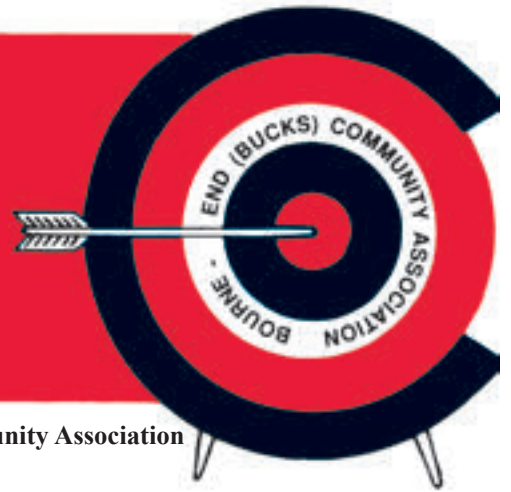


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After receiving many excellent paintings from local school children, the Bourne End Fun Night Committee along with representatives from Bourne End Community Centre, local businesses and the Rotary Club of Cookham Bridge, chose Reid Emmerson's painting of a royal crown to be this year's winning entry. Reid, who is seven and attends St Paul's school, will have the design converted to a full sized Christmas light that will be displayed on The Parade for Christmas. Reid's light has been generously sponsored by Kevin Parker of Space-pod, Bourne End and is being manufactured by Lamps and Tubes (Chesham) Ltd. This is the twelfth year of this unique competition and, as in previous years, Reid's light is to be switched on outside No 25, The Parade at 5pm on Fun Night (December 4).



It's time for FUN!!!

Everyone is invited to Bourne End's Late Opening and Charity Fun Night to be held in The Parade and Wakeman Road on Friday December 4 from 5pm.

This annual event is getting bigger and better each year, with visitors coming from miles around to join in the fun.

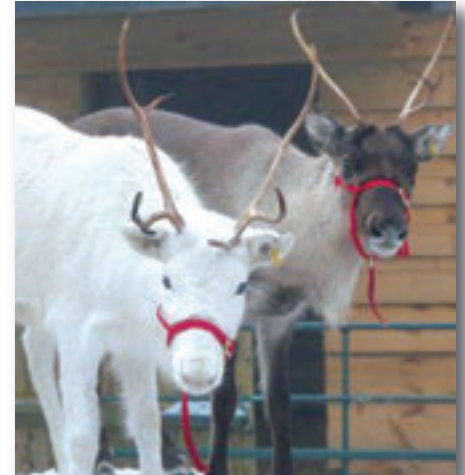
The shops and businesses of Bourne End, the community association and the Rotary Club of Cookham Bridge have joined forces to stage this annual Christmas get together and, thanks to the generous funding by Bourne End businesses and villagers, the Christmas lights (including the winning children's light) will be shining brightly throughout the event.

Many shops will be open for retail therapy and to offer drinks and seasonal snacks to add to the festive cheer. Generous donations of sausages, buns, onions and charcoal from Bourne End's butcher, baker, Chinese restaurant and hardware store will ensure that the famous Bourne End hot dogs will be ready for you to enjoy.

Our local scouts will be roasting chestnuts, Caribbean food will be available from the day centre in Wakeman Road and our village will be awash with mulled wine, hot chocolate and free beer from our generous friends at Rebellion Brewery.

There'll be a lot going on to entertain the whole family. Santa will be in his grotto (with a huge tombola) in the Bourne End Motor Company and this year he is bringing his reindeers. Children will need to make sure that the reindeers are fuelled up for their long Christmas journey by feeding them lots of lichen. Adding to the fun will be a competition to predict where reindeer poo corner might be.

Children will be able to try out sitting in the driving seat of Adam Elder's racing car and to test the siren of the First Response Ambulance. The ambulance crew will also be demonstrating how to use the



defibrillator that is installed outside the community centre. A funfair and a bouncy castle will be on The Parade and the library will be buzzing with homemade craft and produce stalls, face painting and yet more mulled wine. Hall Place Vets will have a display of animals.

In addition there will be all manner of stalls around the village selling gifts and running fun games hosted by local organisations and Youth Enterprise groups.

Throughout the evening local school and church choirs will serenade you with carols and Christmas music.

Once again we thank our local councils who have agreed to free parking in Wakeman Road Car Park all day on Friday December 4. There is so much more to see and to do, so come down to The Parade and enjoy an evening with family and friends.

In memory of Sandra

A memorial fund set up to honour popular local post lady, Sandra Stanton, who died this summer, raised more than £2,700.

As we said in our obituary (June/July issue) Sandra, who died after a short illness aged just 51, 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 is missed and remembered by so many who still find it hard to believe that she is no longer around.

The organisers of the collection would now like your suggestions on how best to spend this money in Sandra's memory. A bike rack in the village has been suggested as Sandra usually did her rounds on two wheels.

Please send your suggestions to kath.acres@spadeoakfarm.com or Mike Judge 01628 524108.

If anyone would still like to donate you can drop off donations in an envelope at the community centre, the library, the Post Office in Furlong Road or Bourne End Marina office in Wharf Lane.



AND CONGRATULATIONS to Target's Barrie Penfold who has won the Community Champions Lifetime Achievement Award. Full story page 2.



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BULL'S EYE

Anyone who has met Barrie Penfold will agree that she was the perfect choice for the Community Champion Lifetime Achievement Award.

Barrie, pictured here with her trophy, certificate and copy of the last Target, says she was completely shocked to be presented with the award.

The Community Showcase Awards - biennial awards supported by The Wycombe Partnership - are about recognising and celebrating the achievements of community champions and community organisations in the Wycombe district. They are also an opportunity to promote the opportunities available to everyone who wants to be involved in supporting their local community.

They are presented to someone who deserves recognition for the work they do in the community or a group or project doing good things in the community.

This year there were six award categories: Volunteer of the Year, Young Volunteer of the Year, Business in the Community Award, Community Group of the Year, Community Project of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Award which Barrie won.

She said afterwards: "It was wonderful to receive this award at a ceremony celebrating so many exciting volunteer projects in our district. My award also celebrates our community magazine as it moves into its 52nd year and reaches its 300th issue. Personally my hope is that local people continue to enjoy reading about what goes on in our local community."

To be successfully nominated for an award, the person, group or project must have contributed to the community with positive results and Barrie certainly fits the bill. She has been working as a volunteer for Target magazine for 34 years. When she is not out and about selling advertising she is happy to take photos and also organises the magazine distribution and delivers door-to-door.

All nominees received a certificate of recognition and those shortlisted were invited to attend a ceremony at High Wycombe Town Hall in early November. Well done Barrie!

Debra Aspinall, Editor



The following item first appeared on social media, but in case you missed it I thought I'd share this story from Target reader Alison Crombie-Liles:

I came home this afternoon to find a young wood pigeon sitting in the middle of our lane [off Blind Lane].

It wouldn't move, which was not usual. I got out of the car and saw that it was puffed up and could barely walk.

It looked like its wing was broken. At first I managed to pick it up and move it to the side of the lane as I thought maybe it was dying, but it sat there staring at me.

There was no way I could leave it, so I called the amazing Tiggywinkles and they told me how to bring it in.

I scrambled for a box and ran outside

again as a neighbour has a predatory cat. The little birdie was thankfully still there, still staring at me. So I got him in the box - phew - and we drove to Tiggywinkles.

The nurse came immediately and said his wing wasn't broken, he had trichomoniasis, an infection that results in birds being unable to eat and they starve to death.

He was so weak, that's why his wings were fanned out. So he was put on antibiotics for a week before going in an aviary with similar birds. They would be released together, as a new family!

I'm so happy, I feel I was meant to find him, just thought I would share as Tiggywinkles are great if you find an injured bird or animal.

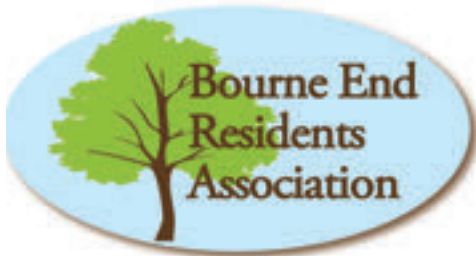
Ed: Tiggywinkles Hospital in Aylesbury is open 24/7, 365 days to care for all sick, injured and orphaned British wildlife. They care for more than 10,000 animals every year. See more on their website www.sttiggywinkles.org.uk, including how to donate to them. Their 24-hour emergency helpline number is 01844 292292.

