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It's all change... but stays the same at the Bourne End vets

Some businesses arrive in Bourne End with a fanfare and ribbon-cutting ceremony, others have such a low key launch that even weeks after their arrival local social media is speculating about what is actually going to happen.

The change from Brook House Veterinary Surgery to Hall Place Veterinary Centre falls into the latter group.

The practice, which has been on The Parade in Bourne End for more than 20 years, was quietly and efficiently taken over by Hall Place in March and the good news for customers is that "things can only get better".

Like Brook House, which was started by vet Alison Trew, Hall Place is a privately owned company run by three vets Laura Bowen, Stuart Butler and Tony Collins, who set up together 22 years ago in Hall Place, the Berkshire College of Agriculture campus, at Burchetts Green. Over the years they have expanded their business moving their main site to Pinkneys Green and setting up branches in Marlow and Stokenchurch.

"We always wanted to have a practice in Bourne End," explains Laura. "But we knew Alison and would never have dreamed of going into competition with her here."

"When Alison decided to sell the practice to spend more time with her family and her horses we were delighted to finally come to this village."

For clients of the practice it means they now have the back-up of nine vets with a range of skills and specialities. This includes specialists in orthopaedic surgery, cardiology and ophthalmology.

And Pinkneys Green has state-of-the-art ultrasound equipment and digital X-ray machines as good as any hospital. So clients who usually come to Bourne End could use any of the services or specialists at the other branches if needed.

Prices will stay as they are. They will be brought in line with the other three clinics, but, Laura says, this will only mean some items will go up a bit and others will come down in price: "I very much doubt people will notice any real alterations in our pricing structure."

"Most things will stay very much the same, but we will be giving the building a bit of a makeover, improving access (this used to be a Barclays Bank and the heavy front door is quite tricky to negotiate when carrying a pet). There will be new signage this summer and we will be redecorating. But the general day-to-day running will remain as it has always

done. We are delighted that the same staff – nurses and receptionists — are still here.

"We have wanted to be in Bourne End for years, this practice fits in perfectly with our others and we are definitely here for the long term."

"I hope anyone who was unsure about who had taken over here will be happy to hear we are not some faceless corporate giant. We are very much a hands-on, group of animal-lovers and we look forward to meeting the pets of Bourne End!"

Laura added that if anyone has any questions about the changes pop into the surgery and have a chat or call her on 01628 525274.



Standing from l-r, vet Laura Bowen, nurses Louise Hearne and Hayley Danne, Practice Manager Anne Wright and seated, receptionist Annabel Kendall-Smith

Meanwhile in Wooburn Green...

The most commonly question asked by men accompanying their other halves to Sapphire dress shop in Wooburn Green is: "Where can I go to hire my outfit?"

"I always used to say Jolliffes in Marlow," says Sapphire owner Roz Hill. "Now I can say 'next door!'"

For Jolliffes store, a fixture in Marlow for more than 45 years, can now be found tucked just behind Sapphire in Wycombe Lane. And while Sapphire caters for the ladies with evening dress hire or purchase and bridal and mother-of-the-bride outfits, Jolliffes completes the picture with menswear and fancy dress hire.

"The response from clients has been fabulous," says Roz. "We're thrilled to have such a prestigious business here."

The store's founder, Geoff Jolliffe, 71, sold up earlier this year. The Marlow site is being developed for housing. Initially he wanted to stay in Marlow, but high rents in the riverside town made that unrealistic.

Daughter Rachel Jolliffe has taken the reins of the business which now concentrates on menswear and fancy dress hire.

She told Target: "I really like it here. There's a lovely mix of shops in the village. Many of our regulars have followed us here and it's lovely to see them and new faces too."



Discover what Claytons pupil, Jim Mellor, is focussing on: Page 12

PLUS: More diamond wedding celebrations pages 16 & 17 — reports from local sailing and tennis open days and much more...

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BULL'S EYE

If something is worth saying, it's worth saying twice... so I would like to once again thank all those people who called into the community centre, posted a cheque or made a direct bank transfer to pay for their Target magazines. One lady even brought in her £6 (the cost of Target for one whole year) in a collection of 1p and 2p pieces. But to pinch a supermarket's slogan....Every Little Helps!

If you would like to pay for your Target, but haven't yet got around to doing so, it's never too late! We put a guide price of £1 per issue (although it is of course free) and would really appreciate if you could set up a standing order to pay that, or call in at the community centre (or post a cheque). Cheques should be made payable to Bourne End (Bucks) Community centre, and electronic payments and standing orders can go to account number 65217757, sort code 08-92-99.

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And now for something completely different... Wooburn Residents Association Chair, Margaret Amos, sent in this photo of a snake she spotted in Wooburn. She told me: "We were having a lovely afternoon in the Easter holidays in Farm Wood with our grand-daughters aged 8 and nearly 10.

"They were building log dens and paddling in the stream in their wellies, until they saw the snake. Then they were in quite a hurry to get home! We came home and looked it up in the book and think it was a grass snake.



"I hope it won't frighten people off from going to Farm Wood..."

Grass snakes, sometimes called the ringed snake or water snake, are non-venomous snakes that can hiss, but rarely bite. They feed almost exclusively on amphibians (frogs and toads). In Great Britain, the grass snake is the largest reptile, reaching up to 190 centimetres (6ft 3in) total length, though such large specimens are rare. **Debra Aspinall, Editor**

It's a Honour...

In the February/March issue of Target we wrote about Sally Williams receiving the British Empire Medal (BEM) in the New Year Honours list for her many years of volunteer work in the local community. Sally, who is a stalwart of the Wye Valley Volunteers, is pictured right receiving her honour from the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher. Meanwhile Richard Millington, who also lives in Bourne End, received his OBE from Her Majesty The Queen at a ceremony in April. His award was for services to education. His photo perfectly captures the key moment of the ceremony at Windsor Cattle. Congratulations to Sally and Richard.

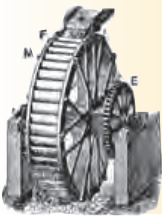


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Target magazine was launched in 1964 to provide information about the new Bourne End Community Association, with the name referring to the money required to build a new community centre. Over the years the magazine has grown, and its distribution area 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.



WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Margaret Amos Secretary to the Association

Wooburn Fête will be an opportunity for friends to get together and enjoy each other's company on Wooburn Green. As well as the usual attractions we have The Meadows School Choir and

All local community groups are invited to take a stall at no cost to raise awareness of/money for their group. Funds raised by the residents' association will be spent on local projects. Full details are to be found on our website at www.wooburnresidents.org and our Facebook page.

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Slate Meadow

Our group is represented on the Slate Meadow Liaison Group which has had three meetings with a fourth scheduled for June 8. Following the site visit in April, the next meeting will consider expert reports on flooding, infrastructure, landscape and ecology specific to Slate Meadow, and their implications for limiting any proposed development on the site, including effects on adjoining and wider areas.

The group reviewed the findings of the workshop held on March 14 and reiterated the preferred option of NO development.

It proposed a change to its Terms of Reference to enable the formation of a sub-group to examine matters in detail where appropriate.

We would like to thank those of the group who are working hard behind the scenes to press for any relevant reports to be made ready in good time and for us to consider before any application is made.

Wooburn Fête – Saturday 20th June – 12-4 pm, Wooburn Green

We are about to break out the bunting!

The date of Saturday June 20 should be etched on your brain and be in your diary circled with a prominent coloured marker, because it is going to be a day to remember.

Takeda Voices (a Wooburn company choir) singing, Dave the Disco entertaining and St Paul's School children country dancing.

1st Wooburn Scout group has been busy over the winter months preparing two new games for our enjoyment and interest. The Chimney Hoopla will invite you to throw a hoop over a chimney on a map where one of Wooburn's 11 paper mills once stood. And they will give you the opportunity to vent your stress of the week on their new smash a plate game. The Scouts will of course have their very popular Glory Spinner present which was made for the Big Jubilee Celebration on The Green in 2012, being a replica of an old game that appeared at most local fêtes until 1985, the original being owned by Glory Mill.

Maidenhead Concert Band is playing throughout the Fête, and there is the very popular Zorbing fun for the children along with a mega three-lane bouncy castle-slide, a kiddies' ride, races and tug-of-war.

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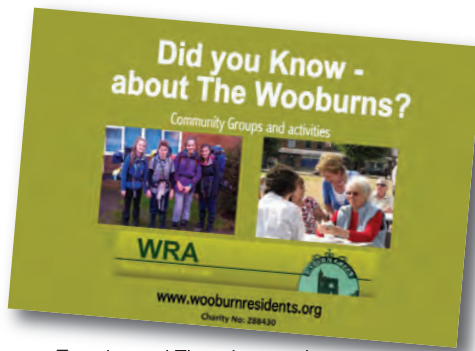
Did You Know – About The Wooburns?

We mentioned in a previous edition of *Target* that at the first meeting of our Action Group following the Community Led Plan questionnaire, people were not aware of all the community groups and activities currently available in Wooburn.

It was decided to compile a list of such groups and activities and that has been done.

On speaking to a neighbour on a summer's evening last year I learned she was off to circuit training. What's that I wondered? I learned from the Did you Know that in The Scout HQ on a Monday evening you can progress through a series of different exercises for short time periods which is an effective way of losing weight and increasing strength, fitness and core stability.

I also learned that you can perhaps be preparing for the autumn edition of Strictly Come Dancing by joining the Strictly Social Dance Group in St Paul's



on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Look out for the Did you Know – about The Wooburns?

Copies are to be found in the library, the doctor's surgery on The Green, The Red Lion, The Queen & Albert, The Old Bell and The Falcon Pubs. It is on our website and there will be copies on the Community Information Point at the fête. All community groups will be given copies for circulation.

Wooburn News

A new emailed newsheet, Wooburn News, has been launched.

The need for a monthly newsheet was identified at the Community Led Plan action meetings.

If your organisation or group has an event taking place, you can email Terri Sherlock at terriwooburn@btinternet.com by the 25th of each month and Wooburn News will be circulated at the end of each month.

If you would like to receive an emailed copy of Wooburn News, you can request one through our website at www.wooburnresidents.org. Our thanks go to Phil Grice of Proactive Edge for designing Wooburn News for WRA.

Next meeting of Wooburn Residents' Association is to be held on Monday July 13 at 8pm. Please check our website for details of the venue. All very welcome!

The Future of Our Village (FoOV) Bourne End

By David Langford

The 2015 update of the action plan for the Community Led Plan is now available at www.bucksvoice.net/foov. The FoOV e-mail address has been changed to foov1@yahoo.com.

FoOV is represented on the Slate Meadow Liaison Group and was concerned at the last meeting that the cost of consultation had risen for no obvious reason.

The parish council is going ahead with a Neighbourhood Plan and is forming a steering group of five or six people, but there is a need for willing helpers from all sections of the community to make the policy work. Some northern towns have embraced the idea in order to reinvigorate shops and tackle unemployment.

The kerb on the footpath between Blind Lane and Cores End Road, near the flats at the Blind Lane end, has been repaired following prompting by FoOV, but a general repair requires a larger expenditure which we will follow up at the Local Area Forum.

The parish council ownership of Cherwell Road Green space has stalled over legal problems but the transfer of Sappers Field was progressing.

There was a request that the press should attend the meetings but this was rejected.



Help for Headway

Headway, the brain injury association, would like more

local volunteers to help with sessions at the community centre on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9.30am and 4pm. Anyone interested can pop in and get more info or contact Loraine Clark on 07704 860754 or hsb.coordinator1@headwaysouthbucks.org.uk

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Marina Life with Peter Osborne



Well, as the sounds of 'Rock the Moor' fade away the river has come alive and it appears that many boats have come out of hibernation. I know this as it's Sunday morning and there seems to be boats everywhere, including several on our service pontoon that have appeared overnight along with those that had booked in for the evening.

