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## Smart new club house for Wooburn Park Lawn Tennis Club

Wooburn Park Lawn Tennis Club is delighted to announce that their new club house is now open, completing phase one of their development plans.

The design of the club house has been carefully considered to complement the natural beauty of Wooburn Park. Their members, prospective members and visiting clubs can now all benefit from the excellent facilities provided, including an enviable outside decking patio offering a perfect view of the tennis, comfortable indoor seating areas, a contemporary well-equipped kitchenette as well as spacious, modern changing rooms and cloakrooms. The committee would like to express grateful thanks for the financial support from Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council.

The club is keen to welcome new members to join their active diary of club play, social events and tournaments. To coincide with the Great British Tennis Weekend, all age groups are warmly invited to an Open Afternoon from 2pm on Saturday May 16 (May 17, if the weather is inclement).

This will provide an excellent opportunity for players of all levels to enjoy a game of social tennis, complimentary refreshments and to learn more about the club.

Phase two will be starting soon with the installation of a fourth court with floodlights, due for completion towards the end of 2015, at which time there will be a formal opening ceremony to celebrate the major



enhancements to the facilities offered by the club.

Senior, junior, mid-week and family membership options are on offer. Summer coaching is included in the junior membership and adult coaching is available on a pay-as-you-go basis. Regular open club sessions take place throughout the year.

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**Open Afternoon on Saturday, May 16 from 2pm for your chance to enjoy a game of tennis and complimentary refreshments**

## Bourne End is not a hub of crime

Message from Neighbourhood Policing Team Office

Merlyn Evans

I would like to reassure residents Wooburn parish that the crime rate and anti social behaviour levels remain low for the area. If you are reading this as a resident you will recall that we have had three high level crimes in the area over the past two months including two robberies, one to the BP Garage and one to the new Tesco Express, both in Bourne End.

There has also been an arson to the parish council's trampoline in the recreation area.

The robberies are not normal to the area and appear to have been committed by suspects who have also targeted similar stores in Berkshire.

The investigations of these are progressing well and I would urge any person with information to contact Thames Valley Police using the 101 service.

The crime rate for the area continues to fall year-on-year and the local Neighbourhood Team work with other agencies to continue this trend. If you see suspicious persons in the area please do contact the police.

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## Strictly star on Target...

Target Editor and cruise fanatic, Debra Aspinall, was lucky enough to be invited to the inaugural celebrations and naming ceremony of P&O's magnificent new ship, Britannia.

She took her Target in the hopes of getting a photo with the Queen in the background, but then got the chance of something much better.

Strictly Come Dancing favourite, Ian Waite, who will be holding masterclasses on the ship, was more than happy to pose for a picture with our village magazine. The Reading-born dancer said he would be chuffed for it to appear in print.





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# BULL'S EYE

A huge thank you to all those people who responded to our front page article in the last issue and popped into the community centre to pay for their Target, or who set up a standing order to pay regularly. We were very touched that some people even back-dated their contributions saying they had enjoyed Target for many years and were more than happy to pay. At only £6 a year (at the new suggested cover price) we hope you think it is good value for money. Of course the production costs are still mainly covered by advertisers, and we are always very grateful for the continued support of local shops and businesses (which is why we take every opportunity to encourage you to shop locally and use local tradesmen and women who appear on our pages).

I'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome a new contributor to the magazine. Bourne End has had an Angling Club for many years, but this is the first issue to carry a report from them (see page 36). We hope it is the first of many!

Debra Aspinall, Editor

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If it is happening at the time and you fear a crime may occur imminently, or is happening, or you fear for the immediate welfare of someone then please do call 999. For all other calls then please use 101 or the web reporting form on the Thames Valley Police website. I would urge persons to be vigilant in order that we can build up the bigger picture.

Please do get in touch with the Marlow Neighbourhood Policing Team regarding any concerns/issues of a policing nature. Our current priorities are anti social behaviour, business crime, rural crime and speeding. I have recently re-joined the team after a secondment to another department and look forward to serving the parish again. Also joining the department is PC Rob Duffy which will lead to a stronger number of officers on the team. I wish all readers a fantastic Spring and looking forward to seeing villagers on my rounds.

**PC 5378 Merlyn EVANS: Neighbourhood Officer for Bourne End, Hedsor, Little Marlow & The Wooburns**



## YOUR LETTERS

### Bourne End Academy success

It was such a pleasure to read of the Christmas production at Bourne End Academy and of its success (February/March issue). Such occasions come about because of a great deal of time and effort on the part of teachers and students.

The happy faces of the award winners at the presentation preceding the performance were also a treat to see. Some of course, including one of the speakers certainly, were students when BEA was still Wye Valley and the leadership and some teachers who were responsible are no longer there. They played their part in those successes and deserve commendation too.

Christina Martell  
Goddington Rd, Bourne End

### More to it than meets the eye

I am writing in response to the letter in Feb/Mar Target regarding the unsightly recycling centre in Wakeman Road, Bourne End.

I would like to point out that not everyone can have their recycling collected by the council due to no outside space in which to store the

multitude of bins and boxes required.

I live in a first floor flat with no outside space, apart from a shed for one wheelie bin. Therefore, being an avid recycler, I have no choice but to take my recycling to the recycling centre in Wakeman Road car park.

I don't believe it is businesses using these facilities as suggested. There are people like me who have no choice, people who forget to put their bins out or do not wish to have these unsightly bins and boxes outside their properties and people who have too much to fit in the appropriate bin. The fact that these skips are full within days of being emptied shows they are necessary and are well utilised.

To avoid rubbish being left outside of the skips and bins they need emptying more often. I believe they are emptied at the beginning of the week and by the weekend (when a lot of working people take their recycling) they are already full, so they obviously need emptying more often.

If the author of the letter was talking about the Christmas period in particular when obviously people have more rubbish and the skips are emptied less often, then this is not a true representation of the situation. Normally at other times there is no rubbish strewn around.

So please don't criticise residents for trying to be model citizens and recycle, but blame the council for not providing an adequate collection service to cope with demand.

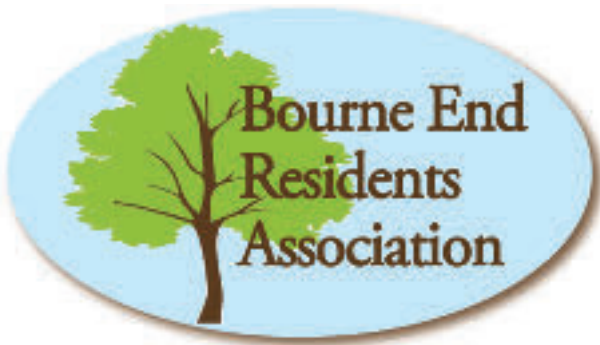
Jan Walker, Rose Place, Bourne End

## ABOUT TARGET

Target magazine was launched in 1964 to provide information about the new Bourne End Community Association, with the name referring to the money required to build a new community centre. Over the years the magazine has grown, and its distribution area has been extended as the population has expanded through Bourne End, Wooburn Green and the surrounding villages.

Bourne End Community Association was formed in 1962 by local people who wanted a social centre to meet the needs of a growing community. Fund raising and determination saw the community centre open in Wakeman Road on 28th October 1967. Another hall was added a few years later and constant improvements have been made over the years.

See pages 36-39 for more information on the facilities and activities available at the community centre.



Facing a blank sheet of paper with an article to write and hoping for inspiration can be a daunting prospect. No such problems this time with multiple subjects to fill the page.

Starting on positive issues, it is a reassuring sight to see the builders working on the McCarthy & Stone development. The hoardings surrounding the site are now covered with illustrations of both inside and out of these retirement later living apartments. More later in this issue with an interview with McCarthy & Stone management.

Although I will never accept that Tesco should have obtained permission to build their Express store – wrong sort of development in the wrong position – nevertheless, to see the site occupied and tidy does improve the village centre when compared with the old, deserted, police home.

Now to the story of the moment that involves Wooburn Green as much as Bourne End. The release for development of Slate Meadow. The briefest summary is that WDC has put forward for development this important area of rural separation between our villages. From the vast number of local residents who have attended all the meetings over the last year, WDC has been left in no doubt as to the importance that Bourne End and Wooburn Green place upon this meadow. The two respective residents association have, over the years, more or less agreed on most issues. However, the belief that we must retain the rural separation between our two patches has never been in doubt. Regardless of what WDC has

written in the Core Strategy for the district, the separation between Stratford Drive (Wooburn Green) and Cores End Road (Bourne End) is, and always will be, Slate Meadow.

To an extent we all know that all the meetings up until now have been box ticking exercises for the district council. They can say they have consulted on all these issues, but the fact that they ignore everything that has been said seems to pass them by. However I remain positive about what may get built on this beautiful meadow and hopefully optimistic that it will remain unspoiled.

On Saturday April 14 a workshop was held to discuss local people's concerns and provide a resolution for all the issues raised. Congratulations everyone, as around 100 people gave up a Saturday to be part of this workshop. The result will be fed to the Liaison Group dealing with possible development. Without pre-judging what those concerns will be when they are reported I predict infrastructure, flooding and rural separation will be high on the list. What the district council and the developers then have to do is come up with solutions.

If they can stop it raining, build wider roads, stop people driving cars, build bigger schools, doctors' surgeries and make Slate Meadow wider in order to retain the rural separation of our two communities then fine. As we know none of this will happen. So what I see as the function of the Liaison Group is to pile high the problems needing solutions. My sincere hope is that this will restrict development.

Ideally it will be seen as unviable to build anything at all on the site, but being realistic we may have to accept some development. As I said at the workshop one house tucked up in the corner might be acceptable. We will all keep trying and we will never give up.

On a more general note it seems rather bizarre that WDC are so desperate to build houses in one area on a green space when they are reluctant to approve development on the brown field site at Glory Mill. Furthermore an office block off Furlong Road in Bourne End is to be converted into flats while even more houses have been applied for off the same road. We all accept that houses need to be built for our children and our children's children but the necessary infrastructure improvement must be provided first.

Thankfully *Target* will keep everyone up to date on the saga which is Slate Meadow. So keep looking here for the latest news and, in the meantime, thank you for reading this and, if you have any comments or views, I am always happy to hear from you. Give me a ring on 01628 525415.

Jim Penfold  
Chairman

Please come to our AGM on Friday May 1 at 8pm in the small hall at the community centre to get all the latest updates and air your views on any subject.

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# WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Margaret Amos Secretary to the Association

The New Year kicked off with a bumper attendance at our January meeting – due probably to the concern over the possible building on Slate Meadow (or maybe the conviviality that followed over the New Year meal in The Red Lion).

Several members of the association attended Wycombe District Council's reserve sites community engagement meeting on Saturday March 14 at Bourne End Community Centre and WRA has a representative on the Slate Meadow Liaison Group.

## Community Led Plan (CLP)

Members of WRA's CLP sub-committee have met members of Bourne End

Residents' Association and FoOV to discuss areas of overlap. Both organisations agreed that there are some areas of overlap and the three groups agreed to keep each other informed.

## Wooburn Fête – Saturday June 20 midday to 4 pm, Wooburn Green

The big hit about the fête will take place in the next edition of *Target*, but we can confirm that arrangements are going well.

An exciting new attraction for the children this year will be water-balling (zorbing), along with other new attractions.

By popular demand Maidenhead Concert Band is playing throughout and Takeda Voices (a local company choir) is singing again.

A barbecued lunch will be on offer and wonderful cream teas will be provided by the Community Church. All community organisations will be encouraged to take a stall (free of charge) to promote their organisation.

In addition this year, we are planning a Community Information Point, where you can come along and hear what is happening in your community.

So, fun for all on Saturday June 20 – keep the date free.

**WRA's next meeting and a short AGM is on Monday May 11, at 8 pm. Please check the website for details of the venue – [www.wooburnresidents.org](http://www.wooburnresidents.org)**

## The Future of Our Village (FoOV) Bourne End

By David Langford

A number of issues were brought up at the January meeting, notably several suggestions for projects for CIL funding by the parish:

- \* Funding to help the Day Centre,
- \* A one way system around The Green at Wooburn.
- \* A mini-roundabout at the junction of Blind Lane and Marlow Road.
- \* Fuller use of the recreation ground near Furlong Road, specifically a proper car park and better signage for the recreation ground at Recreation Road plus putting a Youth Centre there.