ABOUT TARGET

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

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

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



In previous issues of *Target* mention has been made of the forthcoming public inquiry to decide on the creation of a bridleway.

Wycombe District Council and Bucks County Council's proposed route would run from Blackbird Cottage on Cores End Road up to the Manor Farm entrance in Wooburn Green.

This would be along the route of the old railway line which is owned by Charles Pitcher. He is opposing the creation of the order.

The public inquiry starts at 10am on Tuesday December 15 in Bourne End Library. Both Wooburn and Bourne End residents' associations believe that this wide, surfaced route connecting our communities is a good thing and would be a huge benefit.

If you would like to see this route become a reality then please come and show your support. I remember clearly the Public Inquiry back in 2009 which resulted in the dedicated footpath from Blackbird Cottage to Willows Crossing when the meeting room in the David Lloyd Club was packed with supporters and this demonstrated to the Inspector that the community cared.

A similar show of support would get this inquiry off to the perfect start. No one expects people to stay for the whole two days, but do try and be there for

some of the time. Just show that the whole community cares for our area.

Which, I suppose, brings us nicely onto the next subject. This is the Liaison Group involved with the future development of Slate Meadow.

At this juncture I have to make it 100% clear that the views expressed here are mine and mine alone. Following my article in the last issue there has been a certain amount of friction regarding some aspects of my report regarding the previous Liaison Group meetings.

We now know that WDC Property Services did not sign the Planning Performance Agreement – I and indeed others present at both meetings, have agreed to differ with the officers and certain WDC councillors as to the statement made at that time.

However, who signed what is actually immaterial. The point being made was that this WDC-owned area (which is now a legally registered village green) should not be part of the developed area. That is why I felt that WDC Property Services should not be a party to discussions about what is to be built. Clearly the WDC Planning Department have to be totally involved.

At the last Liaison Group Meeting planning officers accepted that there was a possibility that WDC Property Services may have been in discussion with the other Slate Meadow owners and future developers. We then had an officer-led presentation and discussion regarding what might be achievable if the village green were to be moved.

May I quote a short section from my previous article, "The cynic in me wonders whether the development brief, when it arrives, will show the village green being moved to another part of Slate Meadow probably next to the River Wye where flood risk would prohibit development".

However what is certain is that only the local

residents who successfully applied for the registration of the village green, and newly arrived locals who use it, can agree voluntarily to it being moved.

I do believe that all of us on the Liaison Group should remain as optimistic as possible. We have been told that the developers' agent would like to attend and talk through some thoughts on the proposal. This has to be very worthwhile and we certainly welcome this approach.

Just one other thought regarding development in general. Improvements in infrastructure are always discussed: roads, schools, shops, doctors surgeries etc, but car parks are never mentioned.

How often do we find car parks in Wooburn Green and Bourne End packed? Time is wasted circling around waiting for a car to leave. With additional housing comes more cars and this is something that will need to be addressed if small shopping areas such as ours are to survive.

Finally, let me state once again, I will be only too happy if the finished Slate Meadow is something that the area can be proud of and I know we all hope that is the case. It is certainly what the Slate Meadow Liaison Group is there to try and achieve.

In the meantime if you have any thoughts or comments I am always happy to hear from you and thank you for taking the time to read this article.

Jim Penfold
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PS We have acquired a few copies of "The Way It Was" Vol 1 (green cover). Some people have expressed an interest in this first volume so ring me if you would like one.

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WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Margaret Amos Secretary to the Association

Christmas is looming! Should you catch sight of *Target* before Saturday November 28, we hope to see you at The Red Lion Pub on Wooburn Green, at 4.30pm.

Marlow Ukulele Group will be playing a selection of music and Father Christmas will be in his grotto to listen attentively to children's wishes and requests.

Wooburn's lights will be switched on at that time and it is hoped that shops and houses around The Green will enter into the spirit and decorate their property with lights again this year. Let's try and make The Green the best ever!

We are pleased to say that out of the Community Led Plan a social committee has emerged, whose responsibility it is to arrange the Christmas Lights Event and Wooburn Fête. A good outcome; we are moving in the right direction.

We continue to monitor planning applications and

following approaches from neighbours of 144 Wycombe Lane and discussions at our meetings, both WRA and the parish council objected to the proposed development for change of use to a car showroom at WDC's Planning Meeting on October 21.

While the obvious block to this proposed development would be transporter access and the safety and congestion issues that would arise from the site's operation, this objection was not possible since the Highways Department had raised no objection.

However, the councillors were clearly not happy with the application and after much discussion refused permission on the grounds that the proposed development would be detrimental to the street scene.

While this was a great outcome, should the applicant appeal, it would be critical to have the

Highways Department re-examine the position with an overview of Wycombe Lane as a whole.

Recent meetings have also highlighted the fact that despite Buckinghamshire County Council having painted double yellow lines around both sides of the junction at White Pit Lane and The Green, cars and vans are still being parked on them.

We have invited NSL (the company outsourced to manage car parking in the area) to attend our next meeting to tell us how they manage their not unsubstantial workload regarding monitoring car parking and resulting fines in the area. As yet they have not responded to our request.

Our next meeting is on Monday January 11. This is usually a short meeting followed by a New Year's meal. You can be assured of a warm welcome. Please check our website for details – www.wooburnresidents.org and you can visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/wooburnresidents>

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All that remains to be said is to wish all our friends and supporters a very Happy Christmas and a great New Year.

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Well, that's it another year coming to an end and no one seems to know where it went but we must have had it as we did do a lot of business. It's a blur really. Usually a sign of good beer? The weather has been kind to us this Autumn, but maybe we shouldn't be too complacent for the Winter months if what we read in the press is to be believed. However, we are arranging a marina barbecue in February to be held in the middle of the river.

The river has quietened down now mainly due to Boulters and Temple locks being closed for the regular Winter maintenance, Boulters opens in December but Temple will be shut until February after which trade will pick up, but only for those boats with ice-strengthened hulls apparently!

We ensure that our service pontoon is kept open during these months as there are boats that will continue to move within the lock closures and require our services, especially those which are inhabited.

The award for this year's Excellence in Business Achievements goes to Matty Starr, a graduate of his own college, the Professor Starr School of Business Science. He victualled (filled with fuel and other supplies) a boat on the service pontoon to the tune of £922, on checking the credit card sales for that day I was impressed to discover that he had collected from the customer the staggering amount of £9.22!

This illustrates the skills and talents we possess that enables us to turn in a profit. A quick phone call to the Royal Navy ensured the boat was stopped just inside UK territorial waters during his high speed dash to France; all was sorted out over the radio telephone with the customer walking the Plank while the navy prodded him with a thermonuclear device. Matty has just completed his two weeks

residential refresher course on 'How To Use A Credit Card Machine'.

We are well and truly in winter mode now working on boats and carrying out maintenance on our infrastructure getting ready for next season. The marina staff's work is never done. Obviously the weather can dictate the time it takes to carry out our tasks which can take a bit longer than in the summer months. Also, the boys seem to work a bit slower when they are wet through to the skin with temperatures below zero, I don't know why.

The path that runs from the marina to the railway bridge has been resurfaced (see page 30), what an improvement.

I walk it quite often as I take Rocky for a walk and I am dismayed to see the amount of dog poo on it already. Please can owners PICK UP the mess their dogs leave behind from their behind! Please remember that the path and the Marina are NOT dog toilets. If you are short of a poo bag please ask for one in the marina office.

Every lock on the river has a long ladder and fire extinguishers by way of safety equipment in the event of a fire or a person falling into the lock. These items of safety equipment are in danger of now being removed due to health and safety reasons. These reasons are to do with lock staff hurting themselves if they have to use them and such similar issues.

I just cannot understand the Environment Agency and their so-called Health and Safety Policy, just do what normal people do in an emergency — use common sense and follow your natural instinct to save people. These policies could COST lives. It will be interesting to see how this issue concludes.

