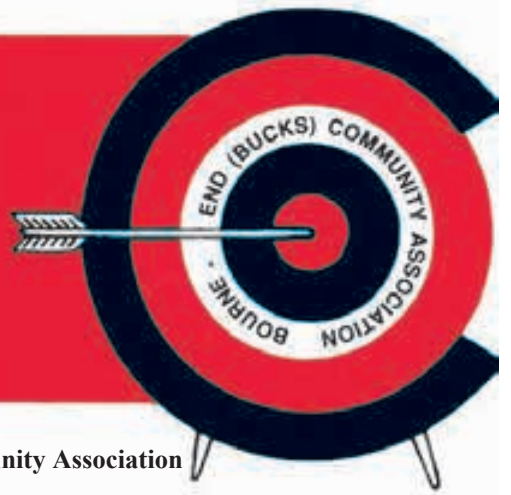


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FUN NIGHT WITH A WOW!

Bourne End's fantastic fun night is nearly here... So come along on Friday December 9 between 4 and 8pm for some great festive family fun. The place to be is on The Parade in Bourne End where there you will enjoy the perfect start to the Christmas season. Once again, for the second year running, the main road will be closed to traffic so you can wander in safety and enjoy the stalls and the entertainment.

In addition Wakeman Road and the public car park will be closed to cars with ample free parking provided close by. All this will be signposted and marshalled on the night. It means more space for fairground rides, stalls galore, food vendors (including the famous Fun Night hot dogs), Rebellion beer tasting and lots, lots more. See page 33 for much more detail about the event.

Many thanks to the wonderful organising team who are excited about what's on offer. Appreciation for the support of local businesses and sponsors including Robertsons estate agents, Brittons solicitors, Roland Callingham Foundation, Colliass butchers, Cookham Bridge Rotary Club, Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council, Another Answer books and accounts, Rebellion Beer and all who have donated to the evening.



Lyla 2022 in lights!

Congratulations to nine-year-old Lyla as her snowman design was chosen to grace The Parade for the festive season. A pupil at Juniper Hill School Lyla was thrilled to hear the news that she had come up with a winning festive picture that would look good in lights.

Lyla will have the honour of switching on her light at 6pm on Fun Night, December 9, after a countdown from the massed voices who will have been part of the Big Sing on the night. Polly, her older sister, and younger brother Rory, with her parents will be supporting Lyla along with members of Bourne End WI who provided the organisation and finance of the children's light again in 2022 (see page 30).

Lyla plays hockey and enjoys reading. At school she is one of the librarians helping to keep the school library in good order. She recently joined a street dance class after school and loves it. Her winning design was announced at a special school assembly at Juniper Hill School.

Look out for Lyla's light along The Parade and don't miss a very special Fun Night on Friday 9 December between 4 and 8pm.

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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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UPDATE

by Stuart Wilson

Keep Bourne End Green has relatively little news to report at the time of going to press, which is possibly a good thing overall.

Slate Meadow has yet to progress any further forward with several outstanding matters to be resolved before formal planning

consent can be given.

This includes approval from the Environment Agency on the proposed flood plain modelling, an acceptable s106 agreement to define certain mitigation programmes and a decision from the

Secretary of State on whether the planning decision will be the subject to a call-in.

Hollands Farm has also been fairly quiet recently as planning officers await new reports from Catesby Estates, the developer for 80% of the site. It is unclear what this may entail or whether it will require further public consultation.

However, there is some speculation that there may be a new proposal to access the site via Millboard Road after its recent auction. There is no provision in the Wycombe Local Plan nor the Development Brief for such access.

There are still many outstanding issues raised by statutory consultees, such as utilities and highways, to resolve on the existing planning application for Hollands Farm.

There is no further news on a planning application for the remaining 20% of the site on Jackson's Field.

On related news, Cllr Stuart Wilson has continued to get clarity on Buckinghamshire Council's plans for Little Marlow Lakes Country Park.

This has to provide mitigation for the impact of Hollands Farm on Burnham Beeches. However, Buckinghamshire Council have proposed to only provide a country park on a small part of the original area and it is highly questionable whether or not this is sufficient for the Hollands Farm development to proceed.

Cllr Wilson had been successful in getting this decision called-in to a select committee to be heard in December.

We would like to wish all residents and supporters a very green, peaceful and safe Christmas.

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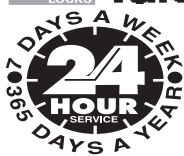
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with Sylvia Bourhill

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How to reduce stress

The first step is to identify the things that make you stressed. Setting up a business is a huge learning curve; you quickly find out what works for the business and also what works for you.

You can make some tasks less stressful by taking the time to improve your skills or delegate that task to an employee or a freelancer.

When you start up, you often say yes to anything and everything to get your business off the ground. Over time, you will have to get used to setting boundaries and saying no.

- Set achievable goals and realistic deadlines.
- Create a routine that helps you to feel in control.
- Prioritise key tasks and schedule regular breaks.
- Use apps and other tools to help you manage your workload.
- Delegate tasks to employees, outsource or use freelancers.
- Ask for help from friends and family or find a mentor.

Running a business is stressful

Many people set up their own businesses specifically to create a better work-life balance and to get away from the stress of working for someone else.

But running a business is hard and before long you can end up working all hours and doing everything – in short you now work for a lunatic.

You need to be director, sales and marketing, tea boy, bookkeeper, office manager and still get the work done on time. Plus you need

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, love all?

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Julian Pottage gives his answer on page 10

English Bridge is published by the English Bridge Union.



Students keep on growing

Bourne End Academy Gardening Club restarted this academic year with a large influx of new year 7 students. They have started preparing the Peggs allotment plot ready to plant winter onions, shallots, garlic and broad beans to be harvested next year.

However, teacher Ian Blazey was concerned that a fellow allotment holder hadn't been seen around for months so messaged the plot holder through their community group.

The plot holder explained that unfortunately the family had been suffering poor health over the summer. Ian knew they had a large crop of potatoes and onions in the ground so they agreed that the students could harvest them.

Harvesting potatoes is one of the real joys of growing vegetables. It was a wonderful experience for the students to see that an allotment is part of a community and what we all get out of being a custodian of the land we look after.

Learn to switch off

Thinking about work all the time goes with the territory when you run your own business. One way to stop constantly thinking about work is to make a schedule for the next day so that you can relax at home knowing a plan is in place.

Make sure you schedule times when you will put your phone and laptop away and find specific activities that help you to switch off.

Sport, exercise, cooking a meal, spending time with your kids, watching a movie are a few suggestions.

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Trying out the new canoes

With the sun setting towards the west it was time for keen paddlers to put their newly donated canoes through their paces on the River Thames.

You'll see a mention of the generous donation of two canoes from the Buckinghamshire Masons on page 23, but everyone agreed that seeing them out on the river and being paddled was the ideal way to say 'thank you' for such a generous donation to Bourne End Junior Sports Club.

It was a perfect introduction to their new river home for the canoes, designed to be more stable and easy to climb in and out of, from the frontage at the Upper Thames Sailing Club.

Still warm after a lovely day it was a perfect evening for the paddlers as they went up and back to test their skills against the river flow. Eventually they had to moor up, climb out and lift the canoes out of the water and store them away for the start of the new season.

Everyone was sad to leave such a perfect river setting and the Buckinghamshire Masons said how lucky the paddlers were to be able to use such a beautiful stretch of the river and to learn more about canoeing.

Section leader David Hughes was delighted at the donation and grateful to everyone who came along for the presentation and to paddle the canoes out on the water.

"They will be well used come next season," David told *Target*.



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Calling anyone with plans for a railway or wartime exhibition

In sorting through my pile of displays for the Nostalgia 60 event I found some great boards featuring the local railway and wartime locally. So if anyone is planning to feature either of these events I would be happy to loan the boards out – for a donation to *Target* magazine.

A great deal of research was done for both and it is likely that the boards were only used once for an event in the community centre. Lots of information is provided along with photos – mostly black and white – and it would save an enthusiast time on research. So for teachers, railway enthusiasts and wartime researchers – these could be invaluable.

Just call me on 01628 525415 or email jbt.penfold1@btinternet.com and I can tell you more about the displays. Just as a taster here's a railway



picture to whet your appetite and one from wartime showing Mill House gates with guards

Barrie Penfold



As we gear up for the Christmas period, we'd just like to remind you that the parish council will be attending Bourne End Fun Night on Friday December 9 and running the tombola in the library. Please come along and see what's on offer, included will be donations from local businesses. Thank you to all that have contributed and we look forward to seeing you there.

By the time this goes to print we will have already enjoyed the Wooburn Green lights switch on, including four brand new helix lights that were replaced with funding from the parish council.

New Christmas lights in Bourne End have also been part-funded by the parish council, so make sure to keep an eye out for extra twinkles from December 9.

Once Christmas is out of the way, we will once

again be running the Christmas tree chipping recycling service from January 3 so bring your (real) Christmas trees to us here at the parish council (Council Offices, Town Lane, Wooburn, HP10 0PS) and the chippings will then be put to good use around the parish in the coming months.

Here at the parish council offices we are excited to introduce our new Open House initiative, where we will open up the office for you to come and speak to us.

We'd love to hear your opinions and ideas on all things Wooburn and Bourne End. So please check our website/Facebook for upcoming dates to attend an informal meeting with your local parish council team (tea, coffee and biscuits will be available, free of charge).

In addition to these Open House evenings, the parish council meeting schedule for 2023-2024 is now available to view on our website. We hope to welcome many more members of the public through our doors in the New Year, so please come along to any meetings that may be of interest to you.

As we look forward to another new year, we are feeling driven to achieve new goals. This will include a brand new monthly newsletter that will be available digitally to keep you up to date on the most relevant happenings within the parish.

In addition, you may see some changes to our website and social media pages. Hopefully, taking these steps will help us generate new conversations and discussions that will propel us into a more positive and constructive 2023.

A special thank you is extended to Jon Dalton for his ever-impressive remembrance display on The Green, and for all his help with the putting up of our Christmas tree. We're very grateful for all your continued help and support throughout the year, Jon.

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My name is David and I design, create and sell macrame patterns and kits. I made my first macrame plant hanger when I was nine years old in my last year of primary school. I can't



remember the teacher's name, but I can clearly remember the wonder I felt as the stringy jute transformed into a sculpted spiral in my hands with just a few knots.

After I completed this first piece obviously I wanted more so I discovered the local haberdashers shop and bought more jute and beads and started making plant hangers at home.

After plant hangers came wall hangings and even a set of hanging shelves.

Initially I made pieces as gifts for friends and family, but soon I was taking commissions to boost my pocket money.

The transformation of plain materials into a beautiful object is the aspect of crafting that excites me most. Over the years I have explored various crafts including macrame, wood turning, knitting, crocheting, model making and basket weaving, all of which take a dull starting material and usually, through a simple repetitive process, transform it into a finished product with a neat pattern or design.

I have even enjoyed this type of transformation in my career as well, first as a chemist transforming raw chemicals into novel new materials and later as an IT professional converting raw code into finished applications. Always making, either with my hands or a keyboard.

My wife Jenny is also a maker, in her case a

professional milliner, and I sometimes offer a few of her fun pieces for sale as well, like her reusable wool felt festive Christmas crowns.

All our creations have one eye on the planet too; using sustainable locally-sourced materials, reusable and plastic free.

As with any craft, I think there is as much pleasure in making as there is in owning the finished product.

Another aspect of my hobby and my former career is my ability to convey ideas and concepts. As a respected colleague once told me, I "make the complex simple". And so as well as designing, making and selling my macrame pieces, I have combined these talents to create macrame patterns and kits.

Making the complex simple, people can now enjoy transforming a few spools of cotton cord into a beautiful macrame hanger or table decoration.

And finally, what's in a name? ButOneString was inspired by a quote from a 13th-century Persian poet called Rumi who said, "Even when tied in a thousand knots, the string is still but one".

If you would like to see my designs and perhaps try a modern revival of this traditional craft, then come and see me on December 10 or January 14 at Bourne End community market.

For special requests, email me at stringer@butonestring.com check out my website ButOneString.com or follow me on Instagram @butonestring

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Julian Pottage.
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UPPER THAMES SAILING CLUB

By Tony Ketley

Sailing, once the preserve of the rich, taking place on the coast in expensive yachts. Not everyone who wanted to sail lived at the coast. The idea of river sailing took hold, spawning the need for inland sailing clubs.