Upper Hedsor Road is definitely going ahead with its 20 mph limit and there has been a tentative proposal for parking meters on The Parade. The latter was not supported.

It was to be hoped that Speedwatch will now be acted upon near Clayton's School as Marlow has a full complement of officers.

It was also suggested that an additional illuminated sign be put up near The Black Lion to warn motorists of the pedestrian crossing.

In relation to the New Local Plan, the meeting expressed great disappointment with WDC. There was no coherence in a policy which did not keep up to date with Government views and the requirements for development did not make sense.

Meetings are reported at [www.bucksvoice.net/foov](http://www.bucksvoice.net/foov) and e-mails can be sent to [foov@yahoo.com](mailto:foov@yahoo.com).

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# Marina Life with Peter Osborne



Crickey, summer is nearly here, what's happening, where was the snow, the floods and the tempests? Goodness knows but I'm not complaining other than we have not had as much of a hibernation this winter due to having to work. Well most of us.

Chaos has had to be severely reprimanded. Knowing that the better weather meant we could get through more work than last year, what does he do to swerve this work? He places himself on his bike in the middle of the high street and just sits and waits for some poor unexpecting motorist to drive into the back of him.

As he flew through the air at 500mph at an altitude of up to 40,000 feet he was seen mouthing to the driver 'thanks mate, that should get me a month off work, can I buy you a pint later?' Well we think that's what he said anyway.

I hope it was worth a broken arm, bruised ankles and days upon days of highly exiting daytime TV. Chaos is now back at work, I would like to thank Alan 'Wrong Paint' Sykes for filling in when Matty and I needed some assistance as a result of Chaos's selfish attitude to work.

I also wish to thank Matty for his extra efforts during his colleague's enforced sojourn. He actually had to work quite hard.

As of the April 1 we welcome back Alex Carmichael as the Saturday lad for his second year and Steve Carroll for his third year on car park duties at weekends and bank holidays. It's great to see them back. We rely on these guys for the smooth running of proceedings down here, especially keeping Matty and Chaos on their toes.

We have another recruit who has started this year, Rocky Osborne. Rocky (pictured) is our new highly trained guard dog. So please be aware when in the marina, whatever you do, don't look him

straight in the eyes or he may take your throat out. Do not misbehave, you have been warned.

The picture was taken when he visited the community centre bar with his boat "Lifeboat".



The Riverlight restaurant is up and running. It's great to have it here and it adds volumes to the ambiance of the marina.

Having partaken of their fare I can personally highly recommend it. It's a fantastic experience.

It cannot be compared to OTT as it is so different, so don't expect it to be anything similar in terms of the food, the drink or the experience.

It will be interesting to see how they develop over time. Riverlight has a very strong vision of what they want to provide and it seems that they aim it to be a stand out establishment in comparison to other restaurants in the area; I think they have achieved that already. Good luck Riverlight.

It's the time of year where we are sad to see some boats leave us, but on the other hand we welcome new boats to the marina.

Due to high demand on our moorings we can pretty much 'pick and choose' who we take in. I consider us, unofficially, to be the local marina for local people. This

means whenever we can, we give people who live locally preference over those who live further afield, say, Aberdeen for example. The more local you are the more likely you are to visit your boat, the more you will use the boat, the more fuel you use, the more you are likely to want the toilet emptied, the more likely you are to damage it etc, this in turn translates to more business for us.

At the end of the day we are a commercial venture and not a charity so while my comments may sound a bit mercenary, they are not meant to be.

As April 1 is officially summer for us we change our opening times and are now open from 8am to 6pm every day until September 30, including weekends and bank holidays. We are also open throughout the lunch period.

There are occasions when customers need us to be open outside of these hours and this can be arranged with prior notice. We cannot take revenue off customers when we are closed!

Well let's get on with the new boating season, the Bounty has reopened, the weather is improving, boats are beginning to move, it's just so idyllic down here. The freezer also has ice creams and cool drinks in it, what more could we ask?

Well, I could ask for more effort from Matty and Chaos for a start, I suppose, I could ask to win the lottery... so there is really quite a lot I could ask for.

Oh well, let's just get on and have a successful season and hope everyone has an enjoyable visit down to the Marina this year. Happy days!

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## Tesco Express opens... and donates to local organisations

Following months of delay, negative bickering on Facebook and a debacle over pipes, access and planning permissions, Tesco Express opened its doors on February 3.

And local shoppers flooded in - despite many threatening to boycott the store - whether it was to collect a free "I love Bourne End" hessian bag, for a nosy around or to fill their baskets.

Store manager Si Islam told *Target* he was "very excited" that the store had at last opened: "It's wonderful," said the manager who has had an anxious wait to take on his first managerial role in an Express store. "It's lovely to see so many villagers come along to check us out."

An official ribbon-cutting was held, with the honour of cutting going to Liz Hutton, chair of Bourne End Junior Sports Club, who was presented with a cheque for £750 from the Tesco Charity Trust for club funds.

Sue Ambrose, senior administrator for Bourne End Community Centre, was also a guest at the event. The Community Association is also receiving a £750 grant from Tesco.

Barry Collins, a senior store manager from High Wycombe who was on hand to help with the opening, told *Target* that it was important for Tesco to be a part of the community. In the last issue we reported that they had contributed towards the Bourne End Christmas lights fund.

"We are here as a facility for the community, but we also want to be a part of it. We have a budget - a small one, but a budget nevertheless - to put towards local organisations and events and we have very enthusiastic staff who are happy to put on special fund-raising events, or do sponsored cycle rides or whatever to play their part in the community."

Barry also said that the store is moving away from the unpopular BOGOF (buy one get one free) policy and moving towards overall price cuts. He also dismissed the notion that Tesco Express stores are much more expensive than their big superstores.

He explained that a few items may be slightly more because they cost more for the smaller store to buy in, but overall offers had been streamlined and the prices had been brought in line with the bigger stores.

"In fact, our Express prices have never been cheaper," he said.

Top: Si Islam with Liz Hutton (left) and Sue Ambrose. Right: The store's staff on opening day



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

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

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

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



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### Annual Parish Meeting

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will be held in Bourne End Library (Soho/Jacksons Mill Room) on Thursday May 14. The meeting will start at 7.30pm and there will be refreshments available beforehand.

This meeting gives the chairman and committee chairmen the chance to tell you what the parish council have achieved during the past year and for you, the general public, to ask any questions you may have concerning the parish.

This meeting is in effect "the peoples" meeting as there are no specific agenda items to discuss which gives residents the chance to speak about things that are brought up there and then. Answers to questions may not always be available at the meeting, but questions will be noted and answered when the information has been found out.

Certificates will also be awarded to the winners of the best kept allotment at Peggs allotment site off New Road and Wooburn allotment site off Brookfield Road.

We will have plenty of tea/coffee and biscuits (chocolate ones if a certain councillor gets his way) and we look forward to seeing you there.

### Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the council takes place on Tuesday May 26 in the council offices. This meeting starts at 7pm and takes place immediately before the Full Council meeting. This is so that councillors who have been elected/re-elected onto the parish council after the local elections earlier in the month can be nominated/voted into positions on the individual committees ie chairman of Council, vice chairman of council, chairman of the Open Spaces Committee, Allotments & Burials and so on. This is an annual meeting (hence the title) regardless of whether local elections take place and gives councillors the chance to join the various committees (space permitting) or stand down from one. All working parties are disbanded and reformed if still required at the next appropriate committee meeting.

### Tree work in the cemetery

The removal of the large trees in the cemetery was due to take place at the beginning of this month and should be completed by now. Replacement trees of a suitable type for the cemetery will be planted later in the year.

The new parking area that follows the left hand side of the roadway opposite the council offices should be almost finished now.

This has been designed to give more parking spaces in the lower part of the cemetery close to the office not only for councillors when they attend meetings, but also for the general public so that the main driveway can be kept clear.

### Peggs Allotments

Renewal forms for Peggs Allotments plots should have hit the current allotment holders' doormats in mid March. Renewal slips and fees should be paid into the office either by cheque (payable to Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council) or cash (correct change only please) by April 1. If you do not wish to renew your

agreement please indicate on the renewal slip and return this to the office by April 1.

### Short and sweet

We have received some feedback regarding the self-binding gravel on the right hand side of Wooburn Park car park. The problem with the apparent "washing away" of the surface will improve over time when the residue has washed away and the rest of the surface has bedded-in properly.

Chiltern Rangers are doing work in The Warren to improve the steps and cut back the pathway. The Chiltern Rangers' time on the project is being funded by the LAF (local area forum).

### Meeting Dates

**Annual Parish Meeting:**  
May 14

**Full Council:**  
April 28, May 26

**Annual Meeting:**  
May 26 (precedes the Full Council Meeting)

**Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials:**  
April 7, May 5

**Planning, Highways & Lighting:**  
April 1 and 22

**F&GP:**  
April 14, June 9

**All meetings start at 7.30pm (Annual Meeting at 7pm).**

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



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## Little Marlow Parish Council

By Emma Marsden, parish clerk

### Have you ever thought about being a Councillor?

On May 7 there is a general election and also elections for District and Parish Council Councillors.



While this isn't a call to arms, Little Marlow Parish Council is looking for new councillors to stand for election. The parish council is the lowest tier of government and, as such, is seen as the closest to the community. Parish councils are primarily focused on the needs of their local electorate, but are also consulted on many things such as local planning applications, neighbourhood planning, environmental policies to name but a few.

#### What does it involve?

So what does it involve and how much time does it take up? Well, being a councillor is not like JK Rowling's version in *The Casual Vacancy*. What you need is enthusiasm for your local community and a wish to have a direct involvement in how Little Marlow Parish Council spends its precept from Wycombe District Council. Being a councillor is a volunteer role and there is no payment. Little Marlow Parish Council meets every six weeks at The Pavilion in Church Road. There are other sub-committees who are more focused on individual areas such as the cemetery or the recreation ground. These sub-committees meet on an ad hoc basis. Most correspondence to the council is via email – this can lead sometimes to a somewhat full in-box – but all correspondence has a direct relevance to our area.

Being a councillor can be a

very rewarding and enjoyable role and you can get involved in all sorts of different areas.

If you would like to find out more, please do not hesitate to contact the clerk or one of our current councillors.

The deadline to submit your nomination for this election is March 30. Further Information can be found at [www.wycombe.gov.uk](http://www.wycombe.gov.uk)

### Playground Improvements

The playground at the recreation ground in Little Marlow village is an extremely popular area for local children. There are a number of pieces of equipment which are now looking tired. Public playground equipment is phenomenally expensive and bears no resemblance to the type and cost of play equipment we might have in our own gardens.

The council is delighted to be able to provide funding to replace the two springers with new exciting models and there will also be a new wobble board installed. With some improvements to the trim trail as well this equates to more than £1,200. We hope our younger parishioners will really enjoy these new pieces of equipment.

The hexagonal bench is sadly beyond repair, so will be removed. Don't worry there are plenty of other benches to use to enjoy your picnics.

#### To the future...

The long term plan for the playground is to improve the existing seating and replace the timber multiplay unit with something more modern and fun. This will require a considerable fundraising effort and we hope the local community will support our efforts when called upon.

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# Upper Thames Sailing Club

report by Debbie Kite

Our spring Open Day takes place on Sunday April 19 from 10.30am to 4pm.

New members are always welcome at the club, whether sailing members (of all levels of experience) or social members who benefit from the club's bar and catering facilities.

On the Open Day there will be the opportunity to experience sailing with an instructor in a Wayfarer, the larger two-man dinghies, or even a classic Thames A Rater. There will also be trips on the river in our rescue boats.

In the afternoon all visitors, sailors and neighbours, are invited to "Tea by the Thames", in aid of the Sail4Cancer charity.

To encourage new members this year we have halved the joining fee for anyone who becomes a member before or on the Open Day itself.

The club is a Royal Yachting Association (RYA) training centre and is planning starter courses for children and adults on Saturdays in April, May and June, followed by week-long RYA courses in the summer holidays. The club also runs good value RYA power boat training.

These are subsidised for members to learn to run the rescue boats; non-members are welcome if spaces are available.

The sailing season is now underway, and the refurbishment of our changing rooms is also making good progress. The bank clearing and boat park work has been finished and by the time this article is published the refurbished mast will be raised again.

There is still much to do, but the club has a lively team of members and volunteers who support the on and off the water activities.