On occasions we have a boat owner who does not pay their mooring fees and we currently have one of these. We were informed on the quiet that he was going to sneak in and use another of his boats to tow away the first boat, so we craned her out onto the hardstanding. The following weekend he was spotted on the water looking for it. Needless to say he did not come and see us or settle his debt.

In these circumstances we attach a legal notice to the boat giving him three months to settle up or we will dispose of the boat for him, should there be a surplus after we have recovered our debt from the proceeds these will be returned to him. This is a harsher side of the business that people often don't see from us.

The Riverlight restaurant has now changed it menu and adjusted the prices, having experienced the new cuisine I can recommend it and judging by the increased number of diners going up the stairs I feel I am not alone! It's good to see the marina come alive at this time of year, it all adds to the ambience.

The marina boys will be holding our Christmas lunch do at the Black Lion, and should you wish to join us for a glass details will be published on our Facebook page. If the weather turns wet or snowy in the coming months, should there be floods etc we will use our Facebook page to publish updates.

Matty, Richard and I wish everyone a happy Christmas and great New Year which we hope will be prosperous for us all.

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This year's charity card

It's a double celebration in the Cards For Good Causes pop-up shop at St Dunstan's Church this year.

Firstly, it's exactly ten years since the shop first opened for business in Bourne End and since then the shop has gone from strength to strength, selling more and more cards each year on behalf of more and more charities. This year the shop has added Motor Neurone Disease Association to the list of charities available, making 32 different charities in total with a choice of more than 250 card designs.

And secondly, by the time this issue of *Target* comes out in December, the shop will have sold more than 20,000 packets of charity Christmas cards during its decade of selling, helping to raise much needed funds for both national and local charities, all of which receive back at least 70% of the sale price of their cards.

Of course none of this would be possible without the wonderful team of volunteers, some of whom have been helping out since the shop first opened in Bourne End, and the customers who come back year after year. Thank you everyone for supporting our charities. The shop is open at St Dunstan's Church, Monday to Saturday, 9.30am to 4pm until December 16. *Our picture shows one of the cards, with a local view, on sale now.*

Congratulations Janet!

A smiling Rev Janet Binns shows off her medal after completing the Dublin marathon in October and raising funds for the new car park at St Mark's Church.

Janet was third in her age group so although it was a tough race she says she was "more than happy with how it went" and quickly recovered from her aches and pains.

She says: "I finished the race in 3.32.17, a couple of minutes quicker than London earlier this year, although not a personal best. But I was third in my age category.

"Thanks very much for getting behind me; your support and encouragement made all the difference."

Regarding sponsorship for her marathon effort she continued: "I am extremely grateful to those of you who have already sponsored me. Thanks so much for your generosity, it is very much appreciated.

"The money received so far, along with donations and grants from other sources including the local council I hasten to add, means we now have sufficient funds to progress phase one, the building of a car park at St Mark's Church.

"We are truly excited; however we remain focused as the much bigger challenge will be raising funds for phase two of the project the building of a new parish centre, a much needed facility which is long overdue.

You can donate via Janet's Virgin Money Giving page at www.virginmoneygiving.com/JanetBinns1.



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

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New councillors

The parish council has co-opted two new members and we would like to welcome Cllrs Katie Lamb and Jane Ford, both representing the Wooburn Green Ward. We hope that they both find their time on council rewarding and look forward to their input. Katie has written a piece at the end of this report.

Autumn/Winter work

The grass cutting in the parish has now ended for the season and our groundsmen are getting on with tasks more suited to the colder months. This could be anything from cutting back trees and hedges, installing bins and benches, to vehicle maintenance with anything and everything else in between. Every so often they pop into the office to thaw out and warm up before they carry on with the task in hand. They haven't requested thermal clothing yet, but I suspect that will be determined by how cold it gets.

Poo Pickin' Pledge Campaign

A poo pickin' pledge campaign took place recently in Wooburn Park. Volunteers with clipboards asked dog walkers to sign a pledge to pick up after their dogs. The campaign ran from September 16 to 20 and 121 dogs were pledged to have their poo picked up by their owners. It was recognised that most people who signed already cleaned up after their dogs, but it was hoped that other people would be encouraged to clean up after their pets. The owners were given free poo bags and the dogs Bonios courtesy of Flowerland in Bourne End. The Bucks Free Press met the campaign volunteers, dog owners and their pets in Wooburn Park for a group photo.

Short and Sweet : The councillors and office/ground staff would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the parish a very merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

Meeting Dates 2015/2016:

Full Council: January 26 & February 23
Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials: January 5 & February 2
Planning, Highways & Lighting: December 9, January 6 & 20
(NB: Meeting scheduled for Wednesday December 30 is postponed until January 6)
F&GP: February 9.
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

Muddy sleeves and Autumn leaves by Cllr Katie Lamb

Just as the leaves started to don their autumn colours, the parish council reinstated its Biodiversity Working Party (it really isn't as grand as it sounds).

Building on the excellent foundations laid down by the previous working party we are planning to continue the fantastic work in Sappers Field (as featured on the front cover of your parish guide). Not only is the meadow beautiful to look at and walk through, it attracts many species of insects, bugs, butterflies and those all-important bees. We plan to add smaller areas too, from a few bee-friendly plants in park corners to perhaps a narrow strip of wild flowers in front of hedges.

With these and a few bug hotels in trees and among hedging they should thrive and a good insect population brings a strong bird population so who knows who will be swooping down onto your bird table or lawn next year.

With our feathered friends in mind, the parish council is considering a bird and bat box building day in the February school holidays, but more details of that in the next issue.

But the most exciting part for me personally, is that we are considering the possibility of reinstating the ponds in both The Warren and Farm Wood. Sadly these dried up a few years ago, no doubt with the loss of newts, frogs, toads, bugs and the myriad of life that kids, and all of us young-at-heart, so love to look for just under the surface of a pond.

I'm sure that I'm not the only one who would love to see them return, as ponds are not only fascinating for us adults, brilliant fun for both dogs and kids alike they are also so important for all our wildlife.

We would truly love to hear your ideas and thoughts on all the above. What are your thoughts regarding the ponds? Do you have ideas of your own or things you have seen elsewhere and do you have any stories or pictures of wildlife you have seen or haven't seen in the parish recently?

Please address any questions or information you may have to Malcolm Silver, the parish clerk, contact details above, or email me on Kate.lamb@live.co.uk



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Teaching the teachers

Bourne End has a new author. Dr Diana Hudson has written a specialist tome: *"Specific Learning Difficulties What Teachers Need to Know"* which was published in October and has already received some great feedback from learning disorder specialists and teachers.

Diana, who lives in Brantridge Lane, has more than 30 years classroom teaching experience. She has taught in top ranking schools in the UK in the state and private sectors, including Wycombe Abbey. She has been a head of biology, head of year and a SENCO (special educational needs coordinator).

She has taught adults on Access programmes and first year medical students and has trained as a teacher of students with Specific Learning Difficulties (these include dyslexia, dyscalculia, dyspraxia, ADHD, (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) and ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder).

Three of her four children have Specific Learning Difficulties and they have now all negotiated their way successfully through university.

Diana herself has a PhD in Zoology, but admits to struggling at school. She was diagnosed as having dyslexia a few years ago.

She is now focusing on increasing teacher awareness of Specific Learning Difficulties and enabling them to provide the tailored support and encouragement that these students need to thrive.

Diana told *Target*: "I am

delighted to see the book in print. My hope is that it will help teachers and give them greater confidence and practical skills when they teach pupils who have Specific Learning Difficulties in mainstream classes.

"In every class of 30 there will be at least one child with some form of Specific Learning Difficulties. A sympathetic and supportive teacher can make a huge difference for them.

"People with specific learning difficulties are of normal intelligence and potential, they just think in a different way. The role of a teacher is to find a way to maximise their talents, work around their difficulties and enable them to succeed."

Philippa Collin, a Specialist Support Assistant is one of many who have heaped praise on the book. She said: "Diana's huge experience, both within a classroom setting, and with students with learning difficulties, is clear, and many teachers (and students) will benefit from the information available in the book."



Future of Our Village (FoOV) Report

By David Langford

We have our public meeting and our AGM on December 1 at 7.30pm in the small hall of the community centre. Steve Underwood of Transport for Buckinghamshire will be a guest at the meeting.