It will take some time to reposition all the boats so that we can get back to normal (well as normal as we ever get).

Chaos is working fine now after his road accident and Matty is refreshed following a holiday in Cyprus. I will review Matty's salary; if he can afford to fly off on holiday he is obviously earning too much. Maybe he flew away to do some work... people keep telling us every day here is a holiday.

The Riverlight Restaurant on the marina has come alive as people discover that it's open. I can vouch for the quality of their cuisine, the Sunday Roast is one not to miss (I think I'm putting on weight). The opening of the restaurant has enhanced the ambiance of the marina and brought even more life to the site. In Bourne End and the environs we are spoilt for choice with quality restaurants, however, Riverlight is so different in many ways. It is one to put on the list to try. Good luck to them.

When the marina was redeveloped some 12 years ago a temporary telephone cable was laid under the river to Cockmarsh to replace the overhead cable that was supported by very large telegraph poles either side of the river. This needed replacing due to the poles being condemned. The temporary cable has just been replaced. The old one was laid over the bankside and was being damaged by boats rubbing against it. We re-sited the

cable within the marina and then laid it under the water by pulling it with the tug.

Once this was connected at both sides of the river we recovered the old cable. This was quite fun as it was well laid and proved difficult to pull out. In the end we attached one end to the Landover and just drove forward pulling it out without any effort. We hope all the properties over on Cockmarsh enjoy improved communications as a result.

Business attracted from the river is so far up on last year, obviously we have not had the floods this time and with improved weather conditions there has been more boat movement. This is reflected in increased amounts of fuel sold and sewage pump-outs. With the increase in river traffic comes an increase in inconvenience; this is in the form of more boats mooring up at The Bounty, which in turn makes it a pain to the marina staff as we cannot always moor outside the establishment when on vital company business. It's just not on, I will speak to Dave the landlord about this and if he doesn't correct this situation the same thing will happen as happened on Rock the Moor night. What happened on Rock the Moor night you may well ask? We had to walk over!

People have been making comments about the river levels this year and how low they are. The levels are controlled by the Environment Agency using the weirs. Their aim is to keep the river open for navigation. They have kept it quite low in the event that there is a deluge due to rain. This will allow them to control the levels better and let the deluge pass by without flooding riverside properties - all at a minimum of inconvenience to river users.

Although many people think that the

levels are low it is maintained within certain tolerances to ensure safe navigation. This year we have had nowhere near as many caution boards displayed as last year. The better they control the river the more usage is gained from it.

So far this year it's been a bit unusual, because nothing unusual has happened. We have not had any long tows to carry out with the tug and we have not craned any strange items so far. The only unusual thing that I can recall is that I went to the Black Lion for refreshment, but could not pay as I had arrived without any money. I was afforded credit on this occasion and had to go back in the evening weighed down with drinking tokens and vouchers to repay my debt.

By the way, don't worry when you see the Black Lion encased in scaffolding. It's all part of their improvement project and the pub is still fully open for business — great news for yours truly.

We are inundated with mayflies at the moment, well it is May. The mayfly starts its life as an egg underneath water and after time and a few changes ends up coming to the surface to be seen in great numbers near water. They have no mouth therefore they don't feed and live only about 24 hours. In their brief lifetime they mate in the air and then the female descends into the water, lays her eggs and dies. They are a good source of food for fish. The males generally go off and die inland. When they are swarming they fall prey to birds such as swallows who feed from them on the wing. A strange life, born, fly, mate, eat no food and die being a food supply for other beings!

Well as it's late in the evening now and very dark it's time to go home. As ever it will be good to see you down here, just remember, don't steal the ice creams or Rocky will get you.

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Much more than just a doodle

says Zentangle teacher Jane

Jane Marbaix has been teaching Zentangle for four years, after qualifying as a teacher in the USA. She's even written a book on it and has a second book out later this year.

But what is Zentangle?

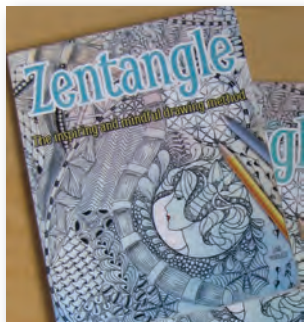
Jane explains: "Zentangle is meditation achieved through pattern-drawing. A Zentangle is a complicated looking drawing that is built one line at a time. Simple tangles, or patterns, are combined in an unplanned way that grows and changes in amazing directions.

"With your mind engaged in drawing, your body relaxes. Anxiety and stress move to the back burner. Often, new insights are uncovered along with a sense of confidence in your creative abilities."

Jane teaches at a care home in Cookham Dean once a week and also at a psychiatric clinic: "I also teach at home in Wooburn Green and have a monthly Zentangle Club in the library at Bourne End."

The love of Zentangle is certainly spreading. Jane's first book (pictured here) published by Arcturus Publishing has already been translated into French, German and Dutch.

Zentangle was created by artists Rick Roberts and Maria Thomas as a tool to be used by artists and non-artists alike. For information about the process, instructions, and lots of beautiful examples, be sure to visit their website at www.zentangle.com or contact Jane on janemarbaix@mac.com or ring 01628 528 248. Her website is zentanglewithjane.me.



Farewell after 30 wonderful concerts

This October the annual concert given by Bourne End Concert Orchestra will be its final event; its Farewell Concert. Since 1985 this concert has been a highlight in the community centre's year as musicians gather, rehearse and play in the evening. It has been a major organisational achievement as well as a superb musical occasion for the local community.

As yet the programme for the Farewell Concert has to be developed but conductor John Timewell (pictured) is determined that this will be a celebration and not a nostalgic selection.

"This will be a celebration of something that has been enjoyed by performers and audiences alike for many years," John emphasises, "and I am delighted that our soprano soloist, Lori Lynn, has agreed to sing with us again for this special occasion."

Look out for details of the programme for this Farewell Concert along with ticket information in the next issue. Make sure to be part of something special as this concert event bows out after 30 wonderful concerts.



Past Times sets the record straight

Thanks to two readers who questioned statements made in the Past Times feature (April/May 2015) related to George Kessler. When Kessler staged a North Pole dinner at the Savoy Hotel his reason related to the failure of Captain Cook to reach the Pole. In fact he was Doctor Frederick Albert Cook, an American explorer and physician, who accompanied many polar expeditions. He claimed to have reached the North Pole in 1908 but his claim was disproved by a committee of scientists who said Dr Cook had submitted insufficient evidence to support his claim. To some Dr Cook was a hero while others consider him a scoundrel – this controversial character was also described as being open and charming.

Our apologies for the possible confusion with Captain Robert Falcon Scott who led the ill-fated expedition to reach the South Pole in 1912.

Regarding George Kessler's survival from the sinking of the Lusitania a reader explained that the liner had been built by John Brown on Clydebank and was a sister ship to Mauretania, and not Titanic. They did not even run in the same fleet – Lusitania being Cunard and Titanic of the White Star Line. Our reader, Peter Marshall from Abbotsbrook, did point out that the only real comparison is the fact that they both carried inadequate lifeboats.



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.

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Elections

By the time this edition of *Target* is delivered the elections will be done and dusted for another few years and residents will be either sighing with relief or despair depending how the voting went.

As none of our parish council seats were contested, all of our parish councillors who applied for re-election were duly re-elected. One of our councillors, Michael Garrido, realised that his work commitments were preventing him from giving as much time as he wanted to the parish council and so he decided not stand for re-election. We would like to thank Michael for his input into the council while he was with us.

We have had a new councillor join the ranks. Councillor Miss Ruth Eastley went through the election process and was elected uncontested onto the parish council.

She will join the councillors representing the Wooburn Green ward. We would like to welcome her and look forward to working with her. We still have four councillor vacancies. If

you are interested in becoming a councillor or would like to know more about what it entails please contact Malcolm Silver (Clerk) on 01628 522827 or email him at clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk

Our groundsmen

Our groundsmen, Roland and Shane, are responsible for undertaking all the maintenance tasks in the parish which can cover anything from grass cutting the parks and cemeteries to fixing a leaky tap at Peggs allotments.

They have a weekly meeting with the clerk and while they are hoovering up the tea and biscuits he goes through the tasks that they have completed and updates their working list with new tasks that the councillors have agreed.

They recently dusted off the mowers and have been cutting the grass in our open spaces for the last few weeks. Although they do work at times independently, they also work together on numerous occasions for example when one is mowing the grass the other one is strimming the edges. This has led to nick names being imposed on them such as Bill and Ben, Wallace and Gromit, Laurel and Hardy and the office favourite, Hinge and Bracket.

All joking aside, the lads work very hard to keep the parish looking in tip top condition and we hope that you think they do a great job too.

Blind Lane bus stops

The parish council has paid for, and had installed, an area of tarmac with crossing points for the bus stop on the lower part of Blind Lane close to Blind Lane Play Area.

Previously pedestrians had to walk across and stand on the grass which wasn't ideal in bad weather and it was hard work for the disabled and people with pushchairs.

We have already received positive feedback from a regular user of the bus stop and hope that other residents agree that it has made getting to the bus stop easier.

Transport for Bucks has put a request into the bus stop department at Bucks County Council to have the timetable board turned to face the tarmac so that pedestrians do not have to walk back onto the grass to check when the buses are coming.

Town Lane Pavement

We have received a complaint from a resident regarding the amount of litter and dog mess that is currently found along Town Lane between Spade Oak Construction and The Green.

The Waste Team at Wycombe District Council has been asked to clean up the area, but we urge residents to dispose of their litter at home and dog walkers to clean up after their dogs.

We have numerous litter and dog waste bins in Wooburn Park so it would take very little effort to cross over the road and make use of the receptacles provided. Dogs will always "go" when they need to and it is up to their owners to be responsible and clean up after them.

Leaving their dog's mess behind to become a nuisance to others walking along the paths is unacceptable when there are dog bins close by.

Wooburn Green is a very pretty village and it is up to all of us to keep it that way.

Short & Sweet

All renewal slips and payments for Peggs allotments plots have now been returned and the process of re-allocating plots that have been given up is well underway.

MEETING DATES

Full Council: June 23, July 28
Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials: June 2, July 7
Planning, Highways & Lighting: June 3 & 24, July 15
F&GP: June 9, September 8

All meetings start at 7.30pm

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



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It isn't easy being single and finding a new partner when you are in your 40s and 50s. A lot of people try internet dating which works for some, but for the majority it's time-consuming, frustrating and disappointing. Hart to Heart parties return to the old-fashioned and more natural way to meet people; through a trusted network of friends.

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Lynn Hart, the founder of Hart to Heart, says: "I wanted to offer people the chance to come to an event that was both sophisticated and special, that will always be held at an elegant venue. An event which guarantees the same number of ladies as men. It is very simple, there are no gimmicks or games - it will always be a beautiful venue, full of warm and friendly, eligible people enjoying a few drinks, having some fun and good conversation.

"It is social networking with a twist - a romantic one - hopefully! Every guest has been

personally invited - often through friends of friends.

"The response has been fantastic and my database has grown by 400% in under a year. Each time I've heard of at least ten couples meeting up again and I'm sure there are more.

"The nice thing is people are coming back and getting to know one another, so it's fast becoming a room full of friends making new friends."

Lynn is planning to hold a more mature Hart to Heart party later in the year for those aged 65 plus and she'd love to hear from anyone who might be interested.

The next H2H party is being held on Thursday June 25 at the stunning Grandstand Pavilion in Phyllis Court. Entry is by invitation only - for more information and details of how to book email lynn@harttoheart.co.uk www.harttoheart.co.uk

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Activities in the Harvest Hill area

We have had an active Winter and Spring and are planning an action-filled summer.

Last month we had a very popular and enjoyable **Quiz Night** in St Dunstan's Church hall in aid of Iain Rennie Hospice Care at Home. For the price of the ticket we had a tasty fish and chips supper, a busy bar and a most amusing and challenging quiz run most ably by quizmaster, Nigel Pullen.