We look forward to meeting anyone interested in finding out more and seeing us in action. Contact our membership team on 07732 405304, or at [memberships@utsc.org.uk](mailto:memberships@utsc.org.uk), or call in when the club is open.



Photos from last year's Open Day



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Nataliya (left) and Roz

dresses too, to make it a one-stop shop.

"We started with a very small selection last year to test the water and it has proved very popular.

"Now we have grown to the extent that I have a specialist bridal sales consultant – Nataliya Perevedent — and we go to the bridal shows to source the most suitable dresses for both our premises and our clientele."

Roz is keen to stock dresses to suit all shapes and sizes of brides and uses her years of experience in fashion to carefully determine which dresses to stock in which sizes. She will only have one of each dress in stock, although brides can order their size from her if they like a certain design.

She is also keen to offer a good range of prices and her dresses range from £595 to £1,300. Lines currently stocked include Allure, Ella Rose, Eternity, Art Couture and Allure Woman (+ sizes).

Ivory Belle also carries a selection of veils, tiaras and other bridal accessories including shoes, so clients can get the whole picture when trying on.

And, as it is rare for a bride to be able to buy a perfect-fitting dress off the peg, Roz has a team of highly experienced wedding dress seamstresses on hand for alterations.

Speaking of alterations, *Target* asked Roz whether the shop would be able to accommodate Ivory Belle if it grew as popular as the dress hire side of her business.

"We still have a little room for manoeuvre," she answered. "But I guess we may have to extend somehow in the future. As any woman who is still hanging on to their wedding dress at home will testify, these gowns can take up quite a lot of space!"



Dress by Allure

## Ivory Belle at Sapphire

Local brides-to-be need go no further than Wooburn Green in their search for the perfect wedding dress.

Sapphire, the shop best known to date for their extensive range of evening and prom dresses for hire and sale, now has a new bridal wear and accessories section known as Ivory Belle.

The new section sits alongside the range of mother-of-the-bride outfits which, like the bridal dresses, are sale only.

Sapphire owner Roz Hill, explained: "We have always had brides-to-be coming along with their bridesmaids, mum or mother-in-law-to-be to sort out their wedding outfit and they would often ask why we didn't sell bridal



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## John & Bill's incredible journey — to Bourne End

**Building is underway for the 25 McCarthy & Stone retirement living apartments in the heart of Bourne End village. Target editor, Debra Aspinnall, went to meet their Regional Managing Director for North London, Ali Maruf, at the company's North London regional office...**

I was expecting to see state-of-the-art offices and actually drove past the entrance of Tyttenhanger House in Colney Heath, continuing down the country road until my sat nav screamed at me to do a U-turn. The formerly splendid, stately home (complete with wandering peacocks) is headquarters to half a dozen companies including McCarthy & Stone's North London team — the builders who have finally broken ground on the prime village site at the end of The Parade.

It seems a long, long time since the hoarding went up on this site and locals started talking about the housing to come. To be fair, it's not been McCarthy & Stone's fault that things have been delayed. Alfred Homes were the original owners of the site, but once they had outline planning permission for a development they did nothing.

Then McCarthy & Stone bought the plot from them and, under guidance from High Wycombe's planning team, came up with an initial flat-roof, contemporary design which didn't go down well with locals. Finally a traditional design which pleased the locals, the planning authorities and the builders was agreed upon and the diggers moved in last November to prepare the foundations for 25 Retirement Living

### The company was started by building partners John McCarthy and Bill Stone

apartments and a Sainsbury's Local.

When it comes to building properties for later life living, McCarthy & Stone are the market leaders. They've perfected their business over 38 years and today are not only the largest retirement property builders in the county, but they are considered by industry experts to be one of the best.

"The company was started by building partners John McCarthy and Bill Stone who, after building their first development in New Milton, realised there was a shortage of purpose-built retirement homes," explained Ali Maruf, their Regional Managing Director for North London.

"So they stuck to that sector and it paid off. Short term targets are for the company to build 3,000 homes a year in the medium term."

And there is no doubt their pool of potential clients is growing at a staggering rate. According to McCarthy & Stone's figures, in the next 20 years the

number of over 65s will increase by 50%. There will be 17.2 million over 65s in 2033 and over 85s will increase by 130% by 2033.

"The demographics are certainly in our favour," said Ali. "But it would be difficult for a conventional builder to do what we do. We also provide fantastic customer care. We are the only company to win the 5-Star customer satisfaction award every year for the past nine years at the annual House Builders Federation awards.

"We set the standard for the industry. We are not only selling homes we are mindful that moving home at a later age is a big deal. We want to make sure that it's not only the person who is moving in who is comfortable, their family needs to be comfortable; with the move and the set-up too.

"That's why usually around 50% of the homeowners we sell to will have come from within a four or five mile radius. People want to stay in similar surroundings and families usually want to keep close.

"For a village like Bourne End, having 25 apartments (which could house up to 50 people) means an influx of shoppers into the village centre. In some villages we have regenerated the High Street.

"The local property market also benefits from these developments as many of the buyers are moving from bigger, family homes. So we get new families able to move into bigger homes which may have been underutilised for years.

"We are very happy to have secured the Bourne End site. Buckinghamshire is a delightful county and Bourne End is a charming village. And there are advantages of being so near the village centre."

A condition of the planning application was that the development should include retail space. While the village doesn't really need another supermarket, Sainsbury's will be opening one of their small Local stores. Branding will be kept to a minimum and the entrance and parking area will be accessed separately from the apartment entrance.

Prices are not yet fixed for the Bourne End apartments as the sales team will have to assess each one on a number of factors including size and outlook. Anyone on their contact list will be informed of prices in the Autumn, with sales starting soon after and a moving-in date estimated to be early 2016.

"The prices will have to be determined by our sales team when they can enter the shell and get a better sense of everything," explained Ali.

In the 38 years they have been in business, McCarthy & Stone have built more than 50,000 apartments and they launched their 1,000th

Above: Artist's impression of the Bourne End development and right, Ali Maruf



development in 2013.

They build two types of development; Retirement Living apartments (RL) - Bourne End's falls into this category - and Assisted Living (AL).

RL apartments tend to attract slightly younger retirees as they are upmarket apartments with a 9-to-5 concierge on duty. Buyers can be as young as 60 with a partner of over 55. The AL homes have round-the-clock care teams available if needed and homeowners can buy extra home services depending on their needs. ALs also provide a dining room serving hot lunches and cold suppers – Buyers of AL apartments need to be over the age of 70.

### The company's Signature developments (like Bourne End) have higher specifications

The company's Signature developments (like Bourne End) have higher specifications and equipment, including top quality finish and fittings and white goods.

All of their properties have added touches which have been developed over their almost four decades of selling to older clientele. For example electric sockets are at waist level, windows have mechanical openers, and there is a 24 hour security alarm system fitted in all properties, providing added peace of mind for the homeowner.

A recent change to the McCarthy & Stone set-up involved moving all their management services in-house.

"It was important to us that we could continue our relationship with our purchasers. Unlike a house builder who just builds and sells properties, we have an on-going commitment to our residents. We also changed the management structure so we have a North London division – which Bourne End comes under," Ali told me.

"I'm sure our commitment to our residents and our affiliation with Bourne End will be of mutual benefit."

**For more information on McCarthy and Stone or to arrange a visit to one of its retirement or assisted living developments, call 0800 2014811 or visit [www.mccarthyandstone.co.uk](http://www.mccarthyandstone.co.uk)**

# Honour for riverside resident

Every day Richard Millington looks out on what he believes is the best view on the riverside. It is a view the family knew well when they lived in Lacey Green and it is the view they dreamt about as they planned for their future. Building a cottage overlooking the Thames and Winter Hill was their dream come true.

At the start of 2015, and with great pride, Richard was honoured to receive an OBE in the New Year's Honours List. At the same time the family were breathing a sigh of relief that the winter weather hadn't meant a repeat of the previous year's flooding.

Richard's citation states 'For Services to Education' and it represents his dedicated work and ongoing commitment in creating and developing educational partnerships between schools which focus upon providing the best education for all children. Richard became a National Leader of Education in 2006 and this accreditation resulted in his school, Chepping View Primary, becoming a National Support School. Today his title is Executive Principal of Chepping View Primary Academy. He has a wide brief



and a team of staff intent on providing targeted support for vulnerable schools. "Children only get one chance" is their maxim when faced with the challenge of helping a school that requires improvement.

Gazing out on the river, in all its moods, watching the sun set towards Marlow, waving to grandchildren as they go past on the train or walking the Thames Path in either direction are some of the joys of riverside living.

"There is always something happening and we love it,"

Richard says with a smile of sheer delight.

Richard has 40 years of service to education. For the last 27 years his campus has been at Chepping View in High Wycombe which is also the Lead School for a National Teaching School Alliance in the Wycombe and Marlow area.

Today it is described as a talented, busy and enthusiastic model that can work in partnership with other schools. As School Improvement Specialists the staff work as a team and are committed to their role: "With our involvement we believe that every school is capable of being at least a good school," Richard emphasises, "and we are available at all times to the schools we partner."

Just downstream from the Millington's home in Bourne End is Windsor Castle. In April the family have been invited to watch as a very special award is made to a hard-working man who is totally committed to providing the best education as a start for young lives. Waiting in line Richard Millington might remember Chepping View's recent Ofsted statement: "This is an outstanding school. It exceeds its challenging goals because pupils, staff and leaders have high expectations and a passion to help each other to do even better."

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## Taking Target to Harry

Harry had his regular seat in the community centre bar and everyone knew him. Even with limited mobility Harry used his motorised buggy to get there for a drink and a chat with friends. So what happened to Harry?

After a couple of operations Harry needed respite and moved into Cliveden Manor in Marlow for a couple of weeks. He liked it so much without any hesitation he decided: "I like it here – I want to stay."

Good news all round for Harry, his sister Marjorie Flanagan who lives in Alfred Court, and for Avril from the centre who had been worried about Harry and wanted to know how he was and where he was living.

With *Target* in hand Avril called into Cliveden Manor and had tea with Harry. Together they caught up on the gossip and Avril was able to report back to his friends in the bar: "Great to see him looking happy and feeling well," she said.

Harry recognised other locals who had also moved to Cliveden Manor on the Little Marlow Road, quite close to Bourne End. It offers a very comfortable way of life for people who cannot manage for themselves.

If you want to have a look around just call in – they are very welcoming.



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Violet grew up in the Midlands, the youngest of three girls, and was an enthusiastic Girl Guide. Married at 27

beautifully as their great grandmother opened cards and presents on her special day. "The thing is" Violet laughed "I don't feel any older!"

Our pictures show (below) girl Guide Violet (in the middle) aged 14 in 1929, (above) four generations of her family celebrating with Violet and (right) Violet with her royal birthday card.



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# Double Diamonds...



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Josie and Gerry Gore were a Jacksons romance having met each other at Bourne End's huge paper mill. Gerry came from Cookham and joined the mill after his National Service. Josie lived

in Marlow and worked from 2 to 10pm on the picking line where they removed any lumps or bumps from the millboard. When they married there was a congratulatory telegram from Jacksons.

Eventually they were able to buy one of Arthur Jameson's bungalows in Chalklands before moving to their present home in Highfield Road. Two children, Stella and Stephan, completed their family and together they became very involved in village life supporting the community centre's 'buy a brick' fund raising for the community centre.

As the family grew they were all involved in local life. Josie has pictures of the children on the floats as part of Bourne End Carnival and lots of other events. Gerry moved from the mill to work at Maidenhead Autos while Josie took a number of



"We were pen friends before we met," is how Brenda explains the start of her relationship with John Pheby. At the time John was stationed in Germany doing his National Service and he wanted to write to someone back in England. "The rest is history" John laughs. They married in Brenda's hometown of Brighton where daughter Susan was born. Later they moved to Worthing where daughter Linda was born. They frequently visited Bourne End to see John's family, but could not afford to live here.

It wasn't until 1973 that they were able to rent a flat in Wharf Lane. The girls went to Deyncourt School and John was able to return to Broom & Wade where he did his apprenticeship. They eventually bought a house in Chalklands where they have lived ever since. John was back among his school friends.

John has worked hard tracing his family history back to 1790 in Little Marlow. His grandfather worked as coachman to Haden Tebb, the entrepreneur and property developer of Abbotsbrook. When Haden Tebb bought one of the first motorcars in the area it meant that John's grandfather was the first person to drive it.