Slate Meadow is still a contentious issue and Wycombe District Council was due to sign a Planning Performance Agreement with the developers. The Environment Agency was refusing to meet with the Liaison Group until there were concrete proposals.

Under the new Local Plan, a seminar proposed 42,500 homes to be built in Aylesbury Vale, Chiltern and Wycombe District, 35,000 in Aylesbury Vale where perhaps there will be a new town.

There was to be Speedwatch training at Upper Hedsor Road but there was only one device in the district so there may be a delay. Another set could be purchased but then there would be issues regarding reporting to the authorities.

The peace garden is still a live idea and £3,000 has been applied for but it has resulted in further forms for completion. The agreed site is on the public space in Station Road.

FoOV has a presence on Friends of the Day Centre and it attended the AGM. It was hoped that now there is a settled team running the centre this will result in innovative developments leading the centre into profit.



Finish with a flamboyant fizz

Centre talks ended their year on a high note with a sparkling glass of fizz – and other wines. Andrew Steel talked his audience through proscetto to sauvignon blanc and on to merlot. From new world to old world and sampling Andrew's choice wines along the way. Along with the wines came facts about wine growing, traditions, methods and some hilarious snippets gained during Andrew's 36 years in the wine trade.

Product placing Bolly into 'Ab Fab' took Bollinger champagne out of recession back in 1993. And Bond watchers will know it's his favourite tittle 'to be sent up to my room'.

New World wines introduced the screw top bottle so gone is the 'plop' as the cork is pulled. And because the grapes are harvested when perfectly ripe the resulting wine is shipped in containers and bottled in Europe. "New World wines are the revolution in wine producing," Andrew said, "and it's all happened in the last 30 years."

Before talking about red wine there was a break for cheese and biscuits to cleanse the palette. Then Andrew spoke about the soft, round and fresh taste from the merlot grape and again how the new world producers have moved into this market. And, in response to a question, whether it is worthwhile buying your wine in magnum bottles. "Definitely yes, the wine matures more slowly and when serving it looks more flamboyant!" Now centre talks move into 2016.



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Target's Barrie Penfold and Debra Aspinall were judges alongside teacher Lindsay Blaikie from Claytons Combined School and landlady Grace. They faced a difficult task with a very high standard from participants of all ages.

Target Editor Debra commented: "Having only recently attempted to carve a pumpkin myself I can truly appreciate the effort that went into the entries. Mine quickly turned into chunks for soup."

The winners were Ben Roehrig (under 10s) who was praised by the judges for his creativity; Luke & Alicia Jenkins (11 to 16s) whose pug pumpkin was singled out for its originality and clever shading and Robert Webster (adults) who grew his own pumpkins at his allotment in Courthouse Road. His winning sculpture comprised a 52lb pumpkin on top of a 68lb one.

Robert, who grows many different vegetables and fruit on his allotment which he transforms into jams, pickles and chutneys sold to raise fund for charities, donated a hamper for a fundraising evening in November. The event was held to raise funds for the Starfish Swimming Club, based in Maidenhead. This is a competitive swimming club that helps children and adults with learning difficulties improve their swimming capability.



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Little Marlow Parish Council

By Emma Marsden, parish clerk

Autumn is now upon us and the summer seems like a lifetime ago. For the council it means looking at budgets for the 2016/17 financial year and deciding on what priorities there are for the council and parishioners. Little Marlow Parish Council has an Action Plan 2015/16 which can be viewed on our website www.littlemarlowparishcouncil.org.uk. This details the community-driven projects we hope to achieve during this financial year and it will be updated in April 2016 for the coming year.

Parishioners are welcome to contribute suggestions. We will be deciding our budget and precept at our council meeting on December 1.

Armistice Day

Little Marlow laid a poppy wreath on November 8 at the War Memorial in Little Marlow. We also laid a poppy wreath at our cemetery in Fern Lane to remember two servicemen who died while serving their country and who are buried there.

Road Safety

This continues to be a priority for the council. We have already had the installation of the Zeebrite Beacons at the zebra crossing in Well End. The council is now delighted that there will be the installation of a Vehicle Warning Sign put on Sheepridge Lane. This is an extremely busy road and there have been a number of road traffic accidents there. We were delighted to receive funding from the Chepping Wycombe Local Area Forum and from county councillor David Watson's Leader Fund. With the money already allocated from Little Marlow Parish Council this represents around a £17,000 investment in improving this

road. Hopefully this sign will be installed over the Winter.

The council is also in correspondence with Wycombe District Council and Buckinghamshire County Council to improve the junction at Westhorpe Lane where the new athletics track is situated. The council has concerns regarding the pedestrian island which is situated by the junction. There have been incidents of vehicles hitting this island and the bollards have already been damaged. We hope that the district and county councils agree on a way to re-evaluate this junction and make the necessary improvements.

Street Lights

The council provides street lights in a number of places across the parish. These lights have been up for a number of years and some of the lanterns are now obsolete. The council will be reviewing the street light provision at our December meeting with the view to considering replacement LED lights.

Fern Lane Cemetery

The first phase of improving access from Sheepridge Lane has been completed - with the cutting of some hedgerow to improve sight lines when using this entrance. We hope to complete this project in the next financial year.

Quality Status

Little Marlow Parish Council had previously achieved Quality Status in 2004 and were successfully reaccredited in 2009. This scheme was changed last year and we were delighted to achieve Foundation Status in January 2015 within

this new scheme. Not one to rest on their laurels, the council has submitted an application to be awarded the next level within this new scheme - Quality Status. Hopefully we should find out by January 2016. Providing a quality and professional service is something the council is fully committed to - so fingers crossed for a successful accreditation.

Our next few council meetings dates are December 1, January 22 and February 23 – held at The Pavilion, Church Road, Little Marlow SL7 3RS. Telephone: 01628 890301, email clerk@littlemarlowparishcouncil.org.uk

Welcoming new businesses in Wooburn Town

Two new local businesses will be celebrating their grand openings with an open house on Saturday November 28 from 11am to 6pm. Wine, soft drinks and light snacks will be provided to visitors. The two new shops are Annabel Smith's Interiors and The Wooburn Craft School Ltd.

Annabel Smith offers interior styling and design advice as well as selling a select range of eclectic home wares on site. The Wooburn Craft School will be providing local residents with the chance to learn traditional craft skills such as woodcarving, furniture restoration, upholstery, jewellery and furniture making. In addition to these two new shops, Lyons Restoration will be sharing in the open house offering a chance to ask questions and to visit a traditional workshop. All shops are located on Town Lane in Wooburn Town – across from St Paul's church.

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John Stuart Clinton BSc CEng FRINA 11/10/1940 – 21/08/2015

Many local people will remember John for his involvement in two well established local charities, both of which owe a great deal to his skills and perseverance in fighting

for their respective causes.

His work and support for Windsor and Maidenhead District Sports Association for the Disabled (WAMDSAD now known as Sports Able) and the Bourne End Junior Sports Club centred around swimming. He first became a teacher, then took a step further to become a qualified swimming coach. Such was his dedication to the athletes, his WAMDSAD athletes immortalised him in song, in a verse of "WAMDSAD WONDERS" as they could hear him under the water.

As for the sports club, he brought the best out of his swimmers as their club coach for several years.

But his time at both clubs was not limited to the pool-side, he used his woodwork and DIY skills to create many a carnival float for both clubs.

The wheelchair Marlow Donkey brought both clubs together as BEJSC members pushed WAMDSAD members round a marathon course.

One year he built a 125 high speed train over a mini-bus for the carnival parade.

His dedication supported by his wife Cathy and family members led to lots of fundraising for both clubs.

John was a life member of the sports club and served as chairman of the club from 1977 to 1980, and during this time worked tirelessly to find the site for the sports hall along with funds and grants to build it. The hall was built in 1982.

Outside of the local involvement John was well respected as a naval architect. He joined what is now the Royal Institute of Naval Architecture in 1962, and went on to become a Fellow in 1989, and

was recognised for 50 years service in 2012. He was very proud of this.

The work he was most proud of was his earliest work on designing and building the QE2, the flagship of the Cunard Line for over 30 years from 1969. He took Cathy on three cruises on the ship, including the farewell British cruise in 2008.