These started to appear on lakes and rivers some 150 years ago, their members would also have come from the upper classes.

Upper Thames Sailing Club, founded 134 years ago, would have been one such club. How times have changed. Our sailing club is proud of its history, but equally proud of how it has developed in more recent years. Guided by a succession of Commodores, in tune with the changing demographic and with an eye on the future, the club has moulded to meet today's needs.

The well-used expression that 'Children are the future' has been kept in mind by successive Commodores, developing the training capabilities, and raising the status of the club to the extent that is recognised by the RYA as a British Youth Sailing establishment.

Sailing has become a social skill, it's a sport that all the family can participate in, mums and dads in the same boat as their children or competing with their children out on the water. Whatever, it's fun, healthy, and inexpensive.

If it is investment in equipment that makes you hesitate, Upper Thames Sailing Club has a variety of boats available for members use. While buying a boat has some expense attached to it, the cost of ownership is not high, dinghies hold their value very well.

Most of the season is over for this year, but think about what sailing has to offer; a sport that you can get involved in as well as the kids. There are training programmes for adults and children.

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Above: Glen Coleman, Pat Weston, Veronica Jackson, Gill de Ville and Tina Duncan.

Right: Gill with husband, Rob, a skilled wood-turner who made lovely small wooden pieces which Gill turned into pincushions and sold to raise funds for cancer charities.

Far right: A selection of some of the finished items. Aren't they beautiful?



crochet and knitting group, but the skill and enthusiasm of its members is just as impressive.

The members meet monthly in the conservatory of their convenor, Gill de Ville. They have now been meeting for more than four years, and the number of items they have produced is astonishing.

They all knit or crochet for family and friends, and many of them make items which they give to different charities to help them raise funds.

As they work, they chat, put the world to rights (not an easy task at the moment), enjoy a cup of tea and watch the visiting red kites through the window.

They exchange patterns and help each other when things are not going so well with



their projects. I was astonished at the complexity of some of their finished items, and also at their ingenuity.

The Bourne End and Wooburn Green U3A has now been running for well over four years. Some groups are creative, others involve discussion, one encourages members to sample wine, you can be energetic at aerobics or in a walking group.

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Little Marlow Parish Council

By Jo Murray, parish clerk

In the last six months the parish council has welcomed a new chairman – Councillor Kath Acres – and co-opted two new councillors: Mike Wandsworth and Rose Start. We now have a full complement of councillors.

The environment committee is leading on a project to convert the parish council's streetlights to LED and have published a report with recommendations, which can be found on the parish council website. The project aims to improve the illumination of streets, reduce energy consumption, lower maintenance costs, and support the objectives of the Council's Environment Policy.

The project will consider streetlights in the following roads: Burroughs Crescent, Church Road, Coldmoorholme Lane, Fern Lane, Oakfield Road, School Lane, The Moor, Wendover Road and Winchbottom Lane. Please visit the parish council's website for more information and to interact with the environment committee.

Are you looking for a venue to hold a birthday party, gathering or club? Abbotsbrook Hall and The Pavilion, Little Marlow are both available to hire and offer great spaces and facilities.

Please contact Abbotsbrook Hall Hiring Administrator Mrs Samuels on 01628 528936 or the Clerk for The Pavilion (details below) in Little Marlow. You are welcome to call and visit either venue prior to booking. Check out the parish council website for further details. The parish council has invested in new chairs at both venues, which are more comfortable and easier to handle.

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. Next parish council meetings: planning committee December 5, parish council meeting December 8. To keep up with parish council news please visit our website: www.littlemarlowparishcouncil.org.uk

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Open Day attracts new volunteers

This year's Open Day at the community centre focussed on getting people involved in activities taking place there.

There was certainly lots of chatter through the morning and many of the visitors found out more about groups like Headway, the charity assisting those with brain injuries. The Day Centre was there with a super banner outlining the great work done by The Princes Centre in both Princes Risborough and Bourne End. While the U3A were happy to sign up new members on the spot.

There were laughs as two ladies from Wedmorn Badminton tried their hands at Short Mat Bowls and reckoned they needed more skill than they would have thought.

Kerry from Forum Players was delighted to receive a very old panto poster relating to the production of a children's fairy-tale called 'King Arthur on Holiday'. And chess moves were made and the pleasures of the game were explained. Anglers talked about the ones that got away – or were so heavy they broke the scales.

Target magazine welcomed some new volunteers to deliver the magazine every two months. Trefoil members were happy to talk about their organisation for older Girl Guides and what they have been able to do locally. Lovely buttonholes were made with the help of Pat and Liz from the flower club. Liz remembered that her mother had been very involved in the early days of the community association. Tea and coffee with cakes completed the menu of a great morning.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At the community centre there's lots of volunteer roles to be filled – everything from helping at events, maintenance of the building, checking notices and being part of a committee chasing grants or investigating energy costs. Why not find out more by emailing the secretary on secretary@bebca.org.uk or office@bebca.org.uk



Cinema needs volunteers

The New Royalty Cinema started at the community centre in 2018 and was an immediate success.

Films such as *The Greatest Showman* and *Fishermen's Friends* attracted large audiences, and the Sunday afternoon screenings, with tea and cake included, became a huge hit.

After a lengthy gap because of Covid and a slow recovery, audiences are now growing again but they need more volunteers both for that reason and to allow them to screen two films a month in the future.

At each screening volunteers carry out a range of roles including: setting up the cinema, checking tickets, helping to seat people, selling local ice cream or serving afternoon tea.

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vineyard secrets

By Penny Heyes

Party time: crowd pleaser wines

At office parties, with friends and family, on Christmas Day and New Year, it is fun to offer a choice of wine...not just 'red or white'. However, satisfying everyone is not easy.

From overly-oaked Chardonnay in the 1970s, through the Pinot Grigio and Sauvignon Blanc phase, to trendy orange wines and Pet Nat; all have their followers.

However Great Wines Online has found clear crowd pleasers offering something for everyone. We have even converted people who don't like Chardonnay to drinking Chardonnay, and those who

don't like red wine to enjoying the odd glass of smooth, fruity Baco Noir or Pinacota.

Serving a glass of fizz at a social event goes down well. But it does not have to be expensive Champagne. There are so many fantastic alternatives — Champagne by any other name.

Look for the words 'Methode Traditionelle' on the label. This refers to the bottle fermentation way of creating bubbles.

English sparkling is making waves (or bubbles) in the wine world, demanding prices as high or even higher than Champagne. French Crémant is made with the same technique as Champagne in eight different regions including Bourgogne, Loire and Bordeaux. The most famous is Limoux, named after the lovely rustic town in the south of France where it is made.

Cava has a name for being a 'cheap' alternative — however, it is a wonderful sparkling wine, made in the traditional way...and my personal favourite.

There are some lovely fresh Cap Classiques from South Africa — and Methode Marlborough from New

Zealand. Prosecco is made differently with tank fermentation (Charmat Method).

White wines that are not too acidic, but with fresh fruit flavours, include Pinot Gris, Viognier, unoaked Chardonnay, Albarino and Picpoul de Pinet, making a change from Pinot Grigio.

Tannins in red wine can be harsh — which often makes people say that they don't like red wine. Reds with softer tannins include Baco Noir from Canada — unusual and particularly Moorish — Pinot Noirs which are light, Grenache/Garnacha, Malbec and the GSM blend (Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre), with Ripasso and Amarone at the higher price end.

Hope these help to bring some variety to your Christmas wine rack.

Wines for Festive Fare:

Roast Turkey: White: Lightly oaked Chardonnay (Ataraxia), Chablis Puligny-Montrachet or a Macon-Charnay, Vondeling Chardonnay Barrel Selection Red: Côte du Rhône or a Chateaufneuf du Pape: Bastide Saint Dominique, Bodegas Volcanes Grenache Petite Sirah Mourvedre, Pinot Noir or Cabernet Franc, Tohu Awatere Valley Pinot Noir or Gauchezco Reserve Cabernet Franc.

Goose: Chianti is good for the fatty richness with a delicious one from Tenuta Il Palazzo. Gewurztraminer is ideal, Villa Wolf Gewurztraminer, Pfalz.

Duck: Pinot Noir -see above

Roast Beef: Bordeaux or other Cabernet Sauvignon-based reds, Saint-Peyre or Château Cazeau. Malbec from Gauchezco.

Roast Lamb: Rioja and other Tempranillos such as: Bodegas Garcia Figuero Ribera del Duero,

Ham: Something bright and fruity such as Vondeling Baldrick Shiraz or Maspino Syrah from South Africa and Italy respectively.

Salmon: Chardonnay every time — great suggestions earlier.

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By Cindy Smulders
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* Swans are monogamous and usually find a mate when they are around four years old. Egg production and laying takes two to three weeks. Swans sit on the nest and incubate eggs for around 42 days – that's six weeks.

* A female swan is called a pen, the male a cob and adult mute swans can have around 25,000 feathers and moult every year.

* The Crown, Vintners and Dyers have ownership over the swans on the River Thames.

* Their average lifespan is 10 years, but they can live up to 25 to 30 years in a protected environment. Mute swans get their name as they don't vocalise when flying. Cygnets usually leave their parents at around six months old.

* Swans will aggressively protect their territory which can be a large area of river or a whole lake. Their nests and eggs are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

Rescues and releases are the most rewarding part of the job but cleaning, washing, hosing, feeding and caring for the birds staying with us is a vital part that needs doing 365 days a year. We have three on site staff who work on a shift basis and around 10/15 volunteers without who we wouldn't exist.

Recent rescues have been crash landing cygnets, very common around October and November when they leave their parents or are chased away by them.

When it's rained and the sun comes out younger swans sometimes mistake roads and railways for rivers, I suppose from the sky it's easily done but if you see one on the A404 in those weather conditions that's probably what happened so please call us.

We cannot rescue a swan if it shows signs of avian flu, we must protect what we already have in our care, this is a difficult and heart-breaking decision to make but rules must be adhered to and there are quite a lot of rules around the swans.

Not so for the ducks. Funny that. And they are a bit on the decrease from what I have witnessed. Gulls, mink, pike and heron are real predators for baby ducklings. I'm sure there were far more ducks when I was growing up, perhaps I will do a survey.

Thank you for looking out for the wildlife on the river, please keep doing it.

Pictured: A peaceful swan picture by Gary Saunders



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Fisherman's Friends sing again

The film is the follow up to the 2019 hit UK film Fisherman's Friends about the famous sea shanty singing group from Port Isaac, Cornwall.

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Following the unexpected success of their debut album "No Hoppers, Jokers and Rogues" we rejoin the group a year later struggling to navigate the pressures, pitfalls, and temptations of their newfound fame, second album syndrome and performing on the pyramid stage at Glastonbury.

This film provides all the laughs and sea shanties of the first movie, but with a deeper exploration of loss and grief and sees Jim (James Purefoy) also deal with the death of his father Jago (David Hayman).

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At the Community Centre

From early 2023 Bourne End Community Centre will be hosting regular weekend coffee mornings/afternoon teas.

Everyone is welcome to come along and chat to friends over a free cup of tea or coffee and cakes.

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Warm welcoming spaces

Here at the community centre we are planning to create a warm welcoming space every Monday aimed at people facing financial challenges due to the increased energy costs.

We are looking for volunteers to help create this welcoming space. If you are interested in helping or would like more information please contact Diane Hall on 07521 656 413 or email secretary@bebca.org.uk

Just a few facts — we're looking at starting on Monday December 12 and we are working in conjunction with the library who are offering the same facility on other days. It will be from 9am to 5pm, offering a warm space to come and read, chat, work, whatever, with hot drinks available.

BOURNE END COMMUNITY CENTRE

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The role is for 19 hours per week, 3hrs per day Mon to Fri and 2 hrs per day on Saturdays and Sundays. The hours are in the morning with some flexibility. This role is suitable for job share.

You need to be an effective team worker, but equally have the ability to work on your own initiative, to be able to communicate effectively with our wide range of users.

If you are interested or would like to explore working with us then please send your c.v. and a covering letter via email to office@bebca.org.uk or by post to The Manager, Bourne End Community Centre, Wakeman Road, Bourne End Bucks SL8 5SX. For more information and a job description please email or phone: 01628 522604

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CHESS CLUB

Happy to be back in the Eghams Room at the community centre and playing chess on a regular Wednesday evening from September to May. Why not join us? We meet at 7.30pm for matches and casual play.

We run teams of five boards in both the Berkshire League division one and division three. We also run teams of six boards in Bucks League division one and five boards in division two. We were winners of division one in 2021-2022.

