonetheless was very interesting and it was well worth staying to the end.

Bucks Family History Society

Members meet in the Eghams Room at the community centre on the second Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm. The speaker starts at 8pm. Help is always provided for people who feel they would like to start a family history or continue with more extensive research into their family tree. Come and meet us – you will be made very welcome.

On Tuesday February 11 the speaker, Peter Christian, will be talking about

making the best use of the major genealogical data services called Findmypast. Peter will look at the best ways to search and how to overcome search problems.

Then on Tuesday March 10 Les Mitchinson will talk about *The Origins and Development of Surnames*. The talk goes into the development of surnames and how variants became established.

Visitors are always welcome to hear a particular speaker and we ask for a donation of £4 to club funds. Members pay £2.

We always hope that a visitor becomes so interested in their own past history that they sign up for membership and discover a fascinating new world of how people lived in the past. Visit our website at www.bfhs.org.uk

Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

Here's to another great year of flowers and ways to make them look stunning. Helped, of course, by some greenery, bits and pieces from the garden, then a skilled pair of hands and some imagination.

We'll have plenty of that on Tuesday February 4 which sees our in-house demonstration when intrepid members strut their stuff.

This year the title is *Two by Two*, with pairs of demonstrators using the same plant material but creating different designs. It should be a bit of a challenge but great fun, so do come along and support your fellow club members.

Into March and our demonstration on the first Tuesday, March 3, will be in the capable hands of Jennifer Thompson with *A Moment in Time*.

We look forward to seeing you there as lucky raffle winners take home the arrangements created during the evening.

Listen out for details of our summer outing which replaces the August meeting. It is always a lovely day and a chance to meet informally over a day of flowers in lovely gardens.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month in the May Woollerton Hall at the community centre from 7.30pm for a start at 8pm. For useful items there is a sales table at every meeting. For more details ring our secretary on 01628 476641 or email Bourneend@bbando.org

Bourne End Twinning Association

Bourne End is twinned with Octeville-sur-mer, a little town near Le Havre in Normandy. We chose one another, and signed our agreement to foster links and friendships between our communities in 2003.

Anyone from our area can join and

attend our local events. It's a load of fun, and a great way to make friends both here and in France.

About 40 people attended our popular Galette afternoon on January 4 where excellent frangipane pies were devoured and the finders of the 'fèves' (beans/tokens) duly crowned. We were delighted to welcome a new member and some visiting guests.

Our AGM and supper will be on Saturday March 7. Our valued secretary, Margaret Emery, will be stepping down, so we shall need a new minutes secretary, and new committee members are also welcome.

In May, the CJO (Comité de Jumelage d'Octeville-sur-mer) arrive in Bourne End for an action-packed weekend.

The visit runs from May 21 to 25 (Thursday afternoon to Monday morning). Perhaps you have already offered to open your home to someone from Octeville?

If you have doubts about hosting, do contact us now to find out more with no obligation. No French is required, just an open heart and a willingness to welcome and have fun together. You can join in even if you do not host, but we need plenty of offers now.

After the twinning visit, events in the year are likely to include the quiz, garden party and autumn dinner. However, if you have other ideas, please let us know, or join our friendly committee and help to make them happen.

Drawn from among our members, the choir meets fortnightly when preparing for a performance. New members are always welcome, no auditions, just a love of singing required.

For any information about hosting, our events or membership, contact chairman Wilma Johnston Ball on 01628 473872, will6j@virginmedia.com or Wendy Langford 01628 520065, langford@thamesinternet.com. Membership is still only £5 pa (£10 for a family), offering information on six events a year and lower charges for meals. Our website is www.bebta.co.uk and our 'twin' is Octeville-sur-mer, Normandy, at www.cjo.fr



Enjoying the Galette afternoon

Wye Valley Volunteers

Into the New Year and we started immediately with cancellations by transport clients (usually through ill health) and with rescheduled appointments from hospitals.

Additionally, with the new system the local surgery is operating, there are frequently same day requests.

These mean a very quick response is needed from us. Ideally we like clients to give about a week's notice but we do our very best to find drivers at shorter notice if clients hear late about their appointment.

Thank you to *Target* for publicising our need for more team members to work in the office. We had a good response and three volunteers are currently 'sitting-in' to learn the ropes.

As well as volunteer drivers and office staff we have other volunteers who undertake home visits, run lunches and coffee mornings and manage the community minibus.