A wonderful raffle boosted our earnings with very generous prizes provided by almost all of the local traders of Bourne End village to whom we are most grateful. As a result of the evening we were able to hand over to Iain Rennie a cheque for £1,100 so thanks to everyone for their generosity on the night and the hard work of the organising committee. A lot of fun was had by all. Our picture shows John Kelly (right) presenting the cheque.

The **Spring litter pick** was again organised by John Kelly and with 17 volunteers we were able to clear the roadside litter from Hawks Hill, Harvest Hill, Kiln Lane, Widmoor,



picnic" with music from Steal Works supported by a local, exciting up-and-coming duo "Morgan Bahia and Jh".

There'll be all the usual attractions - Tug-of War, dog show, real ale bar and much, much more. Our local choir "The Sappers Singers" is deep into practice under the sharp eye of our choir mistress Tessa Suggett. We have a raft of new songs to entertain the crowd. A flyer is displayed on the notice board by the gate of Sappers Field.

If you would like to join the party or you are a resident of our area and would like to know more about our activities please e-mail Garry Corcoran sappersfield@outlook.com

Grassy Lane, Heaven's Lea, Cricket Hill, Hedsor Lane and great swathes of Broad Lane, Wooburn Common Road, Heathfield Road and Sheepcote Lane.

An enterprising team co-opted a passing Chiltern District waste lorry into taking a dozen of our rubbish bags away!

Around 90% of all we collected was recyclable so it was well worth doing.

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The jewel of the Summer, the **Sappers Field Party**, is all arranged for July 5. The format is "bring your own

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The bank staff, seen on the left with pupils and the new defibrillator, said they were very grateful for the generosity of local businesses who had contributed raffle prizes and the ever-giving public who tirelessly support their fund-raising efforts.

Claytons have begun to roll out lessons in first aid and using the equipment. Year Six have already learned under the Heart Start scheme how a defibrillator can save lives. Sadly it will not just be nearby adults who may rely on the equipment one day. Children can also suffer from arrhythmia (the medical term for an irregular heartbeat or abnormal heart rhythm).

There are plans for the Claytons equipment to be placed in an accessible box outside the school for public access. It is easy to use; you have to call 999 to be given a code, then the machine gives clear, easy-to-follow instructions. There is a second defibrillator in place outside Bourne End Community Centre.

Our photos show, top left pupils in sports muft with the bank representatives, below left Jim Mellor, who took photos for the school, and below right, from l-r, Ian Bowerman (Marlow Branch Manager) Zoe Barber (Bourne End Branch Manager) Amanda Moth (local customer manager) and Danny Bays, (local director).

Lloyds banking on buying 24 local defibrillators

Kind-hearted staff and generous customers of Lloyds Bank in Bourne End have helped the bank raise money to place a defibrillator at Claytons Primary School.

At a special assembly in April, the schoolchildren, who held a sport-themed fund-raising day to support the bank, thanked Lloyds staff for their efforts and representatives from the bank explained to the children how important this vital piece of equipment could be to their school and local community.

Lloyds Bank staff, who the same week placed defibrillators in schools in Maidenhead and Marlow, have been raising funds with raffles and cake sales and have individually entered events like marathons and triathlons under the umbrella of the Arrhythmia Alliance charity over this year to try and reach an impressive target of 24 defibrillators in 24 local school locations



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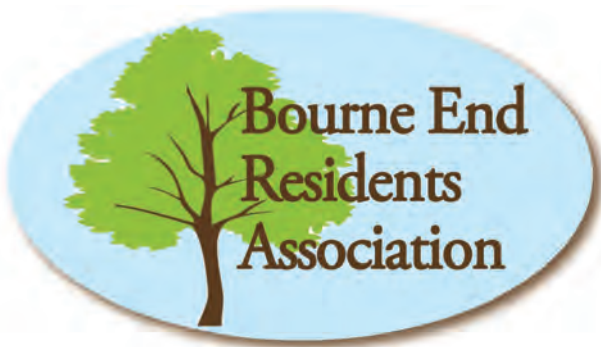
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It is difficult to write an article and not say something about the recent local election. Let us make it clear that no residents' association should be involved in politics. Clearly its function is to look after the best interests of the majority of local residents.

This does not mean that on occasion some may disagree with an action or support we give to some initiative. For example a landowner might not approve if we strongly support a footpath or bridleway on his land. We believe the correct stance should be based on our belief as an association.

Slate Meadow should not be built on with the loss of a green space which, at the moment, separates two villages. We accept that this feeling may not be universal and that there is a need for more housing.

However any such action should never be based on following a 'party' line. On this subject, we should offer our thanks to any councillors, local or otherwise, who have retired, or not been re-elected. Over the years many have assisted us in many ways and we appreciate the work they put in on behalf of their community. At this same time we would welcome any newly elected councillors and trust we will get similar help and support from them.

The changing face of Bourne End carries on at a rapid pace. The crane now towers over the McCarthy & Stone building site. The driver's view from his lofty cabin must be quite spectacular. We may try and get the crane operator to take some photos which would be worth including in our historic archive in the library. We now know

that the new development is to be called Blyton House.

McCarthy & Stone seem to have checked out our local history and found the name of someone famous who would have regularly walked past that corner. When she was living at Old Thatch in Coldmoorholme Lane the author walked and wheeled her young family into the village. It is also thought that she described the old police station in one of her Mystery stories. This is now the site of the new Tesco Express. Even with Enid Blyton's vivid imagination it is hard to believe that she could have woven that into one of her stories.

As briefly mentioned in the last issue of Target the date is now known for the Public Inquiry regarding the application for 22 dwellings on the old railway line off Cores End Road (adjacent to Blackbird Cottage) and Trees Road.

It starts on Tuesday October 13 at 10am in the council offices in High Wycombe. It is likely to last up to eight days and no one would expect the public to attend for the duration. Even the most committed would, I fear, be bogged down by the legal and planning arguments over that period of time.

Frankly the chairs are not even comfortable enough to be able to catch a few minutes respite by quietly nodding off. What I would request is that as many people as possible find the time to attend on the first morning. This shows the Inspector that local people care and that it is simply not just the councillors and the planning department who are objecting. The Statement of Case with regard to this is now available on the WDC planning website no 14/06823/OUT. It makes interesting reading and highlights all the reasons why the development should never be approved.

And here's a thought, what makes it more important that this application is refused, is that there is a proposed bridleway between Bourne End and Wooburn Green. If planning permission were granted via this Public Inquiry the value of the land would increase to the extent that neither WDC nor BCC would ever be able to sanction the payment of this sort of compensation to the landowner. So we all need to do whatever we can to support WDC and hope for a refusal of this application.

There will be a separate Public Inquiry on the actual Bridleway Creation Order, but that is unlikely to be held until January 2016. Seems a shame that, as they are so closely linked, the two could not have been held simultaneously.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who attended our AGM on May 1. Sorry if you were unable to attend, we do try to make it as enjoyable as possible so do try to come next year.

In the meantime thank you for taking the time to read this article. We try to keep everyone up-to-date on planning and other issues, but if you have any thoughts or questions feel free to give me a ring.

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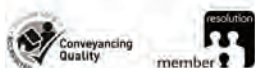
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Little Marlow Parish Council

By Emma Marsden, parish clerk

Councillor vacancies

By the time you read this we will have had the General Election and know who will be occupying No10 Downing Street. However, locally things are not so finalised. Little Marlow Parish Council has two vacancies for Councillors to join the parish council. This role is voluntary and can be very rewarding as you are directly involved in the community in which you live. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Fern Lane Cemetery

A lot of maintenance work has been done at the burial ground in regards to the trees. It is a beautiful and peaceful place but the trees had grown too tall along the entrance. Little Marlow Cemetery has a small chapel which can be hired for funeral services. It is also used in June as an exhibition space for stained glass as part of Bucks Art weeks.

Playground

We are delighted the new playground equipment is now all in place at the recreation ground in Little Marlow. It has really improved the whole area for our younger parishioners!

Local Council Award Scheme

The National Association of Councils (NALC) has introduced a new award scheme to replace the Quality Status awards. Little Marlow Parish Council was awarded Quality Status in 2004 and we are delighted to be one of the first parishes to attain this new award at Foundation Level. This new scheme forms different levels and the council are now working hard to attain the next step.

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Report your near miss...

The parents at Claytons School have been campaigning to improve the safety of the zebra crossing at the bottom of Wendover Road in Bourne End.

They say there have been far too many near misses with daily occurrences of cars failing to stop at the crossing or simply going too fast to stop (on some occasions even skidding over the crossing).

This crossing serves the primary school and parents say it's a miracle that there hasn't been a serious accident. They would like to make the crossing safer with brighter lights, better road markings. So if any readers have had a bad experience on that crossing, or witnessed one, please fill in a council complaint form. This can be found at: <http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/about-your-council/contact-us/feedback-and-complaints/feedback-and-complaints-form/>

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Take your Target

Betty Bell Smith – Target distributor for Wooburn Manor Park – and Christine Pow took a *Target* to India where they visited the Manas National Park in Assam. They perched high on the back of an elephant and they walked among rhinos.

The picture was taken by someone on another elephant. Betty commented that it wasn't a perfect picture and not as good as Ian Waite in the last issue.

Some might argue about that Betty and envy you both the trip to such a wonderful area to see the world's endangered species.

In fact we think they have set the bar for Take Your *Target* pretty high.. as high as an elephant's eye maybe?

Fishing for compliments

Angling Club members held their AGM in the Target Room at the community centre on Wednesday May 13. After the formal reports there was the presentation of trophies for 2014 and then members confirmed their membership for 2015.

A feature of the evening was the good humour and hilarity between all concerned making it more of a get together of friends than a formal occasion. At the end of proceedings all the officers were re-elected to stand for another year.

Members gave their officers a round of applause and grateful thanks for all their hard work. Chairman Roy Savin, treasurer Anthony Coleborn and secretary Terry



Belcher responded with their thanks for the support of the members.

Pictured here are trophy winners – from top Graham Kaufman, Roy Savin, Robert Smith (below left) and Terry Belcher. Neil Townsend did not attend but would have been a trophy winner.



Having been part of the community association since the 1960s the club is hoping to attract some new members. Anyone interested should contact secretary Terry Belcher on 01628 851001.



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Nancy and Michael Roe

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Michael's big career break came soon after they were married when he was appointed sub editor of the *East African Standard* in Kenya. He and Nancy moved to a new life that lasted 14 years – seven years before Kenya's independence and then seven years after.

Nancy's journalistic experience provided good job opportunities and she edited company magazines while Michael won promotion on his newspaper. Nancy secured key roles on local radio and television. She started by newsreading and progressed until she had her own women's magazine show. "Even when the children were born I could continue to work as we were lucky to have help at home," Nancy points out.

Nancy's acting talents brought her leading parts at the National Theatre in Kenya and while working on radio she interviewed Lady Baden Powell which

was to lead to her passion for Girl Guiding.

While Michael was at the forefront of reporting Kenya's position as a newly-independent country he was aware of the tension simmering below the surface and the possible threat this could pose for his family. Eventually they made the decision to return to England. Restrictions forced them to leave their assets behind and, after finding just enough money for the deposit on their Bourne End home, Nancy found herself struggling to do the family

wash in the bath for a time.

With his experience Michael was able to find a post with a leading international TV news agency. It involved lots of travel abroad while Nancy did a variety of temporary jobs which included working for Sylvia Anderson, of Thunderbirds fame, at Pinewood. In Kenya she had set up a Brownie Pack and back home she became County Commonwealth Advisor and later Thames Division Commissioner.

Today from their garden they can look out onto an Abbotsbrook stream with kingfishers, ducks, swans, and, just recently, white egrets. Michael plays golf and in 1991 wrote the centenary history of Burnham Beeches Golf Club. He has the distinction of recording five Holes-in-One!