Our annual Chess Congress (pictured) attracts players from far afield and is a great day at the community centre. The date for 2023 is Sunday April 2 so please make a note of it. Anyone wishing to play should contact Andrew Smith (details below).

Our strongest players have International (FIDE) ratings and Master



Andrew Smith is considering holding classes to help chess players learn and improve. Would you be interested? The classes would be held in the Target Room between 6.30 and 7pm on a Tuesday evening. Please let us know by contacting Andrew and leaving your details on 01628 524037 or email apstubs@aol.com

Secretary and first team captain is Roger de Coverly and you can contact him on 01628 486676 or 07968 078942 or email on rdc242@gmail.com



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The next three dates for the bar quiz are January 5 and February 2 in the May Woollerton Hall. Doors open at 7.30; please arrive by 7.45 for an 8pm start.

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ANGLING CLUB FROM THE WATER'S EDGE

As we head to the end of the year our little group is once again getting up in the dark to go fishing. We had two matches in October.

The first at Royal Berkshire Fisheries was also our anniversary match. Chris Payne won with 27lb13oz, second was Henry Rimmer 21lb 8oz and third was Anthony Coleborn with 13lb12oz.

It was heavy rain when we started, but after an hour the rain disappeared and we all dried out and had glorious sunshine the rest of the day.

Yours truly caught a 1lb 6oz bream, so far the biggest caught this season. So it seems not so much a winning fisherwoman but a

envelopes, to the centre office at Wakeman Road between 9.30am and 4pm, Monday to Friday. Bring the correct payment (eg if you have 30 cards you pay £18 to the association). We will apply the stamps to the cards and you can either collect the next day to post yourself or leave the office to post them. This offer is limited to the stock of stamps available and will end when they are all used.

Also available are strips or books of ten first class stamps – like those pictured here – worth £9.50 and available for £8. Of this £2 will be for the benefit of the community association. These can also be bought directly from the centre office.

Cash payment is acceptable (sorry, no cheques) or you can pay online or by card to the community association's bank account at CAF Bank. Account name: Bourne End (Bucks) Community Association. Sort Code: 40-52-40 Account No: 00028301.

Forum Players

Welcome to our new music man David Hooper who is a very accomplished musician and who has supported Forum Players through rehearsals. Living locally he is well connected with all of the local musician networks and is putting together a new band for Forum Players. We are very excited.

The great news is that our panto 'Dick Whittington' will grace the boards at the community centre in Bourne End come January 2023.

Rehearsals have started and there are roles to be filled in the chorus so please get in touch if you would be interested.

We meet on a Monday in the Eghams Room and Wednesday in the May Woollerton Hall from 8pm. As a friendly and welcoming group you will be made to feel at home.



Notice is given of an Extra Ordinary General Meeting of Bourne End (Buckinghamshire) Community Association

to be held on Tuesday 31st January 2023 starting at 7.45pm in the Eghams Room at Bourne End Community Centre for the following purpose:

Update the Constitution Section 2 (Objects) existing wording "...promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Bourne End & Wooburn and the neighbourhood together defined by Wooburn and Bourne End Parish together with parts of Little Marlow and Hedsor Parishes as documented in the attached maps (hereinafter called "the area of benefit") with "...promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Bourne End & Wooburn and the neighbourhood together defined by Wooburn and Bourne End, Little Marlow and Hedsor Parishes (hereinafter called "the area of benefit") Proposed by the Council (The Charity Trustees of the Community Association).

specimen catcher. Our second match was at Finch Farm and again a very wet start, but it brightened about 10.30am and the day ended in sunshine. First was Chris Payne with 26lb 4oz, second John Taylor with 23lb 8oz and joint third was Neil Townsend and Henry Rimmer with 21lb.

We were at the community centre open day and spoke with a few people and thank you to our new member Geoff Hunt and his wife and also John Taylor's wife for coming along to support us on the day. Much appreciated.

It has been uncommonly warm for the time of year. Looking back it was much colder this time last year so the fish are still biting. If you would like to join us please do get in touch. We are a really friendly club.

In the meantime on behalf of the members we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy new year.

Michele Smith, Secretary Bourne End Anglers 07802 711141
Raemichelsmith@yahoo.co.uk

centreJAZZ in the bar

Tuesday December 6
The Dixieland Swing Kings

Music starts at 8pm in the bar. Entrance is £7 at the door or buy tickets online at www.bourneendcommunitycentre.org.uk



Christmas Raffle to be held



Should you feel you might be happier backstage then, again, you will be welcome and it's fun making sure that everything is in the right place at the right time. You can also sing along backstage to swell the voices on stage.

Amateur drama is now alive, well and making a return to the stage after an enforced absence imposed by a situation that affected so many.

Now we are looking to create a new website due to a serious data loss on the old site. If anyone would be interested in taking this on please get in touch. There are plenty of photos and material available – it just needs a knowledgeable hand to make it all fit together.

For more information call chairman, Kerry Hudson, on 07904 298036 or you can email on kerryhudson1@yahoo.co.uk

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SPORTS CLUB HERALDS JENNY TIPPER

When Philippa Tipper gazed in awe at the scale of memorabilia she knew it had to be seen by a wider public.

Her mother Jenny Tipper had run the drama section of the sports club for many years and produced some outstanding shows in their sports hall.

Who remembers *Godspell*, *Jesus Christ Super Star*, *Grease* and *Bugsy Malone* to name a few? And Jenny had kept all the posters, scripts, scores, press cuttings and much more carefully labelled for each show.

Bourne End Junior Sports Club had planned a fabulous celebration of their 50th anniversary when the virus struck

and everything was cancelled. Since then they were constantly looking for an occasion to celebrate this milestone.

There was a timeline of the club's start right up to the 50th and after the lockdown when everything was returning to providing 'Sports for All'. Their swimming pool project was also gathering momentum through to planning.

Could now be the right time as Jenny Tipper's collection was revealed and members past and present could look and be amazed by what had been achieved.

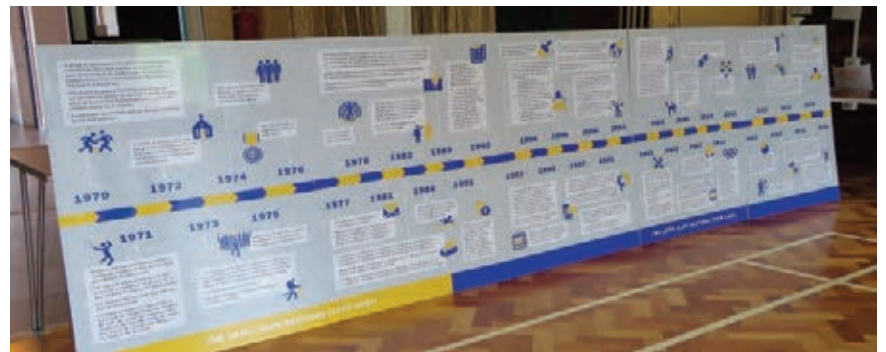
It took lots of hard work, but it finally all came together on Saturday October 22 when visitors to the community centre recalled the shows in the sports club building, along with others for Wooburn Festival and numerous

theatrical companies. Jenny had an exceptional talent for finding the right person for the right part and bringing out their star quality.

For Philippa – the little girl desperate to get on stage at the community centre in the photo (far left) and now the inspiration behind the event and wearing her mother's feather boa (bottom left) – it was a dream come true.

For the sports people there were the display boards detailing all that had been achieved over 50 years along with the names of those who had made it all happen including sport stars happy to come back and hand out prizes to the new generation of athletes.

It was a great day of celebration and a look at the future.



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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



CANOE PRESENTATION

The canoe section was delighted to receive two canoes kindly donated by John Clark, Provincial Grand Master of the Buckinghamshire Masons (see more page 7). They will be a great asset to our young paddlers as they are very stable on the water and will replace some of our older canoes that have given a good number of years' service.

Paddlers train indoors at the sports hall in the winter to improve their skills ready for next spring when the river conditions allow. If you feel you could help this section, please get in touch.

THANK YOU...

...for helping us to *Light up our Sports Hall.*



The new lights have been installed in the climbing wall making it so much brighter, especially on the bouldering wall.

The main hall lights should be

fitted very soon too. A very big thank you to all those who contributed. All users of the premises will benefit.

A special thanks too to the Co-op Local Community Fund which has supported us over the last year raising a fantastic total of £2,507 to enable us to purchase replacement climbing equipment such as harnesses, helmets and ropes to

keep our climbers safe. We are very grateful for your support.

GREAT DRAMA REVIVAL...

...and 50 years of our sports club.

The carefully prepared and spectacular timeline showing 50 years of the sports club was on display in the community centre in October. This was our first

opportunity to display it due to the pandemic – just two years late.

The boards will now go on show in the John Clinton Room at the sports hall.

A great deal of memorabilia from all the great productions Jenny Tipper organised for the club back in the early 1980s was much enjoyed too.

Jenny's daughter Philippa had carefully arranged photos, press cutting, and programmes from all the productions.

Some of the original stars were present to share their memories and watch the recordings of their performances (see the report and more photos on page 22).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

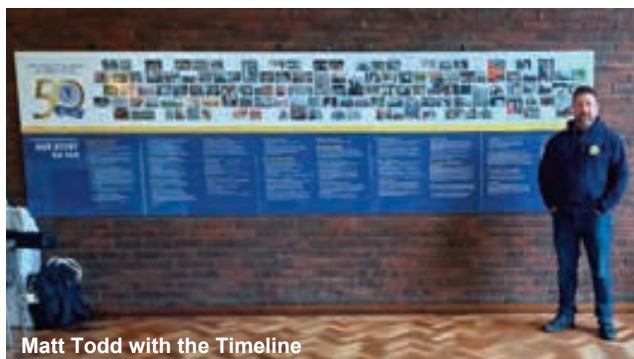
The Under 11s Football Team needs a new coach. Canoeing also needs help so please contact us, we would love to hear from you.

Our badminton section is full but we have teenagers keen to play the sport so a new group can be set up if we have a volunteer.

We also have a vacancy for a

Trustee/Director so give us a call to find out what that involves.

Please contact us through our website or email office@bejsc.co.uk Volunteering can be fun too.



Matt Todd with the Timeline

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Nostalgia 60 reunites friends

With memories reaching back 60 years, friends were determined to get together and greet each other while celebrating the anniversary at the community centre. In 1962 they would have been considered youngsters but today they could talk about children and grandchildren with great delight.

It was a lovely morning in the May Woollerton Hall with help from volunteers who provided refreshments and cake, lots of cake. Some brought memories from the days of carnivals and other fund raising occasions. They all had the formation of the community association in common.

Flower Club were one of the original groups and they arrived with books galore showing photographs from many past flower arranging demonstrations. Needless to say they also brought along a lovely display that was presented to a 100 year old lady who had been involved in those early days.

Sixty years is something to celebrate and those with memories over those years certainly did that. There were sad goodbyes and promises to stay in contact as the life of Bourne End Community Association carried on and volunteers prepared for an evening event.



Alan Downing is a founder life member and he brought his card to Nostalgia 60 proving that he was number 33. He's here with wife Christine who hails from Wooburn Green as they look at the photos.



Dave Kimber and wife Rosie recognise people they have known for years among all the photographs. Dave's firm won the carnival trophy in 1981 for the best trade float and he brought it along to Nostalgia 60.



Dave Orriss brought his membership card along to Nostalgia 60. Dave came with wife Mary who, for many years, ran Damar Linens on The Parade. Some of her lovely towels are still in use locally.

100 years-old Irene Box (left) was born in London and came to Bourne End in 1960. She was involved in the early days of the community association. She was a great supporter of the WI and the Townswomens Guild. Liz Payne (centre) from the Flower Club presented the flowers with Irene's daughter Rosemary (right).

READERS' CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

BUCKS COUNCILLORS

for The Wooburns, Bourne End and Hedsor wish all residents a very merry Christmas and health and happiness for 2023.

We look forward to representing and serving you further in the coming year. From Penny, Stuart and Sophie.



TRUSTEES OF BOURNE END JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB

would like to wish all our volunteers, club members, parents, and supporters a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We add our thanks to all those who have demonstrated their loyalty to the club during the year. Special thanks to Co-op Community Fund for replacement climbing equipment, and to individuals, charitable trusts, and others who have donated towards the hall's replacement lights and climbing wall. Let us hope 2023 is a good year for us all.

