

Rosie O'Hagan

## ROYAL HONOUR FOR ROSIE

When Rosie O'Hagan from Wooburn Green opened the formal letter from the Ceremonial Officer at the Cabinet Office her first thought was "is this a scam?". Then, after reading that she was to be recommended to Her Majesty The Queen by the Prime Minister on the advice of the independent Main Honours Committee for a British Empire Medal, Rosie admitted that she just burst into tears.

Rosie, best known to *Target* readers for running the Bourne End Community Market, can smile about it now, but there have been varying emotions since November 2021 when the letter arrived. "I didn't feel that it was my honour when so many people had all done so much through these difficult times" she told *Target*. Thankfully, her husband Michael convinced her that she should take the honour on behalf of those wonderful volunteers who really made a difference to the daily lives of the local community.

And Rosie will tell anyone who will listen that she loves the word 'community'. A smile lights up her face when she says it and explains how important it is to help each other.

That was why she responded immediately to the SOS appeal and used her knowledge of the local

community to move the database forward and get volunteers geared up to help the vulnerable and anyone with health problems who needed to shield during the pandemic.

Looking back Rosie says that it was actually Laura Woodley, a wonderful NHS nurse from Wooburn Green, who sent out the very first appeal for help, but rather than Wooburn Green going it alone, Rosie contacted parish councillor Miriam Blazey who had already started a Cookham volunteer group.

"We linked up with Wye Valley Volunteers and, in particular, David and Holly Whittaker, et voilà, the Bourne End & Wooburn Green SOS group of volunteers was formed to deliver prescriptions, do shopping and 101 other jobs for those isolating.

"With no community market allowed I was able to concentrate all my efforts in that direction," Rosie explained, "although I knew that as soon as it was possible we were going to have the regular monthly market again because it meant so much to the community."

In June 2020 Rosie achieved just that with 17 stalls\* on the day centre and library forecourts and outside the community centre. "Everyone was so supportive," she reported with delight, "there were more volunteer stewards than stall holders and I didn't know whether to laugh or cry when I saw the immense queue of people along Wakeman Road, all with shopping bags, all socially distanced and patiently waiting their turn to move forward." The market was back.

More recently Rosie received an email which made her even more determined to push forward to make the market both bigger and better.

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## 60 YEARS CELEBRATION

Landmark anniversary for community association

2022 marks 60 years since the ink dried on the first formal minutes of Bourne End (Bucks) Community Association. Since 1962 the association has been at the heart of the community, raising funds and negotiating a site for a community centre and continuing to run the centre for the community.

Thankfully there are some of those original founder members who can recall the meetings, the decisions and then the hours of work involved in fundraising. With planning permission came site meetings, plans and some of the major decisions for volunteers committed to building a community centre.

Then there was the fun when events were 'sold out', when a packed audience enjoyed a fashion show, a Miss Bourne End contest or a dinner dance. When carnival day dawned, the sun shone and Jacksons Sports Field (now Bridgestone Drive and Hellyer Way) would be packed with happy smiley people attending this wonderful annual event organised by the association.

In celebrating this anniversary Bourne End (Bucks) Community Association endorses the commitment of those founder members, looks with satisfaction at what has been achieved and is always planning ahead. It's 60 years in 2022 and it will be 70 years in 2032. And that's something to smile about.



Sixty years ago local people joined together in their need for a community meeting place where everyone could get together and socialise. Their determination resulted in the formation of Bourne End (Bucks) Community Association. To raise funds for that purpose a charity was formed.

From then on it became a major Bourne End charity with the objective of raising funds to build a community centre for local people. Times have changed but the purpose of that community association has remained constant. People and their needs might have changed, but in Bourne End the association and the community centre are still the living heart of the village.

Through six decades of achievements, and occasional disappointments, the community centre has seen countless events packed with smiles and ringing with the sound of applause. Many, many people have memories of events and even now there are those planning events in the future. Celebrating this anniversary is a definite way to say that the charity is still Bourne End (Bucks) Community Association – with plans for more future anniversaries.



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*The association is a registered charity (No. 300236). It is financed by fundraising, donations and income from the community centre and is managed entirely by volunteers.*

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The Target Quiz is taking a break this issue, but will be back in the April/May issue.

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A stallholder wrote: "Volunteers are so helpful with us older stall holders and I so appreciate all you are doing, helping us old retired lonely people have a purpose in life, thank you so much."

Rosie knew that she needed to get more volunteers involved and expand what the market offered.

While still providing regular SOS services and now with the support of fellow SOS volunteer, James Mortimer and long-standing stall holder and friend, Alison Smith, they were recruiting more volunteers and checking out potential new food, craft and community stallholders.

At every market there would be a regular stallholder alongside someone new. Rosie could state, with pride, that this was one of the first craft markets countrywide that re-opened after lockdown providing a safe place for renewed social interactions and contributing to the feeling of wellbeing of the whole community.

Now into 2022 and Rosie has a new committee set for action – James along with Debbie Darby and Diane Hall. They have plans to get the younger generation involved, especially in areas where they excel like social media.

Look out for the market on Facebook and soon on Twitter and Instagram. There are thoughts about evening events and how that might work. Working well is the involvement of the new Independent Bucks Councillors who now attend every market, keen to talk about local issues and offer help and advice where they can. "Building on this we really hope to involve other organisations and create a monthly relaxed information and wellbeing hub for the benefit of all age groups. This is what being an inclusive community market is all about," Rosie says. "I am so proud of and thankful to everyone involved and especially to our returning visitors."

For February and March there will be entertainment specifically for children paid for by the Buckinghamshire Welcome Back Fund. "Our view is that we are a community hub to help heal – in a small way – the damage that has been caused by the past two years."

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## UPDATE by Stuart Wilson

The two major housing development allocations in our area, Slate Meadow and Hollands Farm, are still without a planning determination for their respective applications at the time of writing in mid-January.

It is anticipated (but not known for certain) that these may come forward to the relevant planning committees either in February or March. We have continued to scrutinise the various submissions and documents that are made available through planning applications

Slate Meadow, which already has outline planning permission for up to 150 dwellings, is presently going through a review of the Reserved Matters (21/07006/REM) that are necessary for full planning

permission. As reported last time, the developer has been required to do further work and amended designs and reports were uploaded to the public access planning portal at the beginning of January.

Statutory consultees will need to review these new documents and provide a revised response detailing their reasons for any further objections they may have. We would encourage everyone in the community to review the documents and respond to the planning team online or via email (planning.wyc@buckinghamshire.gov.uk quoting 21/07006/REM). Residents can do this right up until just before the planning committee meeting report is prepared.

Hollands Farm is still at the outline planning application stage (21/06215/OUT) for only the larger part of the site represented by Catesby Estates for up to 400 dwellings (c.467 across the whole site); at this point, Capreon have yet to submit an outline planning application for Jackson's Field.

Catesby Estates have responded to matters raised by Highways, who now need to review that response and respond accordingly with any objections.

There have also been consultee reports regarding Archaeology, Heritage, Ecology/Offset, Rights of Way and SuDS (on-site drainage). The planning application has an extension of time for determination until the end of January, although it may run into February. Again, residents are encouraged to read the reports and respond to the planning team on the email shown above quoting the 21/06215/OUT if there is still an opportunity before determination at the time of *Target* publication.

An immediate concern for us and for residents has been the proposed enlargement of the roundabout at Penny's Corner. This would require removal and relocation of the Parish Council Centenary Clock and the Peace Garden to an alternative position in the village, eliminating a large amount of public green space in the process.

This transport mitigation scheme was proposed by Catesby Estates and has been ratified by the Wycombe Local Plan and the Highways DM report as being essential for the Hollands Farm site to be approved.

I took this matter to the Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet on November 9, but it was clear that the council did not want to consider alternatives at that stage.

Following our own transport submission, the developer's transport expert has now concluded that a full enlargement of the roundabout may not be required, but the likely outcome and any other modification of Penny's Corner remains ambiguous at this stage.

If you have any questions regarding our ongoing campaign to preserve our green space, or these two sites in particular, please contact Stuart Wilson on [stuartwilson@btinternet.com](mailto:stuartwilson@btinternet.com) or 07789 615646.

### 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 sitting West. What should you bid on the given auction at matchpoint pairs, N-S vulnerable?

♠ K 10 5      W    N    E    S  
♥ A K J 5 3    1♥   Pass 1♠   Pass  
♦ J 7 4 2      ?  
♣ 9

Julian Pottage gives his answer on page 6

*English Bridge is published by the English Bridge Union.*



### Bourne End Bridge Club

The club completed an eight-week course for bridge players who wished to improve to playing at club level.

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Len Quy of Flackwell Heath (pictured with his prize) was the winner.

For more information please see [www.bridgewebs.com/bourneend](http://www.bridgewebs.com/bourneend)

Falcon Quiz is taking a break for this issue. Here are the answers and winner for the December/January issue.

1 Six - partridge, turtle doves, French hens, calling birds, geese, swans 2 Wise Men to stable where Jesus lay 3 The lion, the witch and the wardrobe 4 St Stephens 5 Capricorn 6 An angel got its wings 7 Coca Cola 8 Christmas trees/fir trees 9 The Nutcracker 10 George V 11 Bing Crosby 12 Canada 13 Six points 14 Mistletoe 15 Dr Seuss 16 The Snowman 17 Aladdin 18 Wallace & Gromit 19 Only Fools and Horses 20 Olaf  
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2♠. You have a minimum opening bid, three-card support for partner, a singleton on the side and a poor second suit. Raising limits your hand and better describes it than a 2♦ bid. Partner, if holding four spades, might still be able to explore other contracts, for example by rebidding in no trumps or showing delayed heart support.

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Sylvia Bourhill

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### E is for error and eagle-eyed

Thanks to an eagle-eyed reader who spotted an extra 'e' in three places – whisky, Shanly and Wimpy. *Target* apologises for these errors in the December/January issue. And to Wye Valley Volunteers whose lovely picture on page 38 was captioned incorrectly – it should have said simply - Regulars return to the coffee morning at the community centre.



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First and foremost, we'd like to extend our thanks to everyone who participated in the consultation survey or sent in comments about our Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) and our vision for Wooburn and Bourne End Parish.

Leaflets were distributed to all residents advising them of the consultation, which is about creating the best possible future for the two villages.

We had a display in Wakeman Road Library attended at various times by our councillors to answer questions on the plan and to encourage the public to have their say in the consultation survey.

We also held 'Town Hall' style discussions by Zoom and face-to-face in St Mary's Hall so that people could meet and discuss what matters to them. New ideas and suggestions were warmly welcomed.

This consultation period closed at the end of January and the results will be discussed and incorporated in the draft plan as appropriate. It will then be passed on to Buckinghamshire Council for public notification and then later to an Independent Examiner for their consideration.

Once the Independent Examiner has reviewed and approved the plan it will then go to a public referendum and, if approved, it will become part of the Local Legal Planning Framework.

We very much hope this happens, as it will give us much more influence on planning decisions affecting the parish – it will also increase the amount of money we receive from developments, which can be used for infrastructure projects to help mitigate some of the impacts from development.

Another piece of important news concerns a change of personnel in the office. Malcolm Silver, our Clerk at Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council for the past 10 years, has decided to change course and is heading for retirement.

He will be a hard act to follow. Malcolm has flagged up many improvements in an increasingly busy parish and raised its standing in the area.

He has advised the councillors in the committee meetings he clerks and backed up the projects he researches with sufficient facts and figures for them to reach well-informed and progressive decisions.

His door is always open and he's likely to say: "the answer's yes, now what is the question?"

A sign of his style is that the council has been a happy place for years, usually with a full complement of councillors. We wish him all the best. He will be missed, but I have a sneaking suspicion that he will miss the council, just a little bit, too.

**Projects update:** The question of outdoor gym equipment and exercise facilities in Wooburn Park will be resumed as soon as possible.

The tennis club is a popular one and we are exploring the possibility of creating an extra court to accommodate the growing demand.

You may have noticed that the newly refurbished red phone box at the bottom of Wash Hill has morphed into a book exchange.