John was also very proud of his work on the lolaire for BP; an innovative emergency response vessel. He was invited back to Newcastle to give a lecture on her design; had papers published at the prestigious Offshore Technology Conference in Houston, Texas, and also had a patent registered.

His work took him overseas a good deal. The first big trip was to Japan in 1974 for BP, taking his wife and three children with him. But he travelled to Oslo, Stavanger, Perth in Australia, Aberdeen, and many more places. His favourite was Trieste where he spent three years.

John leaves his wife Cathy and children Michael, David and Lesley; he will be greatly missed by all. However, John has left lasting legacies in our local communities of BEJSC and Sports Able, as well as within the world of Naval Architecture.

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RIP Jean Howell

Jean Howell died in hospital on October 6 aged 85, but hours before her death she told a friend that there were things she would sort out when she went back home. That was Jean – always positive, optimistic and determined to find a solution to a problem. She planned out her funeral to make life easier for her friends and family. Standing together in Greenacres Woodland Burial Park they were grateful for her forward planning and her choice of music, including 'Autumn Leaves' for a November day. Then there were smiles all around as a deer nosed its way through the woodland outside the windows.

Jean grew up at Ufton Court at the top of New Road. The spacious house was surrounded by fields and there were horses to ride and dogs for company. Her grandfather Thomas Christopher John Williams ran the Stag Brewery in Wooburn Town while being a county, district and parish councillor. Jean treasured his immaculate accounts; handwritten in big ledgers which also included the amount of pocket money he gave Jean each week.

Just down from Ufton Court her grandfather built two houses – one for Jean and her mother where Jean lived for the rest of her life. She loved the garden and did all the work herself. Dogs and cats were part of the household.

Always active in the garden Jean was as skilled in making toys and decorations, often using dried seed heads, pine cones and teasels. She organised annual craft fairs as fund raising events for Bourne End Junior Sports Club. She was an active member of Little Marlow and Well End WI.

Her passion for family history traced her family line back into the 1700s – and that was before the aid of the internet. She was a member of the Bucks Family History Society and Bourne End Horticultural Society. When ill health made her less mobile Jean



continued to help Stokenchurch Dog Rescue by collecting sheets, towels and blankets for them. Jean was a lovely, interesting person who will be sadly missed.

Left: an archive picture of Jean with her craft work.



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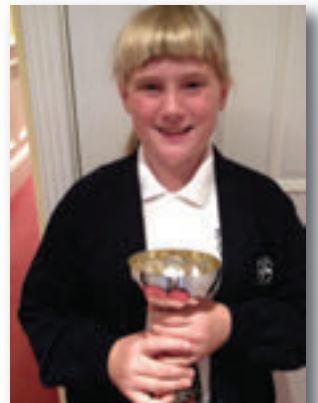
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Crafty goings on...

The library was overflowing with art and craft in October as a steady stream of local children entered 232 separate items for the third annual Bourne End Junior Craft Show run by mother and daughter team Sue and Amy Croall.

Both were delighted with the standard of entries and the number which had trebled from the previous year. The panel of judges had a tough time this year choosing the winners, but they managed and many children were happily awarded prizes chosen from a wonderful array purchased with funds kindly donated by local businesses.

Nine-year-old Mollie Parker (pictured) was particularly happy to return from Cub camp to find her cardboard model of Guinea Pig World had scooped the Penny Walsh Cup, awarded to the Judges' Favourite.



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One of the main services offered by Wye Valley Volunteers is driving local people to (mainly) medical appointments at hospitals, GP surgeries, dentists, physiotherapists etc.

Many of the clients would have difficulty in getting to their appointments because of reduced mobility (either through age or disability) or an inability to access transport provided by neighbours or to use public transport.

Wye Valley Volunteers has a team of volunteer drivers who cheerfully undertake this transport in their own cars. At the moment there are nearly 50 drivers on our books but inevitably a number of them are on holiday at any one time or looking after grandchildren.

On top of this ongoing fluctuation, some of our long-standing drivers, who took on a

Wye Valley Volunteer driver Ian Pettigrew fulfils a vital role in taking Ann Sharp to Stoke Mandeville Hospital where she has two medical appointments.



generous share of the trips, have retired. Suddenly our 50 looks more like 35 and with demand ever increasing we are struggling to find drivers for trips.

We urgently need to recruit some more drivers. The role of the volunteer driver is very flexible - when you join you are asked the maximum number of trips you are prepared to do and where you are prepared to go. Some drivers prefer to commit to about once a month, others will take on a couple of times a week; some drivers are prepared to go to London and Oxford hospitals others will restrict their journeys to Marlow or Maidenhead.

The volunteer team at the office takes calls from clients and tries to find drivers for them. Drivers only agree to trips that are convenient for them. Clients make a donation to the driver to cover the petrol costs.

Our drivers really enjoy their role and value their time with clients. Many of them have fascinating histories to relate and the journey is entertaining. Talking together is also relaxing for the person who has a hospital appointment and takes their mind off the medical realities.

Do please contact us if you are interested in finding out more either by dropping into the community volunteer office (the portakabin to the right of the community centre) between 10am and midday every weekday morning or by phoning 01628 520543.

Share your joy of collecting

Look around. How many of those china figures do you have? Open a cupboard. Have you got model cars in their original boxes? Look in a box you inherited from a relative. Will you ever use that full set of crockery and cutlery? Have you considered selling items you've collected over the years to free up space or even make a change of direction in your collecting bug?

Magpie's Nest at the community centre once a month would give you the chance to change course, enjoy meeting people keen on collecting and hear how others are able to put a date on something and know its worth. It's great fun and now there's room for more stalls at this regular event.

Magpie's Nest is held in the main hall at the community centre on the first Sunday in the month through most of the year. There's a constant flow of refreshments from morning bacon rolls to soup and sandwiches along with the essential cake.

Ray Casey organises the event and would welcome new stallholders, on an occasional or regular basis.

He told *Target*: "We'd like to encourage people who want to make a bit more room for something new or just to downsize, to sell here in Bourne End.

"The antiques/collectables market has changed significantly in recent times and we are now looking to also attract people selling vintage and retro items,

which will complement the traditional stallholders".

So, have a look around, think about making space, and perhaps be inspired to let your collections or items that you have around the house make you some money.

Call Ray Casey on 07798 701013 or Margaret on 01494 815792 (evenings are best) or email him on rayc01628@hotmail.co.uk They will tell you all you need to know about Magpie's Nest or perhaps pop into the community centre on Sunday December 6 or Sunday January 3 and see for yourself..

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Magical exhibition at ByGillian gallery

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All was revealed at a preview reception evening on November 6 with artist Jeffery Courtney, whose works were exhibited from the following day.

Gillian Cumming said: "It was a wonderful evening with more than 50 friends of the gallery coming along to see Jeffery's atmospheric landscapes and seascapes. We were also pleased to welcome our MP Dominic Grieve."

Jeffery Courtney explained that his selected paintings reflect his interest in the magic created when water and fire come together, as in his romantic sunrises and sunsets over sea.

Pictured left Jeffery Courtney and Gillian Cumming, above the duo with Dominic Grieve MP



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It was a traditional wedding at The Pavilion in Lane End on October 10 for Louise Way from Pizzazz when she became Mrs Marc McGuire.

Then came the honeymoon in Las Vegas – with a copy of *Target!* In her own words, and with great delight, Louise said "We had the renewal of vows service at the Las Vegas Graceland chapel and we went to the service in a 1965 Pink Cadillac. Here we are outside the chapel, complete with Elvis shades and sideburns."

A few songs from Elvis and then it was off to the Venetian Hotel for a gondola ride and a romantic serenade by the gondolier!

Another highlight of the trip was a sunset helicopter ride to the Grand Canyon and a champagne picnic 3,500 feet down in the canyon with a chocolate wedding cake. Then they flew back over the Las Vegas strip as the lights came on. Final word from Louise:

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

Swimming with BEJSC

New pool for 2016! Our Swim Section will be moving into the new leisure complex at Handy Cross from January 2016. The new pool will be one of the best in the country offering eight lanes over 50m.

The pool can also be divided in two offering 16 x 25m lanes for both training and competition. The Swim Section is a friendly and inclusive competitive club offering swimmers up to the age of 18 the scope to attain their swimming goals for fitness, competition or even elite competition as well as making new and lasting friendships.