WOOBURN & BOURNE END PARISH COUNCIL

Wishing a very Merry Christmas to you all from the team here at Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council. May the New Year bring continued positivity, growth and happiness.

WYE VALLEY VOLUNTEERS send Christmas Greetings to all our volunteers and a big thank-you for their tireless and cheerful support. Best wishes also to our clients whose appreciation and good humour makes the job worthwhile. Remember we are here to help you with transport, home visiting, lunch club, coffee mornings and shopping trips. Call us on 01628 521027

WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION sends warmest wishes to all *Target* readers for a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

ARTHUR AND KATHLEEN WOOD send Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year of happiness and world peace to all our friends and neighbours in Bourne End and the Thames Valley.

Wishing all my friends at Bourne End & District U3A a Grand Winter Solstice Celebration -
SUE WESTON

BOURNE END BRIDGE CLUB sends Christmas and New Year greetings to our members. Thank you for your continued support. It's not for beginners, but we welcome new players to challenging but friendly bridge.



BOURNE END COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION sends very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to those who meet at the community centre and who, over many years, have enjoyed the facilities and who have been so supportive. Special thanks to the volunteers who make everything happen and to our trustees who watch over our actions. As a local charity for over 60 years we thank you all.

THE COMMUNITY MARKET sends grateful thanks and warmest Christmas Greetings to all our valued customers, volunteers and cooperating Wakeman Road organisations. We look forward to putting on more great market experiences in 2023. With All Good Cheer from stall holders and team - Daph, Diane, Debbie, Heather, James, David and Rosie.



JIM AND BARRIE PENFOLD send Christmas Greetings to local friends. Also grateful thanks to those wonderful people who do so much to help others. Here's to 2023 – love, laugh and be happy.

TARGET MAGAZINE wishes all our readers a happy Christmas and New Year. Thank you to all our loyal advertisers for your continued support. Special thanks to our contributors, bundlers, bundle distributors and delivery volunteers. We couldn't keep going without you. Debra and Barrie



REMEMBERING

David Langford 1947-2022

David Langford, known to so many *Target* readers, was brought up in West Wickham, Kent, living close to his aunts, uncles and cousins.

He attended the local primary and grammar school, to which he walked independently from the age of five.

A "Saath London Boy", he was familiar with the capital from going trainspotting, and developed a passion for Crystal Palace football club which lasted a lifetime. When they scored a goal, he would leap up with a shout, arms in the air, wherever he was – wrong end of the ground at an away match, at home with a plate of dinner on his lap...

Gaining a place at Downing College, Cambridge, was a turning point in his life; a friendly college, full of rigorous thinkers with a broad culture. He took Natural Sciences, abandoning Chemistry for Theoretical Physics, which also allowed him to play football while others did extra laboratory work.

David always preferred thought and experiment to argument. When a dogmatic fellow student claimed that china, apparently fragile, could not be broken by simple hand pressure, David quietly picked up a mug and demolished it by expanding his fingers from the inside. Observation, reason, experiment: the scientific method, as expounded by one of his favourite scientists, Richard Feynman.

Rowing in the 5th Downing College boat earned him a 12-foot oar, but one term of those chilly early mornings was enough.

After a few months of boredom at the CEGB, he decided to train as a teacher at Nottingham University, arriving at Burnham Grammar School in 1970.

He shared a house with two other young teachers, who recall him rigging up a complex system of car batteries and headlamps to deal with power cuts in the Miners' Strike – unfortunately the estate agent was unimpressed.

David moved on to Windsor and Maidenhead College of Further Education (now part of the



Windsor Forest Group) teaching A-level Physics to the 16-18s; he taught there for 27 years. His last post was as Senior Lab Technician at Langley Grammar School.

During all this time, other aspects of life

moved on. In 1972, David married Wendy, who he had met while teacher training. After a brief spell in a rented room in High Wycombe, from which David bump-started their Triumph Herald down Amersham Hill each morning – a terrifying sight, Wendy recalls – their first home was a maisonette off the Farnham Road in northern Slough. Happy times, when they made some very good friends.

In 1975, the Langfords moved to Bourne End. Here their three daughters, Clare, Catherine and Emma were born and David, rather to his surprise, became an excellent family man, attending school shows (Juniper Hill and Furze Platt) and eventually graduations with pride.

Wendy remembers him jogging up and down the living room with a howling baby hugged to his chest; or reading a newspaper spread on the floor while a small daughter bounced on his back.

Around the house, he would tackle any job, not asking anyone's advice but thinking, and maybe consulting a book. The results were not always the prettiest, but they worked, including installing a whole kitchen.

David always contributed to community life. He was on the PTA at Juniper Hill, donated blood and later plasma for the Blood Donor service, helped out at Bourne End Carnival and Fun Night and delivered *Target* magazines.

When not ferrying his own children around, he took people to appointments for the Volunteer Bureau,

and was a useful member of various committees, notably the Future of Our Village (FoOV) and the Twinning Association (BEBTA), where he was Treasurer for several years.

At the Chess Club he ran the annual one-day Chess Congress which often drew more than 70 players. He was a familiar sight at community centre events, using his 6'4" height to set up and clear away, or taking money at the door.

David's interests were many and full of learning. He loved to be outdoors, working in the garden or cycling down to his allotment on Chapman Lane with a garden fork fixed to his bike, walking the woods or hills, exploring nature reserves (Spade Oak, BBOWT).

He was knowledgeable about butterflies and birds. He kept up with science, attending lectures at the Royal Institution on quantum physics, galaxies and black holes.

Coming home on a clear, frosty evening included standing in the garden with binoculars, gazing at the stars.

Wycombe Swan and Norden Farm were favourite haunts for music, theatre or film; he adored the Bourne End Carol Concert.

Branching out from France and Italy, David and Wendy were thrilled to visit Ecuador and Galápagos, New Zealand and Rajasthan. David's last trip abroad was four days in Prague: the smile never left his face.

Around 2016 David was beginning to have problems with balance, speech and hand movement. In 2018 he was diagnosed with Corticobasal Degeneration* (CBD), a rare brain disease with no treatment or cure, which affects balance, walking, speech, swallowing and seeing. He bore the gradual loss of his powers with his usual stoicism, keeping going as long as possible.

He and Wendy celebrated their Golden Wedding with family in August 2022 and despite his very limited range, it was clear to us that he still enjoyed the company of those he loved.

Always smiling, David was a steadfast, generous and original man, who never paraded his knowledge, but would turn his hand to anything.

He contributed in many ways to the life of all who knew him, and to the village he loved – a gentle giant. RIP.

*(The PSP Association www.pspassociation.org.uk helps sufferers and funds research.)

Sue Baldwin was a founder member of the Thursday Club who continue to meet regularly after 60 years. Sue explained how the Thursday Club came into being by saying that there was no social club so they formed their own and met up on a certain day. They supported a whole range of charities.

Sue remembered that they had welcomed Jay Blades from *The Repair Shop* and later they visited his workshops. She also supported events at the community centre and was a regular member of the Flower Club. She died after a short illness and will be sadly missed. RIP.

Brenda Burton was born in Loudwater and grew up locally. Brenda will be remembered for her craft skills as she made Christmas decorations and a



range of gifts requiring a good eye for detail with creativity.

These were sold at craft fairs and other local events. Brenda hadn't been well with breathing problems for a few years and she will be missed by husband Peter, friends and family, especially her grandchildren. RIP.

Yvonne Larkin organised social events at the community centre for a number of years. Then, with husband Roger, they were supportive and organised social events for Orchard House and Brent Road residents.

Recently Yvonne joined them for a holiday in Weymouth when they took a copy of *Target* and their picture was in the October/November issue of the magazine. Yvonne will be missed by husband Roger, local friends and family. RIP.



ANGLING CLUB RIP

So very sad to lose our long standing member and dear friend **John Wallis**.

He had been a member of the Angling Club for almost 40 years and sadly lost his three year battle with cancer.

We will miss you greatly every day John, especially round the lake. So this

tribute is from the heart from all of your angling mates. RIP.

John is pictured at our annual event happily holding his trophy.

Joan Woodbridge (nee Essex), a long-time Bourne End resident, died on September 14 at the age of 89. In more recent years she had been resident in a nursing home, but she spent the great majority of her life living in Bourne End.

At the beginning of the Second World War her parents relocated from Ealing in west London to live at Brooksby in Donkey Drive, Bourne End.

Then they acquired the adjoining property at Thornbie where Joan spent her childhood years.

Joan boarded at Roedean School in Sussex and was an apprentice at Constant Spry florists in Margaret Street, London. She commuted there from Bourne End.

Joan married David Woodbridge in 1956 who, at that time, worked at Jacksons Millboard and Paper Company at the junction of Furlong Road and Cores End Road.

David then took over the well-known local family ironmongery business, Woodbridge's, with their large frontage at the end of the parade of shops in Furlong Road.

Together they lived and raised their family for more than 50 years at West Ridge at the top of New Road.

David died in 2015. Joan's brother Clive Essex remains a Bourne End resident. She is survived by her two daughters Belinda and Bridget with son Robin, all who grew up and went to school locally. RIP.



RETIREMENT:

After persevering through lockdown, and afterwards, to provide delicious refreshments, snacks and ices for his eager customers **Ralph Durbridge** decided that he had reached the age where retirement beckoned.

Bourne for Desserts on The Parade closed and now Ralph is happily settled in Wales where the peaks are there to be walked.

Jamie Fyfe of Jamie's Tours (pictured below) has decided to hang up his coach keys and take retirement after ten years of organising and running day trips and short break holidays. With a last flourish don't miss Jamie's Magical Mystery Tour on Thursday January 19 (see advert page 16).

Over the years Jamie has provided memorable visits for his customers including the poppy waterfall at the Tower of London and getting up close to animals on Adam Henson's Farm in the Cotswolds. A regular was the Red Arrows flypast at Bournemouth Air Show.



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Bourne End & Cookham Probus Club By Bill Leftwich

Our club for retired businessmen meets every third Wednesday of the month for a few drinks, a very enjoyable lunch and an invited speaker.

At our September meeting our vice-chairman, Doug Hill, gave us a terrific talk on the World Skills competition, something that he had been heavily involved with since winning a silver medal there in 1953. His father had been involved with the launch of this competition for talented apprentices in 1951 and entered Doug for the contest in Madrid.

We were shown three excellent films showing entrants in this worldwide 'Olympics'-style organisation for apprentices from all walks of life, from bricklaying to electronics, from furniture making to floristry.

Doug explained that it provided a platform for an exchange of knowledge, skills and confidence between the most talented apprentices at a global level. Doug's father was awarded the MBE for his promotion of World Skills.

In November Doug gave a talk in the Houses of Parliament promoting the competition at the Skills Show in Birmingham the same month.

Our speaker in October, Mike Beech, talked on *The History of Whitefriars Glass*, the works beginning in Temple, London in 1746 producing the widest range of glass worldwide in the same traditional way as the Egyptians.

He took us through the process, history and types and styles over the years of glassware, vases, paperweights and even stained-glass windows. Beautiful slides showed the wonderful colours and fabulous designs of this world-beater until fuel costs and cheap European imports caused its demise in 1980. Sounds familiar?

If you would like to join our excellent, friendly club please contact Bill Leftwich on 01628 529647 or view our website: The Probus Club of Bourne End & Cookham.

Cookham Bridge Rotary Club By Paul Ovstedal

November 18 saw a packed Pinder Hall for our Cookham Bridge Rotary Autumn Quiz Night. More than 100 people attended and went home happy. Elizabeth House, Cookham's Day Centre for independent seniors, was also happy with around £1,000 raised on the night.

Also in November we had a very entertaining 'Great Gastby' evening. Most club members managed to find something to wear from the 1920s and Winter Hill Golf Club laid on a special menu for us. Plenty of fun with movies and gangsters.

Upcoming events include supporting the Marlow Fun Run and, of course, the Bourne End Fun Night which is always one of the highlights of our Christmas activity.

Our own Christmas party is on December 14 when the talented among the club will surprise

us with inventive entertainment.

Looking forward, we are busy planning to bring a new 10k run to the area and have a bridge night planned for Friday March 10.

We welcome anyone who would like to make a contribution to our community and enjoy making new friends on Wednesday evenings at Winter Hill Golf Club. More information at www.facebook.com/RotaryCookhamBridge

Bourne End WI By Chrissy Hayes

In November we welcomed the knowledgeable Richard Anderson who gave an interesting talk about unusual antiques.