The jewel next to Bourne End Marina is undoubtedly Dinnie's Riverside where there are benches for you to simply sit and enjoy the river, the ducks and swans, and the sunsets.

We have added a new bench where there is just enough space for the small area without it becoming overcrowded.

We didn't publish a Parish Guide for 2021 but are in the process of updating the information in anticipation of a brand-new edition in 2022.

Life in the parish is full of changes so if you would like to be ahead of the game, check out our website from time to time, or give the office a call if you have a particular question.

The phone number is still 01628 522827 and the website is [wooburnparish.gov.uk](http://wooburnparish.gov.uk). We look forward to hearing from you.

## Ocean rowers set fair

The latest on Guy Rigby from Little Marlow with his rowing partner David Murray and their competitive Atlantic row is that they had completed 1878 nautical miles with 967 to go mid-January. With fair winds they are scheduled to arrive in Antigua on February 6 thereby completing the journey in 55 days, ten days quicker than estimated and on course to be the oldest pair ever to row the Atlantic. Rowing as a pair in *The Entrepreneur Ship* they are competing in the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge, raising funds for UnLtd.

In terms of their position in the race, they are currently 6th of the pairs, 27th in 'class' and 28th (of 35). Full report next issue.

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## New Year, new team, new plans and a new leader

In January, the 'gang of four', aka the Bourne End Community Market Committee, held its first planning meeting of the year in Bourne End's new Moreganic Café.

After celebrating Rosie's British Empire Medal news (see page 1) and the addition of Diane and Debbie to the organising committee, we got down to planning your community market for the year, in particular the setting up of a health and well-being info hub for Bourne End and surrounding villages.

Plans are in hand to expand the street food and food producers on offer along with the diversity of craft stalls. We'd love to know what stalls would attract the younger generation?

Our aim is to make the market your number one destination for an easy Saturday lunch after browsing the many interesting and welcoming stalls. If you have any spare time, particularly on market days, please do get in touch.

Or do you have Excel expertise and would like to help keep our spreadsheets up to date?

Are you aged 16-25 with ideas to suit your generation? We welcome a wide range of volunteers!

For more info, email [rosieohagan@me.com](mailto:rosieohagan@me.com) or call 07989 716635 or go to [www.facebook.com/BourneEndCommunityCraftMarket](http://www.facebook.com/BourneEndCommunityCraftMarket). Better still, come along on February 12 and March 12, 10-1pm, we'll have some extra special entertainment for children thanks to funding provided by Bucks Welcome Back Fund.

The 'gang of four' pictured here outside Moreganic Café – are (l to r) Debbie Darby, James Mortimer, Diane Hall, Rosie O'Hagan

By Debbie Darby



## Take on the rowing challenge

Longridge Activity Centre, Marlow, is inviting entrants to participate in their family-friendly event, Row the Atlantic (on the Thames).

They're looking for 500 people to each paddle a 6.5 mile course on the beautiful, non-tidal, River Thames at Marlow. This event, over the weekend of April 22 to 24, is in aid of Longridge and the RNLI, both of which promote, educate and provide support and safety on the water.

The popularity of kayaking, paddle boarding, open water swimming and boating has risen steeply in the past couple of years, but sadly, so too have the incidents related to people engaged in recreational pursuits.

With entertainment from Marlow FM, catering from Longridge, prizes and competitions throughout the weekend, Row the Atlantic (on the River Thames) is the perfect opportunity to educate your family and friends on how to have fun safely, on the water, while raising money for two worthwhile charities.

The distance between Longridge's base on the Thames at Marlow and Boston harbour, USA is 3,241 miles. Participants, individuals or teams, will only need to kayak a more manageable 6.5 mile course on the river. Over the weekend it will take 500 people to hit the 3,241 miles target.

This is an all-abilities event. All that's needed is basic fitness, the ability to swim and the desire to take on a challenge to raise money to help save lives on our rivers and at sea.

Entrants choose a time slot when they would like to participate (subject to availability). There is a £25 entry fee to cover; use of boats, paddles and buoyancy aids as well as Longridge's shore-based facilities (plus a £10 training fee for those that need to go on Longridge's two hour, kayaking, competence course). Entrants will be asked to pledge a suggested donation of £100 in sponsorship to the two charities, which will be split 70:30 between the RNLI and Longridge.

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# What a fun, fun, Fun Night

By Jim Penfold

Over the years I have had the pleasure of being involved, to a small extent, with the Bourne End village Fun Night. It's a great opportunity for everyone to get together and start the festive season. So it was with a great feeling of disappointment for me, and everyone, that back in September the word was that there would be 'no fun night'.

Then the turn around and, yes, it was all systems go and Fun Night was on. So to the night itself. What was the same? Had anything changed?

Well, the first and wonderful difference was that The Parade was closed to traffic. Young and old could enjoy the evening without the traffic risk and the constant noise of car engines. Santa Claus was there to open proceedings, along with his elves. The children's light was turned on by Henry and added to the previous wonderful creations. Steve Backshall and Helen Glover, along with two little members of their family, were enthusiastic and staged the countdown for Henry.

The rest of the evening was packed with familiar amusements including a roundabout, free beer, tombola, food stalls and lots of challenges from Guides and Scouts along with stalls run by local groups and clubs.

And then for the new – that trampoline outside the Tesco Express – music all through the evening on the stage outside McColls and more outside, and inside, the community centre.

Santa's reindeer were patiently waiting outside Santa's Grotto to return him to the North Pole to enable him to complete his preparations for Christmas Day. That was after he had seen as many children as possible in his cosy grotto created in a day.

Two ten foot tall ladies, actually on stilts, amazed all who saw them. And there were crowds of people everywhere really getting into the spirit of Christmas.

The pandemic – whose name we are not allowed to mention by

command of the managing editor – was at least temporarily forgotten as enjoyment was the theme of the evening. This really was a fun night for everyone and those who were involved should be congratulated. You worked so hard to make it special for people and especially for the children.

Are there any causes for complaint? Yes, one very big problem is that it is a whole year before the next fun night. So play it again Penny. And huge thanks to everyone involved.

*Here are just a few shots taken on Jim's phone showing the stilted ladies, free beer and roundabout as well as one of the lovely reindeer in a special parking slot. More images on our festive round-up picture spread pages 24/25.*



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## Phil's gift in memory of his wife

Back in August 2021 what started as a way to raise money in memory of his wife, Gail, has made Phil Laybourne a major fundraiser for the Thames Hospice.

His idea of a calendar for 2022 featuring his photographs of local views, was professionally designed and then ordered with an initial print run of 200.

They soon sold out so Phil ordered more. The word got around and everyone wanted a copy for themselves or to send to friends. The sales were boosted with help from the Rotary Club of Bourne End and Cookham.

Phil watched with astonishment as his stall at the community market, or by word-of-mouth, brought more requests for the calendar.

By the end of November he had sold 850 at £10 each. Add to that the demand for framed prints and Phil booked a date and time to return to the hospice with a giant cheque for £10,000.

Everyone welcomed him, along with Rotary friends and the designers, as he handed over the smaller cheque to be banked.

It was a nostalgic visit, but one Phil was delighted to make. "I was determined to show my support for all the care the hospice had shown to Gail and also to myself and our girls," he said.

Gail died on 9 May 2020 after a relatively short illness. She was born, raised and lived in Wooburn Green – a truly local lady.

And on to the next fund raising scheme for Phil. "I'm still thinking," he laughs, "but it will happen."

For now he is just delighted at the success of his calendar in memory of Gail.



*Above: Craig Thorne, in his nursing uniform, was one of the staff who looked after Gail while she was in the hospice. Like everyone there he was grateful for Phil's outstanding fundraising*



*Right: Phil with his calendar and members of Rotary as well as representatives from Thames Hospice*



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Little Marlow Parish Council wishes all parishioners a very Happy New Year.

Last year was challenging in so many different ways, but the council continued to work hard and fulfil the action plans set.

The burial committee worked on development plans to extend Fern Lane Cemetery enabling a beautiful resting place for years to come.

Memorial benches were installed on behalf of two families at the recreation ground in Little Marlow and offer a tranquil seat to watch the world go by, or a game of cricket. The playground was maintained to a high standard and is a great place for youngsters of the parish to run off some energy.

Councillor Anna Crabtree was elected as Environment Committee Chairman to the new committee and along with fellow councillors on the committee has drafted a council strategy.

Anna also led on planting new trees around the parish – more information will follow on the parish council website.

Councillor Phil Emmet was elected as chairman of the planning committee which meets prior to every council meeting to discuss planning applications which are distributed by Buckinghamshire Council for Little Marlow Parish Council to feedback as a consultee.

All planning applications can be found on the parish council website under planning tracker.

To find out more about the parish council all parishioners are welcome to join parish council meetings held on a six weekly basis.

View the parish council meeting calendar and access meeting agendas via the website. Sign up for our news alerts and hear about what's happening in the parish.

To keep up with parish council news please visit our website:

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The clerk is currently working remotely following government guidelines.

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Hello, and a Happy New Year to you all. 2022 is here and the Bourne End and District U3A is really hoping that all our activities can now get up and running safely and successfully.

Obviously there is still some uncertainty in the air, but spring is just around the corner and things always look so much better once you can see snowdrops and daffodils.

The U3A held two very successful Christmas fish and chip lunch parties in December.

They were both well attended and a testament to the fact that people do really want to try and get back to normal as far as is possible and sensible.

The library and community centre both have lists of our present range of activities and we are hoping to get more groups off the ground.

There is already lots to choose from but if you have any suggestions, or you would like to lead a new group, or would simply like to join one of our existing groups, do please get in touch with our membership secretary, Fritha Irwin, at [members@bourneendu3a.org.uk](mailto:members@bourneendu3a.org.uk)

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Here are pictures of Sharon (left) from Headway with Edward Chidgey and Trevor Quantrell (right) from the community centre



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# REMEMBERING...

## ANN BURNHAM 1943 – 2021

This lovely lady with the instant smile, happy laugh and a wonderful memory for faces was born, raised and very much part of Bourne End and Wooburn Green.

Ann was born at The Shrubbery in Maidenhead and grew up in Waborne Road. She was part of the local scene especially as her father was the head postman in Furlong Road sorting office for 40 years. Everyone knew the family and Ann was one of them.

In 1964 she married David and they had son Tony. He remembers growing up in a home that was full of Ann's laughter and her ready smile. She never changed from being someone that everyone knew and liked.



The family home was in New Road and, as Ann never learned to drive, she would be seen striding off along to her job at Bourne End Day Centre. She worked as a carer for Bucks County Council for 25 years.

Of course the family

was happy to deliver *Target* in those early days. Tony remembers a bundle of magazines arriving and then someone would go off to put them through letterboxes.

"I remember my grandparents doing deliveries" Tony said. Things didn't change when David and Ann bought a new home in Wooburn Green and immediately volunteered to deliver the magazine to neighbours.

Ann carried on when David died and only stopped

when walking became a problem in early 2021.

Caring was Ann's life and she continued after the move to Wooburn when she would be looking after older people in the Hawthornes and around the village. She eventually retired from work when she was 74 but that didn't stop her getting out, being ready to chat and being welcomed – she was a friend you loved to meet. And she would remind you about mutual friends and ask how they were doing and sending her love.

Diagnosed with lung cancer in 2021 she was surprised but it was Tony who said with astonishment "But mum has never smoked or drank". Ann was delighted when one of her first carers turned out to be a girl she had trained many years before.

Right to the end Ann never stopped fighting, was always cheerful and made everyone laugh. Thankfully she didn't suffer and Tony praised everyone at Stoke Mandeville hospital who had given her exceptional care and where she spent the last two weeks of her life. Ann died peacefully in her sleep on December 14. RIP

## VALERIE ELLEN THOMAS 1942 - 2021

Val was born on June 27 in Middlesex and, despite suffering ill health, became a strong swimmer and developed a passion for ice skating.



She was a regular at Richmond and Queens ice rinks learning to waltz and foxtrot with her dad.

Val met Ray Thomas at The Ball Room, Kinsbury and they married on June 26, 1965 before moving to Wooburn Green to start a family.