They enjoy time with their three grandchildren and have a host of stories to tell them.



Dorothea and Jimmy Heyes

Long before their city was immortalised by The Beatles, Dorothea and Jimmy met at a youth club

in Liverpool. It was 1948 and Jimmy was demobbed after completing his National Service as a Weapons Training and Drill Instructor. When they married Jimmy was working as an accountant and company secretary while Dorothea was a managing director's secretary in the shipping industry based in the Cunard Building. They moved out to the Wirral in Cheshire where their

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Dorothea and Jimmy

daughter Penny was born in 1960.

Life changed in 1963 when the family moved to Bourne End - about the same time that The Beatles were changing Liverpool and the world of popular music. Jimmy's job was moved to Maidenhead with a later move into London working for an international advertising agency.

Son Alan was born in 1964 and a few years later Dorothea was asked by Dr Joe Bailey to help out at his surgery. "It was only supposed to be for three months," Dorothea remembers "and I was secretary to four of the doctors." Eventually Dorothea took over the management of the practice and retired in 1993 after 26 years. Thankfully Dr Bailey could diagnose better than he could calculate how long Dorothea's skills would be needed.

With time for a new challenge Dorothea became secretary to the priest at St Mark's Church, secretary of The Wooburns, Bourne End & District Relief in Sickness Charity and she also took over the running of monthly Sunday tea parties for the local elderly. And she managed to fit in providing emergency cover at the surgery. Both before and after retirement Jimmy served St Mark's with two stints as churchwarden and 15 years a treasurer of the PCC. He is still a Eucharist Minister for parishioners who are home-bound and in nursing homes. You will also

see him serving at weekday and Sunday services. Jimmy's money skills meant he was treasurer of Wye Valley Volunteers for 12 years and they were both volunteer drivers.

When leisure time permitted Jimmy played cricket for Boyne Hill as well as football and squash. Dorothea played netball for Bourne End and then badminton 'for fun'. To celebrate their diamond anniversary they are being taken away by daughter Penny to enjoy different views and to relax.



Joan and Frank Farrow

Looking back Frank Farrow's immediate thought was "just cannot imagine where the time has gone," with Joan in total agreement. They grew up in North Kensington during the Second World War. They both knew what it was like to be evacuated away from the city for safety. Frank smiles when he remembers that their first meeting was in a community centre that had been hit by a land mine.

Frank was an apprentice telephone engineer with the Post Office and was able to continue this work when he was called up for his National Service in the Air Force. Then it was straight out to the Mediterranean. Frank's posting was to Air Sea Rescue and he moved around different RAF stations with Joan's photo on his locker being the only reminder of his girlfriend back home. "It was very difficult to get nylon stockings then," Joan laughs, "so Frank used to send me stockings - a leg with each letter!" Back home Joan trained in accounting and worked for the Rootes car company. They were married at St John's Church in Kensal Rise and moved to a maisonette in Swindon as homes in London were difficult to find. When Frank had to return to London they heard about some new bungalows being built in Bourne End. They bought one and have lived there ever since. It cost £3,250 and they were lucky to get a mortgage with the Hearts of Oak Building Society. Their monthly payments were £17 1s 8p (old money).

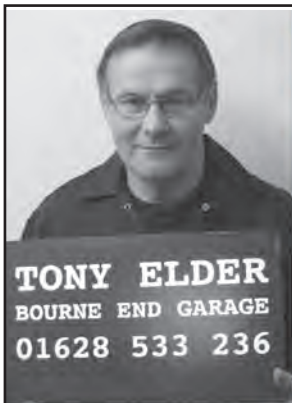
Over the years Frank extended the bungalow. Their daughter Georgia was born and the family were supporters of the new community centre and what it had to offer. Joan had become involved with the League of Health and Beauty and subsequently the Keep Fit Association. Today she still has her own regular class in the Target Room at the centre.

Frank did a variety of jobs but was made redundant in 1989 after 21 years with an industrial X-ray company in Windsor. He then decided to change direction and do something he really enjoyed. Until retirement he did gardening and had a regular list of clients.

Frank was one of the founder members of the Short Mat Bowls club at the community centre and still bowls today. They are members of the twinning association and Joan helps at the Wye Valley Volunteer Bureau. For their anniversary celebrations will involve friends and family and could be a lengthy party! Perfect.



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Sandra Stanton remembered...

Many people will recall waving to postlady Sandra, saying a cheery greeting or just smiling at the sight of this lovely lady who was part of Bourne End. Her sudden death at 51 after a short illness, will have left these same people, and many more, stunned and saddened.

Sandra did more than deliver the post – she was part of the Bourne End community. Among family and friends she was someone special who would make you laugh, provide support and just be there when needed. She will be missed and remembered by so many who still find it hard to believe that she is no longer around.

One of five children Sandra was born in Taplow and went to school in Bourne End. She attended both the old Claytons, then in Station Road, and onto the new Claytons in Wendover Road. From there she moved to Deyncourt Secondary in New Road. After leaving school she worked for an engineering company while she waited to be old enough to join Royal Mail. A role that was to last for nearly 33 years.

And from those years there are endless memories of someone who loved dogs, knew children's names and would go out of her way to provide something special for her friends on her post round. When buying their house one couple remember being told that the postlady is lovely. When they were sent a fish for Christmas Sandra took it home and froze it as she knew they were away.

Although faced with deliveries that often meant walking up long drives Sandra always found time to pat the dog, ask after someone's

health or provide support when she knew that there were problems. She was an exceptional person and totally involved in the community. With a love of craft, including knitting and embroidery, Sandra knitted a snowflake for the Spade Oak tree and embroidered a picture for someone who helped her with family history research. When she heard that a grandchild was due Sandra took up her needles and knitted cot blankets.

Sandra loved travelling and a highlight was a visit to Australia and New Zealand last year. Over the years she would choose a different European country to visit and come back with great stories. She loved to be busy, she loved to laugh and she loved to share the good things of life. Sandra was caring and would do anything for anybody.

Along with a large number of family and friends, Bourne End's postal delivery team attended her funeral and were united in their sense of loss. They were able to smile on learning Sandra had asked that the service include a cheerful poem. It's called So where's the band? and the last two lines are Sandra's message to all:

This was my life and now it's yours, for the memories carry on. I'd like to leave you each a smile to remember now I'm gone. and she chose the final piece of music herself. From The Wizard of Oz: *The Wicked Witch is Dead.*

A memorial for Sandra:

Saddened by the news, hundreds of Bourne End residents left Facebook messages with fond memories of Sandra, so a memorial fund has been launched (plaque, tree, bench, bicycle rack or maybe sculpture). The final choice will be made by residents, depending on how much money is raised. Please put your donation into an envelope and take it into the community centre, the library, Post Office in Furlong Road or Bourne End Marina office in Wharf Lane.

If you would like to help (or have any questions) please phone Mike Judge on 01628 524108 or email kath.acres@spadeoakfarm.com.

Target will be kept informed of progress and if anybody has a photo of Sandra on her bike around Bourne End please contact Mike or Kath (who have so far failed to find one).



Sandra with husband Peter, photographed on their last holiday together

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Canoeing section

Now that the weather and the river conditions have improved the canoeing section members can enjoy the water to the full. They are back on the Thames and there are spaces for new members. Why not give this sport a try, it is great fun. Please contact us on 01628 528110 for more information.



Football section

Congratulations to the BEJSC U15s team (pictured), team manager and coaches on winning the WSBMFL Referees Cup Final by beating local rivals Marlow Youth FC 3-0. They now set their sights on achieving the cup and league 'double' with five leagues matches to play.

BE Under 12s Colts Team achieved a very successful result at Penn & Tylers Green Six-A-Side Football Tournament. They won all four of their matches and drew 0-0 in the semi-finals against some tough competition, only losing to a final goal in a penalty shoot-out.

We have started our preparations for next season, where we are planning to have teams playing at U7s to U18s and U10/12 girls, together with a new U21s team. In addition, we will be holding our popular Junior Kickers sessions on Saturday mornings for U6s.

Footballing Dads ...and Mums, and even grandparents, the football section needs your help. Unfortunately, it looks like our U12s team will fold at the end of this season as no volunteers have come forward to take over from the current team manager and coaches who after many years of dedicated service are sadly standing down due to work and family commitments. It's a shame since this is the team that Danny Burroughs plays for and all the U12s have been so supportive of him during his serious health problems. They are a great team. Coupled with the U11s folding at the beginning of this season, this will leave a gap in our age groups which will be difficult to come back from.

Please call Ken Murphy on 01628 525359 or e-mail info@bejsc-football.co.uk if you can help out with this or are interested in joining any of the other age group teams next season.

Finally, we are holding our 22nd 'Sportsfest' Football Tournament at Wooburn Park on Saturday June 6. Apart from the football, this community event is a great day for all the family.

BEJSC Annual Awards Evening

We are hosting our Annual Awards Ceremony at the Community Centre in Wakeman Road, Bourne End this year on Friday July 10.

This is an excellent opportunity for the club to come together as a whole and celebrate the achievements of its members.

A special guest will be announced prior to the date and they will be on hand to present prizes and answer questions on their particular discipline.

Following comments made on local social media sites, we would like to extend an invitation to the wider community. So if you would like to see what we are doing or meet up with some old friends, why not join us at the community centre on July 10 at 7pm?

Climbing parties

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OPEN DAY FUN for UTSC by Debbie Kite

Upper Thames Sailing Club's Open Day 2015 was a big success with nearly 40 new people joining the club on the day.

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Many chose a ride in a club motor boat or a classic Thames A Rater, and some joined us just for afternoon 'Tea by the Thames'. The club raised nearly £300 for the Sail4Cancer charity through donations for tea and an impressive array of cakes.

Open Day is the first big event of the season and all members play a role on the day, so it was a good social occasion too with excellent live music from our Rotary friends and supporters.

The Rotary Club of Bourne End and Cookham sponsor junior sailing at the club, including the half-term cadet regatta Junior Bourne End Week, and help with the club's taster sessions for local primary schools.

Meanwhile, our refurbishment is nearing completion, and the new changing rooms will be functioning in time for the main Bourne End Week regatta taking place at the end of May which I'll report on in the next issue. We have a new caterer, Emma, and the caretaking role will be filled shortly.

Meanwhile the club racing season is well underway with especially good turnouts for Wednesday evening racing and the social get-together afterwards. Anyone interested in finding out more is welcome to come and see us in action; it can be quite a sight in Bourne End Week or on a breezy Wednesday night.

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Bourne End Youth Club

report by Youth Leader Emily Fowke

As the Youth Club approaches its third birthday, the committee and volunteers have decided that the club needs to take a break for a few months. We want the club to be a key part of the community and for children of a wider age range to enjoy the facility available to them, so we are going to concentrate on marketing activities to raise further awareness of the club and also explore some exciting ideas for a new look!

We hope to re-open later in the year and would, as always, value your support. If you are looking to contribute to the community, this is a great avenue - all it takes is a couple of hours of your time once or twice a month. Please get in touch if you would like to know more secretarybeyc@yahoo.co.uk. We'll keep you posted as to when we'll be returning and look forward to seeing everyone soon!

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Art working in the library

With Excursions artist Jo Hall welcomed visitors to her exhibition in the library and then took them around the world. Meet the Artist gave Jo the chance to talk about some of the locations and explain why a certain aspect had to become a picture. These were balanced by aspects that came straight from Jo's imagination and gave visitors a chance to take their own journey through a picture.

Asked why people buy pictures Jo said that there are a wide variety of reasons why they must have a picture. 'Sometimes it is purely visual, it can be that the picture strikes a cord in their memory or just that it is somewhere they knew' she explains. She went on to talk about a view of Cadiz with orange trees and recalled seeing a Russian training ship sail into the harbour and when the cadets disembarked they were agog at the sight of orange trees. "For me that picture will always mean seeing their expressions at the sight of those trees."