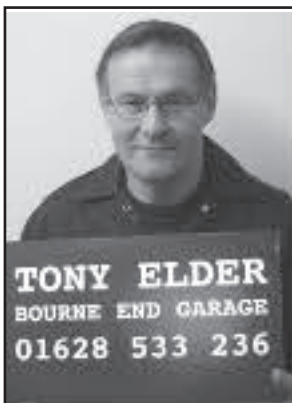
When made redundant by Broom & Wade John joined the National Trust in their countryside department responsible for outside areas in the Thames and Chiltern area. John was in his element. He loved the countryside and delighted in watching wild life. He was one of a team who cleared overgrown areas, provided security for nesting birds and animals and he did the job until retiring.

Brenda was one of the early volunteers who came forward to deliver *Target* to her neighbours in Chalklands. The girls would help and their next door neighbour, Jill Rogers, would lend a hand. John took over this delivery in 1999 and is still doing it now.

Daughter Sue lives in Wooburn Green while Linda lives in Maidenhead. They are both married and John and Brenda have four grandchildren and three great grandchildren with number four on the way. "We're very lucky to have our family so close," Brenda says, "and they were the ones who organised our card from HM the Queen in celebration of our 60th anniversary."



John and Brenda



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# Art in the library — Jo Hall

Tower 42 in the City of London provided the inspiring views for Jo Hall's paintings to be featured as part of Art in the Library during May. It's the third tallest skyscraper in the City and provided members of the Society of Graphic Fine Arts with a painting day resulting in some exceptional work.

*Excursions: into place, time and imagination* is the title Jo chose for her display in Bourne End. It will combine her skills as a landscape painter with her creation of fantasy images formed during her time as an illustrator. She loves to work in charcoal and let her subject take a simple form before she expands the imagine.

For as long as Jo can remember she loved drawing but chose to study botany at Exeter University and spend some years working in the water industry. This was a good choice given her love for water in nature and her affection for the River Thames that flows close to her home in Maidenhead.

Encouraged by Berkshire School of Art, Jo was accepted as a member of the Association of Illustrators. Suddenly she was faced with the challenge of creating images as required, but it expanded her view of composition and colour. With a smile, she recalls that one of her first commissions featured cookery cards!

Jo's work has featured in countless exhibitions over many years and her



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involvement with the Society of Graphic Fine Art provided numerous opportunities resulting in requests to show her work widely.

She was vice president then president of the society. When she stepped down in 2014 she accepted Honorary Membership.

At the same time Jo has found time to participate in a large number of art workshops and drawing days.

She has also organised drawing workshops for The Big Draw — the world's biggest drawing festival. "You have to come up with the goods on these occasions," Jo smiles, "but I've also found that teaching gives me ideas to inspire new work."

Don't miss the chance to take an excursion with Jo Hall. Her picture of the Thames Barrier was done in 2001 before the London skyline exploded with high rise buildings and cranes as shown in her other picture. "I love cranes" she admits "they are an indicator of growth."

There's an invitation to 'Meet the Artist' at the library on Friday May 8 with an informal private view from 11am to 1.30pm. Refreshments will be available. Then Jo will take you on an adventure with a demonstration and mini workshop from 2 to 4pm. All are welcome.

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### Judo section

Since Gina took over the section in September she has split the age group so that the younger ones can gain a little more confidence in the sport. At the moment she has some spaces in both of her judo classes for ages 6-8 and 9-12 years. They are held on Friday evenings at 6pm until 7pm for the younger ones, and 7.15 until 8.15pm for the older group. Please contact us on 01628 528110 for information or visit on a Friday.

### Canoeing section

Let us hope we have a good summer so that the section members can enjoy the water to the full. Hopefully from Easter they will be back on the River Thames and there are spaces for new members. If the weather is poor or the river levels dangerous they will continue training indoors at the sports hall on the canoe machines to get fit for the real thing. Please contact us on 01628 528110 for more information.

### Football section

The teams are now getting to the latter stages of the season. To date, the season has been a very successful one for all the age group teams in terms of match results and player development. We have good numbers attending the very popular Junior Kickers (U6) coaching sessions at the sports club on Saturday mornings and some very good performances from the Mini-Soccer teams (U7 to U12) in their non-competitive matches.

Currently all the competitive teams (U13 to U18) are in the top half of their respective league divisions and some are progressing well in the cup competitions, especially the U15.

Planning is well underway for our annual football tournament "Sportsfest 22" at Wooburn Park on Saturday June 6. This is a great event for all the family.

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We are delighted to report that Danny Burroughs was well enough to enjoy his football again in March. Danny and his family were presented with the cheque for £1,500 raised for him from the Testimonial Match. Danny was also presented with a special trophy in recognition of his bravery. The picture shows Danny with Brian Deacon who organised the special match and fundraising event.



### Wycombe District Council Sports Awards

You may recall I recently wrote about the talented and sporting members of the Lawrie family. I am pleased to tell you Chris Lawrie won



the prestigious Sir Steve Redgrave Award in recognition of his rowing achievements. Oli Lawrie was presented with the Regional Level Individual Sports award to help with his basketball commitments — great news and well deserved. Our picture shows Chris and Oli receiving their awards.

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Carol Bailey holds an annual Fun Day at her home, 227 Blind Lane, Flackwell Heath, in aid of Diabetes UK. This year's will be on Friday May 15.

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The event is open to teams of four and has primarily been set up with one main goal; to enable the teams to raise as much money as they can for a charity of their choice.

Unlike many other fund-raising challenges, there are no minimum limits and no restrictions on which charities can be supported. Furthermore, ten percent of every team's entry fee will be donated directly to the Chiltern Society for the purpose of maintaining the footpaths and their facilities.

If all this sounds great, but the distance sounds too far, don't worry. Teams will have all day from when they pass over the start line to work their way towards the finish, so you will have plenty of time to complete the challenge.

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When the Reverend Janet Binns arrived at her new Bourne End parish of St Mark's and St Nicholas in 2013, she brought some little friends with her.

The vicar, who is already known for her marathon running achievements (she was the fastest for her age group at last year's London Marathon), has a love of puppetry and she is using her skills to teach bible stories to a captivated audience in her Step by Step puppet club.

Come and meet Scruffy the Dog, Roly the Moley, Tim, Maggie, Fiona and others at the club, which is open to eight year olds upwards and meets at 5pm in St Mark's hall behind the church, every Tuesday.



It's free to join in and you don't have to be a puppeteer or a child.

The group's prop maestro is Ruby Lunn and she could do with a helping hand... then there are musicians, prop handlers and sound and recording specialists who would all be made very welcome.

The children get a lot out of this group, explains Janet: "Putting on a show is only a small part of it really. The children discuss themes, come up with ideas for music and write short stories. Most are loosely based on bible stories, but we also explore other themes and the children learn how to recognise other people's feelings from how the puppets react to situations.

"It's a great way to learn. The children can take puppets home with them to practise how to work them and make them respond how they should. There is skill involved. Some children are naturals and really bring the puppets to life."

The group have already put on shows for parents and friends and there are plans to do shows in residential homes to entertain the elderly. Janet has used puppets in school assemblies to great effect.

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# Eric Norman Mason

April 16, 1928 – February 9, 2015

Eric was born in Sheepridge and then resided in Wooburn Town at Deyncourt Cottage opposite St Paul's Church. He then moved to Bourne End when he married his wife Noreen in 1954.

Their first house was on Cores End Road and then, in 1964, they moved to Goddington Road where they lived happily for 35 years and raised two daughters Alison and Sara.

Eric and Noreen later relocated to Yeovil in Somerset on his retirement in 1999.

Eric's first employment was at Andrews' boat yard at Bourne End Marina. His keen interest in boats, particularly the slipper launches designed by John Andrews, continued into his retirement when he joined the Yeovil Model Boat Club.

Most importantly, Eric was a talented carpenter and joiner and primarily used these skills working in the film and television industry at Pinewood, Elstree, Ealing and Shepperton Studios.

He contributed to the making of blockbuster films such as Oliver, Fiddler on the Roof, and Chitty



Chitty Bang Bang, crafting the unforgettable flying car shaped on a boat's hull.

He also constructed film sets, scenery and props on many of the Bond, Carry-On, and Pink Panther films. Eric also worked on many other film

productions including Flash Gordon, Batman, Alien, Memphis Belle, Empire of the Sun, Dogs of War, Gorillas in the Mist and The Bounty to name but a few.

Eric travelled extensively to work on film locations while his supportive wife looked after the family back in Bucks.

They kept in touch through phone calls and letters and the family joined him on location whenever

possible. When not on location or working at the studios, Eric was a keen amateur film maker and a member of the Bourne End Cine club.

Music was also a big part of Eric's life and he loved the big band sounds and jazz. He was a hospital radio volunteer at Wycombe General Hospital for over 30 years.

He also loved attending the operatic society performances and sequence dancing down at Bourne End Community Centre with his wife.

Eric was an active man and always had a project on the go. He was a keen gardener and grew crops of fruit and vegetables at the allotments in New Road. He was also a keen model and toy maker keeping the grandchildren entertained with his constructions.

Eric led a very full and interesting life despite suffering from the chronic and disabling condition rheumatoid arthritis. He was much loved and made an impression on many people's lives. Eric returned to Wooburn for his final resting place on March 6 with a celebration of his life held at St Paul's Church and the Old Bell pub. Rest in Peace Eric.

# Betty Bailey

Betty Bailey passed away on February 9 aged 83.

She was born in Edmonton, North London. She spent her early life living with her parents and younger brother Graham in different areas of London and talked of her love of the city until the week before her death.

She overcame much adversity in her young life and was treated in Great Ormond Street Hospital for severe burns and spent time in a convalescent home on The Isle Of Wight with bad asthma.



During the blitz, Betty and her family often slept in the London Underground, in an air raid shelter in the local park or in their own Anderson shelter. She often talked of the night when they slept in the house and she and Graham were awoken by a bomb explosion and found themselves still in bed, but minus their bedroom wall and looking out into the street. Subsequently Betty was evacuated to Bracknell.

After the war, her family moved to Minehead where her father opened a hotel. It was in Minehead that Betty met her husband, Dan who she married in 1953.

Before starting a family, Betty had the fastest shorthand and typing speeds among her contemporaries, leading to many glamorous jobs which included working as a continuity girl on film sets, as a PA to David Niven and on the ship RMS Queen Mary. She also worked at BOAC in the years before it became BEA and then British Airways. She loved practising emergency evacuation from the planes when they were looking for volunteers to help test the escape chutes and evacuation procedures.

Betty and Dan moved to Bourne End in the early 1960s where they raised their four children; Kait, Alison, Christopher and Sally.

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Betty loved children and worked at Abbotsbrook nursery school for many years during the 1970s. Latterly she worked at Edward Gray Estate Agents in the village (later Hunt & Nash). She was a fantastic cook and was always baking pies and cakes for people who were ill.

The Baileys worked hard and had a great life in Bourne End, with lots of wonderful friends. However in 2005, they made the decision to downsize and continue their retirement on the coast of North Devon, a few miles from Minehead across the Somerset border where they first met.

Betty was extremely sad to leave Bourne End after 45 years here. A small comfort to her was receiving more than 100 good luck cards from friends. On the day of their move neighbours from Meadow Walk came out of their houses to wave them off for the 180 mile trip.

Betty and Dan were married for 55 years until Dan's death in 2008, only three years after they moved. Betty considered moving back to Bourne End, but it would have been quite an upheaval in her late 70s and her war-time experience made her strong-willed and independent. She kept in touch with many Bourne End friends and always had a copy of *Target* magazine delivered by her family or friends.

Betty gave generously to charity. She always put others before herself and spent her lifetime helping others, even when exhausted or suffering crippling back-ache. She was not one to complain and was always kind, graceful, dignified and ladylike. She will be sadly missed by many.

As we went to press, *Target* learned of the death of Sandra Stanton, a postwoman in Bourne End for 30 years. Sandra's obituary will appear in the next issue.



## Rotary Charter for Claytons Rota Kids

For a certain group of children at Claytons School it was a double celebration. Not only were they going to receive their Rotary Charter, but it was part of their special assembly for the whole school. No pressure as they had rehearsed beforehand, but their audience had to be convinced.