Over the years they

have enjoyed a wide range of community activities including exploring the local countryside on the annual Rotary Club sponsored walks and taking their three daughters and four grandchildren to watch the boats at Boulter's Lock, picnic on Ray Mill Island and walks in Burnham Beeches or along the river at Windsor.

When her daughters were young Val listened to children read and helped at St Paul's school fêtes. She was a child-minder and worked at St Mark's playgroup and then Meadows Preschool in Wooburn.

Val loved the opportunity to help those children who needed an extra bit of support and encouragement to have fun and succeed in their own way.

This was also true when she was Snowy Owl at Cores End Brownies. She would spend hours creating arts and craft activities that all the girls could enjoy.

Over the years Val battled a number of health issues and was a frequent visitor at local hospitals. No matter how much pain she was in she always smiled and thanked the staff who looked after her.

On shopping trips in the village strangers would stop and say hello and the next minute they would be sharing their stories with Val as she was a good listener and quickly made new friends.

Val died peacefully on December 8 following a period of ill health and was remembered in a beautiful service at The Hampden Chapel at Chiltern Crematorium surrounded by not only family but lifelong friends, neighbours, work colleagues and friends she had made around the village.

Val will be deeply missed by her family and friends but her kindness, warm smile and determination to overcome whatever challenges she faced will live on in the many memories of the fun times they shared. RIP

(see also page 31)



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### Meet Penny...

Penny Heyes first got involved in wine when her father started making it from local fruit and fermenting it in large jars in the airing cupboard. From there, she progressed to living and working with a Spanish Cava-producing family near Barcelona maintaining her interest in wine and

studying for exams under the Wine and Spirit Education Trust scheme.

Having spent much of her career in international business development and marketing, then a spell at Averys and Laithwaites, she finally set up her own business together with a wine sector veteran (although don't tell him she said that), who had 35 years of experience in the wine industry. That

business now trades under the name of GreatWineOnline.

In addition to choosing and selling great wines online (all with the 'wow factor') from interesting and less accessible wineries from around the world, Penny and her team are now running tasting events – both online and in person. With her colleague, Steve The Cheese, these tastings frequently pair great foods, including fabulous cheese and charcuterie, with the wines and offer delicious tasty ideas.

Together with another local lady, Caroline, they have a number of winery trips planned across Europe, which will take place in spring and summer 2022 and further afield in 2023.

So who better than Penny to write a regular column for *Target?* In *Vineyard Secrets* Penny will be looking at which wines we should drink with seasonal foods, busting some myths about wine, and telling us some of the great stories from the wineries and vineyards that she works with. Read Penny's first column here...

# vineyard secrets

By Penny Heyes

## How much should I spend on a bottle of wine?

The question of the price of a bottle of wine frequently arises as we watch with astonishment, the adverts from the discount supermarkets promoting bottles of wine at £3.99 to £4.99. How can wine be so cheap? The simple answer is that the supermarkets use these cheap offers as loss leaders to encourage customers into store and hopefully spend on other things.

The basic economics of wine production simply doesn't allow for any decent bottle of wine to be sold at this price. Let's take a look at a bottle of wine at £4.99 which includes VAT (20%).

Removing that from the final price leaves £4.15. The government's excise duty on all bottles of still wine (regardless of the end retail price) is currently £2.97, so that leaves £1.18 to cover the grapes and five years of care and cultivation to produce decent wine grapes.

Then harvesting by hand or machine followed by wine production – crushing, fermentation, storage and bottling. And don't forget the labels, the cork or screw cap and the neck collar. After that the cardboard box, pallet hire for shipment from the winery, transport and shipping. Finally road delivery to the warehouse, storage, delivery to the retailer and then the retailer margin. Just over a £1 to cover all that. The likelihood is only 30p of that is actually the cost of the wine in the bottle sold at £4.99.

By comparison, taking a bottle of wine that retails at £12.99; after VAT and excise duty, there is £7.85 left to cover everything above then the wine in the bottle is bound to be of a better quality.

The smaller producers all take great pride in their wines. The care and the attention they take, in the cultivation of the grapes in the vineyards, the harvesting and crushing of the grapes – often by hand or with gentle pressing methods, and the love that they pour into every bottle is clear, as we hear them speak passionately about their products. We know that the quality of their wine is outstanding.

A better quality wine will also contain fewer additives – and it is possible that these additives will result in hangovers and intolerances that many people suffer when drinking cheaper wines.

Then there's the question about 'sulphites' – they are not evil. Sulphites are an essential part of the wine production process and, in fact, occur naturally. No wine is totally sulphite free.

They act as a preservative and halt the fermentation process at the right time, protecting against possible oxidation and some bacteria. So they are useful. Sulphites are present in other food, such as dried fruit, in higher levels than in wine. Allergic reactions to sulphites are very rare, although there is some evidence that asthmatics may react.

People who have a reaction to red wine, such as sneezes and stuffy noses, may be more likely reacting to the histamines in the wine. Of course, the quantity of alcohol drunk is also a factor.

So would we rather drink one bottle of good quality carefully produced wine than several unbelievably cheap bottles of mass produced wine?

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Every once in a while - take the scenic route



As the shortest month of the year draws closer. And the longer days creep back in minute-by-minute and day-by-day, then the pure white snowdrop, followed closely by the crocus and primrose start to peek through the frosty earth nodding in the new month of February.

There might be the dry, crisp, chilly wind that whirls around reminding us that it is still winter despite the new signs of life.

By March frogs and toads will be hopping back to familiar waters to mate and tiny tadpoles (if not eaten by fish or bird) will start the amazing journey of metamorphosis. The Mistle Thrush (pictured) will start to sing its gravelly football rattle call and the tap, tapping and smashing of snail shells – if listened for, can be heard at chilly dawn. Breakfast picnics for one.

Queen bees will awaken from their underground burrows, sip nectar from bouncing spring flowers, then when nourished they will start to look for a place to nest (apparently old mice nests are a favourite). Finding several separate places, the queen will lay her broods of worker bees. Followed later in the year with broods of male and female which will become the queens of the following year.

The Spring Equinox has had a few names over the years 'The Lent Equinox' and the 'Vernal' (just meaning spring) Equinox. It is when the sun is exactly above the Equator and the day and night are of equal length.

The builders of the great pyramids sometimes used this, and at Chichen Itza in Mexico, on this day, the sun of the late afternoon creates the image of a snake slowly creeping down the northern staircase, an amazing sight which some people flock to see.

Just in the same way people go to Stonehenge for the Druid tradition known as Alban Eilir during which it is believed that the light and the darkness are again in balance. It is even said in British folklore

that on this day you can balance a raw egg on its end. This is true as I have tried it; and you can balance an egg on its end on any day, so just an old wives tale.

Going into March the thing that always springs to my mind is the crazy antics of the now coined 'Mad March Hare'. If you have ever seen the seemingly erratic and crazy actions of a wild hare in the breeding season you completely understand the phrase, with their unpredictable boxing and jumping it really looks like pure madness and it is almost cartoon like.

The spring has always symbolised new life and new beginnings and I think in part that is why I have always loved this time.

The stress of Christmas and New Year have passed, the dark mornings and sunless afternoons are getting lighter by the day, the air has a new crisp, fresh smell and is full of song again. The bluebells with their heavenly scent are just around the corner.

*EDITOR: "May I just say how lovely it was to be part of a bird watcher's heaven on the hills above Bourne End this winter as there were flocks of Bramblings – from Eastern Europe – with other finches and linnets." That information came from a very chatty twitcher with an amazing camera on a tripod. Watching the birds swoop backwards and forwards across the fields has just been magic and their constant chatter was so cheerful.*



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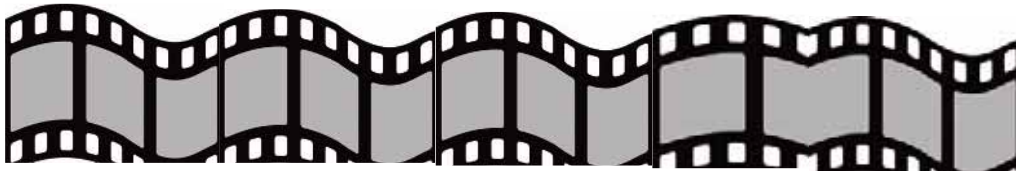
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## Food and Jude at the cinema...

February's film, *The Hundred Foot Journey* stars Dame Helen Mirren as the snobbish Madam Mallory who runs an acclaimed haute cuisine restaurant in a quiet French village.

The arrival of talented cook, Hassan Kadam (Manish Dayal), whose family has fled from the political unrest in India to set up a restaurant directly opposite Madame Mallory's, starts a chain of events which will change lives forever...

In March you can see Renée Zellweger's sizzling performance in *Judy*. Set 30 years after she starred in *The Wizard of Oz* (1939), the film follows beloved actress and singer Judy Garland as she arrives in London, to perform sold-out shows at the *Talk of the Town* nightclub. While there, she reminisces with friends and fans...

*If you have mobility problems or use a wheelchair the community minibus, with an automatic lift, will provide transport for all the cinema showings. Wye Valley Volunteers are keen to get more people with mobility problems out of their homes for a great afternoon or evening at the movies. When you buy your ticket just say that transport is needed and supply your address and telephone number. It's as simple as that.*

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Community Centre News

**Sunday 20 Feb**  
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## Meet Steve Our new manager at the community centre

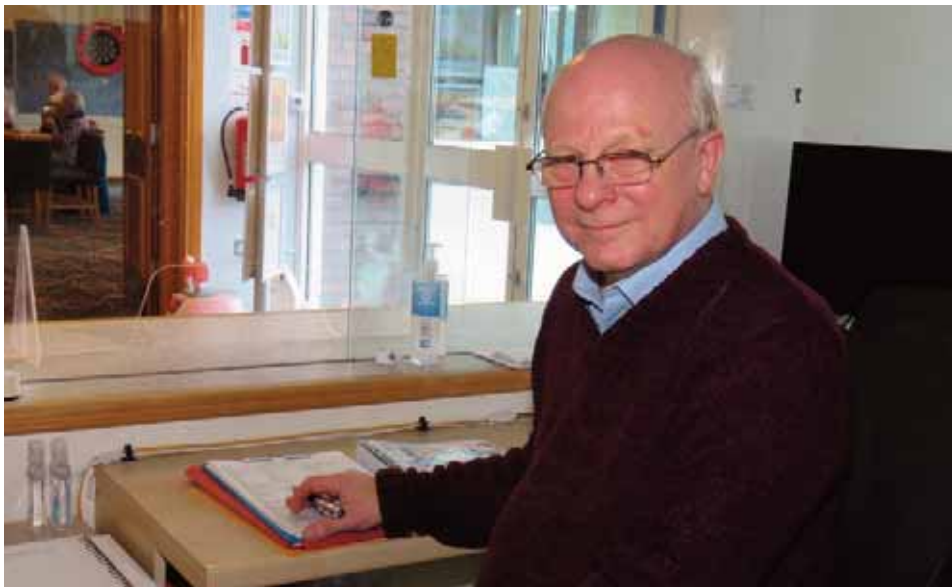
Many *Target* readers will have already met Steve Burton since he took over as centre manager. You'll probably have enjoyed a joke with him, guessed that you've seen him somewhere before and parted friends.

Steve aims to help, is happy to be guided, loves the local community and plans to make his own mark at the community centre. He's loving the job and has been made to feel very welcome.

Bourne End and the local villages are home to Steve. He has lived in Burroughs Crescent at Well End since he was eight, gone through school life and work locally and really become part of the community. When he saw the advertisement in *Target* it seemed like the perfect answer for someone who had just left his last job.

Steve attended Old Claytons School for a few years before moving to the new premises in Wendover Road. Even now he recalls being horrified by the boy's outside toilet with hard Izal paper. He can remember the level crossing and the trains holding up traffic and he went with his dad on the last train to Wycombe.

Deyncourt School in New Road was next and Steve sang in the choir at St Mark's Church. Great joy when his first job was as delivery boy at the legendary Shortlands on The Parade.



It ended when, as the buyer for the shoe department, the end was in sight for the store.

Looking back Steve says that Shortlands sold everything from lino to toilet rolls.