On that day Jo offered a workshop in the afternoon described as Destination Unknown. It was a journey into intuitive drawing. Jo's guidance notes explained that the left side of the brain is regarded as where the logic resides, but ignoring the other side of the brain can result in being 'ruled by rules' and be the antithesis of creativity. So the destination for this excursion used the right hand side of the brain and Jo challenged her students to draw a line – make it an angry line – start something and go onto the end.

Jo quoted the words of world renowned artist Paul Klee "A line comes into being. It goes out for a walk, so to speak, aimlessly for the sake of the walk." With lots of laughs, questions, comments and a feeling of companionship Jo set them off on a journey and told them to "go for it".



Picture captions: Left, Jo, on the right, with a friend who owns one of her paintings. Below, local artist Anna Payne with those red cranes.



Diabetes Day Success

Carol Bailey, who held her annual fundraising Fun Day in May in aid of Diabetes UK wrote in to thank everyone who attended or helped in any way. She said: "I would like to thank Nick G's Barbers, The Cherry Tree, Costa Coffee, Daisy Gift Shop, The Green Dragon and Cleopatra for their continued support and all friends, family and people who just came in to support, we could not hold this day without them. We raised a record £3,119.67p." Carol started fundraising for the charity when her granddaughter was diagnosed with the condition aged three. She is now 11.



l-r Fiona Russell, Angela Telfer, Jessica Robinson and Ana Meechan

Our Murder/Mystery show in May was a sell-out as eight characters claimed to have killed Robert Maxwell. Pictured here are the four persuasive killer ladies. Written by Terry Pattinson, a member of Forum, it described a man who was a ruthless confidence trickster. Wendy Keeble and her team provided a wonderful supper. Our autumn show will be *Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders*. Auditions start on Monday June 1 at the community centre. Contact 01628 523291 for more information.

Forum Players enjoy a full house for a murder mystery

Magic all the way...

It was magic all the way with Jean Purdy for April's Centre Talk. And when Jean (left) took a break, husband Bob took over confusing the audience with rope and rings. It was a magical night in every sense as these two personalities talked about a huge range of subjects from bit parts in films to the distinctive voice of Mr Punch.

Members of the audience were asked to stand, sit, write numbers then add them all up. It was fun and then completely baffling as Jean wrote the final total on a piece of paper – long before the additions were finished. "How does she do that?" was a frequent question.

Both Jean and Bob are members of the Magic Circle. With their personalities and their passion to entertain they provide a great evening. There were smiles all round as everyone left the centre muttering that persistent question – "do you have any idea how they did that?" For Jean and Bob it was simply magic.

Get fit this year... join in at a local sports club!

Fun and games at The Wooburns Youth Club

The Wooburns Youth Club team held a special event at their club and The Green in May to promote the club and facilities to new members and volunteers.

Bucks County Council Youth Services provided their large Youth Space Bus and some youth team workers. This special bus, which is like a mini-youth club on wheels with its high-tech computers, video screens and interactive consoles, as well as a chill-out space and vending area, proved to be a magnet to the youngsters.

On a beautiful clear and warm evening more than 40 youngsters enjoyed the bus and played organised games outside on The Green under the watchful supervision of the leaders and volunteers.

The team were also available to talk to parents who came along to find out more about their local club and its facilities.



The visiting youngsters also explored and enjoyed the full facilities of the club room and free pizza. A good night was enjoyed by all and it certainly raised awareness of this local club that has been running for five years.

The Wooburns Youth Club is self-funding and is run and operated by volunteers for young people between the ages of 10 to 14 who reside within the Wooburn and Bourne End Parish, and surrounding areas.

It is held in the hall at the rear of the Community Church, Wooburn Green and meets on Tuesday evenings from 6.30 to 8.30pm throughout the year, except during school holidays when it is closed.

The aim is to provide the club members with a safe, warm and clean place to meet and socialise. All enquiries regarding the activities and anyone wishing to enrol as a volunteer should contact Simon Fowke the club secretary on 01628 531877.

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New Minister for Cores End United Reformed Church

Members from Cores End United Reformed Church, Bourne End, and Trinity United Reformed Church, High Wycombe welcomed their new minister, Rev Terry Hinks, at a special service of induction at Trinity Church High Wycombe on Saturday April 25.

The large congregation included members from Terry's previous churches, who made the trip from Romsey and Braishfield in Hampshire, as well as friends and family.

Cores End URC Praise Group welcomed people to the event with a time of worship songs.

The joyful service was led by the Moderator of Thames North Synod of the United Reformed Church, Rev Dr Andrew Prasad, with contributions by members of the two churches.

Following the induction, prayer members of the two communities greeted Terry.

Among these were Rosemary Payne from Churches in Bourne End, Captain Hilary McClintock (representing Churches Together in

High Wycombe Town Centre) and the Mayor of High Wycombe, Councillor Khalil Ahmed.

Terry says he is looking forward to the fresh challenges ahead – building new relationships and deepening existing ones with the local community groups, schools and church leaders.

Terry, 54, had been bound for a job in industry and studied economics at St John's College Cambridge. It was at university that he became interested in the church.

He has been minister of the United Reformed Churches in Romsey and Braishfield since 1998, when he and his wife Elizabeth and children Tom and Stephanie arrived in Hampshire from Reading.

Talking about his new job he told a local paper in his old parish: "I felt it was time for a new challenge and if I didn't move now I'd be here until retirement."

Church Secretary, Helen Rathbone, commented: "There will be much to discover in Buckinghamshire and much to do!"



River pageant to pass through Bourne End

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee barge (pictured here at Bourne End Marina) will be the flagship in a spectacular river pageant celebrating the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta.

The Gloriana will join a flotilla of about 200 boats on June 13 and 14 sailing from Hurley, near Henley and ending at Runnymede, Surrey where the historical signing took place.

A copy of the Magna Carta will be transported downstream with actors telling the story of the document.

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Wye Valley Volunteers Home Visits

Perhaps rather less well known than Wye Valley Volunteers' transport scheme is their Home Visiting Service in which volunteers visit and befriend older people, particularly those who live on their own and may be isolated.

The picture below shows client, Joy Jones, welcoming one of the new Home Visits Co-ordinators, Wendy Osborn to her home, and illustrates the pleasure the meeting brings to both of them.

Wendy, together with her colleague Soghra Clements, have been organising the home visits for about a year following the retirement of Liz Yeeles.



Potential clients can contact WVV directly or friends, relatives or health services can refer them. Initially Wendy or Soghra will visit and make sure it is a suitable referral (WVV cannot take on nursing care) and then they will try and match up the client with a suitable volunteer and introduce them.

Once this is established, client and volunteer make their own arrangements for visiting.

Over the years many good friendships have been made between client and volunteer. Some volunteers have been visiting the same person for over a decade and have developed a close relationship. On the other hand, help from a home visitor can be short term, when the usual carer is on holiday, for instance, or if relief care is needed.

The home visitors will act as 'helpful neighbours', often shopping for the client or taking them out shopping. Some volunteers are prepared to walk the dog, much scrabble is played and there is even a volunteer – with a lovely voice – who is prepared to read to anyone who has a visual impairment.

This work is very much one-to-one and WVV is constantly seeking to recruit suitable volunteers; ideally there should always be a couple of spares for when a need arises. New volunteers have to be DBS checked so there is rather a long lead-in time.

Volunteers love the work and learn so much from the fascinating lives of the people they visit while clients who may have limited opportunity to socialise have an hour or two of pleasure and companionship to look forward to each week.

If you would like to enquire about volunteering as a

home visitor do please contact WVV on 01628 521027 or enquiries@wyevalleyvolunteers.co.uk or call in to the office (portakabin to the right of the Community Centre between 10am and mid-day each weekday. Contact WVV similarly if you would like to talk about having home visits.



Long-serving Soroptimists

Twenty five years as part of the Thames Valley Club brought awards for Jane Watkins (left) and Anne Arton. If you would like to know more about Soroptimist projects to create a better world for women and girls, call into the Target Room at the community centre on Tuesday June 16 from 7.30 to 9pm.

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Bourne End and Cookham Probus Club By John Daymond

On March 18 our new chairman, Bill Leftwich, presided when we were entertained with an interesting talk by the author and journalist, Quentin Falk, on the subject of "The Musical Milkman Murder".

The murder occurred in 1920 in Barn Cottage, Little Marlow, when George Arthur Bailey poisoned his pregnant young wife Kate, while their two-year-old daughter, Hollie, lay asleep. When Bailey was arrested in Reading station he insisted Kate had committed suicide. Sent for trial to Aylesbury Assizes Court he was convicted for murder by the jury, which for the first time in British legal history included three women jurors. Bailey was hanged on February 3, 1921. The nickname the "Musical Milkman" derived from his habit of whistling on his rounds and his claim to have invented a new form of musical notation, which experts subsequently described as a 'grotesque absurdity'.

At our April meeting, Geoff Roberts gave an interesting presentation on the History of Westminster Abbey and the completed Restoration project. Fascinating details were given of the extensive restoration work, which is expected to last for over 100 years.

Glory Mills Bowls Club By John Palfreyman

The indoor bowling season saw the club entering four teams without any winning any of the leagues. The outdoor season has started with practice afternoons on a Tuesday and a Friday with good attendance on both days. These led into the first home game on April 29 against Chalfont St Giles. Apart from friendly games the bowls club has entered two teams in the Bucks League and one team in the Chiltern & Thames League and has an array of internal competitions during the season.

If you are interested in learning how to play bowls or playing, please contact Shirley Churn on 01494 673859 or email shirley.churn@btinternet.com Glory Mill Bowls Club has one of the lowest membership fees in Buckinghamshire and offers free loan of bowls and coaching.

Inner Wheel Club By Diana Hyde

The main aim of the Inner Wheel is to promote friendship, and with this in mind we invited Malcolm Stork to entertain our members and guests in March with a fascinating talk about the Cookham Festival, past and present.

President Elaine and members enjoyed a delicious supper and another evening of good friendship at The Swan Uppers in Cookham for our April meeting. At the AGM in May, each member brought her wedding photograph and we all tried to guess in which year the wedding took place judging by the wedding dress fashion. The hilarity continued with a film show of photographs of club members taken throughout the year.

Our monthly club meetings are usually held at the

home of our members which helps to continue the friendly and relaxed ambience.

This year for the first time we will be having a stall at the Bourne End Fete in June, and we look forward to welcoming everyone to join in the fun.

Little Marlow & Well End WI By Judy Wilson

Our institute celebrated its birthday at the end of March with a lunch at the pavilion, then at our April meeting we enjoyed an entertaining talk by Will Phillips of the County Museum service on Arthur Lazenby Liberty, the founder of the famous shop, who was born and spent his early years in Chesham. When his 1883 store opened, it was named Chesham House. He retained close links with Bucks, becoming High Sheriff and he and his wife were well known for their philanthropy.

A baton which has been circulating through England and Wales, starting in LLanfair P.G. where the first WI was formed, arrived in Bucks for a week in mid-April, accompanying various events around the county before being passed on. It will arrive at the Albert Hall for our National Annual General Meeting on June 4, when we celebrate 100 years of WI in England and Wales.

Various special events are taking place over the year and we look forward to joining other WIs at a garden party at Waddesdon. One of our members will represent us at a WI garden party at Buckingham Palace.

At our May meeting we debated a resolution calling on the government to end the discrepancy between medical and social care, as interpreted by local authorities. We also held a plant sale to help our finances.

Now we look forward to going to Cineworld High Wycombe on June 4 to attend the AGM via an online link and witness the debate for ourselves as well as seeing HM The Queen, a WI member herself, and the Princess Royal attend.

Socially we are planning a cream tea and a visit to Evesham including a boat, as well as looking forward to interesting speakers and continuing our monthly rambles, book circle as well as craft and chat afternoons.

Visitors are always welcome. Contact 01628 481343.