Do please contact us if you are considering voluntary work and we can discuss what might interest you. If you would like help from one of these services please contact us by phone: 01628 521027, by email: enquiries@wyevalleyvolunteers.org.uk or in person to the Community Volunteer Office, to the right of the community centre, which is open from 10am to midday each weekday.

HELP NEEDED!

A *Target* distributor is needed for Roman Way, Bourne End – a total of 50 magazines (every two months).

The lady who did the delivery has moved. If residents of Roman Way want to continue receiving *Target* please respond to the insert in this issue or call 01628 525415. If there's no reply please leave your details.

Thank you to those who have come forward to go on our list for occasional deliveries. We still need a few more people whose names can go on this list for one-off delivery action to cover shortages/holidays.

We appreciate that you may not want to have a regular delivery commitment, but would be grateful if you could help out when needed.

It might be five or 50 copies of *Target*, depending on the route, but being happy to deliver makes the difference.

CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 2 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm
- 3 Mon Wooburn Pub Lunch Club, 12.30pm at The Old Bell. For a two-course lunch £10, contact has to be made for your first lunch. Ring Margaret Amos 01628 525033 to book
- 4 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the Community Centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle
- 6 Thurs 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
- 7 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 8 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the library. 10th anniversary – extra special occasion
- 13 Thur Centre Talks, The Ridgeway Explained. See poster page 20
- 13 Thur Rotary event at Bourne End Academy, New Road, at 7pm "What can Rotary do for my family/school/me?" See page 29
- 14 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 15 Sat Country & Western comes to Bourne End with the Kenward Country Band at the community centre all details page 20
- 16 Sun Indoor Car Boot Sale at the centre 9.30am to 11.30am. Call Caroline on 01628 485642 to take part
- 21 Fri Movie night at the community centre. See The New Royalty Cinema poster page 20
- 21 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 22 Sat Bridge games and tea 2pm in Abbotsbrook Hall. See poster page 32
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- 6 Fri Live Music & Quiz Night with food, karaoke, raffle and auction. See details page 14
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NOTE THE DATE

Saturday April 25 – Annual Spring Fair at Alfred Court, Furlong Road, from 11am. Stalls, cakes, games, tombola and much more

*The next issue of Target will cover April and May 2020
Email editor@targetmagazine.org.uk by Monday March 2 to get your event included in the calendar. The magazine will be published on Friday March 27*

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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 March 9. 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 enjoyed this quiz The Falcon has a weekly pub quiz which starts at 8.30pm on Mondays - it's £2 per person. There's money and prizes to win on the night plus a rollover cash jackpot. This quiz is all general knowledge...

1. Which Hollywood film starring Henry Fonda was based on a John Steinbeck novel?
2. The name for which type of building or construction stems from both the French and Latin word for butterfly?
3. The largest known spider in the world is named after which biblical character?
4. Which Paul McCartney and Wings album title is also the name of a famous painting by Sandro Botticelli?
5. According to Forbes magazine, who is the wealthiest monarch in the world?
6. Which two footballers have been sent off twice while playing for England?
7. Which well-known Order has been coined 'The Bankers of the Middle Ages'?
8. Which two bands had a hit with the song 'Dandy' in the 1960s?
9. The Aare river runs through the capital city of which country?
10. Name the film in which Jeff Bridges played the character Jack Baker?
11. What is the largest lake in the Tropics?
12. Which sport does James Bond take part in, in "Die Another Day"?
13. 'Mine eyes' are the first two words to which famous war song?
14. In the Tour De France, what is the 'Lanterne Rouge'?
15. Steven Spielberg was one of the co-founders of which movie studio?
16. Which synonym for luxury and elegance is named after a Swiss hotel tycoon?
17. Which are the only two South American countries that do not border Brazil?
18. Which US city is the gin-soaked bar room queen from in the song 'Honky Tonk Woman'?
19. In which country is the southernmost inhabited community in the world?
20. Which famous German brand was known as 'Dassler' back in the 1930s?

ANSWERS to the last quiz: 1 Deal or No Deal 2 Lowest 3 Culture Club 4 Timmy Mallett 5 McVities 6 Three 7 Cabaret 8 Groucho 9 Dining Club 10 Club Foot 11 Wimbleton 12 Diane Keaton/Goldie Hawn/Bette Midler 13 S Club 7 14 1910s (1916) 15 Emilio/Estevez/Anthony Michael Hall/Judd Nelson/Molly Ringwald/Ally Sheedy 16 Wham 17 Justin Timberlake/Christina Aguilera/Britney Spears 18 Fourteen 19 Oxford 20 Liverpool
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