"It was just like Grace Brothers as portrayed in the TV show *'Are you being served?'* and I have to smile every time I see an episode on television."

He left just before the store finally closed and ran his own business for a time.

When Black & Decker offered Steve a job he travelled extensively to shops around the country. Then he took a Clarks shoe shop franchise in Gerrards Cross for a number of years.

From there he moved into health and social care dealing sensitively with people who, for whatever reason, needed help and understanding.

At home *Target* was always there for his parents, ballroom dancers Bill and Mair Burton, and then there was the job advertisement.

The centre was a familiar place for Steve who enjoyed a drink with his dad in the bar on Christmas morning and lots of other occasions over many years.

With a looming takeover Steve had quit his job so had nothing to lose.

And Steve has been loving these early days as centre manager. Familiar faces have been delighted to see him behind the desk.

He has become knowledgeable about the many events taking place every day, weekly or just once a month.

Steve becomes the second generation of a community centre legend – maybe not a dancer, but who knows?



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## Target Distributors

As happy distributing the community magazine as singing their hearts out the Carol Concert here are Elaine (left) and Lou. They found they had singing in common then compared the routes they distributed every two months. Elaine Baudouin does Grange Drive off Brookbank and Lou Ta the lower side of Wycombe Lane. Grateful thanks to them both for the singing and the delivering.

## BIG BALLS OF NYLON STRING NEED NEW USE

Target has changed the way smaller bundles of the magazine go out to distributors. String has been replaced by polythene bags to keep the bundles of magazines safe and clean. It is working well and has been appreciated by those who go out and deliver.

But now there's a problem – three partial balls of nylon string are taking up valuable space in the community centre office. So would they be useful to anyone, gardener, crafter, DIY enthusiast, school or nursery? For a donation to Target space could be restored and reused.

If interested please ring Barrie Penfold on 01628 525415 or speak to the centre manager in the office.



## centreJAZZ in the bar

Tuesday February 1st

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## ANGLING CLUB FROM THE WATER'S EDGE

Happy New Year to all our readers. We ended the year with a match at Iver. It was a freezing, blowy day and we all struggled in every way. Henry Rimmer won the match with 7lb. Second was Robert Smith with 2lb10oz. And, shock of shocks, I came third with 1lb 14oz. I do feel the fish had gone on their holidays to escape the cold weather and who could blame them? That's fishing for you.

We had a friendly match in December, not part of our competition, to try a new venue for the club at Finch Farm. Although some of us had been there to pleasure fish, we had not had a match there. It was another very cold day but it was a reasonable day's fishing for those who braved the elements. It should be enjoyable at this venue when the weather warms up a bit.

First was Chris Payne 17lb, second was John Taylor with 5lb 8oz and third was Bob Smith with 3lb 2oz. We will now be having a break until March when this season continues. Just three more matches before the AGM in May and re-joining night. Fingers crossed it will take place this year.

If you would like to go fishing with us to see how you like the club, you can always guest and who knows you may get 'hooked' and want to join. Or if you wish to just accompany us for pleasure fishing and take advantage of the free waters that belong to the Thames Valley Angling Association then do not hesitate to contact me. We are always looking for new members.

Until my next fishy story, tight lines.

Michele Smith, Secretary, Bourne End Anglers 07802 711141



## Centre Bar Quiz

Early December saw the annual Merry Christmas/Bah Humbug Christmas quiz, with Clive focusing on Merry Christmas rounds and Peter on Bah Humbug rounds. This year, however, we decided to make it a little more special, with prizes for every round, as well as for the best team name and other silly reasons.

Festive food was provided during the interval courtesy of Avril Roll, for no charge, but donations raised over £75 for the community centre. The evening was a resounding success, with eight teams, including one new one, a great quiz and a lot of fun had by everyone.

The next Bar Quizzes take place on **February 3, March 3 and April 7**. At the moment the bar quiz takes place in the May Woollerton Hall to provide for social distancing. Drinks are available from the centre bar.

Contact Diane Hill on 07521 656413 if you would like to be part of this monthly quiz by joining a team or making up a team to compete.

It's great fun and a good night out.



## Panto cancelled

### FORUM PLAYERS

Initially our plans were to postpone our panto production of 'Dick Whittington'. Our outstanding rehearsals, costume selections and set designs had filled everyone with such enthusiasm that it was a delight to be involved. It was with a heavy heart that I had to put up 'postponed' flashes across our posters.

Now, reluctantly, we have had to go a step further with the news that there will be no panto for 2022. It is a case of insufficient cast members and backstage crew.

We realise that our supportive audiences will be disappointed by this news as a Forum panto has always been a much appreciated and well-supported event.

Moving forward there are plans and Forum Players are hoping that these will attract people interested in amateur drama to come along, find out more and make the group stronger and more adaptable for the future.

You can join us for a cuppa and some cake on Monday February 21 in the Eghams Room at the community centre and talk to members about both the problems and what can be done in the future. If you are interested in amateur drama then this is your chance to learn more about treading the boards or being part of a backstage crew.

If there is sufficient interest there are talks about a Supper Evening and Farce later in the year.

But for now we are all so disappointed for Forum Players and our lovely audiences.

**Kerry Hudson, Forum Players chairman.**



# It will be back...

...but no grand opening. Instead the WI's lovely book bench, which has been in the safe hands of Juniper Hill School, will be at Bourne End Library in time for half term (21 to 25 February).



Children will be challenged to enjoy all the books depicted on the bench – and write or draw their own ideas. WI members will be involved and will be delighted to see the bench in its intended home. So keep an eye open when you call into the library. It is worth a second glance and even a third – in fact just enjoy.



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## Celebrations at last

Soroptimists International Thames Valley were delighted to be able at last to celebrate their 30th Anniversary – twice cancelled because of Covid-19.

It was held at the River and Rowing Museum at Henley on Thames. Members from a whole host of clubs came to have lunch and celebrate with them, participate in a prize draw and have the opportunity to walk around the current exhibition on show at the museum.

They also had the chance to buy Christmas articles made by Rose Hutchinson of SI Stratford on Avon for the benefit of the Kori Development Project, one of the club's well known projects.

The founder of this project, a member of SI Thames Valley, Rose Simbo is seen in the photo with Kori's current project, an orchard to be planted in the Kori chiefdom in Sierra Leone. This is in line with the Soroptimist Centennial Aim to plant more trees.

So far, with contributions from other clubs, SI Thames Valley has raised more than £2,000 for this project which was very dear to the heart of Johanna Raffan, President of Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland 2020 until her tragic death in 2021.

Johanna was a founder member of the SI Thames Valley Club where she is sorely missed. A loop photo presentation of her achievements for Soroptimism and her club was projected throughout the lunch evoking many fond memories of an exceptional Soroptimist.

The group meets every third Tuesday in Bourne End Library at 7pm or on Zoom and their website is <https://sigbi.org/thames-valley>



*Rose Simbo, a local member and founder of the Kori Development Project.*

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# BOURNE END JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB

## 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](http://www.bejsc.co.uk)

### INTO A NEW ERA

In January we finally submitted a full planning application for our swimming pool. This was a massive task bringing together all the detailed information to support our plans.

It has taken us more than three years from that first conversation with Neil Bailey Swimming sowing the seeds of the dream of our own pool. There have been times when we doubted this could be possible, but as the scheme developed it became more of a genuine reality, and our small team of people began to believe it could be done.

By the time you read this we may still be waiting for a decision with our fingers crossed tightly.

Once we achieve that goal it will be all systems go to raise the necessary funds. We are very grateful to the many people who have shown their support for Project Thunderbirds, and shared their views of the benefits for local children, young people, and the wider community.

You will be able to keep up to date by visiting [www.bejsc-swimmingpool.co.uk](http://www.bejsc-swimmingpool.co.uk)

Building the pool will be the ultimate icing on the cake for our club which has proved such a community asset since it first started in 1970.

Working with partners and neighbours, our vision is to continue to be the centre of opportunity for children, young adults and the wider local community for many years to come.

To achieve this, we must not rest on our laurels but strive to enhance our facilities to ensure they are the most accommodating and safe environments possible for the future. The provision of a new swimming pool in the heart of the community we serve is one of these ambitions.

David Parker (ARB), the consultant working with us for DP Architects, has put together all the documents required for planning. In his introduction he writes: *I am very struck by the level, spread and depth of commitment to the club, which is a charitable institution, by a large number of contributors over 50 years. There have been approximately 30,000 members*

*over the 50 years the club has been in official existence. Over 100,000 hours of sport are undertaken by members each year over a wide range of disciplines including badminton, football, climbing, netball, hockey, canoeing, judo, table tennis, gymnastics and swimming (the latter without direct control or access to a facility).*

*Every year in excess of 20,000 volunteer hours of support are recorded. The ethos of BEJSC is "sport for all" and at present they are not able to achieve this due to lack of pool facilities.*

*Sadly, around 60 children drown in lakes and rivers in the UK every year and in 2021 alone four young people have drowned in the stretch of river between Marlow and Cookham. The majority of these deaths are likely to have been preventable through providing training of the dangers posed and the life skills they would need if they found themselves in trouble.*

*BEJSC can provide this training in the new pool complex in partnership with Neil Bailey Swimming Ltd.*

His words are a reminder of the success of the Sports Club since 1970. Let us hope our plans come to fruition in 2022.



### SWIMMING SECTION

Seven swimmers from the club have qualified for the 2022 ONB (Oxford and North Bucks) County Championships.

Acceptance to the county championships is based on the swimmers' times achieved at a licensed

swimming meet in the previous year. ONB has some of the fastest qualification times in the country and so being accepted for this event is a significant achievement for any swimmer and should not be underestimated as a measure of swimming ability and training commitment.

This year, due to the impact of Covid-19 and the lack of training and competing opportunities, no absolute entry times were set. Instead, only consideration times were specified to allow event entries to reflect the profile of competitive swimmers in the county.

We had 17 swimmers who achieved these consideration times across 55

events from only two licensed meets. Of those swimmers we are pleased to confirm seven swimmers have had entries accepted for 21 events. They are: William Armstrong, Ruby Millard, Lydia Barson-Cain, Jessica Ridden, Jacob Cooke, Caitlin Valentine and Emily Grainger. The county championships will take place in February 2022 at Aquavale in Aylesbury. Good luck to all our swimmers.

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## Rotary cheque presented to Thames Hospice at last!

Thames Hospice was pleased to finally thank in person all the local Rotary clubs in the Rotary District 1090, known collectively as Rotary in the Thames Valley, for their contribution during the capital appeal for the new Thames Hospice building.

In 2019 and 2020, 25 Rotary clubs raised funds through many varied events to help pay for the garden benches around the hospice and the outside seating for Café by the Lake, the new café at the hospice. Because of the pandemic they weren't able to visit until late last year when they were finally given the opportunity to come together and visit the hospice to officially hand over the funds raised.

Jane Symmons, Head of Major Gifts at Thames Hospice said: "We are so grateful to all the Rotarians who helped to raise the funds, and those who attended the Rotary fundraising events. The gardens are such an important part of the hospice, helping with the wellbeing of our patients and their families at their greatest time of need.

"Our café is extremely popular and it's great to see so many visitors using the outside space to enjoy lunch or a coffee and cake."

Derek Smith, a Past President of the Rotary Club of Cookham Bridge and the project leader on behalf of Rotary in the Thames Valley said: "It has been a pleasure to support the equipping of the new hospice premises and to enrol the support of so many nearby Rotary clubs.

"The new site is a major enhancement on their previous facilities and secures their position as the major regional provider of full 24/7 hospice services both for in-patients and for the support of patients at home.

"After the restrictions of the past 20 months it is very satisfying, at last, to be able to make a proper formal handover of the funds and to wish the hospice every success in the future.

"The Rotary clubs are now involved in a second phase of working with the hospice, this time focussing on an enhanced training programme for nursing staff"

Attending were Frank Quinn (Past District Governor – Rotary District 1090), Past Rotary Club Presidents Chris Davies (Windsor St George), Leigh Welham (Crowthorne, Sandhurst and Bracknell), David Oliver (Langley and Iver), Andrew Chitty (Maidenhead Thames) and Derek Smith (Cookham Bridge) pictured here with representatives from Thames Hospice.