If your child is ready to move on from learn to swim and can swim 25m, please contact Sarah Haveron-Jones (haveronjones@icloud.com) to arrange a trial session.



Junior basketball

The group meets on Friday evenings from 5.30pm to 7pm in the sports hall and introduces eight to 11 year olds into the game of basketball. It is a friendly group led by some enthusiastic young people. They have vacancies for new players so why not give it a go. Please email office@bejsc.co.uk or turn up on the night.



Sports club history by Liz Hutton



At our AGM in September I stood down as chairman of the sports club and Matthew Todd was elected as the new chairman. It is great to see a former member now in this role. Matt joined the club as a young lad in the Badminton Section that I ran. He was an active member of Junior Committee and completed the Young Leaders Course a few years ago. As a result of the change I have been clearing the shelves in my study and uncovering all kinds of club history.

Regular readers will recognise the little piece in the box at the top which appears in every edition. However, I felt it may be a good time to tell you a little more.

At the AGM in 1971 the club had been going just nine months and had 552 members with 10,000 attendances. The sections were Football, Gymnastics, Drama, Country Dancing (later just Dancing), Chess, and Table Tennis.

The Table Tennis Section was charged 5d per table at the community centre. The committee members at the time were Russ Hazell, chairman, Charles Boughtflower, Mr Westcott, Mrs J Chapman, Eric Knight, K Malpass, T Ricks, Mr Baldwin, and Ernie Foster.

In 1973 the Judo Section started and plans were underway for a Canoe Section. Using a mould eight canoes were built with members helping the new leader John Clarke who was a teacher at Claytons School. Six canoes were for the club and two for the scouts.

Swimming and Badminton Sections soon followed. At that stage premises were hired in a variety of local places from schools to halls, but by the late 70s the directors were eager to find a place to build a sports hall.

Serious fundraising was ongoing throughout the club with members and their families running all kinds of activities to raise money. Eventually the ideal plot was found in New Road in the grounds of what was Deyncourt School.

The building cost £150,000 but the club could only pay two thirds of that. A bank loan of £50,000 saved the day, but led to many more years of fundraising to pay off the debt and the very high interest rates. We made it and expanded in 1997.

All of these years of hard work have resulted in the highly successful club we are today with an amazing community facility used by hundreds of people of all ages. How did we do it? We had hundreds of willing volunteers who gave unstintingly of their time. What did they get out of it? Well I can speak very personally here having clocked up nearly 40 years of volunteering – satisfaction for a job well done, real friendships, many skills I would probably never have gained elsewhere, and a sense of pride in watching others enjoy the resources the club offers.

If you would like to offer some hours to the club to help in any way then please get in touch office@bejsc.co.uk.

Loss of another long-term supporter

Sadly we heard of the recent death of Jean Howell aged 85. Jean looked after our hall and premises bookings for some time a good few years ago. However, she is best remembered for the highly successful craft fairs she organised every November in our hall for a number of years, helping our fundraising. Jean was a lovely lady, well known in the community and will be missed by us all.

Climbing parties

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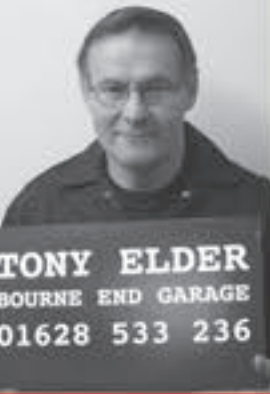
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The drama unfolded during the day as messengers travelled the 26 miles from the city of Marathon to bring news of the conflicts in that neighbouring city.

Meanwhile the Athenians occupied themselves by creating a new temple to their Goddess Athena to ensure her protection.

The children made marble carvings (out of soap bars), ground herbs and spices for traditional medicines, made oil from olives for lamps and created mosaics, jewellery and clay pots.

There was role play, interaction between the groups and a very clear lesson on Greek democracy when the girls realised they were not eligible to vote alongside the boys.

In the afternoon a banquet with entertainment was held (thanks to the Co-op and the Fruit Market for helping out) and Craig enthralled this audience with tales from Greek mythology.

Claytons teacher Jeremy Downing said: "It's a great way to consolidate all the things the children have learned in the classroom. Actually making these items, feeling the importance of the battle's outcome and even just wearing traditional Greek costume really brings it all home. It's lessons like this that stick in your mind for many, many years to come."



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Miriam Blazey is a key figure in the Save Slate Meadow campaign, but her community involvement doesn't stop there. The mum-of-two has played, and continues to play, a number of roles in her community. Target's Abbie Armstrong went to see her at her Bourne End home.

When did you first move to this area?

In 1994 my husband, Ian, and I moved to Bourne End after a lengthy housing sale process in which Ian commuted for six months from our previous home in East London, to his new job in the village. His role as the managing director of a local German furniture company was our reason for moving here.

Was that the only attraction to the area?

No, the village is beautiful, with a lovely community feel where everybody knows each other- but not so much that you feel as though you are in each other's pocket.

We liked Bourne End so much that Ian re-trained as a teacher when the girls went to school and now works in the village once again at Bourne End Academy.

I was part of the Girl Guiding community when we lived in London, and carried on leading a Guides unit in Ruislip for about a year after moving here. It involved commuting from work in Luton to Ruislip and then back home every Monday night.

We decided on arrival to immerse ourselves in village life as we knew this would be our forever home. So I left the group in 1995, and just six weeks later, joined the Cores End Brownies. It was great fun, and a brilliant way to meet people. I moved to leading the Guides group afterwards, and remember taking my eldest daughter Tasha along on an ice skating trip as a baby.

I gave up my Girl Guiding license in 2001 to spend more time with my family, which now included my daughter Rebekah. Despite my love of Guiding, I made a pact to my daughters not to return, in order to give them some independence as they both attended Rainbows, Brownies and Guides respectively. It's been hard, especially due to the need of leaders in the area, but I have kept my promise.

What else did you get involved in?

During my first pregnancy I joined the local NCT group, and helped with their newsletter. At this time I knew no one with small children so it was a great way to meet other new parents. I carried on volunteering with the group for 16 years, and left in January 2014.

During this time I managed the Maidenhead and Bourne End branch as well as 42 branches later as a Regional Manager.

This meant volunteering two evenings a week, termly weekend training sessions and an annual conference - on top of my ten hour days as a sales rep and later a job at the Bucks Free Press. I think I did more voluntary hours than my paid roles. Nevertheless, I loved the job and found it very hard to leave (it took nearly two years to finally let go). But with a 15 year old and 13 year old, it was probably time to move on - no matter how lovely it was to cuddle all those babies.

When my eldest daughter started school at St Peters in Marlow in 2004, Ian and I got involved with the immensely popular Claytons Holiday Club for children in Bourne End. As well as being a wonderful experience on our part, it enabled my daughters to make friends at both schools, which was found to be useful at secondary school. I have very fond memories of my three years with them.

It seems that as my children grow, the type of project I am involved with changes.

Like the Save Slate Meadow campaign?

Yes, I am part of the Save Slate Meadow campaign as its representative in a liaison group made up of members of Wooburn Green and Bourne End Resident Associations and parishes, and Wycombe District Council. I got involved with the campaign after I understood how much it would affect the village and its environment.

The pasture fields lie adjacent to the River Wye, next to Stratford Drive. The area forms a natural separation between Wooburn Green and Bourne End, it is also a flood plain and a former Green Belt zone. The proposed development of around 150 houses would add strain to local schools, roads and health services, as well as threatening an environment which includes stag beetles and the RSPB's amber listed egrets.

I feel that it is a big issue and have been pleased at the support of the community which has been showcased at our previous meetings and our Facebook group that boasts over 400 members. While others in the liaison group have expertise in historic housing and planning permissions, I have good community connections and primarily aim to spread awareness, as I think a major part of the slow start of the campaign was the simple lack of knowledge. This has since been overcome by the distribution of leaflets to local homes and the displaying of the banners. It is an ongoing issue, but the backing of the community makes a real difference.

What else are you doing in the village currently?

I keep up to date on other housing plans and ensure the village is protected and, again, aware. I think that's the most important thing; if people find out something and don't want to do anything, that's fine. But it's a lot harder to change something after it is set in motion.