Rota Kids at Claytons has been a well supported afternoon club. It's their club and they can do what they want while following their commitment to being future good citizens. Encouraged by Bourne End and Cookham Rotary Club, teachers John and Chrissie started Rota Kids at Claytons. Now they were receiving their official charter from both the District Governor and the local President.

Hashim, Olivia and Kaid with their team of Annabel, Cameron, Alfie, Zak, Henry and Madeleine sat facing the school and talked about what they had done to raise funds for good causes. They spoke of how they made bird boxes in five colours, sold flowers as part of the polio campaign, raised money at the Summer fair and were part of the fund raising to fight Ebola. A teddy bear was handed on to allow each Rota Kid to talk.

Supported and encouraged by local Rotary Club members, in particular Mike Ware, their efforts were aided by local Interactors from the next stage up on the Rotary ladder for young people aged 12 to 18. Together they applauded Claytons Rota Kids and then everyone joined together to sing.

Then it was onto the next project to fulfil the Rota Kids pledge which states: *As a Rota Kid, I endeavour to be fair to all, to serve my community and to show respect for others.*

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## Probus By Howard Fitzer

Lunch on January 21 was followed by a presentation by Rupert Matthews on RAF Bomber Command at War, during which the words Bomber Harris and Dam Busters brought to mind their well-known exploits in the Second World War. Less well known is the very high cost: of 6,500 Lancaster bombers built, more than 3,500 were shot down. Aircrew losses exceeded 55,000 (nearly 50 per cent of the entire force).

Bomber Command chose to attack at night, which by virtue of subsequent advances in radar detection gave far less protection than envisaged. For example, for the rear-gunner of a Lancaster bomber, cocooned in his remote turret, reliance on night vision alone compromised his detection of the deadliest threat of all: the night-fighter.

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At our AGM on February 18 the outgoing chairman, Brian Joyner, commented on the very successful year prior to handing over to his successor, Bill Leftwich. Of the current committee members, all but two managed to survive the demonic scramble for committee posts and so retained their current positions for the coming year. The fallen were mentioned in dispatches.

## Inner Wheel Club By Diana Hyde

Our members spent a productive morning in January at the Thames Valley Adventure Playground mending dressing-up clothes and renovating a mosaic table, among other things. This annual event is greatly appreciated by the staff.

A hilarious game of Bug Bingo was our next event, followed in February by a visit from our district chairman. We entertained her with a delicious lunch of moussaka and pancakes.

The sewing machines were out again when we made sleeping bags, which are desperately needed in Sierra Leone, out of unwanted sheets and duvet covers.

The following week saw our annual bridge drive in aid of Medical Detection Dogs. These amazing dogs are able to smell some cancers before symptoms appear, most noticeably prostate cancer.

## Bourne End WI By Kath Acres

At our February meeting Hugh Grainger entertained us with stories of Wild, Wild Women masquerading as men, as they pirated the high seas and robbed coaches on the highways. It is amazing what tales can unfold from researching in local library archives if you know what to look for.

At our March meeting many stunning items of

jewellery were constructed by our members led by Carina Shergold and we are looking forward to hearing about The Changing Wildlife of the Chilterns from John Tyler at our next meeting on Thursday April 2.

Looking further ahead we are excited to be hosting two dramatic events in the coming months. On Thursday June 18 Lip Service Theatre will return to the community centre with their rave reviewed Hysterical Historical Show and on Friday July 10 there will be an outdoor performance of Raising Agents — a comedy to celebrate the centenary of the WI. More about both these events in the next issue of Target.

Bourne End WI meets on the first Thursday of the month at St Dunstan's Church hall at 7.30pm and visitors are welcome (suggested donation £3.50).

Our Craft and Chat Group meets on the third Tuesday of the month in Bourne End Library at 1.30pm and all are welcome to craft or chat. We have a plan for the willow tree on Spade Oak Wharf to be suitably hung for Easter.

Please email [bourneendwi@yahoo.com](mailto:bourneendwi@yahoo.com) for further information.

## Little Marlow & Well End WI By Kathleen Radford

2015 started off well with our January meeting taking the form of an open discussion on what events we would like to arrange in addition to the monthly meetings. A lunch in March marked our birthday and there is the possibility of a river trip and an August outing.

In February a group visited the Victoria & Albert Museum to view the exhibition of wedding dresses over the last two centuries. Some were enormously elaborate and some simple and elegant, following the trends of fashion. At our February meeting Brian Clews gave a talk on Walking on the Wild Side and gave us an insight into the many creatures, large and small, to be found by a keen observer in the countryside.

In March Colin Oakes enlightened us on the meanings behind all the nursery rhymes we learnt as children. Visitors are welcome to our meetings. Contact 01628 481343.

## Bourne End (Afternoon) WI By Julie Wardell

The New Year started with an insight into what the Victorian lady was wearing under her dresses. Thank goodness we are not so encumbered now. We then progressed to a fascinating talk in February on the invaluable work of SERV, the Emergency Rider Volunteers who provide the NHS with a quick response unit providing hospitals with everything from blood to breast milk for newborns.

Our March meeting brought a welcome return visit by Edwin Rye, a former BBC Gardener of the Year, bringing inspiration for our gardens. Our future visit to Wisley should be a lovely excursion.

Our first birthday celebrations at Easter should involve cake and something fizzy to get us in the birthday spirit. This might be the moment to come along and have a taste, literally, of what we are all about. Call Sue Berrido on 07776 713701 or email

Julie Wardell at [bewiafternoon@gmail.com](mailto:bewiafternoon@gmail.com). We meet on the second Monday of each month at St Dunstan's Church hall at 2pm and visitors are very welcome.

## Bourne End & Cookham Rotary Club By Peter Yeeles

We have had our usual varied meeting programme at our regular venue – The Kings Head in Little Marlow, ranging from fellowship to presentations from charities who have received our donations. This season we have said farewell to our rugby club and welcomed football car parking as a major fundraiser for our future charity programme.

Ours is one of several Rotary clubs in the Thames Valley and we are preparing to celebrate our 40th anniversary in the summer. We have now established a number of junior clubs at local schools which organise activities appropriate to pupils' ages.

Recent activities included welcoming Brian Newman-Smith from Beconscot Model Village and representatives of the Gurkha regiment when we sampled some excellent Nepalese cooking. We are looking forward to celebrating St Patrick and St George days and renewing links with Zambia when three teachers stay with us. Other activities include skittles, golf and riding a Segway.

## Cookham Bridge Rotary Club By Roger Gould

At Cookham Bridge Rotary Club we help local, national and international charities and good causes. Throughout the year we organise several money raising events such as the ever popular Cookham Regatta and the Bourne End Fun Night.

We meet for dinner every Wednesday evening at Winter Hill Golf Club where we have a varied social calendar, with a visit from the local fire brigade, a trip to St George's Chapel at Windsor, attending the Cookham Festival and our annual President's Night dinner.

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## Wooburn WI By Sue Pressney

Local WIs joined us at a buffet to celebrate our WI's 78th birthday in March. Members provided delicious home-made cakes, which lived up to the WI's reputation. Janet Smith gave a talk on first aid in the home, with some useful information.

At our April meeting Graham Harrison will tell us about Victorian scientists and quack doctors, and in May we have our Resolution meeting, when members will be able to air their views.

New members can be sure of a warm welcome. Our meetings take place in St Mary's Church Hall (off Wycombe Lane) at 2.15pm on the first Wednesday in the month. Contact Sue Pressney, 01628 527396.



## Play cricket in Little Marlow!

We are inviting players of all ages and standards to come and join us in a picturesque setting with great pitches. Cricket at Little Marlow goes back to 1857 and the Bradish Elmes Recreation Ground is home to a Club whose members enjoy cricket and camaraderie in equal measure. Outdoor nets start at the ground in early April just before the season's matches

### Come and join us

- We are keen to encourage local people to come and play really enjoyable village cricket in a great setting, and also anyone interested in uniplying or scoring. All would be made very welcome, so if you or someone you know wishes to join us please do get in touch with Steve.
- Little Marlow competes in the Marrant Group Chilterns League on Saturdays, fields a competitive Sunday team and is developing a new junior section for our stars of the future 3-9 yr olds are invited to come and try their hand at our wonderful game.
- [www.littlemarlowcc.co.uk](http://www.littlemarlowcc.co.uk)



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the early 80s, a Saturday 2nd XI was introduced a year later. We moved to the Chilterns League after ten summers in the Berkshire competition, the pavilion underwent two major redevelopments and, seven years ago, we founded our junior section.

The colts have enjoyed some great successes. Several graduates are now playing major roles in the senior sides, but it is clear that we cannot rest on our laurels. It is vital that we maintain this supply of young talent.

With that in mind, an exciting new partnership has been forged with professional coaching outfit Future Legends.

This is targeting the 'junior juniors', boys and girls aged 3 to 9, many of whom will be new to the game. Indoor sessions that involve lots of fun and games are being held at The Redgrave Sports Centre in Marlow, and we'll be moving outdoors when the weather warms up.

Please come and join us - George Stevens (01628 302014 or [george@futurelegends.me.uk](mailto:george@futurelegends.me.uk)) will be delighted to hear from you.

Our adult teams will be gunning for promotion from their respective divisions.

Tahir Rashid again leads the 1st XI, but Ged Holmes has taken a rest after eight seasons in charge of the 2nds. Neil Lancum, who joined us only a couple of years ago, will bring all his infectious enthusiasm to bear as he picks up the reins.

The Sunday team will enjoy its familiar programme of friendly fixtures, with President's Match Day in July as the highlight. Then, in August, we take a break and set off for what I'm sure will be a thoroughly enjoyable west-country tour.

There's certainly a great deal to look forward to and we'd love to welcome some new players to share it with us.

Steve Shore (07723 445125 or [shorestephen@hotmail.com](mailto:shorestephen@hotmail.com)) is the point of contact for senior players wishing to try their hand at some enjoyable, but competitive, village cricket on good pitches and in picturesque settings.



## Onwards and upwards for LMCC

By club secretary Richard Tedham

Forty years ago come November a very young yours truly was elected secretary of Little Marlow Cricket Club. Almost half a lifetime ago – it's hard to believe.

It was the season that saw the first ever One Day International World Cup, which just goes to prove that some things haven't changed. England didn't win it then, still haven't and, writing on the day that we were dumped out of the current tournament by Bangladesh, are obviously not going to do so in the near future.

At Little Marlow's somewhat more humble level a great deal has moved on. League cricket arrived in



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# Cindy Sundays are a perk for Julie



Target was thrilled to receive an email from Wooburn Green resident, Julie Creswell, who credits us with perking up her Sundays.

Julie referred to an article in a summer 2014 issue of Target about The Cinnamon Trust

who were appealing for volunteer dog walkers in our area.

She says: "As soon as I read the article I knew I wanted to volunteer.

"After putting in my application and The Trust going through the security checks and checking three references, I was accepted as a volunteer dog walker.

"Nearly every Sunday since September 2014 I've been walking Cindy, a cute, timid, wonderful

Pomeranian dog for Margaret.

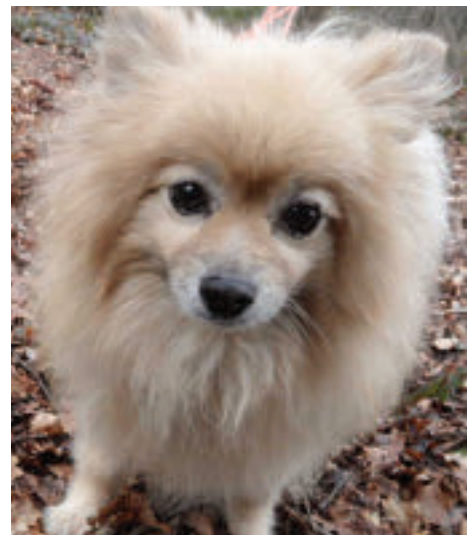
"Walking Cindy has changed my Sundays for the better. When Cindy knows that I've arrived, she gets so excited, knowing that she is going to take me out for a walk.

"Cindy has a daily walk from other helpers and I walk her on Sundays.

"I cannot thank The Cinnamon Trust and Margaret and her neighbours enough for allowing and trusting Cindy into my care every Sunday. I just love it.

"If it wasn't for the Target magazine my Sundays would have remained boring, but Cindy has changed all that."