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## Thursday Club celebrates 60th anniversary with style...

Celebrating through 2021 Thursday Club members found it hard to believe that their group had been active for 60 years and had plans for the future.

Gill deVille summed it up with the message that 'Diamonds are forever' as she described this special anniversary.

Gill went on to say: "Who would have



thought, all those years ago, that we would still be going 60 years later?"

While the years have brought changes, the club still has two founder members from 1961 who remember moving into the Gough Cooper Estate (now Goddington Road) as young wives and mothers and finding nothing for them to do.

"There was no social club so we formed our own," Sue Baldwin said. "All the local wives would leave Dad in charge and meet up in someone's home on a certain day and time. That's why we became the Thursday Club."

With a maximum number of 30 – more wouldn't have fitted into a living room – they have continued through the years. Usually there would be a speaker, a time to catch up on important local issues and the very important cuppa.

They have supported *Target* after a talk about the community magazine and a whole range of other charities. They have welcomed speakers and found out about subjects they seldom knew existed. "It has often been a voyage of discovery," one member told *Target*.

Sue Baldwin remembered with delight that they had welcomed Jay Blades, now the popular presenter of *The Repair Shop*, when he ran a repair workshop in High Wycombe.

"After his talk we visited the workshops and saw some of the restored furniture," Sue said with delight. "Jay has gone on to be a real personality, and we knew him from those early days."

Today's membership is around 20 and they only meet once a month instead of twice but their spirit is strong.

When people moved and left the club there would be an invitation to join as a new family moved in. Members have become friends, have supported each other through life's traumas and just enjoyed their monthly get together and catch-up.

As Gill summed up: "We have a great spirit and a determination to Keep Calm and Carry On."

Gill laughs as she considers: "And in five years we can celebrate our Blue Sapphire anniversary," she said with pleasure.

*Our photos show today's members posing with Freda and Sue. Top right Freda Dandridge (left) and Sue Baldwin share a laugh – and 60 year old memories.*

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### Cookham Bridge Rotary Club By Terry Whall

We are very pleased to confirm that our project in support of the rebuilding of an earthquake damaged school in Prithvi Rupa, Pokhara, Nepal, has finally been completed.

This included provision of a drinking water supply and storage, installation of security fencing, supply of school furniture, equipping a toilet block, launching a 'Days for Girls' programme, and finally running a Covid-19-delayed teacher training programme.

This £37,000 project was achieved jointly with our partners from the Rotary Club of Pokhara Fishtail and financial support from the Rotary Foundation.

It was President Paul's pleasure to present RotaKids certificates to the children at Cookham Dean School. The children were enthusiastic and delightful and elected a president, a vice president and secretary. Well done to Margaret Maskell and our youth team for keeping this going.

The weather permitted a number of our members, shown above, to enjoy our annual New Year's Day walk, much appreciated at this time.

### Bourne End & Cookham Rotary Club By John Dunsterville

How are the New Year resolutions going? Mine is to contact all the friends and family who sent cards and visit. This also is a time for reflection on the past year's achievements.

In our Rotary club we have had successes and some losses too. We recently lost dear old Tony Merrien MBE, and Peter Emmett, both founding members, and also Maureen Campbell at the end of last year.

Not many know that HRH Duke of Edinburgh was also a Rotarian in the Windsor area, and he will of course be greatly missed by all. Just these four however made such a difference to the wellbeing of the communities they served, and their legacy really will live on.

Last year our sponsorship of Phil Laybourne's beautiful calendar helped to raise £10,000 for the Thames Hospice; an amazing sum for an amazing hospice with great facilities and wonderful views over the River Thames.

I urge you to go online and take a virtual tour – [www.thameshospice.org.uk](http://www.thameshospice.org.uk)

Our Christmas collections with Santa, elves and sleigh help local charities such as Child Bereavement UK and Air Ambulance. Looking forward, we will continue to involve the young in ways of combating environmental issues and last year Rotary had a notable presence at COP26 in Glasgow.

We continue to assist Rotary clubs both here and abroad, with practical help for disaster areas that affect so many.

So a resolution this year could be to help us to continue our good works both here and abroad and not to be brought down by depressing news, working alongside positive

people whose only desire is to see a better world.

Contact me, John Dunsterville, on 07811 702853 and once again, thank you for your continued support. [www.beac-rotary.org.uk](http://www.beac-rotary.org.uk) and [www.facebook.com/beacrotary](http://www.facebook.com/beacrotary)

### Bourne End & Wooburn WI By Sally Fawell

Looking for friendship from a club that meets in the afternoon? We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2pm in St Dunstan's Church Hall. You can come along as a visitor if you are not ready to commit to joining.

We do something different each month. In November we tested our artistic skills by decorating a glass bottle using special pens and a light. The effect was delightful.

In December John Dunsterville came with his guitar to sing songs and tell us some of his memories, while we enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies plus gifts from the Secret Santa. We have interesting plans for 2022. Contact us on [beandw.wi@gmail.com](mailto:beandw.wi@gmail.com)

### Little Marlow & Well End WI By Veronica Kay

Our Christmas meeting took place with the customary festive cheer, with a delicious feast provided by Carole Thurston and her helper. Mavis Free challenged members to an entertaining Christmas quiz which was won by Mavis Beauchamp.

Our interest groups Cover to Cover and Craft and Chat will schedule meetings for this year. The ramble takes place every month, weather permitting.

### Bourne End WI By Chrissy Hayes

We were delighted to welcome back Wildlife Photographer Tom Way who gave us a wonderful animal talk complete with photos. This meeting was a virtual one, something we had hoped to avoid, but early January was a tricky time.

We are hopeful February will see us return to live meetings, especially as our speaker will be Eliza McClelland whose talk is entitled *To Bead or not to Bead*. In addition to talking to us about beads, we will be guided in threading them ourselves.

As well as our main meetings we have several clubs. Our book club is currently reading *The Appeal* by Janice Hallett. Our craft and chat club is making Valentine Hearts for February. Our walking club continues to meet come rain or shine. The ladies that lunch club is attempting to lunch at every pub and

restaurant within a few miles of Bourne End. Walking netball is gaining members and is a terrific workout combined with lots of fun.

We are continuing to go on lots of outings with a visit to the new Van Gogh exhibition in London a current highlight. There is also a wine tasting coming up and many more events.

For more information about the WI or about any event please contact Wendy on [bourneendwi@yahoo.com](mailto:bourneendwi@yahoo.com) or call 01628 526309

### Bourne End & Cookham Inner Wheel By Valerie Hamer

It was with great joy that on December 3 we finally held our first fundraising event for two years. We were able to hold our very popular Christmas Tea Party at Flackwell Heath Golf Club where, thanks to their clever arrangement of tables, open windows and warnings to guests to dress warmly, we hosted 80 ladies.

This did not faze our speaker, Simon Brown, from Bourne End Auction Rooms, who confessed how good it was to speak to a live audience again.

The 80 ladies present were silent as Simon enthralled us all with gems of inside knowledge. As one member commented: "Any man who could keep 80 women quiet for so long must have a great gift."

He also demonstrated his skill when he auctioned three items after we had enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea.

Together with money raised from a raffle and the generosity of our guests, a profit of £655 will be donated to the Thames Valley Hospice and locally based charities.

All fingers crossed for our next fundraiser – a bridge drive on March 9.

### Bourne End & Cookham Probus Club By Bill Leftwich

In November Steve Roberts, a retired Detective Inspector in the Flying Squad of the London Metropolitan police, gave a talk entitled *The Cockney Detective*.

Steve explained that the Flying Squad began in 1919 when there was a large increase in crime in London. A small squad of selected policemen were designated to investigate these crimes and were given two lorries from the Royal Flying Corps — the *Daily Mail* newspaper then immediately dubbed them The Flying Squad and the name has stuck. Only in 1927 were they issued with sports cars.

Steve joined the Flying Squad in 1983 at Tower Bridge station investigating large-scale financial robberies and told of stake-outs, speedboat chases on the River Thames, gunships and significant robberies including the Millennium Stone case in 2000 and the Christmas Tree robbery in Orpington — which had nothing to do with trees! This very amusing talk was just the tonic needed in these sombre times.

The Probus gents invited their partners to a mid-December Ladies Lunch, where Chris Wood from the Magic Circle performed bewildering tricks at each table under very close scrutiny. Wonderful.

To join this active and friendly club please contact Bill Leftwich on 07803 799753

## Wooburn Green as it was in 1900

Do you find this picture familiar? Yes, it's Wooburn Green, but there's something lacking. This sleepy village green photographed in the early 1900s lacks traffic and people. It's a playground for children who use the road for their games. But it is still so familiar. And the picture? It was found in the archives when Crendon House Estate Agents moved in just over 50 years ago.

Towards High Wycombe there were two papermills and the air would have been full of the sounds of machinery at Glory Mill and Lower Glory Mill. Little remains of these except in street names. At Wooburn Town there was Soho Mill making coloured paper and changing the colour of the River Wye with amazing regularity – depending on the current colour of the paper in production.

Towards Cores End and into Bourne End there was a small mill close to Princes Road then the massive Jacksons Millboard and Paper Company. Just before the River Wye entered the River

Thames there was Hedsor Mill and finally Lower Mill. Again, nothing remains of this industry except in street names and in the reference section at the library.

What is acknowledged is that paper mills brought families out from the countryside to find work. New homes and schools were built to meet their needs.

A picture like this is just a nostalgic reminder of how life used to be around Wooburn Green. More important is the fact that life has changed and developed. Estate agents like Crendon House had new homes to sell alongside old cottages. All part of the rich picture locally.

Celebrating their 50th anniversary and remaining a family firm is an achievement. They celebrated in 2021.



Now in 2022 there's more to sell and their knowledge of these villages helps to find the right home for the right person – or the right business for an investor – so here's to the next 50 years.

## Council contacts

By Councillor Sophie Kayani

We would like to wish all our residents a very Happy New Year. We thought it would be useful to share a few useful website links where you can report issues such as street lighting, keep up to date with roadworks and also request support:

Fix My Street should always be your first port of call for reporting issues such as potholes or flytipping for example.

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Adult support – the support services on offer range from advice on support for carers, raise a concern regarding neglect or how to apply for a blue badge. For full information on services on offer to adults:

[www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/care-adults](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/care-adults)

To view all services on offer from Buckinghamshire Council please visit: [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

As always please do get in touch via our emails should you have a specific concern or do come along to meet us and have a chat at Bourne End Community and Craft Market that takes place every second Saturday of the month.

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## Jill Hackett RIP

Jill died unexpectedly on November 26. Unexpected because she was always such a lively person who was interested in everything. She was 96 years old.

Jill remained an active member of Soroptimist International Thames Valley women's club for many years. Members said that she would be sadly missed because everyone valued her cheerful interest. She was also a participant at St Dunstan's Church, Bourne End.

She had been a classics teacher at Burnham Grammar School for many years, a keen French speaker and member of a local French group. She was also very active in Flackwell Heath Community Library, since it was taken over by the village community in 2012, and attended regular Pilates sessions in the community centre.

Donations, if desired, to Kori Development Project [www.koridp.org](http://www.koridp.org) (a charity to educate women and girls in Sierra Leone) or The British Heart Foundation, c/o Arnold Funeral Service Ltd, 891, London Road, Loudwater, High Wycombe, Bucks HP10 9TB, or online at [jillhackett.muchloved.com](http://jillhackett.muchloved.com)

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## Upper Thames Sailing Club

by Tony Ketley

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The next big investment was to be the changing



rooms, this got brought forward by the floods of 2014. We now have changing rooms that are modern and well equipped and an envy of many other clubs.

A year or two back the clubroom and bar got a serious makeover, it was always a pleasant place to be because of the friendly atmosphere, but now it's more modern and practical.

More recently, by good fortune, the camping field and boat storage area had a makeover when Network Rail restored it after using the area to store their equipment and materials for a while.

The towpath that had been breaking up ever since contractors' plant and vehicles had been on the property for earlier projects, has been restored and is now quite splendid.