I am also in the Bourne End Women's Institute, which I love as it is a bit of 'me' time. We meet monthly on a Thursday evening at St Dunstan's for a glass of wine and general chatter. We often talk about current village issues and it's a good platform to keep people up to date on the Slate Meadow campaign. The group is very different to how people perceive WIs; we have a varied age range and have a brilliant time. After its creation nearly two years ago, it's gone from strength to strength. It's been so popular that another session was set up recently to accommodate more than 100 members and a long waiting list - which just shows how great our community really is.



Top award for Cliveden



Cliveden scooped the top hotel award in England becoming 'AA Hotel of the Year 2015-16'. The award was presented to the hotel's management team by TV's Fiona Bruce in

October at a glittering awards ceremony held at Grosvenor House in London.

The AA Hospitality Awards are considered a highlight in the industry's calendar, and the

ultimate accolade for hotels in the UK that are recognised as being outstanding examples in their particular market.

The achievement comes only a few short years after a change in ownership for the hotel.

Commenting on the award, Andrew Stembridge, Managing Director of Cliveden and its sister property, Chewton Glen said: "This fabulous achievement is testament to the vision and generosity of our owners, together with the energy and enthusiasm of General Manager, Sue Williams and the whole team. Cliveden has been reborn again. Historically Cliveden was probably the most renowned hotel outside London and to

be crowned AA Hotel of the Year is symbolic of the fact that Cliveden is well and truly back on the map".

General Manager, Sue Williams was thrilled and commented: "I would like to thank the AA for all their support and steerage since we took over Cliveden House three years ago. It has been quite a journey and a real highlight of my career to have the opportunity to help bring Cliveden back to its former glory. Above all, we hope our guests are enjoying this new era for the house and will enjoy the exciting times we have ahead.

"The AA award comes at an important time as the house celebrates 350 years of making history with the completion of a meticulous restoration programme within the main house and the final phase, the redevelopment of the Club Room Courtyard and Spa, due to get underway in January 2016".

The eponymous André Garrett Restaurant has also garnered a small trophy cabinet of awards recently, being named as one of the top 20 UK Restaurants in 'The Waitrose Good Food Guide 2016' and, being placed in the top 10 UK Restaurants in the highly regarded 'Square Meal Guide'.



Fiona Bruce (left) pictured with Sue Williams (holding award) and members of Cliveden's Management Team receiving their AA Hotel of the Year Award 2015-16




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Serious accident in Wooburn

A Winter's Tale from 1955

There was much discussion among bellringers at St Paul's Church, Wooburn Town, about a plaque on the tower wall reading "These bells were re-hung on ball bearings February 1957 as a thank offering by Dr Selborne Bailey Churchwarden for his escape from a serious accident on Christmas morning 1955".

We determined to find out more about the incident referred to on the plaque.

Our research produced the following interesting story about Dr Selborne Bailey (1880 -1969) who was a well-known pillar of the local community in the first half of the 1900s.

He was a GP at the Hawthornden Surgery from 1911 to 1968 and a churchwarden at Wooburn Parish Church from 1928 to 1969. He was also in charge of the fire brigade, being chief of the Volunteer Fire Service.

The Bucks Free Press of December 30, 1955 reported that, on Christmas morning, he was in conversation with two other men just before going into church and was knocked down with his companions by a car which skidded on the icy surface of the road.

Dr Bailey's son, Dr Alison Bailey, who had just arrived to attend church, saw the accident and ran to help the three injured men.

Dr Selborne Bailey's shoes were torn off by the force of the impact and hurled into the middle of the



road, but he escaped with only an injury to his right shoulder and extensive bruising.

His companions, Tom Allen of Wooburn Green and Gilbert Sarney of Bourne End were also injured

and Tom received treatment for fractured ribs.

The driver of the car, which spun round in the road, Kenneth Webb of High Wycombe, was unhurt.



Also, in 1961, to celebrate his 50 years as a doctor in the parish, a window was erected in the parish church, paid for by subscriptions from his patients and friends.

Dr Bailey had a very strong sense of humour and is reputed at that time to have said: "It is not in my memory, because I am not dead yet!"

Tower correspondence shows that this work on the church bells, including an overhaul of the bearings, was already in hand in order to "leave the bells in perfect ringing order for the sum of Fifty Pounds, Ten Shillings".

However, the work, which had been awarded to family firm of church bell hangers, R. White & Son of Appleton, near Abingdon, then in Berkshire, was much delayed owing to the death of the proprietor.

His son, FA White, took on the firm and wrote on 27 December 1956, "I shall start work on Tuesday next, Jan 1st".

Frank White died in 2011, but Whites of Appleton continues in business to this day, almost 200 years after it was founded.

Bellringers have much cause to thank Dr Bailey for the improvements to the bells in St Paul's Church tower which made their bell ringing a much smoother and easier task from 1957 until the bells were rehung and retuned in 2002.

The bells of Wooburn have fallen silent this winter as work is carried out in the church. However, we will be ringing again in the spring once access to the tower has been restored.

Story by Chris Quelch and SueTattersall,
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This is a happy, charming show with plenty of knockabout comedy in true panto style. Written by Ben Crocker audience participation is a must, along with the chance to get up on stage to sing with members of the cast – the personal touch that's an essential part of any Forum Players panto. The show will once more be at the community centre.

Look out for King Rat who likes to talk in verse while the Alderman and the Captain look vaguely familiar. And there's a special role for a mouse – to find out make sure you book your seats early for the best show at the start of 2016.

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Bourne End & Cookham Probus Club By John Daymond

The September talk by Dave Scott was 'George Holt Thomas, the High Wycombe man who created the World's Largest Aircraft Manufacturing Enterprise'.

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The partnership was a great success and several military aircraft were manufactured at the factory in Hendon, all with the prefix DH, and they were a major part of the aircraft flown during the first World War. By 1918 he was able to claim AIRCO as the largest aircraft manufacturing company in the world.

Holt Thomas realised the potential of air travel and registered the name Aircraft Transport and Travel Limited in 1916, starting flights from London to Paris and Eastern Europe after the war. A true visionary in the field of aviation, he died in 1929.

At our October meeting we were entertained with a talk by David MacLeod on The Wonderful World of Whisky, outlining the many variations of taste that are derived from water, barley and malt. To find out more about us ring Brian Print on 01628 523739.

Inner Wheel Club By Diana Hyde

The game Place the Wart on the Witch's Nose, was enjoyed by our happy band of 'witches' at our October club meeting (pictured) while indulging in an astonishing selection of grizzly nibbles, which included 'brains', 'severed fingers' and 'eyeballs' – oh delicious!

Plans are proceeding well for our Annual Charity Christmas Tea Party on Thursday December 3 and this year's fantastic guest speaker will be a well-known restaurateur.

Following the success of the Inner Wheel Bottle in a Bag stall in June, we have a Gift in a Bag stall at Bourne End Fun Night on Friday December 4.

We hope that lots of you have a go in aid of charity.



Little Marlow & Well End WI By Judy Wilson

Over recent busy weeks, members have attended the Autumn Event at High Wycombe and some enjoyed courses as diverse as hat making, and transport at the time of Jane Austen at Denman College. The county event day 'Feeding 9 billion by 2050' caused great debate.

We enjoyed celebrating the WI Centennial with a lunch organised by one of our members where we ate delicious food and drank a toast to our wonderful movement.

Our October speaker, Colin Parrish, told us about the six daughters of George III and how his bouts of mental illness affected their personal lives. At an entertaining group meeting Colin Oakes led us through Digging for Victory in both first and second World Wars.

November saw our Annual Meeting where a new committee was formed and Judy Wilson elected as president. Maggie Ryan was warmly thanked for her leadership over the past three years.

Now we look forward to a visit to the London Carvery and Somerset House ice rink (as spectators only), our Christmas lunch and a visit to Aylesbury to see a stage version of the Glenn Miller story. Visitors are always welcome, contact 01494 438380.

Bourne End & Cookham Rotary Club By John Dunsterville

Now we enter the busiest time of our year. Look out for our Christmas float making collections in your area. Your generosity always amazes us. Scannappeal and Young Carers are our main charities this year, and we also support so many more.