Bourne End & Cookham Rotary Club By Peter Yeeles

We have continued to hold our successful weekly lunch and evening club meetings at the King's Head, Little Marlow, with a variety of speakers including Dick Smith, giving anecdotes from his life as Beaconsfield Town Crier.

Young people have attended meetings to update us on their forthcoming visit to Africa, which will no doubt prove to be a life-changing experience for them.

Having said farewell to the Wasps rugby team from Adams Park we have now settled down to assisting with parking for football events, providing a useful source for charitable funds. The Upper Thames Sailing Club open day was supported by some of our members. School support continues

with Rotakids and Rotaract successfully developing youngsters' skills.

Wives and partners joined us for a fun event of skittles in Flackwell Heath, sustaining ourselves with fish and chips. Members participated in a charity golf day in April which is always a popular event, raising a large sum for charity. Anyone interested in joining us can ring our President John Dunsterville on 01628 521112 or visit our website www.beac-rotary.org.uk

Cookham Bridge Rotary Club By Roger Gould

On April 27 the Rotary Club of Cookham Bridge hosted its annual charity night at Winter Hill Golf Club in Cookham. During the evening George Molyneux, the club's President, presented cheques to some of the local and national charities Cookham Bridge has supported this year. Those represented at the ceremony included Young Carers, People to Places, Age Concern and Cystic Fibrosis.

Wooburn WI By Sue Pressney

In May we enjoyed our ploughman's lunch, then discussed the Resolution concerning what needs to be done to improve social care in this country. This was followed by a quiz.

In June Alan Jones will be talking about his life as a bird vet. On Saturday June 20, we will have a stall at Wooburn Fete on the Green. This event was a runaway success last year, and our stall attracted a good many customers.

In July Roger Shaw's talk has the intriguing title "Disasters I have Created as a Skipper over 28,000miles" - we can't wait!

We meet on the first Wednesday in the month at 2.15pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Glory Mill Lane. We look forward to seeing you.

Sue Pressney 01628 527396.

Bourne End WI By Kath Acres

At our April meeting we enjoyed a talk from John Tyler about the changes to the Chilterns over the last 100 million years and our May meeting gave us a chance to sample Waitrose 'finest' cheese and wine.

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.

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 in the library on the third Tuesday of the month in Bourne End Library at 1.30pm and all are welcome. Hearts should now have appeared on the willow tree at Spade Oak Wharf. Please email bourneendwi@yahoo.com for further information.

Game on for Wooburn club

Wooburn Park Lawn Tennis Club held their open day on a gloriously sunny day in May and welcomed a whole host of new faces to try out the new facilities.

The new clubhouse, with its attractive decking area overlooking the artificial courts and Wooburn Park, proved the perfect place for parents to watch as their children tried their hand at tennis - some of them for the first time ever.

Existing members were on hand to welcome prospective new senior members. Membership of the club is available on a senior, junior, mid-week or family basis.

Phase two of the refurbishment and rebuilding of the club is now underway with the installation of a fourth floodlit court. A formal opening ceremony will be held later in the year.



Cake and bonnets as one Bourne End WI celebrates its first anniversary

In March the gardener Edwin Rye returned to inspire members of Bourne End (afternoon) WI with lovely plant combinations for gardens. Also Edwin's wife brought members up to date on their recent trip to South Africa and the charitable work they are involved in with a crèche facility in Johannesburg. Their enthusiasm and commitment is admirable.

The April meeting saw the group celebrate their first birthday with cake and bubbly which was thoroughly enjoyed by all (the picture shows from l to r members Carolyn Judge, Georgina Savage and Sue Roberts)

They took the seasonal opportunity of an Easter Bonnet competition which was judged by the lecturer for the day, Jamie Carter, who deemed Georgina Savage an outright winner.

The talk delivered was based on the Life and Times of Queen Victoria and was a knowledgeable and anecdotal lecture much appreciated by members.

This month will see the group visit RHS Wisley in Surrey and, with a keen gardening cohort among members, this should be a highlight in the calendar.

With monthly walks and a future visit to Kenwood House, the diary continues to offer a good range of interests. Should you wish to join in pop along to a meeting, held on the second Monday of the month in St Dunstan's Church hall at 2pm. Visitors are always welcome.




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Awards at lifeboat charity AGM

The Bourne End Beaconsfield & District Royal National Lifeboat Institution's AGM at Bourne End Community Centre in April was supported by approximately 25 members and supporters.

The chairman gave an overview of the many activities and fund raising events that took place in 2014.

The treasurer reported that £20,485.42 had been raised with a further £1,153.65 from the sale of Christmas cards bringing the grand total of £21,639.07.

Diana Spokes, Branch President, presented framed RNLI Certificates of Thanks to ten supporters (see photo) in recognition of their enormous help and once again the RNLI wish to express their appreciation.

The raffle raised £96 and there were additional donations of £29.75.

RNLI Fundraising Activities in 2015:

Tesco Supermarket collection took place in January and raised £1591.

House to house and street Collections commenced May 11. Areas we cover are Bourne End, Beaconsfield, Flackwell Heath and Wooburn Green.

RNLI National May Day Event combined with the Street Collection on May 16. We had stands in Bourne End, Beaconsfield, Flackwell Heath and Wooburn Green.

This year sees the launch of the RNLI's 'Yellow Welly' campaign for



which yellow wellie, metal lapel badges will be on sale for a recommended donation of £1. So please give generously to this life saving institution.

RNLI Bourne End Beaconsfield & District needs your support as a volunteer. Twitter: @rnli0708

Photos show, above from l to r, Geoff and Beryl Britt, Barbara Ramshaw, Peter Smith, Anne Arton, Michael Prager, Janice Lacey and Jenny Norgrove. Right, Margaret Hepworth was presented with flowers to mark her retirement from the Committee earlier this year



Women who breakfast...

The next Women's Breakfast at St Peters Church, Loudwater will be on Saturday June 6 from 8.30 to 10am.

Do join us for breakfast and a chat. No need to book.

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Bourne End

Bourne End Community Library

By Inka D'Agostino, library manager

Library activities June/July

Before embarking on promoting our next series of events at Bourne End Library I would like to take this opportunity to explain the status of our library.

Bourne End Library has now been designated as a community supported library, the official title is now Bourne End Community Library.

You may well ask what is the difference? Essentially we remain the same apart from having to make savings of £25,000, either through cutting costs or by generating income.

We were delighted therefore that our main fundraiser of the year, the Quiz Night Supper which took place to celebrate World Book Night on April 23 raised £500.

It was an entertaining and fun evening. Special mention goes to Julie Richens who worked hard to devise the quiz and to her assistant Andy Low. Thank you all for supporting us, especially the local businesses (Darlings, The Old Bell, Elio Giorgio, Lavender Stone and the Coop) who so generously donated towards our raffle.

On Friday April 24 Fiona Broadbent, coordinator for Simply Walk, the local health walks programme for Buckinghamshire, gave a talk to our Lifestyle Club.

There are currently more than 60 walks throughout the county, attracting around 1,000 walkers a month. Walks are graded from 30 minutes to 60 minutes plus. They are all led by trained volunteer leaders and there is always a trained back marker to ensure no one gets left behind. It's an ideal way of getting out and becoming more active, while meeting new friends. It is hoped that a new walk will start from

Bourne End Library, subject to there being enough willing volunteers to help.

We have organised some very interesting events for June and July.

June kicks off with an evening talk on Wednesday June 3 "Tales of the Opera" with Pat Purcell, mezzo-soprano. Tickets are priced at £10 to include a drinks reception at 7pm followed by the talk at 7.30pm.

Refugee Week starts on June 15 and we are delighted to welcome writer, broadcaster and consultant, Tim Finch, who will discuss his debut novel *The House of Journalists* and how it relates to the subject of his talk: "Nothing to do with us? How fiction helps to humanise the refugee crisis." The event will take place on Wednesday June 17; tickets are £10 to include a drinks reception at 7pm followed by the talk at 7.30pm.

June Lifestyle Club takes place on Friday June 26. Do join us at 10.30am when the McDermott siblings, Cate, Alexandra and Don, will talk about "Becoming a writer, it's all in the family".

On Wednesday July 15 at 7.30pm we will take "A Wine Journey through Italy". This wine tasting evening by Majestic Wine is limited to just 30 participants so do get your tickets as soon as possible. Tickets are £10.

For our junior members, Bounce and Rhyme takes place every Thursday morning in term time.

This year's summer reading challenge is Record Breakers and will run from Saturday July 11 to September 5.

Please do encourage your children not only to join but to complete the scheme. A full schedule of events will be announced shortly in the library and on our website.

For more information on any of the above events, or our regular events and room hire please contact the library on lib-boe@buckscc.gov.uk or phone us on 0845 2303232.



Bourne End Community Market

Felting is fun!

My name is Sally Boyce and I have a background of working in offices mainly as a receptionist. When I had my son I stayed at home with him for many years and started doing craft fairs with my mum who asked me to make something for the kids to buy from her ceramics stall. That's how my crafting began all those years ago.

I have tried different crafts including latch hook, sewing and cross-stitch. I also have an embellishing machine that uses five barbed needles to punch different lightweight fabrics and wool together to produce pictures or embellished items. However, my favourite craft is felting. I use merino wool and a barbed needle to stab the felt onto a brush that fuses the fibres together creating different shapes. The more you punch the fibres the smaller and more solid the item becomes.

It can be quite challenging to get certain animals to balance, particularly the giraffes!

I use this process to create lots of animals, brooches and bracelets and I take customer orders if there are any animals or specific items people would like made of whatever size. I enjoy the challenge.

Come along and say hello, I currently have a stall at Bourne End Community & Craft Market - held every second Saturday of the month 10am to 1pm in the library.

Come along for a chat and see some of my creations or to make an enquiry or special order, email me at s.boyce501@hotmail.co.uk

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Past times...by Barrie Penfold

MEMORIES OF ANDREWS BOATHOUSES

There was a time when boating enthusiasts, a bit like car owners, were looking for something elegant and eye-catching which would be the envy of other boat owners. That's where the slipper launch made its mark and put Andrews Boathouses of Bourne End firmly on the map at the forefront of outstanding river launches.

John Andrews built his first slipper launch in 1913 while he was working at the family boatyard in Ray Mill Road, Maidenhead. He went on to develop this style of launch over the years and eventually bought a wharf site where the River Wye joins the River Thames in Bourne End. It was 1925 and Andrews Boathouses was set to make its mark at the luxury end of the boating industry.

The slipper launch is a traditional River Thames craft with long lines where the stern curves elegantly down to the waterline. Seating was always in Lloyd Loom chairs with a rear upholstered bench. To meet the needs of the inner man there was ample space for a good size picnic hamper. The 'low wash' hull design was intended for maximum efficiency with the low power originally available. Most were open to the elements and intended for day trips and not for long distance boating.

Without question John Andrews did more to popularise this design than any other single person. Main changes came in the mid 1930s when the original flat-bottomed design was replaced with a deep V-style forward section. The engines used were marinised petrol car engines. They were at the top end of the market with slipper launches costing the equivalent of several years salary for most workers at that time.

In their advertising Andrews Launches are described as undoubtedly the most up-to-date and smartest craft of their class. Their modern streamline appearance, their quick acceleration giving speed without wash, added to the unique manoeuvring qualities, make them a pride to own and a joy to drive.

With the rich and famous queuing to own a slipper launch business was booming. John Andrews expanded and built motor cruisers and day launches available for holiday and day hire. In the period between the two world wars the popularity of boating grew with riverside towns and villages staging regattas to attract the visitors in their thousands.

When John Andrews bought the wharf site the deal came with a number of homes. With expansion there was a need for more workers and, in 1934, Peter Naylor and Sam Arthur started work on the same day in Bourne End. The Naylor's lived in Ivy Cottage while Sam and his family lived in Maidenhead.