The club has been a landmark for river users and walkers for many years, its façade changing little in over a hundred years, but it will shortly have a bit of a facelift. The balconies

which grace two sides of the clubhouse and are popular with members for viewing the racing and socialising, are to be increased in size.

The artist's impressions show how the clubhouse will look come the start of the 2022 season.

The idea for the development was spawned by the current Commodore and Vice Commodore one summer's evening a few years ago.

Fortunate to have a seat in this popular spot at the club, they thought how nice it would be if more members could enjoy these moments, gazing up the river as the sun goes down. That thought was shared with the committee and the green light was given.

Not all sailing clubs are expected to survive the current problems, but Upper Thames will not just survive it is still growing and improving thanks to a strong management team and visionary flag officers.

If you want to know more about the club the membership secretary can be contacted through our website <https://www.utsoc.org.uk>



## WOOBURN'S NEW APARTMENTS

For some time the landscape of Wooburn Green has been dominated by a massive crane. Building materials have swung around a site close to the village green as a new development has taken shape. Now it is part of the street scene on Wycombe Lane and it has a name and a purpose. It has grown and established a character all its own.

Then its name, Pegasus Wooburn Bales, links the present with the past and adds a little Greek mythology\* for good measure. A new community will move into the later-living apartments when they are completed and enjoy being part of a traditional village with a green surrounded by trees, shops, restaurants and pubs.

So far all we know is what the website says 'Pegasus Wooburn Bales will be a spacious collection of one, two and three bedroom later living homes just a short walk from the village green and close to the local shops, making it easy to enjoy all that village life has to offer'.



They say that its name has been inspired by the rich industrial history of mills in the area, Wooburn Bales has been designed and named to reflect the Victorian industrial buildings and workshops, in particular the once renowned paper mills found around Wooburn and the wider area.

And they go on to say that wellbeing is at its heart, with shared spaces to relax including a lounge and beautifully landscaped gardens and a dedicated Lifehost on hand. The message is that life at Pegasus Wooburn Bales is all about helping people to enjoy a sociable and independent lifestyle. When necessary contact and action will be at the end of the phone.

Target readers know all about these highly desirable villages between Marlow and Beaconsfield. Wooburn Green sits at the centre of The Wooburns which also include Wooburn

Moor, Wooburn Common and Wooburn Town. From down by the village green there are views of the green hillsides of the Chilterns and a short walk away there is fabulous Wooburn Park with its cricket pitch, football pitches, play area and all surrounded by the River Wye. And walks uphill provide a vista down towards the River Thames and beyond.

While the crane remains it is a building site and when it goes it will be missed. It will leave behind something new for Wooburn Green. It already has a history and now it has something new to celebrate for the future. Welcome to Pegasus Wooburn Bales – your new residents will love their new address.

*\*In Greek mythology, Pegasus was an immortal winged horse and one of the two children of Poseidon and Medusa.*

Our pictures show the development mid January with the crane and an artist's impression from the website contact details: 01628 918063 [wooburnbales@lifestory.group](mailto:wooburnbales@lifestory.group)



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

I congratulate Sandra Carter on her excellent article on Cockmarsh, Oct/Nov issue, to which I would like to add further information on Cockmarsh.

Cockmarsh is a common, which residents of Cookham had rights over. My family, having lived in Cookham for over 350 years that we know of, used those rights which had to be registered in 1965, and the rights are attached to the land in Cookham and can be used by those occupying the land and therefore are not available to individuals outside the village.

Cookham commons extend to over 800 acres including Maidenhead Thicket as the old Cookham area adjoined Bray before the bridge over the river was built and Maidenhead appeared. As well as grazing commons there are areas used for making hay and areas of woodland and anybody has rights of access by foot.

One of the rights my father registered which we do not exercise was the right to take 'estovers' which is to collect cow pats once dry, standing on their sides, one against another, and then it would be burnt as a fuel. This practice is even done today with water buffalo pats in India.

We also have rights to graze cattle, sheep and horses, rights of way over access to adjoining property, rights to dig chalk and take firewood. But times are changing. In recent years for the first time, long grass is appearing due to fewer farmers animals grazing the common, due to the lack of profit from such activities.

Odney Common in Cookham has not been grazed for years, Widbrook Common crossed by the Boulter's Lock road leading to Maidenhead for the first time in my lifetime has not been grazed this year even though it only costs £5 per cow to graze the common.

The taller grass will become established, shading out wild flowers that thrive on grazed grass meadows, in time hawthorn and bramble establish, then trees. This has already occurred in my lifetime on Winter Hill, one of the few areas of chalk downland views, butterflies and wild flowers have been lost under the management of the National Trust, the same is occurring on the chalk downland hill of Cockmarsh.

Volunteers have cleared some bramble in previous years but over the last two years as brambles do not support themselves, they have grown out from the original old bramble bush areas which originally supported new growth, expanding the area by six feet in all directions.

There are very good modern methods of controlling brambles, but not considered acceptable to conservationists. We poison rats, we should spray brambles. Sadly, the good work has advanced the loss of the chalk downland.

The commons were maintained by local people for hundreds of years at no charge, who understood how the countryside needs maintaining. I am not sure whether the new experts on countryside management with large financial support from the government will be so successful - let's hope so. It would be sad having lost 80% of grazed grass meadows since before the Second World War to produce food to feed people, we could lose the remaining 20%. **Geoffrey Copas - local farmer**



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# The trouble with Marlow Film Studio

by Verity West

Many of you will have read the interview with Robert Laycock in the last edition of Target where he outlined his plans for creating Marlow Film Studio.

Save Marlow's Greenbelt would like to explain their views so you can decide if it's really such a great idea.

A new film studio for Marlow sounds glamorous and exciting. Perhaps we'll bump into Brad Pitt in The Keg or see Scarlett Johansson queuing for cod and chips in Smiles.

Unfortunately, that's about as likely as James Bond asking for his martini to be stirred, not shaken.

Film studios are self-sufficient places where the stars and production staff are locked away busily making movies.

They're just like any large industrial facility where workers arrive in the morning and leave in the evening with little time to make use of local shops, pubs and businesses. And they look like industrial facilities too. Huge sound stages resembling distribution warehouses loom over sprawling workshops surrounded by cranes and scaffolding to create the impression of a perpetual building site.

Marlow Film Studio will dominate the landscape for miles around and ruin the views from Winter Hill, Bloom Wood and the Chilterns. The local countryside, whose openness and beauty make



such a contribution to the area's charm, will be permanently disfigured. It's also a nationally important area for rare migratory birds and a place where deer roam, owls nest and wild orchids grow in abundance.

Acres of this valuable land will be covered in concrete, destroying everything that lives there. The developers claim they will increase biodiversity by 20% but it's likely they'll achieve this by investing elsewhere in the county, leaving this area as a natural wasteland.

So why build a studio here? It's cheap land and an easy drive from London where most film production staff live. But that drive won't be easy anymore. Over 2,000 staff will arrive and leave each day, jamming the A404 roundabout and causing queues that stretch from Bourne End to Marlow as studio workers and lorries wait to get past the security gates. Local commutes and school-runs will become a nightmare.

Robert Laycock says he wants the staff to use shuttle services, but that sounds like a fantasy movie. It's hard to imagine busy professionals queuing for a bus at Handy Cross every morning when they could simply dump their cars in nearby residential roads and walk to the studio. That's what happens at Pinewood Studios.

And is another film studio actually needed? Plenty are being built right now including a huge one in Reading. Industry professionals believe that there is a sufficient pipeline to meet demand for the next 15

years. But that's not deterring property developers who are buying up land to sell-on as soon as they obtain planning permission.

But he assures us that his vision is to run the studio even though neither he nor his property development colleagues have any experience. He talks about apprenticeships for local youngsters but since he will be renting out studio space, not producing films, it's hard to see how he will provide them. And what about local jobs? The film industry is a very tight-knit community of experienced freelancers. Unless you're already in the movie business the only openings will be for a few admin and maintenance jobs. And there's no shortage of them in the area already.

Save Marlow's Greenbelt believes the studio shouldn't go ahead. If you want to find out more then visit [www.savemarlowsgreenbelt.org](http://www.savemarlowsgreenbelt.org) and discover why we think it would be a disaster movie.

Save Marlow's Greenbelt is a charity made up of local resident volunteers who are passionate about protecting the local greenbelt.

Natural green spaces make an important contribution to our quality of life, protect wildlife and define the character of this beautiful area. We are campaigning against inappropriate developments that destroy the greenbelt because once it is gone, it is gone for ever.

Our photo above shows the view with the areas for the film studio buildings marked in red and below, without the markings.



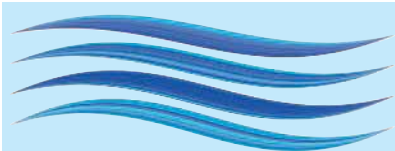
## Take Your Target

Paula Watts from Blind Lane enjoyed a whistle-stop trip to America just before Christmas. Paula met up with Jean Scola, a life-long friend originally from England and they enjoyed shopping, the bars in Boston, shopping and just catching up with all the news.

Then off to Cape Cod for a few more days before flying back to Heathrow.

Sorry, no shopping pictures but the friends are on Boston Common and on the dunes in Cape Cod.





# River Life

with Peter Osborne



Here we go again, a new year, broken resolutions, the weather getting cooler, but more importantly the river keeps on flowing.

So far, the river has been behaving and we have not experienced floods, here's to hoping it continues that way.

With everything we have endured these last two years it wouldn't surprise me if the river was to start flowing in the opposite direction this year.

Although all seems 'sleepy' on the river now preparations are underway for the new season. Like at your home, there are always little jobs that need doing. Well, lots of little jobs are being carried out on the boats.

Some jobs aren't so little; one of the Blue Barges that I skipper has had its engine removed for a major overhaul and a replacement crankshaft, the original having failed.

At this point I would like to advise it was not me who broke it; however, I did have to take the other barge and go to rescue it.

The guests on board were not impressed when I advised them that there would be a surcharge to cover the immense cost of the rescue, and they either agreed to it or I would take the skipper off and leave them tied to a tree unable to get on to dry land. Oh, how they laughed. All was well that ended well, and they are coming again this year.

Some boat owners are currently getting their heads around the fact that their boats are due out of the water for bottom scrapes, paints and hull polishing. Usually the boats require a bottom paint every two to three years.

I have quite a few bottoms to paint. It seems to take me longer than it once did, I think this is due to my age. It's OK getting down underneath to paint, but I now have to plan ahead as to how I'm actually going to get back up onto my feet. If my plan fails, I fear I could be under the boat for days until a passerby comes and helps me up. I always

keep a sandwich and a bottle of beer close to me just in case this happens. Rocky isn't big enough to help in these situations.

Some very sad news from Swan Lifeline, this is a swan rescue organisation in Eton Wick which is run by Dominic Smulders and his wife Cindy.

Due to an outbreak of Bird Flu, they have had to put down all the 26 swans in their care. It is very sad, but by putting them down this will prevent them suffering the awful effects of the illness and also help to stop the spread of the virus to other birds.

It is hoped that this outbreak will not spread. It's difficult to control as it's spread by wild birds. Swan Lifeline is a wonderful organisation doing fantastic work caring for ill/injured swans and then releasing them, once they are well enough, back to the wild.

If ever you see a distressed swan, you should call them on 01753 859397, this is a 24-hour number, and they will respond to every call and come to pick up the injured party.

The marina is getting a new look, the gravel area between the road and the riverbank is going to be tarmacked over. It is hoped that this improvement will help ease the car parking and enhance the appearance of the site.

Having been used to the gravel it will be interesting to see how it will work out in the longer term.

I think Chaos will have to put a tarpaulin down under every boat he gets out of the water before he starts work on them. Nevertheless it will smarten up the marina.

One can assume that the marina will be busier this year, this is as a result of having purchased the 'Yellow Peril' to crane out the boats. This time last year the old crane was not operational.

Chaos is keen to get going as his love affair with the new crane has started already. To be honest I am somewhat jealous. I may even pitch up with my deck chair and flask just to watch him single handily craning boats out of the water. I am sure that he will have help on the days he needs to use the crane.