Our December meeting will be our Christmas Party with festive food and drinks. We are all looking forward to welcoming the inspiring Erica Cunningham, back to showcase her Christmas flower arrangements.

Craft and Chat are currently looking at a variety of Christmas craft projects and Heidi has some wonderful new ideas.

Our Book Club is reading the 1970s classic *The Thorn Birds* by Colleen McCullough.

Keeping us all fit as ever is our Walking Netball Club. Although this fun club is well attended, new people are always welcome.

Talking of keeping fit, our Walking Club is doing just that and with free fresh air.

Ladies Who Lunch are taking over an entire room at a local restaurant for our Christmas lunch. I hope they have plenty of wine glasses at the ready.

Our many outings during the Christmas season will include a trip to Waddesdon Manor with their fabulous Christmas Market.

For any information on our WI please contact Wendy on bourneendwi@yahoo.com or call 01628 526309

Bourne End and Wooburn WI By Sally Fawell

The October meeting was our AGM with Judith Forster in attendance. Judith, a WI Adviser for Buckinghamshire, explained how the WI group is organised. Members also enjoyed a game of bingo after the AGM.

The November meeting was an opportunity for our members to judge a couple of speakers. They were auditioned by our members for their suitability to speak at other WI meetings.

At our December meeting we'll have a demonstration of how to make an easy Christmas wreath, a Christmas themed quiz, a secret Santa gift and a buffet for refreshments.

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

Bourne End and Cookham Rotary Club By John Dunsterville

On World Polio Day, October 24, some of you eagle-eyed folks noticed us with purple lights,

lighting up the Peace Garden and clock at Penny's Corner. Why 'Purple for Polio'? As each child is vaccinated, their little finger is dyed purple.

We honour the brave and determined vaccinators who risk their lives to ensure that every last child is vaccinated.

Our Rotarian Geoff Baker and Jane Dunsterville have also planted purple crocus corms around the garden ready for the springtime, a reminder of the progress made to eradicate this destructive disease. The human race stamped out smallpox and we are so close to getting rid of polio as well.

Now for the most busy and exciting part of our club's year. We are looking to the charities we wish to support and make sure that every penny goes to worthwhile causes.

Pudsey will visit the schools to support Children in Need. Later in December we transport Santa and the famous Rotary sleigh to visit as many as possible. Do check our Facebook and website for arrival times and the route.

On a different topic: many *Target* readers know that I am a musician and entertainer as well as President of Bourne End and Cookham Rotary Club. With good friends we have been entertaining at Bourne End Community Market and we are also doing a musical talk about *My Life in Rock&Roll, Blues and Jazz*, at Bourne End Community Centre on Thursday December 8. Join us for a fun evening of anecdotes and nostalgic songs.

To find out more, ring John on 07811 702853 or visit www.beac-rotary.org or www.facebook.com/beacrotaary

Little Marlow & Well End WI By Veronica Kay

At the October meeting members were introduced to Ruth Walne, a volunteer on the Mercy Ships who provide free medical care to people in overseas countries who are suffering from disability, disfigurement or disease.

Ruth said what an amazing experience it had been to change the lives of children and adults who otherwise would not have access to medical care.

A vote of thanks was given to the organisers of the Ploughman's Lunch and the Beetle Drive.

Members were reminded of the forthcoming AGM and to give careful consideration to standing for committee positions. A children's charity is to be supported this Christmas.

At Craft and Chat members were given the opportunity to make poppies for the Remembrance Waterfall to be displayed outside the cricket pavilion in Little Marlow.

The Annual Meeting dominated the November meeting. The president, Pauline Clitheroe, welcomed Judith Forster, WI Adviser, and thanked her for support and guidance throughout the meeting.



THANK YOU TO WI FOR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LIGHT

If there's one thing that makes Bourne End special it's a new children's light design on The Parade among other children's designs from previous years.

Once again, and with pledged support from Bourne End WI, there will be a new light with the name Lyla 2022 (see page 1). The tradition has continued since the first light was switched on in 2004.

This year there will be an entirely new festive display along The Parade as matching Christmas trees will be bright with lights. Bourne End will be a magical place to shop, or just wander, for the festive season. It's all part of the Christmas Lights team's determination to ring the changes and upgrade the festive lights.

Local school children were challenged to design a Christmas light that would carry their name and the year. The winning design would be made by a specialist lighting firm and at Fun Night there would be a switch-on ceremony. It makes the festive season very special for local schools and for one local family.

It was the job of the Bourne End WI judging committee to look at all designs, discuss their merits and come up with a short list of designs. Then the final decision had to be made.

Simplicity was an essential as the light manufacturers had to produce the winner's light and make it look extra special. It was a job for the experts.

Lyla, aged 9 years, attends Juniper Hill School and, after half term, she was told that her 'Snowman' design had been the judges selection.

Lyla will receive her winner's certificate at Fun Night and she will see her name in lights when she switches on her design at 6pm on Friday 9 December.

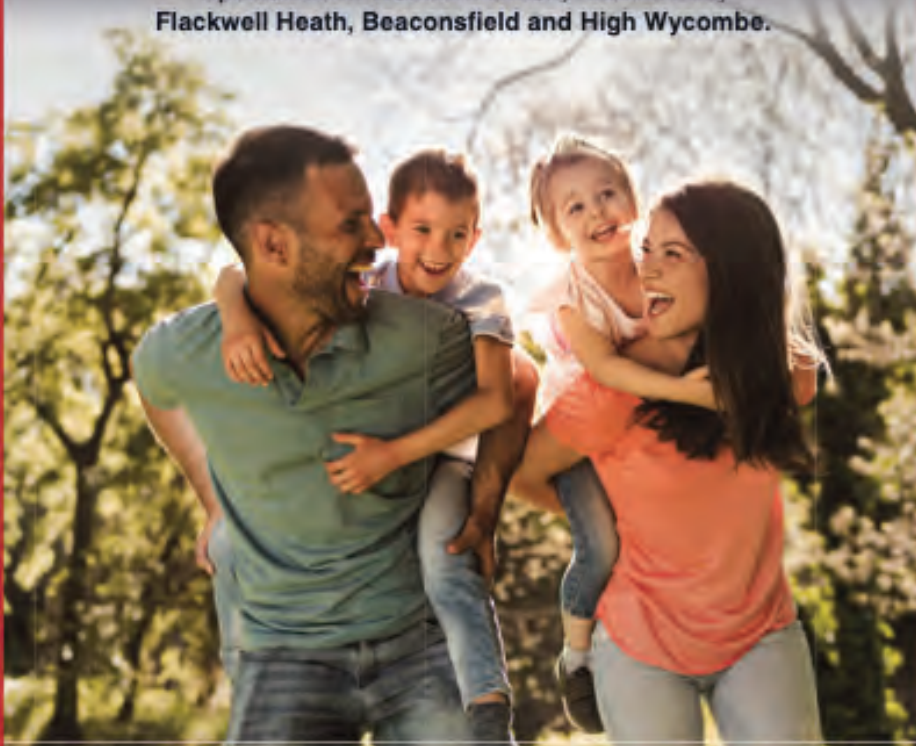
Our photo shows the judging committee from left to right – James Mortimer from the parish council, Nick Pink who has been dedicated to providing wonderful lights along The Parade, then Kath Acres and Wendy Farmer from Bourne End WI.

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Fitness friends reunited

Fitness guru Julian Blazey from Hedsor Road in Bourne End was one of a group of school friends who realised that they had known each other for 50 years in September 2022. So they planned a combined challenge and celebration with fundraising to mark the event. Here's Julian's story about Ride & Stride.

One of the inspirations for the event was the realisation that in September 2022 it would be 50 years since three friends and I had met on our first day at grammar school (Buckhurst Hill County High School, Essex) in September 1972, aged 11.

We decided to organise an event that would

challenge our fitness and endurance levels, provide an opportunity to celebrate 50 years of friendship and to create some great new memories.

We also wanted to raise money for some really worthy charities that were close to our hearts, as the conditions had impacted on us or family members and close friends directly: Cancer Research UK, MIND and Parkinson's UK.

Unfortunately during the course of the build-up to the event I was diagnosed with prostate cancer and another member of the team was diagnosed with womb cancer.

We both had treatment before the event started and have had positive prognoses following surgery, although I was only a few days post-surgery at the

for and planned a nine-day route for walking, running and cycling around the 'B' roads and pathways of the route, starting and finishing in Inverness. The four of us then recruited friends who were up for this challenge and the team grew to ten in total.

The logistics meant that for each of the nine days we would cover an average of between 60 and 70 miles, stopping over at pubs and hotels along the way, with two of the team principally responsible for the ferrying of runners, walkers, riders and luggage to the right place at the right time.

Each day's route would include a leg for our walker (we just had the one), the runners (on average ten miles a day) and the cyclists (between 50 and 60 miles a day). This

doesn't sound too daunting until you factor in the elevation, with the team facing ascents of more than 5,000 feet on a number of days and 6,999 feet on the hardest day.

The scenery was spectacular, the weather generally very kind (plenty of sunshine, big skies and great views) and the team spirit very strong, and driven to complete the route by the thoughts and memories of loved ones impacted by cancer, mental health or Parkinson's disease.

So, some of the stats - 562 miles travelled, total ascents 12,783 metres (Everest is 8,849 metres) and £10,625 funds raised.

Julian is a personal trainer: Fitter Longer www.fitterlonger.com He wants to tell readers it is important for men to get themselves tested. He was diagnosed having decided he should go for a PSA test after a friend had been for one, but he was completely symptom-free prior to diagnosis (as many men are).

His picture shows Julian in the middle of the group.

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start of the trip and was unable to take part in the actual event (having been involved in all the planning).

However I did manage to make it up to Inverness to support the group for the last couple of days and Moira (who'd had a full hysterectomy) was able to go and help with driving duties.

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Bourne End Library

In September we welcomed Chris Hurley as our new library manager. We are looking forward to developing our links with Marlow Library as Chris is now joint manager of both libraries.

Our thanks to the Marlow Library staff who have supported us during the last year while we have been without a manager. Julie and Chris continue to job-share and Sophie has just joined us from High Wycombe Library as a full-time member of staff. So, we are finally fully-staffed.

In October, our opening hours were fully restored and are now as follows:

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 9.30am - 7pm
Wednesday: 9.30am - 1pm
Thursday: 9.30am - 5pm
Friday: 9.30am - 5pm
Saturday: 9.30am - 2pm
Sunday: Closed

We have recently made the decision to remove the screens from our library counter and have received many positive responses from our customers.

Thank you to all those who have come forward as new library volunteers and will be starting in their new roles during November. We look forward to working with you. We are still looking for more volunteers so, if this interests you, please come and discuss this with us.

Our regular groups, Scrabble, Reading and Knit &

Natter, continue to thrive, and new members are always welcome.

Buckinghamshire Adult Learning are now using our meeting rooms regularly for some of their courses; currently Italian, Tai Chi and Meditation & Mindfulness. We have copies of their current brochures in the library.

Buckinghamshire Libraries have all been designated as Welcoming Spaces and anyone who wishes to spend some time in the library is very welcome. We have comfortable chairs, friendly staff to chat to, books to read and there is always a jigsaw puzzle on the go, or just bring in your own newspaper or magazine.

The 10th anniversary of the Bourne End Junior Craft Show was held in the library in October and the Mayor of High Wycombe attended to present the prizes (see page 34).

The organiser, Sue Croall, has also run some well-attended craft sessions in the library during the year.

Look out for more of these during school holidays. They can be found in the library events section of the Buckinghamshire Council website www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk and places can be reserved online or at the library counter.

Our first 'Friends of Bourne End Library' meeting for old and new members was held in November and we will provide an update in the next issue of *Target*.

Finally, we are looking forward to participating again in the Bourne End Christmas Fun Night on December 9.

We will be providing our usual Christmas craft activities for children as well as hosting the St. John's Ambulance support team and rest area.

Best wishes from all the library staff and volunteers

Hedgehogs in Bourne End - Update by Elizabeth Chacksfield



Since the article in the October *Target* requesting information on hedgehogs

I am pleased to have had 10 replies informing me of the presence of these delightful little creatures in local gardens.

The good news is that seven of those all live in different areas of Bourne End, plus one in Flackwell Heath, meaning that each of these is likely to be a different community - or at least a different hedgehog.

I am still gathering information which I will be sharing in a later issue of *Target*.