The outbreak of the Second World War saw a change in the work at the Bourne End yard and will be the subject of a future Past Times feature. Those involved



certainly made their contribution to the war effort. Peter Naylor was called up and went into the Navy with Sam Arthur on the same day in 1943.

Leisure boatbuilding started again in 1945/6 with slipper launches produced in 20ft, 25ft, 30ft and 50ft versions. The most popular were the 25 and 30ft models. More hire boats were built carrying the fleet name Sun Cruisers and again boating was booming. Andrews Boathouses exhibited at the National Boat Show and had a slipper launch afloat in the pool at Earls Court the first year the pool was used.

Always keen to keep up with the latest trends Andrew built a number of Panther launches, some fitted with powerful engines, for speedboats and for water skiing.

But slowly times were changing. Traditional wood was being replaced by fibreglass in new boats. John Andrews died in 1963 but his wife Gladys continued to run the business. Andrews adapted and concentrated on maintenance and repairs. Their hire fleet continued and there are many who remember hiring a Sun Cruiser from Andrews for a holiday or a day out on the river. Gladys Andrews retired in November 1983 and the yard closed. It also marked almost 50 years of service for Peter Naylor and Sam Arthur. The last boat down the slipway was the 25ft slipper launch owned by Peter Naylor and called John Andrews. While a skilled engineer Peter Naylor's hobby was working with wood and he built a number of miniature versions of the Andrews slipper launch. Peter Naylor junior remembers that his Dad was devastated when the boathouse closed.

Today the Andrews name lives on with a housing development called Andrews Reach. Peter junior (pictured) has his model of the John Andrews along with memories of growing up by the river, attending local schools and enjoying the fun and excitement in seeing these superb launches take shape. It was a wonderful and inspiring place for a young boy.



Our photos show the 'Blue Lagoon' a 30ft slipper launch shown at the 1948 Boat Show with Jerry Mitchell at the helm. Top right Andrews Boathouses in 1959 with many of the hire cruisers ready for the coming season, and a model of the 'John Andrews' lovingly created by his father and held by Peter Naylor.

Grateful thanks to Peter Naylor for inspiring this article and photo with the John Andrews. Also to Neil Garside, a former Andrews boatbuilder, for historical information, photos of a slipper launch and the boathouse at the height of its boating activity.

OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

St Mark's Parish Church

Anyone in the area who has questions about their faith and who wants to explore ideas is welcome to dip in to one of the discipleship courses. Alpha is at the Rectory, Fieldhead Gardens on Wednesdays at 7.30pm and in church on Thursdays at 10.45am. The Pilgrim Course is looking at the Ten Commandments and is on Thursdays at 7.45pm at 35 Blind Lane.

Sunday worship at 10.30am is Holy Communion while Young Church is in the hall. Pathway is on the second Sunday of the month, an all-age service with kids' songs and hymns, so families are welcome.

In the hall, you can drop in for refreshments at the Monday Cafe at 10am, the Tuesday Puppet Theatre Club welcomes eight-year-olds at 5pm, Puffins toddler group meets on Wednesdays at 10am and a sale is held on the third Saturday of the month at 10am.

The Summer Fair is on Saturday June 6 and will be in the hall, the church and churchyard. For further information contact the Rev Janet Binns 01628 523046 or the Administrator Maura Carr 01628 530181, or visit www.achurchnearyou.com



St Nicholas' Church

We look forward to welcoming those who visit the church in the summer afternoons during June to September. Do come along to enjoy the views and our lovely 12th-century church. We are open from 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Hedsor Riverside Fair is on Saturday June 27 with boat rides, cream teas, stalls for the children, plants, tombola, jewellery, ceramics etc. It takes place at Orchard Dene, Riversdale from midday until 4.30pm. It is definitely the place to be.

On Saturday July 4 we will be holding a concert of choral music at St Nicholas' by the renowned VOCE choir entitled Heaven and Earth. With the lovely views and canapés in the interval it will be a magical summer night. Ring 01628 530181/526554 for more details.

Each Sunday we meet for our service of Holy Communion at 9am. On the second Sunday our Family Service - Young Church - takes place. Pebbles (children's group) meet every fourth Sunday and we also have our choir for a Sung Communion on that morning. Children are welcome at all our services.



St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

On Sunday June 7, 12.30-6.00pm, we open the church to provide refreshments to those on the Church Crawl, a nine-mile walk taking in all the churches in Marlow and Little Marlow. This is part of the Love Marlow project, and we welcome other visitors to the church during the afternoon.

Music in the Manor is on Saturday June 20 at the Manor House, Little Marlow. The gates will open at 6pm and music by the Dixieland Swing Kings will start at about 7pm. Bring a picnic and

enjoy a great evening. There is not a Flower Festival this year, but the church will be open and decorated for the Patronal Weekend of June 20-21. Tickets, £12.50, from Jeffrey Smith 07775 957090.

Through the summer the church is open on Sundays from 2.30 to 4.30pm. For further information on events and services please visit www.4u-team.org.

The Community Church

Lots of things going on at the Community Church over the summer months. Dad's Little Steps is on Saturdays June 6, July 4 and August 1, 10 to 11.30am at the Community Church hall, Wooburn Green. If you've one or more pre-school children, chill out with other Dads and do fun things with your kids, giving Mum some peace. It costs just £2 per family with awesome coffee and bacon baps.

Our Funday Sunday on June 14, 3.30 to 5pm at the church hall, is for families with primary school aged children - full of fun, crafts, a Bible story, songs, and a sandwich tea. There's no charge and no need to book - just come.

On Saturday June 20 we will be providing scrummy cream teas at the Wooburn Fair and we'll also have a church information tent. Then on Sunday June 21 we're celebrating Fathers' Day with a special 'parent and kids friendly' service at The Meadows School - 10am for refreshments, service 10.30am.

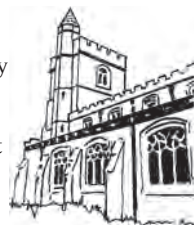
On June 30 our next CAP Money Course starts at the Community Church: three Monday evening sessions, 7.30 to 9.30pm, a great way to get your finances in shape before the summer holidays. Email peterlisle@outlook.com or tel: 07802 450069.

Our Thursday Lunch Club will be enjoying a simple homemade lunch every Thursday throughout June and July from 12.30 to 2pm. It's a great way to meet local people and you will be warmly welcomed. A riverboat trip is planned in June - contact d.bitcheno@sky.com or tel: 07894 143925. Our website is www.wooburngreen.org.

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

Our popular Teddy Bear Parachute Jump is on Sunday June 28 from 12.30pm. The excited Teddies will be carefully hoisted up to the St Paul's Tower in a basket, with harness and parachute attached. Then, as they fly down the zip wire their proud owner stands in the church hall garden with arms outstretched and ready to receive! Each Teddy receives a sticker and certificate for making the jump, while families and friends can relax in the hall and garden with a barbecue, homemade cakes and stalls. Please come and join us!

The church will continue with its Open Sundays from July 5 until September 5, 3 to 5pm. Do join us on any Sunday afternoon for refreshments, plus a walk around our beautiful church.



Our Children's Sunday Club welcomes young people to join in the fun from 9.30am each Sunday. We have Pre-School, Key stages 1 & 2 groups and our Youth Group meets on Monday evenings for young people from 11 years.

All the normal groups at both St Paul's and St Mary's continue until the school holidays, with Toddlers on Tuesdays at 9.30am and Tot's Praise on Fridays at 9.45am in the church hall, and at St Mary's on Fridays our short Communion at midday, followed by a shared lunch.

The church hall and garden in Town Lane, Wooburn are available for bookings through the office on 01628 525512, via our web-site, or stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com. For full details of our regular services and events visit www.stpaulswooburn.org

St Dunstan's Church

This year proceeds from the Lenten lunches and other fundraising ventures raised £7,304. When this money is matched by the UK Government, Lenten almsgiving will total £14,608. Congratulations to everyone.

Our Confirmation Mass was celebrated at St Teresa's Church on May 14. The First Holy Communion Celebratory Mass will take place on June 14 at St Dunstan's Church.

In October Pope Francis will host a Synod to reflect on marriage and family life. Cardinal Vincent Nichols and our own Bishop Peter Doble will represent the Bishops of England and Wales. To provide Bishop Peter with parishioners' views, in March a meeting was organised by the National Board of Catholic Women and views from attendees were recorded. Parishioners are also asked to email responses to the Bishops' Conference website.

At our sister church, St Teresa's, Alison Tolmie, a talented flautist from St Teresa's Folk Group, gave an excellent concert on May 7.

Cores End United Reformed Church

Cores End is very happy indeed to welcome our new minister, Rev Terry Hinks, and his wife Elizabeth. Terry has now been inducted and will divide his time between Cores End and Trinity, High Wycombe, taking alternate services and a Communion service at Cores End on the 3rd Sunday in each month.

Our May Day party was a great success with plenty of activity. The day was provided free of charge for all our neighbours and The Community Church joined with us to make it a really happy occasion.

Link Up Club has visited Toad Hall Garden Centre and will also be going to World's End Garden Centre. Link Up meets on alternate Tuesday mornings with a full programme of entertainment and always welcomes new members.

There is table tennis in the upper hall every Thursday, 3-4pm, for the young at heart. All welcome.

On Saturday August 15 from 10am to 4pm there is a summer Fun Day for ages five to 11 with craft, music and games at a cost of £5 per child. To reserve a place please contact Ann Pendergast on 01628 526865 ASAP as spaces are limited.





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Chess

The Bourne End Chess Congress had three joint winners of section A: William Claridge-Hansen from Chartridge, Robin Haldane of the Streatham club and Roger de Coverly of the Bourne End club.

Other prizewinners included Arthur Reed, formerly of the Bourne End club, who won section D and returning Bourne End member, Juan Perez, who came second in the section.

The club season is drawing to a close with the first team either first or second in the Berkshire League and second by one game point out of 72 in the Bucks League.

The second team finished both narrowly bottom in both of their leagues while the third team looks forward to having a stronger team next season.

In June, July and August, the club meets only on the first Wednesday of the month for friendly games so feel free to come along and, without obligation, try the club. Contact Roger de Coverly on 01628 486676 for more information.

Darts

The Winter League season is now over and, sad to say, we finished up by relinquishing our long held mid-table position and finished three from the bottom.

However, that is all in the past and we are practising hard for the, soon to begin, Summer League with high hopes.

In the end of season doubles, triples and individual competitions, held at the Wooburn Club, we produced some fine results, but none quite good enough to qualify for the Finals Night.

The good news is that Pat Carrigan our long-departed strongest player has returned, bringing with him a team of strong players who will make up the Centre B team. Perhaps the friendly rivalry between the A and B teams will generate some league success.

Bourne End Anglers

News from the waters edge

The last match of the season was a visit to Lens lake on the Milton Pools complex, no surprise it was a bitterly cold and windy day, but there were surprising results considering the hard conditions.

Match winner 26 pounds of carp followed by a very mixed net of 22 pounds consisting of carp, tench, bream and some goldfish, third place was 13 pounds 10 ounces of carp. This venue seems to produce, whatever the conditions, and is well run by the owners.

The club's AGM and prize giving took place on May 13. It was well attended and a fun night for all to remember the highs and lows of the season and to talk about the coming season, kicking off in June with a full and interesting fixture list.

Contact Terry on 01628 851001 if you would like more information about the club and what it has to offer.

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OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

Marlow and District Railway Society

Our year has started well with some excellent speakers and visitor attendances exceeding expectations. One of the most interesting topics back in February was Mark Hopwood MD FGW talking about the latest upgrading of the Western route in general and the proposals for improving the service on our local line, for example, a half-hourly service.

On May 21 Philip Marsh talked about Wolverton Works, home to the royal train amongst many other things in its long history. The site of the works is now disappearing fast with new development.