We continue to live in an uncertain world for many reasons that I'm sure we are fully aware of.

A by-product of this uncertain world is the ever increasing cost of living, be it fuel, gas, food, travel and more importantly the cost of beer.

It will be interesting to see how this affects the marine trade. In the course of my work I am finding that the cost of paint, parts etc has increased and also not as many items are 'on the shelf' and have to be ordered, sometimes with longer than expected delivery dates.

The cost of labour is also rising as people try to increase their income to compensate for their own increased costs.

Although the industry is currently quite buoyant, boats are selling well, there seems to be work for everyone. I just wonder what the year ahead brings when the increased cost of living become more apparent and has it a visible effect on our budgets. Time will tell.

My contingency plan in the event that works dry up is to put Rocky out to stud to supplement my income. Having said that, bookings on the Blue Barges that I skipper in the season are rapidly filling up for April onwards. It makes me wonder if some people find it cheaper to have days out on the river by renting/chartering as opposed to owning their own boat with all the costs associated with boat owning. Interesting.

Rocky maybe disappointed if I don't have to put him out to stud!

This year is going to be a great year. I suggest you all head down to the river and enjoy nature at its best. Let the river wash away all the stresses of life. If that doesn't help, have a pint on the way home, remembering to take your rubbish home with you please.

*Until the next time  
Peter Osborne,  
River Thames correspondent*

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# Past times by Barrie Penfold

## Life before...

A glimpse back to the decade before 1962 when the community association was formed.

Local life, new developments attracting more people and a national feeling of something different created the perfect circumstances.

As old and new jostled together in pubs, at work and outside school gates people were discussing the need to create a community organisation. Everyone could belong and it would speak and act on their behalf. They were pioneers for something that has become a local fixed asset.

Nationally the dramatic news of 1952 must be the sudden death of King George VI which brought a new monarch to the throne. Princess Elizabeth was just 27 years old and a new bride. Suddenly the mantle of world affairs was laid across her young shoulders. Now in 2022 there's the prospect of her Platinum Anniversary. Readers have been part of her story.

Back to 1952 atomic bombs were tested. There was a Summer and a Winter Olympics. Three out of five families owned a car, two out of three families now had a telephone, one in three homes had a television. The average woman would be married by 20 years of age looking forward to raising a family, but few continued with a career after children were born.

Also in 1952 Mother Teresa opened her home for the dying in Calcutta and started on a mission to help the poor. It would eventually lead to her being beatified by Pope John as Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. It is a story that readers know so well.

At the end of the year unusual weather conditions over the city of London, combined with the heavy use of coal-fired heating, formed a thick layer of smog (chimney smoke combined with car exhaust fumes and sulphur dioxide) making a deadly combination over the city. Visibility was reduced to a few yards and most

public transport did not operate. The ambulance service stopped functioning which led to a number of the deaths because the public found it difficult, if not impossible, to seek medical attention. An estimated 4,000 to 12,000 died from respiratory tract infections in just four days.

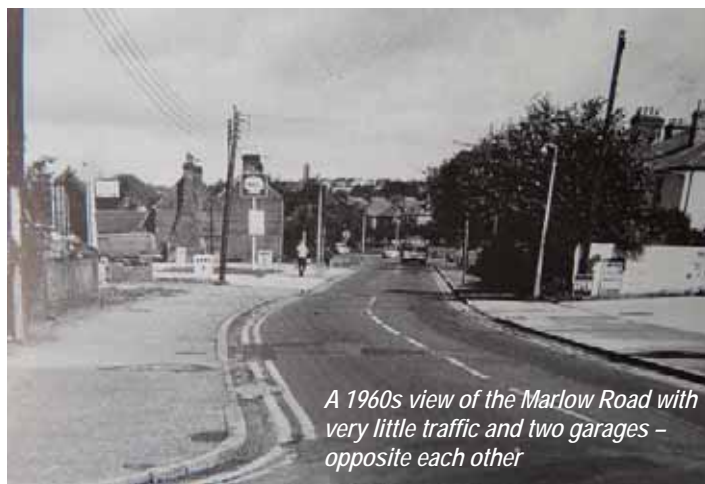
As the 1950s continued locally open areas of land would be given permission to create housing estates that would increase the population. Equally plots of land or large gardens were earmarked for housing.

Suddenly Bourne End was welcoming new families with strong ideas about their new community and their social life. Stay at home mums were happy to hand over the children to dad while they got together for a chat and to learn a little more about a range of issues. Many were planning to return to the world of work as their children went off to school. Life was changing.

Moving to Wooburn Green and going back to the 1940s there was a large house called The Limes with a row of Lime trees on each side of the drive (some still remain) which was bought, and then used by the furniture firm of W H Deane.

They started off with two or three old Nissen Huts and gradually expanded. After several takeovers the firm finally ceased operations on this site and today Mercury Park covers the site of the furniture company and other businesses.

One event that stands out was in 1950 when Wooburn Fire Brigade, which then had two engines, responded to a fire at W H Deanes. In those days firemen rode on the side of the



*A 1960s view of the Marlow Road with very little traffic and two garages – opposite each other*

engine, usually trying to kit up as they went along. Sadly, as the engine turned into The Limes a fireman fell off and subsequently died. He was given a proper fireman's funeral with a coffin carried on a fire engine through the village to the cemetery.

In Bourne End Shortlands was the store of note where you could buy just about everything if you wanted style and quality. Stories about how long a Shortlands-bought item lasted often mentioned decades instead of years. There were two cafes, side by side, on the north side of The Parade and both making money. There were three banks and each had their own bank manager, cashiers, and customers. Ashfords Stores is a name worth mentioning along with two butchers and, early in the period, a fresh fish shop. Estate Agents, of course, with all the new development taking place and small supermarkets.

Traffic was still being affected by the need to stop and allow the train to pass en route to High Wycombe. Mills at Soho in Wooburn Town, Glory Mill in Wooburn Green and Jacksons Millboard and Paper Company in Bourne End were in full production although other, cheaper, sources of paper were causing concern in their boardrooms.

But who can remember when cars parked right in front of the shops on the north side of The Parade. Today they have a central car parking area. There was a police house, with cells, where Tesco stands today while other large houses were making way for housing estates.

When people got together there were questions about the possibility of a community centre – somewhere to meet and socialise – maybe on county council land alongside the planned site of the new library.

Councillor May Woollerton had been pushing that idea whenever she could and under her guidance there were meetings and more meetings until she was able to announce that Bourne End (Bucks) Community Association had been formed. The date was 1962. Read all about the next decade in the April/May issue of *Target*.



*Cars parked with their bonnets into the pavement along the north side of The Parade*

## OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

### Parishes of Hedsor and Bourne End

During the period of interregnum, Sunday services at both churches will continue as usual, government guidelines permitting, at 9am at St Nicholas' and 10.30am at St Mark's.

The Pathway family service at St Nicholas' takes place on the second Sunday of the month. All are welcome.

Donations to OneCan are still being collected at St Mark's, and your continued support is much appreciated.

For details of all activities visit [www.parishesofhedsorandbourneend](http://www.parishesofhedsorandbourneend) and [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) See also our Facebook page. To hire St Mark's hall please contact Barrie Thomas [verdunbt@gmail.com](mailto:verdunbt@gmail.com) For weddings please contact Jenny Hardwick [jenny@inyanga.co.uk](mailto:jenny@inyanga.co.uk) For baptisms and funerals contact Maura Carr [mauracarr300@gmail.com](mailto:mauracarr300@gmail.com)



**STOP PRESS: Worshippers have been devastated by the news that the Deanery (a group of parishes presided over by a rural dean) plan to close St Mark's Church for financial reasons. This shattering news arrived as Target was about to go to press. There will be more information in the April/May issue.**

### Cores End United Reformed Church

It was good to be in church this year to celebrate our Christmas Carol Service, and to be able to sing together (despite having to wear masks). The health and safety of everyone remains very important to the church and we continue to take a variety of precautions to ensure this.

On Christmas Day we were joined by friends from Trinity Church, High Wycombe, for a simple all-age service. Worship was also provided online for those unable to attend.

Worship continues to be available online, Sunday by Sunday, normally streamed from Trinity Church at 10.30am. It can be watched then or at any time afterwards on the joint YouTube channel at [bit.ly/coresendurc](http://bit.ly/coresendurc)

The church was able to raise considerable funds for charity during the Christmas season. A coffee morning and sale in December raised more than £700 for two charities – the Wycombe Refugee Partnership and URC's Commitment for Life projects in the Palestinian territories.

We also collected shoe boxes of gifts for families and elderly people in Eastern Europe, donated toys for local children and families in need and raised funds for Christian Aid's Christmas and Afghanistan Emergency Appeals. We also continue to collect produce for the OneCan Trust foodbank.

We continue to plant hedging and trees on 'the meadow' – the church's Eco Project nature area – and welcome any help people can give to develop this area for the enjoyment of people and wildlife in the years to come.

Please contact our minister Terry Hinks (01628 525076) if you want to know more about how to help.

The church grounds are now officially a 'Quiet Garden', part of a worldwide movement: <https://quietgarden.org/gardens/cores-end-urc-quiet-garden/>



The grounds are open to anyone who wants to come and experience a place of peace and reflection.

This year will be a special one for the United Reformed Church as it celebrates the 50th anniversary of its formation.

The Congregational and Presbyterian Churches in England and Wales united on October 5, 1972 to form the URC, with further unions in 1981 and 2000.

### The Community Church

Please feel very welcome to come and join us at our Sunday morning service at 10.30am at the Chapel on the Green, Wooburn Green (opposite the parade of shops).

If you would like to simply drop in for a coffee and cake, why not come along to our 'Connect Coffee Drop In' on Mondays from 10am to midday in the Chapel Hall, behind the Chapel.

For more information about the Community Church visit [thecommunitychurch.online](http://thecommunitychurch.online)



### St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

Despite having to abide by all the regulations (wearing masks does put a slight dampener on the enjoyment of singing – especially carols), we were delighted to welcome many old and some new friends to our Christmas Services.

For those who still feel unable to come to church we streamed the Christmas Day Service. Our thanks once again to our 'tech team' for all the work they do to enable us to continue to make the second and fourth Sunday 11am services available online.

At the time of writing, planning of our services and outdoor activities for Feb/March is still ongoing. However there will be a special Mothering Sunday service at 11am on March 27, and the Ash Wednesday Service on March 2 will be a parish-wide service at the regular midweek Communion Service at All Saints' Marlow at 10.30am.

Regardless of the ups and downs of the last year, the church council has met regularly and one of their tasks was to carry out a survey to help look at the way forward for the church following the pandemic. The results of this survey can be found on page 3 of our newsletter available on our website: [4u-team.org/churches/st-john-the-baptist](http://4u-team.org/churches/st-john-the-baptist).

We are particularly keen for those not in our current congregation or maybe living outside the parish to get in touch if they have communication, marketing or fundraising skills and could spare some time to help set up a friends association.

We are also looking for anyone with experience of working with young people and families to help us develop new ways of engaging with the younger members of the community. Please do get in touch with one of our church wardens: [Jeffreysmith170@gmail.com](mailto:Jeffreysmith170@gmail.com) or call 07775 957090, or [peter@prcrodger.com](mailto:peter@prcrodger.com) or call 07985 619780.



### St Dunstan's Church

The new year was off to a busy start with Confirmation classes started at the end of January through to June. Due to the pandemic, Confirmation classes were not offered and celebrated last year. If anyone is interested in being confirmed, please contact the parish office for further information.

Despite the changing Covid-19 rules, we continue to welcome back our community. Children's Liturgy is now celebrated on the third Sunday of every

month. All children are welcome to partake of the Mass by doing the readings, bidding prayers etc.

We also have an active group of Altar Servers who assist the priest at Sunday Masses. If anyone is interested in more information, please contact Sister Winifred at St Dunstan's or the parish office.

Sadly, regular weekly coffee mornings and gatherings after Sunday Masses have been postponed in an effort to protect our vulnerable community however these are likely to start up again as soon as it is safe to do so. Please see our weekly parish newsletters or our website for any upcoming events at [www.saintdunstans.co.uk](http://www.saintdunstans.co.uk) which also contains the times of Masses.