In the meantime, if you have had hogs around this year and haven't yet contacted me, I would love to hear from you on: lizchacksfield@tinternet.com

Golden silky bunting

Anyone planning a 'golden' anniversary might like to know that *Target* has long strings of golden bunting (the width of the May Woollerton Hall) available to buy or borrow for a donation to the magazine.

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RNLI say thanks at last

"It's all down to you guys" was chairman Mike Prager's message to members of the RNLI as they got together for the first time since 2019.

It was a happy occasion at the community centre and a chance to find out how the charity had been affected by the virus.

Mike's message was encouraging as he told everyone how the branch had adapted and with the introduction of technology the fundraising was going up and should reach £20k in 2022. That news was greeted with applause.

Mike's report was informative, but delivered informally to match the theme of the celebratory event. He said that charities everywhere had been badly hit by everything associated with the lockdown periods, but they were recovering slowly and making changes to move forward. Mike told members that the RNLI had become the largest charity to introduce contactless fundraising payments and this branch were hoping to get a second machine in the near future.

In 2024 the RNLI will celebrate their 200 years in the role of saving lives on the water. That was the theme of the very lively demonstration by two volunteers, each called Jon, who are part of the busy



Teddington RNLI Station at the end of the tidal River Thames.

Both men reckoned it had been an incredible journey for them over 21 years and that they were part of a great team with their message being: 'We are one crew. This is our watch.'

Stories galore, some hilarious with others sad but the station's quick response to a 'shout' (under three minutes) prevented a death from drowning. Even down to the drunken reveller who fell into the water and had to be rescued. "I'm going to do a

sponsored swim for you" he slurred as he was helped from the river.

The RNLI river and sea rescue operates a 24 hours a day service for every day of the year including Christmas Day. Mike told members that the big challenge was to inspire the next generation of volunteers to fund raise for the charity that is "there to save lives".

Photo shows (l to r) Mary Oswald who runs the education programme for the branch, Mike Prager, branch chairman, David Oswald, Jon Chapman and Jon Barker from Teddington Station.



BOURNE END FUN NIGHT

By Councillor Penny Drayton

It's that time of year again and Bourne End Fun Night is back, **Friday December 9 from 4pm to 8pm**. With all the much loved attractions and more, make sure you don't miss it. The new team who

formed last year have been working away all year planning and organising and can't wait to have you join us on the night.

- The Childrens light switch on will be at 6pm (huge THANK YOU to the Bourne End WI for the organisation of this fantastic competition and arranging the production of the light of the winner's design) See page 30.
- The MAIN ROAD through the village centre will be closed to traffic with a diversion in place so everyone can safely enjoy the evening. A parking suspension will be in place down Oakfield Road

and Wharf Lane, please do not park there or your vehicle may be fined or towed.

- In addition to the main road closure, Wakeman Road and the public car park will also be closed this year. So the entire event is pedestrianised, enabling us to expand the offering of fun and entertainment and, most importantly, increase the safety.
- Alternative free parking has been arranged right next to the village centre and will be clearly signposted on the night. The number of spaces available will be more than Wakeman Road normally has but do walk from home if you can.
- Accessible parking spaces (blue badge) will be in the car park of St Dunstan's Church. Please leave these spaces for those who require them.
- There will be entertainment on the Main Stage all night with singing and dancing. The return of the 'BIG SING' is at 5.30pm, a coming together of local schools and the audience to sing three Christmas favourites in community harmony. This year's songs are; *Santa Claus is coming to town*, *Jingle Bells* and *All I want for Christmas*. Get practising.
- Santa will be taking a bit of time out of his hectic schedule and is joining us for the evening too. There will be a Grotto built to make him feel at home and an area outside to park his reindeer, make sure you visit him at the community centre.
- Fairground rides will this year cater for some bigger kids as well as the minis and will be in the car park. With more space available we can keep those thrill seekers happy.
- Visit the Christmas Market inside the community centre with its huge range of stalls to get all your present shopping done. Enjoy a cup of mulled wine (purchased from there) while you wander.
- The ever-popular tombola (adults and kids), this year run by the parish council, will be in the library with a selection of other stalls including the wonderful WI stall.
- Come down hungry! We have a huge range of choice for your dinner that evening. In addition to the wonderful restaurants in permanent situ, we have visiting food vans positioned right along The Parade offering every cuisine. This ranges from hot dogs to Mexican, Brazilian, pizza, coffee hubs, crepes, festive chestnuts and more.
- Finally make sure you visit our community stalls with school PTAs to the Scouts and Guides, other charities and local causes and maybe enjoy a complimentary little taster of Rebellion beer.
- **Wrap up warm, come along and simply have FUN!**

The organising team and committee are very excited about this year's event and looking forward to sharing it with you, thank you (to them) for all the hard work that has gone into getting it set up. We'd also like to thank all the local business and sponsors for their support and all the wonderful shops and individuals who have donated to the tombola or other elements of the evening.

We would love some extra help and volunteers to ensure the evening runs smoothly. If you can offer some time, or wish to get more involved next year, or wish to contact us for any other reason, please email bourneendfunnight@gmail.com

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Bourne End Junior Craft Show celebrates 10 years

Judges Favourite, Henry Lawrance.
Photo by Helen Lawrance



The bunting was out and there was plenty of cake to celebrate the 10th birthday of Bourne End Junior Craft Show at the beginning of October. We even managed a sunny day for the occasion; traditionally it rains.

With around 200 entries the show was as well supported as ever. Organisers and judges alike were so impressed with the ingenuity and imagination shown, and the amount of time and effort that went into all the entries. If you would like to see why then head on over to our website, www.bejuniorcraftshow.co.uk and have a look at this year's photos.

Our guest of honour, to help us celebrate our milestone birthday, was the Mayor of High Wycombe, Councillor Arif Husain, who came to present the trophies to the very worthy winners.

He loved seeing all the amazing artwork and was very interested to learn that this whole event began as the idea of a then 10 year old schoolgirl (my daughter Amy) and that it has kept going, and growing, even through the pandemic, to become the much loved annual event that it is today.

Some of our original entrants are now too old to

enter, but we still have a solid core of 'regulars' and a great crop of new, younger entrants coming up through the ranks. We can't wait to see what future years will bring.

The award for Judges' Favourite was won by eight year old Henry Lawrance for his fabulous painting of the view over Wooburn Park to the cricket pavilion. As well as the usual awarding first, second and third place rosettes and presenting trophies for "Best" in each age group, the trophy winners had an extra treat this year in the form of an invitation to visit the Mayor's Parlour, along with the Craft Show committee members.

At time of writing this visit has not yet taken place but is something we are all very excited about and very grateful for.

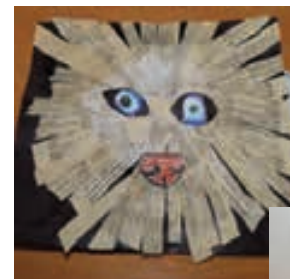
We couldn't have wished for better birthday celebrations and would like to thank everyone who contributed either by entering, judging, donating, taking photos, or overwhelming us with some lovely birthday surprises. Watch this space for news of next year's show. It really is never too soon to start on your entries.

Sue Croall

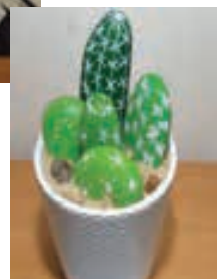


Above, Isla Ferris won first prize in the 'Exactly 10' category with her 10 hot air balloons that lit up

Pictured top right is Sue with daughter Amy (who came up with the idea of a children's craft show). Above, middle, is Amy with a junk model castle by Izzy Nicholson and Hazel Phillips.



Two of the eye-catching entries. A collage by Lily-Ella Manning and painted pebbles looking just like real cactus by Henry Lawrance



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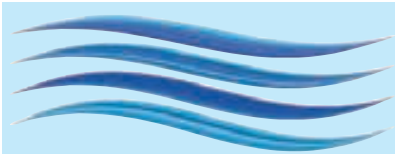
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River Life

with Peter Osborne



It seems years since my last missive, given that we are on our third Prime Minister since it was published. It would appear that we have been living in some sort of soap opera, one that's even more depressing than EastEnders. Still, at least we have had one constant, the river has continued to flow.

Obviously, we have had a mild autumn which has led to the river being a bit busier for longer than in previous years; the lack of rain also contributed.

I know it's been a busy autumn, I managed to sneak a cheeky week away with Gerry the first week in October believing that the season would have died by then, however, since my return I've hardly had a day off and require a further holiday.

The charter boats on the river have been busy, but some of them have now stopped until the spring. Several, including the Blue Barges out of Bourne End, are still currently taking bookings, these can be subject to river conditions and lock closures for winter maintenance.

It's been a fantastic time for cruising the river seeing all the different autumn colours of the leaves on the trees, the river is certainly not just for the summer.

Chaos at the marina will tell you how busy he has been and the moorings appear to be as full as ever and it's good to see the crane being used as much as it has.

Given that the river has been lower than usual this year, due to a lack of precipitation, water has been quite precious. However, one

morning I was working at Woottens Boatyard and we turned up only to notice that the water level was nearly 15 inches lower than the day before. This may not sound a lot to some people, but it caused a few problems.

We were unable to use the Woottens slipway as the trolley, which you cradle the boats on, could not go deep enough into the river to 'catch' the boats to pull them out of the water.

Other boats in the reach were grounded and, possibly, one was holed when it sat on the bottom and something pierced the hull.

There are many theories as to why this happened; maybe a sluice became stuck open on a weir, human error occurred in managing the weirs or it was due to Sun Spot activity?

Whatever happened we hope the Environment Agency has learned a lesson. When a wooden boat comes out of the water for any length of time the hull will dry out and the planks will contract, when the boat is launched it will have to stay in the slings of the crane for a day or so as it will leak like a sieve until the wood has 'taken up'.

This is the process of absorbing the water, and expanding to the extent that the hull becomes watertight once more.

There was a case in the marina where a wooden boat was out all summer, and this autumn was launched again. You could have used the hull as a sieve as that's how watertight the hull was.

It was the hottest summer on record and it took a week or more for the wood to take up.

The wood is sealed between each plank by stuffing caulk, like a thick string, into the gap and then covering this with a stopper, which is like a putty. This particular boat had been taken out of the water and have some additional caulking inserted as it was struggling to tighten up.

Boat sales seem to be fairly active at the moment. This is a time of year where decisions are made to sell boats so that owners are not paying mooring fees over the winter. Should you be looking to buy or upgrade you may find a bargain.

This can be useful to me as sometimes a sold boat will leave the river for another waterway and I can be asked to transport it. I learnt a

lesson a while ago when transporting a boat to somewhere near Cambridge. I followed my nag and ended up at a disused World War Two airfield in the middle of nowhere.

I checked the postcode, and the last digit was wrong. I was some 10 miles away from where I should have been. Always check the postcode.

When I realised I was lost I was up a farmer's track with a 30 foot trailer behind me, somehow I managed to turn around and arrived half an hour late, although a phone call had been made.

They were pleased to see me, but to my horror mud from the farmers track had covered the bow of the boat and even the windscreens. I apologised, but complained that they don't keep the roads clean in this area, it soon washed off.

I am often asked when the path to Cookham Lock Island will be reopened from Odney. Well, not in the foreseeable future.

A few years ago, there was the tragedy when there were some drownings there and the path over the weir has been closed to the public ever since.

It may reopen at some stage when Health and Safety can be satisfied that people can cross the weir without the risk of jumping off it into the weir stream.

This is a strange decision as there are other weirs that have paths over the top that are open to the public, let alone bridges, the railway bridge for example.

It seems odd wishing everyone a happy Christmas and a merry New Year given the current weather. While writing this item, the weather is similar to a bad summer's day.

Anyway, Seasons Greetings to all from the river community and Rocky. Remember with increased police activity around this period, don't get too sober unless you're driving.

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

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Past times by Barrie Penfold

2002 and into the 'noughties' with a year of golden celebrations for the late Queen as well as a ruby anniversary for the community association. Within the county the honour of High Sheriff was given to Alexander Shepard from Hedsor. The title can trace its roots back to 1630.

Very close to home was the granting of planning permission for the redevelopment of the industrial area by the river into a marina with housing and flats.

Paddington Bear is a must-mention and Forum Players brought him to the community centre in the spring with a fabulous stage set showing a steam train in the station. In that year there was a push to twin Bourne End with a town in France and that twinning association, and many friends in Octeville-sur-Mer, continue their association especially with an annual visit either to France or welcoming French visitors.