The Cinnamon Trust is a national charity for the elderly and terminally ill and their pets. A large number of elderly or ill pet owners become very worried about their ability to care for their pets, feeling that their only option is to rehome them. This is where the national network of dedicated volunteers step in to offer support enabling them to stay together. They walk dogs for housebound owners, foster pets when



Left, Julie with Cindy and above, Cindy on her best behaviour

owners need hospital care, fetch the cat food, even clean out the bird cage or litter trays.

All volunteers help in the ways that are most appropriate to them. Teams take it in turns to visit housebound owners and to take dogs for daily walks. Volunteers foster pets as one of their family when owners face a spell in hospital. The charity will take on any problem posed in day-to-day care of pets.

The charity is always looking for dog walking volunteers, and even if you can only spare an hour a week they would love to hear from you. Call during office hours 01736 758707 or contact them via email volunteer@cinnamon.org.uk You can check out their website for more details www.cinnamon.org.uk

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Bourne End

## Bourne End Community Market

*Putting the sparkle back into life*



I'm Rosanna Mundy, a Reflexologist with a passion for treatments and products that help us to feel happier and healthier. As well as treating clients in my garden room studio in Maidenhead, I love bringing my calming salt lamps and sparkly crystals out and about to

local fairs and markets and I am now a regular at the monthly Bourne End Community and Craft Market (held on the second Saturday of the month, 10am to 1pm at Bourne End Library tel 07989 716635 or email rosieohagan@me.com).

You may be surprised to learn that my background is actually research science and I have a PhD in Infectious Diseases. So how did a scientist end up as a complementary therapist you may ask?

Well it all changed for me when I had my first reflexology treatment and found it so relaxing and beneficial to my health that I had to find out more.

I discovered that reflexology is based on the theory that different points (called reflexes) on the feet correspond to specific areas of the body. So by working on the feet we can also affect the body.

Intrigued by this I decided to re-train and now work from home, setting my hours around the needs of my children. Best of all, I get to combine my medical and scientific knowledge with the reflexology to help my clients better understand and

cope with their medical issues and stressful situations.

I love the freedom of running my own business and I especially enjoy watching clients blossom as they learn to take time for themselves to replenish and rebalance.

More recently I have started working with natural minerals and crystals and looking at the effects they can have on our wellbeing. Many of these stones are believed to have properties that help us cope with physical ailments, daily stresses and difficult emotions. What has amazed me is how often people will intuitively choose a crystal that turns out to have the exact properties that they are in need of at that time.

I have found the market to be very friendly and welcoming and am thoroughly enjoying being part of it. I love chatting to my fellow stallholders and lovely customers and it is always interesting to get feedback from my regulars about how they are getting on using their crystals. So if you do come along to the market, please pop by my stall and say hello – I am always happy to have a chat.

On May 9, the market charity tombola will be held in aid of CLAPA (Cleft Lip And Palate Association) and we will also be giving away free CLAPA balloons, stickers and leaflets to help raise awareness. CLAPA is an organisation



close to my heart as my son Harry was born with a cleft lip.

About 1 in 700 babies are born with a cleft (a split in their lip and/or palate) in the UK. This can affect facial appearance, eating and speech. CLAPA provides support and information to new parents, children and adults affected by cleft; see [www.clapa.com](http://www.clapa.com).

For more information on my treatments and products please see my website [www.happierhealthieryou.co.uk](http://www.happierhealthieryou.co.uk) or give me a ring on 01628 773133.

## Bourne End Library By Inka D'Agostino, library manager

### Library Activities April/May

World Book Night this year falls on Thursday April 23 and we have decided to do something different.

We will be holding a **Literary Quiz Night Supper** starting at 7.30pm and I can assure you that this will not be a highly intellectual evening, but one of entertainment and fun.

There will be room for 10 teams of eight, so gather your teams or come on your own and we will allocate you to a team.

We are planning to have a fish and chips supper, the price of which will be included in your ticket of £10 per person. There will also be a bar for refreshments.

Bourne End Library now falls under the category of a Community Library and we rely on extra funding from income generation such as room hire and events. This will be our major fund raiser for the year so please come and support us.

On Wednesday June 3 at 7pm for 7.30pm we present **Tales of the Opera**. Our guest speaker Pat Purcell will entertain you with stories of life at the Royal Opera House. Tickets are £10 to include a drinks reception.

April's **Lifestyle club** will be on Friday 24 at 10.30am and the talk will be on Zentangle, a new way of meditating.

### Regular Activities:

**Bounce and Rhyme:** every Thursday term time: Toddlers 10am to 10.30am, Babies 11am to 11.30am

**Community Market:** every second Saturday of the month.

**Italian Classes:** Beginners, Tuesday 10am to 11am. Intermediate: Tuesday 11.30am to 1pm.

**Yoga classes:** every Tuesday 6pm to 7.30pm

**Tai-chi classes:** every Wednesday 8pm to 9pm

**Sing Your Pain Away:** every Thursday 6pm to 7pm

**Meditation:** first Tuesday of the month, 1pm to 2pm  
third Thursday of the month 8pm to 9.30pm

**Pranic Healing Sessions:** last Saturday of the month 10am to midday.

**Internet computer sessions** are held every Friday morning at 10.30am. Please contact us to book a slot.

Our community rooms, which are fully equipped with AV equipment are for hire at very reasonable rates. If you are looking for a meeting room, or planning an event please contact us.

For any of the events and activities above or for further information about the library please contact us on [lib-boe@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:lib-boe@buckscc.gov.uk), tel: 0845 2303232 or visit our Facebook page: Friends of Bourne End Library.

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# Past times...by Barrie Penfold

## MEMORIES OF THE 'CHAMPAGNE KING'

George Kessler was among the 761 survivors when the RMS Lusitania was sunk by a German U boat on May 7 1915\*. She was the fastest first class passenger liner left in commercial service after the outbreak of the First World War and was a sister ship to the Titanic.

There were early concerns that she might be vulnerable to submarine attack so precautions were taken. Initially the liner was painted grey, but this disguised paint scheme was dropped and for this voyage from New York bound for Liverpool the liner was decked out in all her splendour.

Specialising in the sale of the finest champagnes, like Moët & Chandon and White Seal Brut Imperial, Kessler was a frequent traveller between the major capitals of Europe and the United States. The outbreak of war had restricted his activities, but he was a showman salesman who believed that the best way to sell something was to make sure it was seen to be drunk by the very top level of society. He was known as the Champagne King.

In 1907 Kessler bought a riverside house in Bourne End-on-Thames. He had other homes in London, Paris and Madison Avenue in New York. He was a familiar sight at all the best hotels and known to the leading wealthy families on both sides of the Atlantic.

The Edwardian years were a huge time of change locally, especially for those living in the wealthier homes. Electric light was the new-fangled form of lighting for homes like Bourne Bank and Jeffries. Motor cars were bought and caused dust clouds along the Marlow Road. Telephones were installed into the homes of the wealthy so they could conduct business away from their office.

Kessler made huge changes to the house originally called Riversdale to create an Elizabethan-style mansion he named New York Lodge. No expense was spared as it was intended to be an impressive riverside home where George Kessler could entertain on a lavish scale. One feature was the lighting of the outside with 3,000 electric lights powered by a gas plant within the grounds.

In 1908, when London, instead of Rome, hosted the Olympics, Kessler invited more than 400 people to a celebration banquet at New York Lodge. A special train transported guests from London and took them back at the end of the evening. Local people gazed from the opposite riverbank at the superb spectacle. Inspired by the Olympic dream, a model of the Greek Parthenon was constructed in the garden. Steamer rides were provided as entertainment for the guests.

A year later on Christmas Eve, when Kessler heard that Captain Cook had not reached the Pole, he staged a North Pole dinner at the Savoy Hotel in London which had been transformed into an icy landscape.



Waiters were dressed as Eskimos and each of the guests received a gift of jewellery. It was just one of many parties held at the Savoy Hotel by this American millionaire who gained a reputation for his spectacular methods of selling the wines he represented. He was very sociable and had friends from all walks of life.

Surviving the sinking of the Lusitania had a profound effect on Kessler. Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt had told him that the Germans would not dare to sink this ship. It was speculated that Kessler had two million dollars in his cabin, as he was a firm believer in keeping his possessions in plain sight. However he expressed concern that there was no lifeboat drill for passengers. He raised this with the ship's captain and was told that it would not be practicable.

After the torpedo struck he went out onto the deck and helped women into the lifeboats. Thrown into the water he watched as the Lusitania disappeared. He swam to a collapsible boat and was able to get aboard, rescuing others before they were all picked up by a trawler. During this time Kessler vowed that if he survived he would dedicate himself to helping victims of war. He spent time recovering at New York Lodge in Bourne End before making good on his promise.

Read more about what George Kessler did in a future issue of Target.

*Grateful thanks to Mike Judge for so much information on this millionaire American who lived in Bourne End. Also to Brian Pollock for his research on the Olympic banquet at New York Lodge*

\*On May 7 2015 small boats will set out from Roches Point en route to Cobh Harbour, Co Cork, Ireland to mark the rescue attempts following the sinking of the Lusitania. Other events marking the 100 years since the sinking will take place in Liverpool.



Our pictures show: Above, New York Lodge from the river Left, George Kessler, his visiting card and the RMS Lusitania

## OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

### St Nicholas' Church, Hedsor

For Holy Week we start our journey to the cross on Palm Sunday with a special service at 9am. There is a short service of reflection at 9.30am on Monday March 30 and again on Wednesday April 1.

Easter weekend is lovely at Hedsor. On Saturday April 4 at 7pm we light a brazier outside and bring the new light into the church. This Service of Light is very meaningful with our choir under the direction of Dr Peter Wilton. The service takes place at 7pm – do come along.

With the excitement of Easter Sunday we begin the day with an Easter Sunrise Service at 6am just outside the church doors. If you feel like an early morning walk, make this your destination. Our service of Holy Communion for Easter Day is at 9am with an Easter egg hunt for the children. All other events for Easter are jointly held with St Mark's Church.

Holy Communion takes place each Sunday at 9am. Our family service, Pathway, is on the second Sunday of each month and children meet in the vestry on all other Sundays. In May we hope to hold an Evening Service. Visit [www.stnicholashedsor.org.uk](http://www.stnicholashedsor.org.uk).



### St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

There are services throughout the team during Holy Week, but at Little Marlow in particular there will be Evening Prayer on Tuesday March 31 at 8pm, three-hour Meditation at the Cross taken by Canon Dr Christina Baxter on Good Friday starting at midday, then on Easter Day 8.30am Holy

Communion and a Family Service with Holy Communion at 11am. This will be followed by an Easter egg hunt and refreshments.

Looking ahead to summer we will again be holding 'Music in the Manor' in the gardens of the Manor House in Little Marlow on June 20, details to come in May but mark the date. To keep informed of activities see [www.4u-team.org](http://www.4u-team.org).



### St Dunstan's Church

In February we gave thanks for the life and dedicated service of Fr George McCann, who passed away at the end of January. He had celebrated his impressive 60th anniversary of ordination last year. Although well into his 80s, not in the best of health and living in Northampton, Fr George was a frequent, much-loved visitor to our church. We shall greatly miss his warmth, friendship, gentleness and inspirational faith. May he rest in peace.

During Lent we have been observing the three disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving with a series of events, beginning with a fascinating insight into the spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola given by Brian Purfield from Mount Street



Jesuit Centre in London.

The Friday masses at midday followed by Lenten lunches have been well attended and a lot of money has been raised for CAFOD. Thank you to everyone for your generous support.

Mass times over the Triduum are as follows. Maundy Thursday 8pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper (at St Teresa's in Beaconsfield) followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 11pm. Good Friday 3pm, Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion (at St Teresa's); 7.30pm, Evening Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at St Dunstan's. Holy Saturday 9pm, Easter Vigil at St Teresa's. Easter Sunday Mass will be celebrated at St Dunstan's at 10am.

### St Mark's Parish Church

We came to the end of the Pilgrim course studying the Lord's Prayer and our home group embarked on a Lent course entitled 'Walking and praying with the people of the Middle East'. We meet on Thursdays at 7.45pm at 35 Blind Lane. This home group will continue to meet after Easter when we return to the Pilgrim course. All welcome.

The Alpha Course continues in church on Wednesdays at 7.30pm and on Thursdays at 10.30am. Just turn up to listen or to join in.