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

Our regular Sunday 9.30am services have a new flavour. The first and third Sundays are a new shaped communion service, with Sunday club for children aged 0-12 in the hall on the first Sunday and at the back of church on the third Sunday.

The second Sunday is an all-age informal non-communion service (Prayer Book Communion at 8am), and the fourth Sunday begins with communion before the children go to Sunday Club while the adults delve deep in a discussion-based sermon.

A Friday lunchbox service takes place at St Mary's at noon – a short informal Communion service with live worship music and bring your own lunch to have time to sit and chat together.

Forest Church is a new way of engaging with God by meeting outside, usually on a Sunday afternoon, in a reflective space. We follow the cycle of the seasons, meeting eight times a year, roughly every six weeks. Full details can be found by searching Wooburn Forest Church on Facebook. Other info will be on the church website.

Our Youth Group 10-16 year olds meet monthly on a Sunday afternoon.

Special services and events:  
Ash Wednesday reflective service - March 2 at 8pm  
Annual Parochial Church Meeting - February 27 following the 9.30am morning service. Reports on the activities of the church including the budget and plans for the future.

We offer various opportunities for community gathering, but the best laid plans could change. Please watch out for details on our website and Facebook page for activities such as Men's Night Out (once a month), Family Breakfast (first Saturdays at St Mary's), Coffee and Cake (third Tuesdays), Cake and Fair Trade sales at the community market once a month.

For more information on any of the above please consult our website [www.stpaulswooburn.org](http://www.stpaulswooburn.org) or Facebook: St-Pauls Wooburn (profile) AND St Paul's with St Mary's Wooburn (Page). Get in touch via the office: [stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com), Tel 01628 525512.



### 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 please visit [www.caqm.org.uk](http://www.caqm.org.uk)

## OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

### 1st Wooburn Scout Group

Our first term of scouting this academic year has been great. We've been able to get back to the activities that we and the young people love.

All sections have managed to get some overnight sleepovers and we had the opportunity to return to indoor activities too.

All the youngsters were offered the opportunity to have a festive sleepover in the Scout HQ building. Many of our Beavers (our youngest section) are new to scouting, but you wouldn't know it from how brilliantly they got involved and embraced the experience of sleeping in tents inside, after their walk to the chippy at the green.

The Cubs enjoyed a festive sleepover which also included a hike, but also some games and a late night film. The Scouts put into practice their skills by cooking a whole Christmas dinner on an open fire. Amazing — especially considering that they are only 10 to 14 years old.

As we move along in 2022, we are hoping to get more adults involved. Could that be you? Spending time with these youngsters is so rewarding. We need help in a variety of roles — could you be our group secretary? Or would you prefer to be more hands on and join our adult leader team? If you would like to chat through how you could get involved, please message Lesley on wooburngreenst@gmail.com. We hope to hear from you soon.

### 2nd Bourne End Guides

Bourne End and Wooburn GirlGuiding is busy planning some exciting activities, trips and camps for the coming year. We are continuing to meet face-to-face which does mean you will see us outdoors more often than not.

We are hugely grateful to our volunteers who enable the meetings to go ahead and our girls to access all the experiences GirlGuiding can offer.

We have two Rainbow units (girls 4-7) who meet on Monday and Thursday, two Brownie packs (girls 7-10) who meet on Tuesday and Thursday, and a large Guide unit (girls 10-14) who meet on Tuesday evening.

We are always looking for more volunteers, there are so many roles and any amount of time is welcome. We particularly need more helpers for the Guides (Tuesday evening) to allow them to split into small groups more regularly.

We are encouraging our older Guides to take part in DofE activities and join GirlGuide overseas trips, as well as working towards their coveted Gold Awards and Commonwealth badges. If you can help — even if just ad hoc — please reach out to us on the GirlGuiding Website (Volunteer), or email us on bourneenddistrictguides@gmail.com

We also have spaces for young members, so if you have a daughter who wants to take part, please sign them up via the GirlGuiding website.

At the end of last term Christmas activities included a visit to panto and ice skating in Windsor. The Brownies led a lovely Christingle service at St Mark's, our leaders and Guides ran a very successful stall at Bourne End Fun night which was a great boost to our fundraising. Thank you to everyone who supports us in any way, it's much appreciated.

### Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association

Like many organisations, we had our plans disrupted again in January, when the Galette Afternoon had to be cancelled. A disappointment

just as it looked as if the New Year would see us back on the rails; but not as great as that suffered by our friends in Octeville, who had planned a great CJO evening to celebrate La Saint Sylvestre (New Year's Eve) with a splendid dinner, and all regulations observed, only to have it called off at a very late stage by the local mayor. We fully understood their frustration.

However, friendships remain strong, there is resilience on both sides of the Channel and, as ever, hope for the future.

We still have every hope that the CJO visit to Bourne End will take place May 25-29 when we can welcome French friends into our homes and give them a weekend to remember.

We held another keep-in-touch Zoom meeting on January 12, which was fun, though not as good as face-to-face.

Anyone from our area can join our association, which fosters links and friendships between the Bourne End area and Octeville-sur-Mer (near Le Havre, Normandy). We run our own events and also organise visits to and from France in alternate years. You don't have to speak or write French. We shall need lots of hosts in May this year — phone or email for a chat about this, it's very enjoyable. In 2023 we will go to Octeville again.

The AGM on Saturday March 5 (free) will as usual be followed by a shared meal (charge to be announced), so make sure your name is on our list of contacts by paying the laughably-small annual membership fee (less than the cost of two coffees).

Have you had a look at our twin's website lately (see below)? There are masses of photos and some entertaining videos from previous events.

For more information, contact chairman Wilma Johnston Ball on 01628 473872, will6j@virginmedia.com or Wendy Langford 01628 520065. Our website is [www.bebta.co.uk](http://www.bebta.co.uk) and Octeville's is [www.cjo.fr](http://www.cjo.fr)

### Wye Valley Volunteers

There have been many challenges to our services with all the uncertainty. However, our doughty group of clients continue to make the most of life, thoroughly enjoying getting back to coffee mornings, lunch club and shopping trips.

The essential transport service has been maintained, taking clients to hospital and other medical appointments, and also home visiting continues.

One event which did suffer was the planned party to celebrate Jean Peasley's 90th birthday. This had to be cancelled twice but Jean was delighted to have her large cake delivered to her home by Douglas Fergusson.

If you would like to find out about any of our services, or if you would be interested in volunteering, do please contact us on 01628 521027 or [enquiries@wyevalleyvolunteers.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@wyevalleyvolunteers.org.uk) or call in to the Community Volunteer Office (portacabin to the right of the community centre) between 10 and 12 each weekday morning.

### Marlow-Maidenhead Passengers' Association

At the time of writing Great Western Railway is instigating emergency timetables on a week-by-week basis to deal with the staff shortage.

So far these have had little impact on Thames Valley services, but ad hoc cancellations are still likely. Check your journey before setting off.

The track alterations at Bourne End to allow a two trains per hour service all day seem as far away as ever. Network Rail has concluded that the only sensible option is to signal the branch properly from the Thames Valley Signalling Centre at Didcot.

Currently we have a crew-operated, self-contained system at Bourne End which is unsuitable where there are conflicting paths. There are insufficient funds to proceed even if the LEP (Local Enterprise

Partnership) contributions can be restored.

We still have some jointed track between Bourne End and Cookham, which is to be renewed.

Technical problems continue to delay the introduction of Class 769 tri-mode trains on GWR. The intention is to use a four-car unit on the peak shuttle between Bourne End and Maidenhead.

Meanwhile GWR is planning to trial a battery electric unit on the Greenford branch and, if it's successful, to introduce them on the Thames Valley branches.

Finally, if you still have a season ticket, renew it before March 1 when regulated fares go up by an average of 3.8%.

### Bucks Family History Society

Family history talks continue online for members (membership available from just £6pa). Details on our website [bucksfhs.org.uk](http://bucksfhs.org.uk)

We are now looking to restart our face-to-face meetings in the community centre from April. Online talks continue until then.

### Bourne End Horticultural Society

We are very pleased to welcome you back to St Dunstan's Hall on the third Thursday of the month to share gardening ideas and to listen to our excellent speakers. We are awaiting confirmation from our guest speaker for February 17.

Samantha Hopes will share her knowledge of *Plants for Winter into Spring* on March 17.

Please come along and enjoy our friendly society as a visitor or become a member. For more details visit our website, Facebook page or contact Penny Hampson at [pennyhampson@hotmail.com](mailto:pennyhampson@hotmail.com)

### Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

Happy New Year and wishing you a happy and healthy 2022. We did get to finally meet in person and thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas demonstration from Kathryn Goddard.

As for many local clubs it's been challenging and we all so desire a bit more normality of meeting and enjoying our chosen hobbies with friends – so December came and we were thrilled to welcome Kathryn for her floral demonstration entitled *Eat, Drink and Be Merry*.

It was a very festive and appropriate title for the evening as members and visitors alike joined us for tea, mince pies and a floral demonstration full of colour and vibrancy. Kathryn took us all on a 'festive journey' and a wonderfully colourful demonstration, as seen in this picture portraying everyone's favourite 'Quality Street' and her interpretation in flowers. The stage was a riot of colour with gorgeous displays of seasonal flowers, interspersed with sparkle and baubles – our lucky raffle winners were all delighted with their wins.

We hope to continue 2022 with in-person meetings on our regular first Tuesday of the month. Our first will be on February 1 with our AGM and then March 1 with our in-house demonstrations when our members and visitors get to see their peers on stage sharing floristry ideas everyone can try at home. This year's title is *'Sporting Life'* so expect a few hobbies to be portrayed in flowers on that Tuesday night.

We always welcome visitors and encourage friends to attend so if you would like to join us at 8pm in Bourne End Community Centre on the first Tuesday of the month please feel free to come along or get in touch with our club secretary Liz via [liz790@btinternet.com](mailto:liz790@btinternet.com) for more information.



# CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS



## YOUR LIGHT NEEDS YOU

Having given a great deal of pleasure over many Christmas celebrations four of the wonderful and unique children's lights in Bourne End village now have to be retired. The Parade has simply run out of space as each new light is added.

The four in question are: Felicity Flynn from St Paul's School in 2006, Iain Callaghan from Claytons School in 2008, Ethan Cole from St Paul's School in 2011 and Rosie Hopla from Claytons in 2012. Some photos are attached to remind readers of the designs.

These lights are available to the families of the youngsters who designed these winning lights. They would make a very special gift for an occasion. Nick Pink at Bourne End Motor Company in Wakeman Road has all the details so please contact him for more information.



## HUGE THANKS TO TARGET ADVERTISERS

2021 was a year when keeping the community supplied with local news every two months proved difficult and thanks must go to the advertisers who provide the funding that keeps *Target* going.

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Remember that 2022 is the 60th anniversary of the formation of the community association which eventually led to a magazine that would keep everyone informed about the progress towards the building of the community centre.

No small feat and one big achievement to misquote the first man on the moon.

## FEBRUARY

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- 13 Sun Indoor Car Boot Sale at the community centre 9.30am to midday. For details call Carolyn on 07773 615481
- 13 Sun A social with a great mix of salsa, cha cha cha, Cuban and other latin rhythms. The evening at the community centre costs £10, starts at 7.15pm with three levels of salsa classes for improvers and intermediate/advanced level dancers delivered by Basil, Chunky and the Dance2Gether team followed by a great social with DJs Basil and Chunky until 11pm. For further information contact Basil on 07595 397184 or Chunky on 07956 122505 info@dance2salsa.co.uk www.dance2salsa.co.uk
- 15 Tue Rock 'n' Roll Evening in the Centre Bar. Tickets £7. Book online at www.bourneendcommunitycentre.org.uk
- 18 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 20 Sun Afternoon movie at the New Royalty Cinema at the community centre *The Hundred Foot Journey*. See poster p19
- 21 Mon Forum Players coffee and cake social in the Eghams Room of the community centre at 8pm for anyone interested in amateur drama
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INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP over 18 years of age	£5
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