Fundraising has always been a vital part of activities at the community centre and there was the idea of asking people to donate their foreign coins left when they returned from holidays abroad. Coins, and notes, came pouring in and the centre office simply bagged them up for sorting and banking. The scheme continued for many years with thousands of pounds being raised to help maintain the centre.

Viewers enjoying the current run of *'Who wants to be a Millionaire'* will be interested to know that Bob Ginger, son of former *Target* editor Doug Ginger, once graced the show in the noughties. Bob, a great supporter of the community association, had local viewers on the edge of their seats as his total rose. For half a million pounds Joan Collins' middle name had him foxed so he quit on the previous quarter of a million pounds.

In 2004 the community association's magazine *Target* celebrated its 40th anniversary with a 'wrap-around' on the April/May edition. It had always been the dream of the editorial team to do this – just like national newspapers – with a contribution from Michael Shanly it was possible. The extra four pages featured the new properties in the marina along with a boating history of the site from Ken Townsend MBE.

Into 2005 and Bill and Mair Burton tell you that sequence dancing is not all about the Gay Gordons. Their inspiration keeps dancing a regular highlight at the community centre and when new steps are launched Bill and Mair make sure they know them before demonstrating to the club

members. Chess met every Wednesday night then attracted people from all over the country to the Annual Chess Congress at the community centre.

Two evenings a week Short Mat Bowls attracts good numbers and they are regulars in the May Woollerton Hall. At weekends they also have competitions against other clubs. Wooburn Festival has some of their events at the community centre along with the local branch of the RNL who love the facilities for their annual party to thank volunteers. And there were plans to rename the village as Bourne End-on-Thames with views split evenly, but today we remain just Bourne End.

In 2007 the community association was able to take over the former Youth Room and it was launched as the Target Room and provided an additional meeting room space for hirers. This was financed by a Lottery Grant to cover complete refurbishment and provide access for people with disabilities. Since then the facilities have been widely used by regular groups and requests to use the room are on-going.

If these words paint a picture of a vibrant community association that is accurate, but at all times there are challenges as a building in regular use needs constant maintenance.

In the days when computer technology is growing there's a need to balance those needs of your members who have never used one with those who are totally computer literate. *Target* magazine is one example where modern methods make improvements with more colour pictures telling every story.

In the spring of 2007 *Target* celebrated producing its 250th issue acknowledging an outstanding achievement for a magazine produced mainly by volunteers – like most of what happens at the community centre.

It had grown to 32 pages and a local history article appeared in every issue to remind readers about how the local area has grown since the coming of the railway. That form of transport opened up huge possibilities for industry and the movement of people.

A major project in 2009 upgraded the bar area at the community centre making it look attractive and providing more room for the staff working behind the bar. At the same time new furniture was bought along with a new carpet and new curtains.



Everything looked super and now, 15 years later, is still looking good. Centre Jazz in the bar once a month continues but, sadly, without its founders Bernard Spink and Mo Hazael.

Thames Decorative and Fine Arts Society have celebrated their formation in the years just before the community association and today still meet once a month at the community centre. A specialist in the arts is welcomed and talks about everything from fine china to artists, furniture designers and inspirational individuals to a packed hall of members. All part of today's community centre meetings able to trace their history back to their first meetings in the newly built community centre.

And this has continued over the years to 2022. Today the community centre is fighting back after two years of total and then partial lockdown. That changed our lives and its effect will continue for some time yet. Doubtless it changed lives all over the world and will continue to do so as we have to live with the virus.

While these words have talked about our local area in the rest of the world there was the September 11 Twin Towers terrorist attack and the Boxing Day Tsunami. As ever there were the reports on climate change and green issues. Thomas Cook collapsed after 178 years of trading leaving passengers stranded. Brexit happened and HM the Queen became the longest reigning British monarch.

Our pictures show below, left to right: Chess Congress, judging the horticultural show, a packed centre. Top: Sequence dancing



OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

The Community Church

I love how local organisations like our Wye Valley Volunteers, Wycombe Food Hub and the One Can Trust, to name but three, pull together teams of volunteers to help support those facing such challenges. That's real community.

Sometimes however, it can be hard when facing a challenge to know which way to turn or how to make contact with an organisation that might be able to help.

I'm not saying that we will be able to answer every question, but if you do need some kind of help this winter, please do contact us and we will do our utmost to try and connect you to those best placed to help you. Simply email us at office@thecommunitychurch.online

If you would like to join any of our Christmas services in December, you would be welcome. We have a Carol Service at Hope Church Beaconsfield, HP92NE at 6pm on December 11, an All Age Christmas Service at 10.30am on December 18 at the Chapel, Wooburn Green, HP10 OEF (we will also be showing live coverage of the World Cup that afternoon from 2.30pm at the chapel) and lastly our Christmas Day Service at 10.30am at the chapel.



St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

In November we held a farewell tea party followed by Evensong for the Rev Sarah Fitzgerald as she leaves the 4u Team to start a new stage of her life with her husband Richard in Folkestone.

The Parish Profile is nearing completion and we hope to be able to advertise for a new member of the clergy team to take Sarah's place in the New Year.

Christmas begins with Christingles on December 4 with two services, at 3pm and 4.30pm. Please contact Peter Rodger at peter@prcrodger.com to book your preferred time. Our traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be on December 18 at 6pm.

On Christmas Eve there will be two Crib Services, at 3pm and 4.30pm. Shepherds, angels, Marys and Josephs are welcome - or just come as you are. As with the Christingle Service these will be led by a member of the clergy team and Abby our children's worker, please book with Peter Rodger.

At 11.30pm we will hold our traditional 'Midnight' Communion Service with our Family Communion service at 11am on Christmas Day. Our informal family services will continue on the third Sunday of the month at 11am except for December.

Keep in touch via our website 4u-team.org/StJohntheBaptist or contact Jeffery Smith 07775 057090 or Peter Rodger 07985 61978.

We wish all readers of *Target* a blessed and peaceful Christmas and New Year and thank the *Target* team for the opportunity to keep in touch with the community.



St Nicholas' Church, Hedsor

We are now well on the way to finding our new priest and hope to be advertising just after Christmas. Hopefully we shall have someone in place by Easter, after which we have a number of events and weddings lined up. In the meantime, we continue to welcome and be grateful for our visiting clergy at our regular service at 9am every Sunday.

We shall not be having our Christmas Eve Midnight Service this year, but our Christmas Day service will be at 9am. All children and their parents will be very welcome at our Christingle service December 18.

Carol singing has always been a big part of our celebrations and this year we have been invited once again to take part in the Bourne End Fun Night on Friday December 9. You may also hear us on the evening of Thursday December 22 when we will be out singing somewhere in the parish.

Dr Peter Wilton, a good friend of St Nicholas' for many years, is now back with us for our Choir Sundays on the third Sunday of the month (except December) and will be masterminding the Epiphany Carol Service at 4pm on January 8. This is always an inspiring start to the New Year, with visiting musicians and singers.



St Paul's Church, Wooburn

Our Sunday 9.30am services have a different format each week. On the first and third Sundays, communion service, Sunday club children 0-12 in the hall on first Sunday and at the back of church on third Sunday. On second Sunday, all-age non-communion service (Prayer Book Communion at 8am). On fourth Sunday, communion first then Sunday Club (for children) and a discussion based sermon (for adults).

Join us for Carols by Candlelight (December 18 at 6pm); Crib Service (December 24 at 4pm); Midnight Communion (December 24 at 11.30pm); All-age Communion (December 25 at 9.30am).

Friday lunchbox service is at St Mary's at noon - a short informal communion service, followed by bring-your-own lunch.

Forest Church is a new way of engaging with God by meeting outside. Full details on Wooburn Forest Church are on Facebook.

We offer various monthly opportunities for community gathering. Watch out for details on our website and Facebook page for activities such as monthly Men's Night Out (December 15 at 19.30pm), Family Breakfast (December 3 and January 7 at St Mary's - please register), Coffee and Cake (Tuesday December 13 and January 17), Cake and FairTrade sales at the community market (December 10 and January 14). FairTrade sales all through December in the church hall after the service.

For more information visit stpaulswooburn.org or Facebook: St-Pauls Wooburn (user profile) AND St Paul's with St Mary's Wooburn (Page). Email stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com tel 01628 525512.



Cores End United Reformed Church

Our Charity Coffee Morning in November raised funds for Headway South Bucks and Commitment for Life projects in Israel and the occupied territories of Palestine.

Our Shoe Box collection for the Link to Hope Christmas Appeal was particularly poignant and vital this year as some of the boxes will go to families and elderly people in Ukraine, as well as others in desperate need in Bulgaria, Moldova and Romania.

Over this last year the church has planted trees and hedging plants in its meadow area to benefit wildlife and visitors.

The church continues to work on being an Ecochurch and is aiming to move from Bronze to Silver Award in the next year. There are regular work parties and litter picks around the area.

If you are interested in helping please contact the minister Terry Hinks on 01628 525076, email



minister.trinity.coresend@gmail.com

Our regular Sunday service is held at 10.30am. We join together for carols and readings by candlelight in church on Sunday December 18 at 6.30pm. Music will be provided by a small brass band, organist and singing group - a great community event.

A short service of celebration will be held on Christmas Day at 11am.

St Mark's Church

We are still in the inter-regnum period, with our services being taken by visiting priests, by members of the congregation, or by lay preachers, all of which makes a very interesting mix and exchange of views, both during and after the service. Our congregation has grown and we are very much alive and kicking, despite the lack of our own priest. Our main Sunday 10.30 service is always followed by an informal get-together over coffee or tea, and biscuits.

We cannot afford our plans to create a functional corner in the body of the church so we plan to upgrade the church hall including more effective heating and new loos, then leave the church as it is.

We maintain our calendar of social and fundraising events, including the One Can collection and a stall at the community market. In the run-up to Christmas we are busier than ever. On December 3 we have our Christmas Bazaar from 10.30 to 2.30pm, and if anyone would like to join us and hire a table to sell their wares, please contact 07909 104099.

Our Christmas church season has Christingle service on Sunday December 11 at 10.30am organized by our Brownies. This is always a delightful and moving service, especially for children of all ages, so please do come and join us.

On Christmas Eve we will have our traditional Carol Service at 7pm and on Christmas morning our special service is at 10.30am. All are welcome to any or all of these services and we look forward to welcoming you.

St Dunstan's Church

Our young people have been busy with First Communion Classes and Confirmation classes are now underway as well.

During Advent, we had a Christmas card drawing competition for our under 12s and received some very creative drawings. They were so good, we decided they were all winners and each received a prize. Our youth group (ages 12-16) enjoyed a Mexican food evening in November and are planning some arts and crafts for their next meet in January as well as some eco projects to raise awareness during February.

CAFOD support has been overwhelming and the joint parish team raised more than £2,000 with a quiz night, cake and tea and various other social events. Please see our parish newsletter and website www.saintdunstans.co.uk for upcoming events. If you would like more information please contact Lynn at 01494 673 018 or email us at parish.stdunstan@northamptondiocese.org



Bourne End Quaker Meeting

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

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

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

OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association

Members were sorry to hear of the death of our former treasurer and long-time member, David Langford, after several years living with the rare brain condition, Corticobasal Degeneration (see David's obit page 26).

Our chairman, Wilma, writes: "Several members attended David's funeral and wake. He was a very special individual, and a cheerful, positive treasurer. David and Wendy took me with them to Octeville when they celebrated twinning with Sicily. What a weekend. We shall all miss him."

Our autumn dinner was sadly cancelled as not enough members were free to attend. Undaunted, Wilma has been working her way through the membership list, arranging lunches for groups of members in local venues so that we can still enjoy one another's company.

On November 13 a wreath was laid at Wooburn Green memorial on our behalf, in remembrance of those who died for us.

Our celebration of the Fête des Rois on Saturday January 7 will be at St Dunstan's Hall, 2.30 to 4.30pm. We hope to order the Galettes from the new French shop in Marlow, so the price is unknown, but keep the date free and let Wilma know if you would like to join us.

The AGM is at St Dunstan's on Saturday March 4 at 7pm for 7.30pm, with an optional buffet (cost to be advised). Forms for subscription renewal will be sent out in January.

Last but definitely not least, we have been invited to go to Octeville from Thursday 19 May to Monday 22. Hooray! Have you told Wilma you want to go? Her email is will6j@virginmedia.com or phone 07801 600 253.