Sunday worship at 10.30am is Holy Communion but on the second Sunday of the month it is Pathway, an informal all-age service with kids' songs and hymns.

The Tuesday Puppet Theatre club is growing in number and welcomes eight-year-olds in the hall at 5pm.

People continue to drop in to the Monday Cafe in the hall from 10am to midday. Puffins, the Toddler group and their mums and dads enjoy meeting in the hall on Wednesdays from 10am to 11.30am. The monthly sale of nearly-new clothes is on the third Saturday of the month, 10am to midday.

Residents may exercise their ancient right to elect Churchwardens at the annual Vestry meeting in church on Sunday April 19 at midday. The annual Parochial Church Meeting follows this.

For further information contact the Rev Janet Binns on 01628 523046 or the Administrator Maura Carr on 01628 530181, or visit [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com).



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

All children are welcome to join in the fun at our Sunday Club from 9.30am each Sunday. We have Pre-School and Key Stages 1 & 2 groups. On Monday evenings our Youth Group meets from 7pm to 8.30pm.

The popular Teddy Bear Parachute Jump from our church tower takes place on June 28. We will also support the Wooburn Residents event on The Green on June 20.

The church will continue with its Open Sundays from June 29 until August 31. Do join us any Sunday afternoon for tea or coffee and homemade cake, plus a walk around our beautiful church.



St Paul's Church Hall is kept busy each week with our popular Toddlers group on Tuesdays at 9.30am and Tots' Praise on Fridays at 9.45am. St Mary's hosts our Friday short Communion service at midday followed by a shared lunch.

The church hall and garden in Town Lane, Wooburn are available for bookings by email on [stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com), phone 01628 525512 (Mondays 9.30am to midday) or via the website [www.stpaulswooburn.org](http://www.stpaulswooburn.org), which has details of all events.

### The Community Church

Easter is at the heart of the good news about Jesus – news that starts with angels proclaiming 'peace on earth, good will to all men' in the fields around Bethlehem, and concludes with angels in a tomb in Jerusalem declaring to a bunch of bewildered mourners "He is not here; he has risen!" So how about pressing the 'pause' button in your busy life and joining us at the Chapel on the Green to experience afresh the meaning of Easter? We'll be meeting on Good Friday, April 3, 9am-10am for a reflective service, and on Easter Sunday, April 5, 10.30am-11.45am (with refreshments from 10am).

On April 26 you are welcome to join us for a family bluebell walk followed by cream tea at the chapel hall. See details on

[www.wooburngreen.org](http://www.wooburngreen.org) where you can also find out about our Sunday services, baby and toddler groups, men's breakfasts, Thursday Lunch Club, Funday Sundays, Parenting and Marriage courses, CAP Money Courses and more.

The CAP Money Course is a great way to give your finances a 'spring clean' – over three evenings you will discover ways to make your money go further and get your finances under control. We're running the free Money Course in collaboration with other churches in Flackwell Heath and the Wye Valley and the next one starts on Thursday April 16 at 7.30pm at Christ Church, Flackwell Heath. For details email [peterlisle@outlook.com](mailto:peterlisle@outlook.com), ring 07802 450069 or book at [www.capmoney.org](http://www.capmoney.org).

### Cores End United Reformed Church

Our service on Good Friday at 10.30am will be meditative, whilst on Easter Sunday we will be celebrating the resurrection at a joyful service, with the church decorated with all the signs of renewal and rebirth - spring flowers, eggs, rabbits (not live ones). All are welcome.

Our collection at Easter is for Water Aid. There is also a basket available for donations for One Can.

Our Lent groups have been well attended and thought-provoking. One group took as its theme 'Desert Island Discs' and the impact of faith on their lives, the other group studied the relevance of the Parables to the problems of poverty today. We had a Children's Fun Day with an Easter theme on March 28.

Our new minister, Terry Hinks, will be inducted at Trinity URC in High Wycombe on April 25 and Terry then takes his first service at Cores End on April 26. This will be a very special occasion as everyone is looking forward to having a regular minister once again.





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Jean Purdy

## Magic and The Magic Circle



Bourne End Community Centre  
19:30 on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

£5 (£4 for Ass'n members) on the door or  
£4 (£3 for members) in advance from the  
Centre Office or the Centre Bar  
[www.bourneendbucks.com/centreTalks](http://www.bourneendbucks.com/centreTalks)  
A fund raising activity for B.E.(B).C.A.

## Events Committee

There was a small turn out of members to the March committee meeting proving that it would still be nice to have two or three new faces or maybe more... but please don't all bite my arm off at once!

The main topic for discussion was to begin to organise the Bourne End Community Association Village Fête. Sadly this did not go ahead last year due to lack of organisers – that's why we are keen to see the fête back on the social map in Bourne End. We want to see lots of local residents enjoying the event and, if they can help on the day, even better.

We have chosen the date as Saturday June 27 so please pencil this into your diary. I think it will be from 10am to 2pm and, hopefully, there will be music and a yummy barbecue to attract the crowds.

If you have an idea of something you would like to see at the fête or feel you can help in some way then please do get in touch either via the office on 01626 522604 or on my email [laura\\_manning@outlook.com](mailto:laura_manning@outlook.com). I shall look forward to hearing from you.

## Chess

The Chess Congress took place on March 29 so a report will appear next time. Whether Bourne End will be first or second in the Bucks League remains to be seen. We currently lead the division in the Berkshire League, but with our main rivals still to play. The chess club web site at [www.bucksvoice.net/bourneendchess](http://www.bucksvoice.net/bourneendchess) will keep you up to date. The second team continues to struggle while the third team has difficulty putting out a full away team. Roger de Coverly will be pleased to hear from prospective players on 01628 486676.

## Darts

The final of the Challenge Cup final was recently played at the centre. The match was between Black Lion 'A' and Black Lion 'B' and was won comfortably by the 'B' side. The community centre was chosen by both teams as a neutral venue, and possibly so that they could enjoy the delights of Avril's catering.

The Winter League is grinding to a halt with the centre team firmly placed in mid table. The Summer League starts soon and, as usual, we have high hopes.

In the Wycombe & Amersham League the Friday team find themselves in a most peculiar situation. On the one hand they are bottom of the league and on the other they have most points in the Jim Jones Pairs Cup. No explanation has been given for this. I suspect that the triples and singles players need a bit more practice.

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And he highlighted how trends had changed years ago might only fetch £60 in the current market.

Simon highlighted how the internet had changed viewing and bidding at auctions. He warned that prices can be inaccurate and he still believed that there was value something was with a look, a touch and sniffing. Great evening – thank you



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Peter Marks

## Air Traffic Control



Bourne End Community Centre  
19:30 on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May

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## BOURNE END ANGLERS

### News from the water's edge

The winter period started in December with a trip to a small secluded lake within woodland, West End Pool, near Waltham St Lawrence. The whole club turned out and the winning catch on a cold and windy day was 38lb 6oz, all carp.

January's trip was to Campbell's Lake at Milton Pools fishery. Freezing temperatures and strong winds again, made for a difficult day. Winning catch was 25lb 10oz, all carp. The venue's café served a welcome bacon roll to warm us up.

February's trip was to New Farm fishery at Fifield, arctic conditions were braved by a good turnout, and a winning catch of 16lbs, consisting of four carp and a bream of 5lbs made the day worthwhile.

Our next trip is a return to Lens Lake at Milton Pools in

March and a return to some milder weather.

Club Secretary Terry Belcher recalls that he joined Bourne End Anglers 26 years ago.

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These still apply, more so than ever. Terry has been going for over 48 years and organises social events during the year. New members always welcome to call and have a chat with either Roy or Terry on 01628 851001.

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Arrangement Society  
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**MAGPIES  
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&  
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Bourne End Community Centre  
Wakeman Road,  
Bourne End SL8 5SX

9.30am to 3.30pm

Sundays April 12  
May 3

*Antiques, collectables,  
jewellery, books etc  
Refreshments available  
all day*

All enquiries contact Ray  
on 01628 5525386  
Goods also purchased

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**MURDER MYSTERY EVENING &  
2 COURSE HOT SUPPER**

**WHO  
KILLED  
CAPTAIN BOB?**

By Terry Pattinson

Lots of suspects, all with  
motives—  
and ALL claiming  
responsibility...

**Can YOU work out whodunit?**

Saturday 16th May 2015, 8pm  
Community Centre, Bourne End

£12 (before 13th May)  
£15 (between 14th & 16th May)

Call 01628 823291 now to book your place  
BEB(C)A charity No. 300236

## Simon talks antiques

Simon Brown from Bourne End Auction Rooms was the March speaker in the community centre and as well as impressing us with his wealth of knowledge he provided lots of laughs. As a child his bedroom might change while he was at school if his father had found a buyer for his furniture. Assessing and valuing was in his blood.

Simon talked about some exciting sales of headline-making items along with the downside of having to value unoccupied property contents when the floors moved beneath your feet! Anged and something valued at £600 ten rrent market.

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**Bourne End Video Makers (BEVM)**  
is celebrating  
50 years of making short films

**BEVM  
.CO.UK**

To mark the occasion a Film Show of members' past and present short films will be showcased in the Community Centre Hall on

**Sunday May 31 from 3pm to 5.15pm (doors open 2.30pm)**  
Entry charge **£2.50 in advance or £3 on the door**  
(to cover Programme and Refreshments)  
*Make a note in your diary*

Bar available in Lounge  
Tickets on sale online from April 1  
at: [bevm.ticketsource.co.uk](http://bevm.ticketsource.co.uk) and from  
Bourne End Community Centre. Tel: 01628 522604

## Target Quiz



Number 85

Fill in your answers to this quiz set by Penny Walsh, and hand in the form at the community centre (along with your £1 entry fee) for a chance of winning Penny's special mystery prize. All money raised will go to the centre. The answers to this month's questions all start with MAN

- Jaw or jaw bone, especially lower?
- Monkey with white eyelids from West Africa?
- Care of hands by a professional?
- Public written declaration?
- A person exhibiting extremely wild or violent behaviour?
- Large house?
- A woman's loose outer gown?
- Greyish white metal with the atomic number 25?
- A cocktail made with whiskey, sweet vermouth and bitters?
- A trough for animals' feed?
- To make by hand or machine?
- Language of the Isle of Man?
- Large aquatic herbivorous mammal?
- Handcuff or shackle?
- Chinese ethnic minority?
- Yellow / red fleshy fruit?
- Type of pea that is all edible?
- Method. The way things are done?
- Devout insects?
- Ecclesiastical residence of a minister from Scotland?

The closing date is Friday May 8

Name:.....

Address:.....

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### ANSWERS TO QUIZ No 84

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## OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

### **1st Wooburn Scout Group**

Twenty-two Scouts and parents took part in a conservation programme organised by the Chiltern Rangers at the Warren Nature Reserve in Wooburn Park. They spent three fun-filled hours digging out steps, cutting down trees and foliage and collecting litter to make the reserve more pleasant for the many who walk there.

The Scouts were taught how to use saws and loppers correctly, often their first time using this equipment, and all enjoyed this team building and rewarding work. A donation from the Rangers went towards the new floor and boilers at the scout hut.

Beavers worked on their Communicator, Photography and Collector badges this term. They also tried out circus skills: spinning plates and juggling with clubs, hoops and balls. They learnt some Morse code and made nautical flags, and plan a hike and sleepover. For more about Scouting in Wooburn, visit [wooburn.wix.com/wooburnscouts](http://wooburn.wix.com/wooburnscouts).

### **Bourne End Video Makers**

The club has continued with its Winter Programme, including internal competitions and guest speakers. We entered two external competitions involving other video clubs and produced some films covering local events which are now on YouTube. We attracted some new members but are always seeking more.

For the club's 50th Anniversary in May plans include a Public Film Show on Sunday May 31 at Bourne End Community Centre. See details page 39. We look forward to welcoming members from the local community and others from further afield. You might spot yourself at a local event held many years ago.

If interested in video making ring 01494 712441 or visit [www.bevm.co.uk](http://www.bevm.co.uk).

### **Marlow Maidenhead Passengers Association**

On the Marlow Branch, Buckinghamshire Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership (BTVLEP) has agreed to extend its government 'Growth Deal' for the county by another £8.8million between 2016 and 2021.