On June 18 Steve Ollive will talk about German Narrow Gauge Railways of which there are many in operation with steam and diesel haulage. This is a joint meeting with RCTS.

We welcome a new speaker on July 16, with Steve Nakonecny presenting Keith Pirts' photographs of the East Coast Main Line. He is known to be one of the best photographers in this field.

We had a visit to the Kent and East Sussex Gala on May 24. We plan to visit Statfold Bahn later in the year, an outstanding dual narrow gauge railway set up on private property.

Visitors are always welcome to come along for a small fee and enjoy not only the presentations but also the bar facilities at Bourne End Community Centre. All meetings start at 8pm unless otherwise stated.

Please visit the The Marlow and District Railway Society website for more information and contact details.

Bourne End Townswomens's Guild

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the Target Room at the community centre at 1.30pm. Visitors are welcome to come along and listen to a speaker or to join us.

On Wednesday June 10 we will enjoy one of our popular Games Afternoons where everyone gets involved and we have some very competitive members. On Wednesday July 8 we welcome Margaret Inniss who will tell us about A Visit to Nigeria.

For more details ring Cynthia Houchin on 01628 527931.

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 June 9 Tom Doig will be with us to talk about Old Photographs, their Identity and Dating. Great-grandmother often failed to write names on the backs of photographs because she knew who they were. Tom Doig will offer clues to identifying and dating them. You are invited to bring old photographs along.

On Tuesday July 14 Richard Jones will talk about 'Why I can't find stuff and what to do about it'. It looks at life events, survival of records, records in a collection and locating records within a collection.

Visitors are welcome to attend a talk in return for a contribution to funds. See www.bucksfhs.org.uk

Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

On Tuesday June 2 we will welcome Sally Hardy who will demonstrate her theme of Floral Fantasy, then on Tuesday July 7 our demonstrator will be Janet Cooper with My Colour Palette.

Meetings are held in the main hall at the community centre at 8pm. Visitors are welcome with entry £5. It is always a wonderful evening of flowers, stories, tips and eye-catching displays.

For more information contact Thelma Robinson on 01628 524689 or Liz Payne on 01628 476641.

Bourne End Bucks Twinning Group

Yeee- ha! Wow, that was a good night! On April 18 members and friends had a lively and most enjoyable Barn Dance, with the caller, John Symonds, keeping all ages on the floor and dancing the night away.

We were delighted that Dominic Grieve was able to attend. Dominic has been a member since we began and always tries to support us. His French family connections mean that cultural and friendship ties with France are very important to him. Dominic is a pretty nifty dancer too.

All those attending were very impressed with the food - tasty main course followed by the now famous puddings provided by "Madame Desserts", a title bestowed on Estelle Huxley by some Octevillaises visiting Bourne End earlier in the year!

To find out more contact Liz Yeeles on 01628 521748 or visit www.bebta.ukgo.com. New members are always welcome.

Our very popular quiz will be held on Saturday June 20. Tickets at £11 per person are available from 01628 520065. All are welcome so why not make up a table of eight and come along for an excellent evening's entertainment.

Marlow Maidenhead Passenger Association

At the Annual General Meeting in March those of the retiring committee who offered to stand were duly elected. Since the AGM two additional recruits have stepped forward and been co-opted.

Having been awarded a non-competitive four-year franchise First Great Western were at great pains to stress to the meeting their improved performance and improvements they plan to carry out during the franchise, including: new electrification train fleet offering increased capacity; ticket machine at Marlow; improved services Marlow to Maidenhead; extra through service to Bourne End from Paddington.

Although several government statements have advised that the electrification of the Marlow Branch is included with the main Great Western programme, it seems some insurmountable technical issue will now prevent it taking place as expected and the Turbo diesel units will continue to operate on the branch but only as far as Maidenhead. We will press for early resolution of the 'technical

issues' and electrification of the branch.

The proposals to build housing on the site of the old coal yard next to Marlow Station have been rejected by Wycombe District Council following objections from the association, Network Rail and First Great Western. We understand the developer has appealed this decision. We will of course continue to monitor this proposal and where necessary submit our views.

A similar situation is arising at Bourne End with a proposal to build housing next to the station (related to Astor House). This is likely to cause significant parking and access issues at the station and we have submitted an objection to the proposal and will continue to monitor the situation.

1st Wooburn Scout Group

Former 1st Wooburn Scouts won the Endurance80 Explorer Trophy. This is an 80km hike in very tough conditions and they made a superb effort, including being the fastest up Coombe Hill.

We also entered two junior teams in the Marlow Night Hike - a cub team and a mixed cub and scout team. They both did brilliantly and finished ahead of many other wholly scout teams. In the senior event our two scout teams won their categories.

At St George's Day Parade we were presented with many awards, including the Award for Merit for our Scout Leaders, Jon Dalton and Martin Harris (pictured). The award is for outstanding service of not less than 12 years. It implies keen, conscientious, imaginative and dedicated service over a sustained period. Jon and Martin truly deserve this award for the tremendous effort they put into scouting to make a fantastic troop that the kids love.

Finally Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, plus four young leaders took part in a camp at the scout campsite in Oxford (Youlbury) over three



nights (Beavers just one night). The leaders had arranged a huge amount of activities for the children and even ran a theme day with everyone in pirate costume, including the leaders! The children all had a fantastic time with shelter building, zip line, crate stacking, orienteering, rifle shooting, abseiling and much more. Thanks to all the leaders and helpers especially Lorraine our Group Scout Leader.

Don't miss the Wooburn Fete on the Green on Saturday June 20 where the Scouts will be running some fun events. Check out our website wooburn.wix.com/wooburnscouts.

Bourne End Horticultural Society

On Thursday June 18 Rob Jacobs will be speaking about The History of Waterperry

Gardens and their herbaceous borders.

Thursday July 16 will be a social evening at St Dunstan's Hall with a 'bring a plate' supper provided by our members. The evening will include a 'bring a posy' competition with a People's Choice decision for 1st and 2nd prize. Everyone is most welcome to attend, with or without a posy.

If you are interested in joining our society contact Penny Hampson on 01628 521482.

We have two trips coming up. The first is to Rousham Garden and Broughton Grange on Monday June 22. The second trip is to The National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire on Saturday August 1. The Plant Hunters' Fair will take place in the grounds on that day so there will be plenty to tempt you! For further details about the trips contact Margaret Marshall on 01628 523987.

Wooburn Park Tennis Club

The new clubhouse is now fully operational and being well used. Work continues on the surrounding area and clearance of the old clubhouse site. New members are welcome and details can be found on the website, www.wpltc.org.uk or email wpltc@sky.com.

Bourne End Video Makers

A lot of effort went into arrangements for our Public Film Show on May 31, with films from the period when the club was formed through to more recent times involving experienced actors and the latest sound and video effects. More details of the event will be included in the next issue.

A highlight of our busy spring programme was winning the Staines Silver Salver competition run by Staines Video Makers after previously winning it nearly 30 years ago. The event involved films from eight clubs and it was particularly gratifying to win it in the club's 50th anniversary year.

We have now completed the digitisation of our archive of films spanning the life of the club, but with many gaps in the early period of cine and VHS production due to loss of material when members retired.

Our summer programme, with meetings in June and July, will concentrate on sound recording, both during filming of productions and for voice-overs on documentary films. We will be helped by experts in this field.

After a break in August we look forward to a full winter programme of competitions, guest speakers and practical sessions as well as club film productions for external competitions.

We welcome members at all levels of video-making experience as well as script writers. Meetings are held in the Target Room at the community centre on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7.30 to 10pm. You are welcome to come along for a free evening. Enquiries to David Jarman, tel 01494 712441.

Jeannine Greville Dance Academies

J G dance have once again been very successful in the British Arts competition, gaining 25 places in the London finals. They are also working towards Medal Tests in June and RAD exams in July. Classes are held in the community centre on Wednesdays after school.

CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

JUNE

- 2 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the Community Centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle.
- 3 Wed Open garden at Magnolia House, Grange Drive, Wooburn HP10 0QD from 2pm to 5pm for the National Gardens Scheme. Adults £3.50. Plants for sale.
- 4 Thur Community Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8.30pm. It's £1 per person, and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night.
- 5 Fri Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society tea party 2pm. See poster page 37.
- 5 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 6 Sat Summer Fair at St Mark's Parish Church, Bourne End.
- 6 Sat Sportsfest football tournament at Wooburn Park, arranged by Bourne End Junior Sports Club
- 11 Thur Community Centre talk at 7.30pm. Nick Barratt on Who Do You Think You Are? See poster page 36 for info.
- 12 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 13 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library
- 16 Tues Open Invitation to meet Soroptimist International whose aim is to create a better world for women and girls. Learn more 7.30pm to 9pm in the Target Room at the community centre. Wine and nibbles.
- 17 Wed Writer, broadcaster and consultant, Tim Finch, with a talk entitled "Nothing to do with us? How fiction helps to humanise the refugee crisis" at Bourne End Library. Tickets are £10 to include a drinks reception at 7pm followed by the talk at 7.30pm.
- 18 Thur Bourne End WI present "The Hysterical Historical Show" at 7pm for 7.30pm start at the community centre. Tickets from 01628 531521 or bourneendwi@yahoo.com
- 19 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 19 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company.
- 20 Sat Wooburn Green Fete on The Green from midday to 4pm. Lots of stalls and entertainment. See details page 3
- 20 Sat Live Rock 'n' Roll Band Night at Hedsor Social Club, Hedsor Road (see poster p24)
- 20 Sat Bourne End Bucks Twinning Group's quiz night. Tickets at £11 per person are available from 01628 520065, all are welcome so why not make up a table of eight and come along for an excellent evening's entertainment.
- 20 Sat St Mark's monthly market in the church hall from 10am to midday with coffee and cakes.
- 21 Sub Classic British and American car show at Hedsor Social Club, Hedsor Road. See poster page 24
- 26 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 27 Sat St Nicholas' Church's Riverside Fair with boat rides, cream teas, stalls for the children, plants, tombola, jewellery, ceramics etc. At Orchard Dene, Riversdale from midday until 4.30pm.
- 27 Sat Bourne End Community Association summer fete at the centre from 10am to 2pm. Live music, stalls, tombola teas and cake.

JULY

- 2 Thur Community Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8.30pm, It's £1 per person, and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night.
- 3 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 4 Sat A concert of choral music at St Nicholas' Church by the renowned VOCE choir entitled Heaven and Earth. With the lovely views and canapés in the interval it will be a magical summer night. Ring 01628 530181/526554 for more details.
- 4 Sat An evening celebrating America. Join AJ, Clair & Chrissy to hear favourites from the Andrew Sisters to Elvis. 7.45pm. Bourne End Community Centre Tickets £12 cons £10. Call 01628 524637 or email: thesweetserenades@gmail.com
- 7 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the Community Centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle.
- 9 Thur Community Centre talk at 7.30pm. David Gilbert on The History of Codes. See poster page 36 for ticket info.
- 10 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 11 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library
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- 24 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 31 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.

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THEN & NOW...



THEN...

The Red Lion pub in Hedsor Road. Certainly a local for the men who worked in the large riverside homes as gardeners, coachmen and eventually chauffeurs. A pathway behind the pub led down to the river.

With Jacksons Mill opposite, the pub would have attracted men to call in at the end of a shift. In the 1920s it had the telephone number of Bourne End 34. A large room alongside the pub was the local equivalent of a village hall with dances and clubs meeting regularly.

It achieved notoriety when London gangsters rented a

cottage nearby and arrived with very glamorous young ladies on their arms.

With the decline in pubs it tried various new approaches from Mexican to Moroccan with exclusive Pizzas in between. Sadly none worked and the pub closed.

NOW...

The planning process took time but eventually the old structure was demolished and now there are three new homes offered for sale. Close by there's the pathway down to the river which follows the line of the Abney House estate and goes past the cottage rented by the London gangsters. So the Red Lion's history stays alive in this new development.

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