Marlow & District Railway Society

It is great to see attendances for our monthly meetings at the community centre continuing to rise, while a good number from around the country drop in on Zoom.

Simon Colbeck was our guest speaker in September with a presentation entitled *The Masked*

Gricer. This was a look back to the dark days of the virus, and what we railway enthusiasts were able to get up to when we weren't completely locked down.

It was also an excuse to show lots of other photos from earlier, happier times. Brian Arman's talk in October went much further back, and we were presented with some amazing 19th-century images of Brunel's broadgauge between Swindon and Bristol. Our apologies though to the Zoom watchers that the quality of these old photos was not of the best - great in the hall though.

We end the year on a festive note when, on Thursday December 15, Peter Robins presents *And Now For Something Completely Different*. Plenty of laughs, for sure - and not necessarily wall-to-wall trains. Then we kick off 2023 by escaping the English winter and travelling to India on January 19 when Geoffrey Warren remembers the time steam ruled the metregauge rails in that part of the world.

All meetings are at the Bourne End Community Centre (and generally available on Zoom), starting at 7.30pm. Entry free for society members, £3 for visitors. Join us afterwards in the bar if you wish. Visit www.mdrs.org.uk.

1st Wooburn Scout Group

By the time you read this, we will have had another year of helping our community remember the fallen, through placing the crosses on the green. I see this every year - but it still takes my breath away.

Such a simple, yet powerful way to remember those who went before us to give us the lives we have today. We will remember them.

Each Scouting section will hold a Christmas sleepover so that they can celebrate with their Scouting friends.

At this time of year the sleepovers are held in the Scout HQ on Watery Lane. Those of you who have been there, either joining us for one of the keep fit classes or attending a party through our hall hire provision, will know that it's a great venue.

The main hall gives space for tents inside (or outside if the weather is kinder), and the kitchen means we can cook a Christmas dinner for those who want to take advantage of all the trimmings (prepared by the budding chefs among our team of volunteers - or sometimes the young people themselves).

We are delighted to have made some

improvements to our outside space this term, making it a little safer by installing a new fence along our boundary.

Bring on 2023 and more of what Scouting has to offer.

Soroptimists

Come and meet some SI Thames Valley Soroptimists at the community market in Bourne End on December 10. From 9.30am we'll be Oranging the World in our nationwide campaign to raise awareness of Violence Against Women from our base on the Well Being Hub Stall.

We'll tell you all about Soroptimists, this campaign and our other projects. If you can't make it on that day contact us for more information via our website www.sigbi.org/thamesvalley

Bourne End Horticultural Society

We warmly invite you to our AGM on Thursday January 19 at St Dunstan's Church Hall at 8pm, for a social event and to meet our friendly members. We offer most interesting talks at every meeting as well as several garden trips throughout the year. For further details visit www.behorticultural.co.uk Facebook @behorticultural or email behorticultural@gmail.com



Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

As a perfect start to the festive season, come along to enjoy a *'Night Before Christmas'* gloriously portrayed in flowers by a skilled national demonstrator.

As it's our special festive event there will be a wonderful tombola, mince pies and refreshments. You will be entranced by Emily's creations, from magnificent displays for larger rooms or halls to smaller flower arrangements for the home.

Visitors pay £15 on the door while members pay £10. A wonderful evening and festively inspiring, it is on Tuesday December 6 at 8pm at the community centre.

Members enjoyed a great demonstration in November when Nicola Evans brought *'Serenity in Autumn'*. Nicola loves the rustic look with wood and foliage - she used wood bark in a wicker bowl along with willow branches and feathers.

There were white and pink flowers just to blend in with the natural look, and she had dyed her teasels a lovely shade of blue. It was all very inspiring for the season when nature is shutting down.

We hope to see lots of visitors on December 6 and if you want to know more about us please contact secretary Liz Payne on 01628 476641 or email liz790@btinternet.com

Marlow - Maidenhead Passengers' Association

At the time of writing the RMT strikes have been suspended so that talks can proceed. We hope that a sensible agreement can now be reached.

The engineering work scheduled for half-term week

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OR you can leave a donation in the Target collection box in the foyer of the community centre. All contributions are gratefully received.



Thank you!

had to be abandoned for logistical reasons and will need to be rescheduled. In the meantime it's back to clackety-clack.

The new timetables come into force on December 11. We expect changes to be relatively minor this time. A much larger revamp is planned for May.

Fares will go up on March 1 but hopefully less than July's RPI figure of 11.8%. Bus fares will be capped at £2 per single journey from January to March.

Ticket machines along the branch are unable to accept Senior (and possibly other) Railcards for the first off-peak service on weekdays (0856 from Marlow). We have informed GWR but if this still affecting you please let us know. If the ticket office is closed you should be able to get a ticket from the guard.

The penalty fare for ticketless travel without a good reason has been increased to £50 if paid within 21 days, otherwise £100.

MTR Elizabeth Line has been given an extension to its contract to run Crossrail services until May 2025. They should by now be running right through from Reading and Heathrow to Abbey Wood.

Wye Valley Volunteers

Our numbers are still not quite back to pre-virus level with some clients not yet fully confident about returning to the social activities (lunch club, coffee mornings and shopping trips), so there are a few vacancies for joining these groups.

Some drivers did not return after the pandemic, so, as always, we are anxious to recruit more. Our existing drivers find it a very rewarding job and have some lively chats with their clients. For some reason we have been very successful in recruiting home visitors.

Please get in touch if you would be interested in volunteering or if you need help from our team. Call 01628 521027 or email enquiries@wyevalleyvolunteers.org or call in to the community volunteer office (portacabin to the right of the community centre).

Bourne End Girlguides

We are growing in numbers and have now started a Ranger/Older Guides group for those aged 13+ that meets on Tuesdays, 7pm to 8.30pm. Do give us a shout if your daughter is looking for something a little different to do.

They run their own activities and this week are learning to cook pizzas.

This term our Rainbows (ages four to seven) have been finding their Super Rainbows powers, starting to learn some basic first aid and will be doing Christmas crafts as well. Brownies (seven to 10) are focusing on their theme badge 'Skills for Future', using hammers and screwdrivers to decorate pumpkins and learning about using the road (as a driver).

As it has been National Apple Week there have been a lot of apple activities, including learning to peel apples and doing apple crafts.

The Guides (10 to 14+) started with a party to celebrate all the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards that had been earned this last year and have been looking at campaigning for their theme award of 'Take Action'. They have also celebrated Diwali and had a Peer Educator session.

All units had a fab day out at Legoland with 2000 other Girlguides from across Bucks and proudly paraded at Remembrance Day in Wooburn Green.

This term will, of course, finish with lots of Christmas crafts, a trip to see *Matilda* at the cinema, fundraising at Bourne End Fun Night for

CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 2 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 4 Sun Hidden Treasure Antique and Vintage Fair at the centre 9am to 3pm. See page 20
- 6 Tues Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society 'Night Before Christmas' event with national demonstrator, tombola and refreshments at 8pm. See their report page 38
- 6 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the community centre. Admission £7 includes Christmas raffle. See poster p21
- 8 Thur The Hedsor Jazz Club every Thursday, start time 8.30pm (until 11pm), admission £10. At The Hedsor Club, Ferry Lane. Bourne End
- 8 Thur CentreTalks talk by John Dunsterville at the community centre 7.45pm. See poster page 19
- 9 Fri Bourne End Fun Night in the village centre from 4pm to 8pm. See pages 1 and 33
- 10 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in and around the community centre
- 11 Sun A social with a great mix of salsa, cha cha cha, Cuban and other Latin rhythms. At community centre, £10, starts at 7.15pm with three levels of salsa followed by a social until 11pm. Contact Basil on 07595 397184 or Chunky on 07956 122505
info@dance2salsa.co.uk www.dance2salsa.co.uk
- 16 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 18 Sun Indoor car boot sale at the community centre 9.30am to midday. For details call Carolyn 07773 615481
- 18 Sun Carol Concert in the community centre 7.45pm. See poster page 20
- 23 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 29 Thur Afternoon movie at the New Royalty Cinema at the community centre *Fisherman's Friends One and All*. See poster p19
- 30 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm

JANUARY

- 3 Thur The Hedsor Jazz Club every Thursday, start time 8.30pm (until 11pm), admission £10. At The Hedsor Club, Ferry Lane. Bourne End
- 5 Thur Community Centre Bar Quiz. Doors open at 7.30pm; please arrive by 7.45pm for an 8pm start. For more information call Diane on 07521 656413
- 6 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 8 Sun A social with a great mix of salsa, cha cha cha, Cuban and other Latin rhythms. See information above (December 11)
- 13 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 14 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in and around the community centre
- 18 Wed Free entry for OAPs 'Dick Whittington' panto by Forum Players in the community centre 8pm. See details page 21
- 20 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 21 Sat 'Dick Whittington' panto by Forum Players in the community centre at 2.30pm. See details page 21
- 22 Sun 'Dick Whittington' panto by Forum Players in the community centre at 2.30pm. See details page 21
- 27 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 28 Sat 'Dick Whittington' panto by Forum Players in the community centre at 2.30pm and 6.30pm. See details page 21
- 31 Tues EGM of the Bourne End (Bucks) Community Association at 7.45pm. See page 21

ADVANCE NOTICE

On Saturday February 11 there will be a rock n' roll 60s evening at the community centre. Get your glad rags on and come on down! All the details will be announced nearer the event and bookings can be made on the website at www.bourneendcommunitycentre.org

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the 2024 international trip to Switzerland, and their Christmas parties. If you could offer us a bit of your time, or to demonstrate a skill or craft you have, please do contact us at bourneenddistrictguides@gmail.com

Bucks Family History Society

Following on from our successful meetings in October and November on Tuesday December 13 we will be holding a social meeting with a family

history quiz and short talks by anyone on 'Christmases in our family'.

On Tuesday January 10 Kirsty Gray makes a welcome return this time to talk about 'Searching for Surnames'. All meetings start at 7.45pm (doors open 7.30pm) in the Eghams Room at Bourne End Community Centre. Meetings are free for members and £2 for non-members.

For more details go to our website at bucksfhs.org.uk

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

THE FALCON QUIZ

Set and sponsored by *The Falcon Pub, Wooburn Moor*

Quizmaster Steve set this quiz and landlady, Katie Lamb, generously offers a meal for two at the pub (or a takeaway) as a prize for the winner. For your chance to win, send in your answers to the questions below by email to editor@targetmagazine.org.uk (with the subject line Falcon Quiz) or write down your answers and drop them in at the community centre. Don't forget to include your contact details. The winner will be picked at random from all the correct entries on the closing date **Wednesday January 11**. Have a go... if nobody gets all the answers the winner will be the person with the most correct answers. This quiz is all about pantos.

- 1) In panto, what is Aladdin's brother's name?
- 2) What is the name of Cinderella and the ugly sister's father?
- 3) FE FI FO FUM I smell the blood of an Englishman is from which panto?
- 4) Which panto features a character called Dandini?
- 5) Who is Princess Marcella better known as?
- 6) Which panto character shares the name with a brand of children's confectionary?
- 7) Who in 2017 received the lifetime achievement award at the great British pantomime awards?
- 8) Which panto features a witch living in a gingerbread house?
- 9) Mr Smee is a character in which panto?
- 10) Which panto was also the name of a main character in the Shrek films?
- 11) Tweedledum and Tweedledee feature in which panto?
- 12) Which panto features Robin Hood and Maid Marian?
- 13) What is the name of the princess that Aladdin marries?
- 14) Who marries Alice Fitzwarren?
- 15) Ali Baba and the 40 thieves, Sinbad the sailor and Aladdin all derive from which collection of Middle East tales?
- 16) In which panto does Idle Jack appear?
- 17) In which year was the first pantomime produced in Britain. Was it 1700, 1707, 1717 or 1727?
- 18) How many years will Sleeping Beauty sleep, unless her spell is broken?
- 19) Which hospital was gifted the copyright of Peter Pan?
- 20) Who is Dandini's friend in Cinderella?

Answers to the October/November Falcon Quiz

1 Winston Churchill 2 Kenya 3 The Sun 4 Peter Phillips 5 Her birthplace 6 Alexandra Mary 7 14
8 1992 9 15 10 14 11 Westminster Abbey 12 Malta 13 Lily of the Valley 14 70 15 French 16 Lemon swiss
roll and amaretti trifle 17 Her bedroom in Buckingham Palace 18 Taurus 19 12 20 She liked to read
The winner is: Jan Masson, Orchard House, Bourne End



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