They plan to improve the rail link to provide a half-hourly direct service on the branch to and from Marlow. Richard Porter, webmaster and membership secretary and Robert Latham, newsletter editor of MMPA have been quoted in the Bucks Free Press and Maidenhead Advertiser respectively supporting the move. First Great Western would oversee the project and install a section of track at Bourne End to allow two trains an hour to serve Marlow.

The committee has decided that with the successful establishment of the Henley Branch Users Group (HBUG), we will no longer take an active interest in the Henley Branch unless requested. The committee is in discussion with HBUG as to whether they wish to consider taking over responsibility for

Twyford station. Twyford Village Partnership also propose to monitor the station.

The committee has decided that, given the over £200 cost of distributing timetables to members twice a year, we should only do so where members positively request them.

A developer has submitted proposals to build housing on the site of the old coal yard next to Marlow Station. We have objected to the Planning Authority as we understand that as submitted this would cause serious access problems for maintenance of the line. Network Rail has also submitted a holding objection. If the plans were to go ahead this could put the line between Marlow and Bourne End at risk. If any reader becomes aware of a development proposal that could impact the Marlow Branch please advise MMPA as soon as possible.

With the contract to build new trains for Crossrail being awarded to Bombardier, MMPA continues to press the Government regarding the lack of toilet provision on these trains despite the potential for journeys in excess of one hour. We were informed that toilets on stations on the route will be upgraded where necessary and kept open during operating hours. This would presumably require stations to be staffed for extended hours which would seem to fly in the face of the McNulty Report which advised reduced staffing of stations to save money.

### **Marlow & District Railway Society**

We continue to thrive. In February a talk by Mark Hopwood, Managing Director for First Great Western, covered interesting proposals for our local service in line with electrification. If plans come to fruition we may see a welcome improvement to the frequency of trains.

On March 19 Tim Speechley gave a presentation on the Steam Scene in South Africa in 1979.

On April 16 David Cross returns with a further selection of pictures of 1960s trains taken by his father, the noted steam cameraman Derek Cross, featuring the Southern, Western, Midland and Eastern Regions; taken at various locations.

On May 21 Philip Marsh, Chief Correspondent for *The Railway Magazine* and author of *The Full Works*, gives a presentation on the past, present and possible future of Wolverton Works.

On June 18 at a joint meeting with the RCTS Windsor and Maidenhead branch, their chairman, Steve Ollive, will give a presentation entitled A Narrow View of German Steam, the eight ex-DR narrow gauge lines that survived reunification and passed from DB to local state responsibility in the 1990s. The photographs have all been taken between October 2012 and April 2014. Please note earlier start time of 7.30pm.

On July 16 Steve Nakoneczny from Sandy will give a slide presentation of photographs taken by his friend, the late Keith Pirt. Keith used first class camera equipment back in the 50s and early 60s to record the steam scene, predominantly East Coast main line but including other locations.

Proposed visits this year include The Kent & Sussex Railway Gala in May and Statfold Bahn in September. See [www.mdrs.org.uk](http://www.mdrs.org.uk)

### **Jeannine Greville Dance Academies**

Pupils of J G Dance have had great success winning no less than 152 places in the British Arts Semi-Finals National Dance Competition. Ranging in age from four to 18, the students performed modern, tap, ballet, national, drama and singing items. The finals are held in London during May, we wish them all the best of luck.

Royal Academy of Dancing Examinations produced yet another 100 per cent success rate with 20 students gaining a distinction.

In addition many pupils performed in pantomimes and through our agency have won parts in major films and on TV. Nicholas Hoult, a former pupil who starred in 'About a Boy' as a child and has gone on to star in many Hollywood films as an adult, has just finished 'Autobahn' with Anthony Hopkins and Ben Kingsley to be screened this October. We are very proud of his success. For more information on classes contact [info@jgdance.co.uk](mailto:info@jgdance.co.uk) or ring 01491 572000.

### **Bucks Family History Society**

We meet on the second Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm in the small hall at the community centre. On April 14 Julian Hunt will join us to talk about Bucks Wills and Inventories, focussing on 1500-1858.

On May 12 we will look at our own digital publications and make these available so that people can check if their ancestors are listed. We will also have the Bucks Names database available for full access to our other records. Copies will be available to purchase. Visitors are welcome to attend a talk in return for a contribution. See [www.bucksfhs.org.uk](http://www.bucksfhs.org.uk).

### **Bourne End Townswomen's Guild**

On April 8 we welcome Jenny Thorne to talk on The History of Shoes. On May 13 Diana Hayes talks about Annapolis, Baltimore and New York.

We meet on the first Wednesday in the month at 1.30pm in the Target Room at the community centre, visitors welcome. For details ring Cynthia Houchin on 01628 527931.

### **RNLI Bourne End and District Branch**

We raised £20,475.34 in 2014 and wish to thank all helpers, supporters and the local community for their continued help and support. Our largest fundraising event remains the house to house collection which has grown by 13 per cent over 2013. Our static boxes in pubs and shops saw a fantastic 38 per cent increase in takings.

Di Spokes is now Branch President. The AGM is at the Bourne End Community Centre small hall on April 9 at 7.30pm, all members and supporters welcome.

RNLI collectors will be at Sainsbury's, Beaconsfield on April 10 and 11. RNLI house to house collections take place during the week of May 11. The street collection on May 16 will support the RNLI's new initiative of Yellow Wellie pin badges and 'May Day', the idea being to capitalise on the dual meaning of Mayday at sea and May 1.

### **Bourne End Twinning Association**

On February 28 the sound of jollity and laughter rang out over Octeville Place (Wakeman Road Car Park) as 64 members

arrived for our AGM in St Dunstan's Church Hall.

Liz Yeeles, Chairman, welcomed Muriel and Olivier Richer, visiting from Octeville-sur-mer. Liz reported on last year's successful visit to Bourne End by the Octevillaises, and outlined plans for this year's return visit by our members in May, including a scenic train ride around the Baie de Somme en route.

Liz thanked the committee for all their efforts throughout the year. Treasure Paul and Lorna Hopper were unable to stand for re-election and were thanked for all their substantial contributions to the twinning association over the years. The other committee members were re-elected en bloc for the next year.

Members and visitors ate a most enjoyable buffet supper, with spectacular desserts prepared by Estelle Huxley. Dr Tony Maisey then gave an entertaining talk on Shakespeare's Seven Ages of Man and the modern health implications of each stage.

Our Barn Dance is on April 18 and our Quiz on June 20, tickets from David Langford on 01628 520065. New members welcome: see [www.betta.ukgo.com](http://www.betta.ukgo.com) or contact Liz Yeeles on 01628 521748.

#### **Bourne End Horticultural Society**

On April 16 Tony Powell will talk about The Scented Garden and on Saturday May 16 there will be a plant sale outside the library from 10am. Please come and buy some bargain plants for your garden.

On May 21 Bob Brown will share the delights of A Bucketful of Stuff.

Everyone is most welcome at St Dunstons Church Hall every third Thursday in the month at 8pm. For details contact Penny Hampson on 01628 521482.

#### **Wooburn Park Tennis Club**

Our new club house is now officially open, offering excellent facilities for our members, prospective members and visitors. To coincide with the Great British Tennis Weekend, all age groups are warmly invited to come to our Open Afternoon from 2pm on Saturday May 16 (May 17, if the weather is inclement). This will provide an excellent opportunity for players of all levels to enjoy a game of social tennis, complimentary refreshments and to learn more about the club. For information about the club, visit [www.wpltc.org.uk](http://www.wpltc.org.uk) or email [wpltc@sky.com](mailto:wpltc@sky.com)

#### **Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society**

Julia Mitchel has taken A Champagne Afternoon Tea as her theme on April 7 and her demonstration promises to be lively and delicious – just to tempt you to come along.

Then on May 5 we welcome national demonstrator Jacqui Arnold who will delight us with Summer Season. As usual with a national demonstrator it is certain to be a stunning display.

Meetings are held in the main hall at the community centre at 8pm. Visitors are welcome with entry £5 for regular demonstrations and £7 when there is a national demonstrator.

Lucky raffle winners take home the displays created during the evening.

## CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

### APRIL

- 2 Thurs Community Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8.30 pm. It's a £1 per person and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night
- 7 Tues Julia Mitchel has the theme A Champagne Afternoon Tea for her demonstration at the Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society meeting. See Page 37 for details
- 7 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the Community Centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle
- 9 Thurs Centre Talks: Jean Purdy on Magic and The Magic Circle, Bourne End Community Centre at 7.30pm. Details page 36
- 10 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 11 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library
- 12 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm
- 16 Thurs Tony Powell will talk about The Scented Garden at the Bourne End Horticultural Society meeting.
- 17 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 17 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company
- 18 Sat St Mark's monthly market in the church hall from 10am to midday with coffee and cakes
- 19 Sun Upper Thames Sailing Club hold their Spring Open Day from 10.30am to 4pm. See page 11 for full details
- 19 Sun Table top sale at the centre 9.30am to 11.30am. Call Caroline on 01628 485642 to take part
- 23 Thur Literary Quiz Night Supper in the library. Tickets £10 includes food. Details on page 32
- 24 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm

### MAY

- 1 Fri Bourne End Residents Association annual general meeting at 8pm in the small hall of the community centre. See page 3
- 1 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 3 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm
- 5 Tues National demonstrator Jacqui Arnold at the Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society. See their poster page 37 for details
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- 7 Thurs Community Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8.30 pm. It's a £1 per person and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night
- 8 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 8 Fri Meet the Artist; Jo Hall at the library with an informal private view of her work from 11am to 1.30pm. Refreshments will be available. Followed by a demonstration and mini workshop from 2 to 4pm. See page 11 for more details
- 8 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company
- 9 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library
- 14 Thurs Annual Parish Meeting (Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council) in the library at 7.30pm
- 14 Thurs Centre Talks: Peter Marks on Air Traffic Control at the Bourne End Community Centre 7.30pm. See page 36 for details
- 15 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 15 Fri Open Day in aid of Diabetes UK at 227 Blind Lane, Flackwell Heath. Stalls, tombola, tea and coffee from 9am to 6pm then cheese and wine until 10pm
- 16 Sat Forum Players present a murder mystery evening with two course hot supper at 8pm. See their poster on page 37
- 16 Sat Open Afternoon at Wooburn Park Lawn Tennis Club from 2.00pm (May 17 if the weather is inclement)
- 16 Sat St Mark's monthly market in the church hall from 10am to 12 noon with coffee and cakes
- 22 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 29 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 31 Sun Bourne End Video Makers celebrate 50 years of short film making. See their poster page 37

*The next issue of Target will cover June and July 2015.*

*Email editor@targetmagazine.org.uk by Monday May 4 to get your event included in the calendar.*

*The magazine will be published on Friday May 29.*

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

# AROUND & ABOUT



Smoke and mirrors were just part of an evening in the library that lifted the lid on how famous movie scenes were filmed.

It seems that a solid round cabbage is always first choice when the executioner's axe falls!

Paul Robbins was the special effects model maker with a wealth of stories and props. Animals are one area of his expertise so he asked the library ladies to join him for a photo with the animal model of their choice, dogs, cat and, of course, a parrot.

In explaining what he did he added that time was always the vital element – to the question “when do you want it?” the answer was “anything from eight days to tomorrow”. Making a false pizza that looked like a real pizza cost the programme makers £600, but saved them hours in production costs when the scene had to be repeated.

From Harry Potter — you would never guess how many wands Daniel Radcliffe broke during the series — to Indiana Jones and that famous fedora. They were all part of a fascinating evening in the library. Paul announced a comeback later in the year. This time he promises something completely different. It will be unmissable!



Cake Break in the library was again a happy occasion with funds being raised for the MS Society. A talk from Shana Pezaro about *Living life with MS to the Full* attracted lots of people who wanted to know more. Shana is a volunteer ambassador and campaigner for the MS Society. Shana's parents, Viv and Brian Pollock, were grateful for all the support they received from the library and many others. Funds raised came to just over £500. Pictured here are Peter Yeeles (left) with Viv and the group picture includes Shana with family friend and clearer-up helper on the day, Alicia Cutts. Alicia, 22, was born weighing 11lb 5oz.



Parents, staff and children from The Meadows School helped clear an area on the Mayfield Road school field site just before the half term break. The field is creatively used for Forest School sessions with the Foundation Stage children.

Lessons can be anything from flora and fauna to counting with sticks. Bracken was cut back and a large area raked of rubbish and dead wood to make way for children to learn some valuable outdoor skills.



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