More than 20 very special young carers aged six to nine enjoyed a day at Bekonscot with our help and support. Everyone, especially these young heroes, had a great day out. Thanks to Brian Newman-Smith, director of Bekonscot, Suzanne Roe, president of Bourne End & Cookham Rotaract Club and our own Chris Whibley for getting it all together. Find out more about this charity on www.carersbucks.org

Our President Sue Pommeroy is still involved with local schools' Zambian Project and our Mike Ware has the Rotakids buzzing with ideas to raise money

for the refugee crisis. So globally or locally, young or old, we are all getting involved – and you can get involved too. Contact Maureen Campbell on 01628 850595.

Bourne End WI By Kath Acres

At our October meeting Amanda Rayner gave an interesting talk about the language of fans, an essential communication skill for any young lady in the 19th century who wished to communicate with a chap without their chaperone knowing. Texting and social media have now rendered that skill unnecessary.

Our Annual Meeting in November saw the election of the committee (all of the old plus two new members) for the next year and President (me). We had a delicious fish and chip supper cooked by Smiles who were worried about cooking for the WI. I think they have watched too many episodes of the Great British Menu - it was great and I don't think that any of us have produced fish and chips like that in our lives.

December is our members only Christmas Party with comic verse, songs and stories from Jane and John Dunsterville. Visitors are welcome to all our other meetings.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month at St Dunstan's Church Hall at 7.30pm. Our Craft and Chat Group meets in the library on the third Tuesday. Email bourneendwi@yahoo.com for further information.

Wooburn WI By Sue Pressney

At our Annual Meeting in November our secretary, Janet Smith, announced that she would be stepping down, due to other pressures. Janet has worked very hard for us and we would like to thank her on behalf of us all.

In October we hosted a group meeting, when we invited other local WIs to join us. We had a talk which told us how the nation fed the population during both World Wars. It seemed that we were better organised in the second World War, having learned from the mistakes in the first World War, when some people starved.

In December we have a talk by Mary Simmons entitled Frayed At The Edges, about the weaving industry. Ring Sue Pressney 01628 527396

Bourne End Afternoon WI By Janet Spill

In October we enjoyed a fish and chip lunch before the business of the Annual Meeting. The committee for the coming year was introduced and Susan Weaver was voted in as the new President. A secondhand book sale was successfully started which will now become a regular feature.

A Christmas party is planned for the December meeting with the promise of mulled wine and mince pies and, no doubt, some carols.

We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2pm in St Dunstan's Church Hall and visitors are always very welcome to join us.

Improvements to the Thames Path

Dave Chapman, of Donkey Lane Residents, tells Target what has been going on

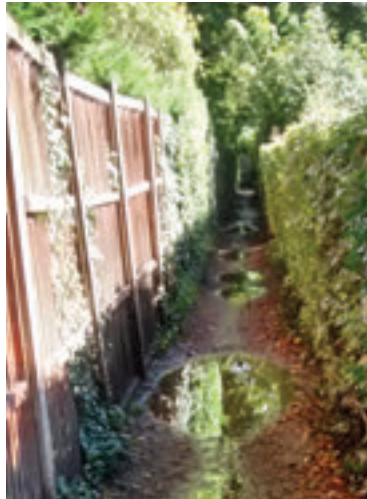
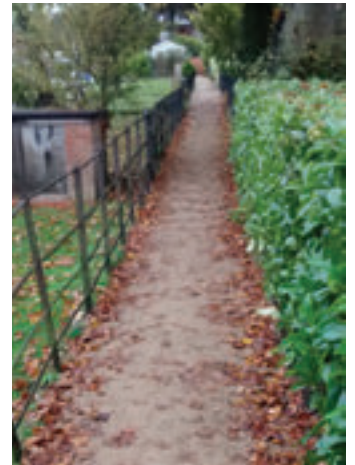
Those of you who walk the Thames Path from Bourne End Marina to get to The Bounty or just to walk on the Cookham side of the river, will have noticed the resurfacing work that was completed in October.

These before and after photos tell the tale; after heavy rain this section of the path became muddy with deep puddles that could, at times, make it unusable in anything other than wellington boots. Well not now.

Initiated by the residents of Donkey Lane and after some six months of liaison with the National Trails organisation, improvement work was carried out by a two-man team from Smallwood Countryside Contractors, Reading.

The Environment Agency provided the specification and approved the use of Centrack, which is a naturally occurring limestone product that binds together to form a tough but porous surface; it is now used by The Canal and River Trust for towpath upgrades in heavily-used, semi-rural areas.

So, how much did it cost and who provided the funds? The total cost was £8,500 and the contributors were; The National Trails (<http://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/>) £4,000, Bucks County Council £2,000, Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council £1,500, The Bounty £500 and Donkey Lane Residents £500.



Bourne End Marina contributed by using their tug to transport materials to improve the path at the foot of the Cookham side of the footbridge.

The before and after pictures on the left show the Thames Path to the bridge and the pictures on the right show before and after on the path to the marina.



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Signing off after 30 orchestral concerts featuring 213 pieces from 75 different composers, 17 symphonies, 25 pieces of ballet music, 14 concert overtures, extracts from operas, operettas and musicals and lots more, the concert statistics show the great musical contribution the event has provided for a local community. Many were sad to say farewell.

"We would love to see it continue," Julie Varley and her friends said "but we understand John's message to his army of regular concert goers."

John's message included the following comments: "I am very grateful to you all for being there and I am touched by the many comments that were made to me and to members of the orchestra. I am aware that many of you have been supporters for many years and this has encouraged us to continue for all this time.

"Inevitably, though, there comes a time when it is right to call it a day and my judgement was that now is that time. I wanted us to go out on a high, which we certainly did!"

'Stirring', 'nostalgic', 'overwhelming' were some of the exclamations from an audience delighted to hear once more the orchestra's very memorable Abba tribute as the last encore. It was greeted with roars of approval.

Smiles were mixed with tears at the realisation that there would be no 'see you next year' for musicians, helpers and audience, but many felt real delight to have been part of the Bourne End Concert Orchestra scene at the community centre.



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Bourne End Community Library

By Inka D'Agostino, library manager

Library activities December/January

The festive season is fast approaching and it seems unbelievable that we are already preparing for another Bourne End Christmas Fun Night (see page 1). Do come and join in the celebrations. The library will be open until 8pm and once again we will be serving our delicious mulled wine.

There will be a children's Christmas treasure hunt and face painting as well as many stalls.

This is always a major fundraiser so please do come and support us.

Beautiful Bourne End, Wonderful Wooburn. The library is planning to present a photographic exhibition of local landscapes taken by residents. If you have photographs you would like to be considered please contact the library or Rosemary Stops, who has kindly taken over organising our exhibition space. Rosemary's email is rosemary@chrisstops.co.uk

Ideally we would like to frame the photographs, but as this is a costly venture we are looking for sponsorship for this project. If you are a local business or know of one who may be

able to help please get in touch.

We have an interesting programme of talks planned for our Lifestyle Club. Our last meeting of the year will fall on Friday December 18. Please join us for mulled wine, mince pies and a Christmas quiz. Please note for this date only the event starts at 11am not 10.30am.

In January we welcome the return of Mike Grundy who will give a talk on *The Architecture of the London Underground and the European Metros*. This will take place on Friday January 22 at 10.30am.

February's Lifestyle will be held on Friday 19 when our guest speaker Trevor Dean will talk about *The History of the Local Paper Mills*.

My staff and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year and to thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

For more information on library events or to enquire about our room hire please contact us on lib-boe@buckscc.gov.uk or telephone 0845 2303232.



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Bourne End Community Market By Rosie O'Hagan

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Have you spotted our new banners outside Lloyds Bank and St Paul's Church? We send our thanks to both.

The number of stallholders continues to grow and for our pre-Christmas market on December 12, we are expanding into the Day Centre next door.

We are sure 2016 will be another great year for our market with the addition of even more interesting stalls including a sewing and alteration service provided by another talented local resident, Anna of Thumbelina Design <https://thumbelinadesign.wordpress.com>

So remember, our market takes place every second Saturday of the month, 10am to 1pm at Bourne End Library.

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Past times... by Barrie Penfold

REMEMBERING... First World War servicemen buried in the old cemetery opposite St Paul's Church

At the start of 2015 Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council cleared the cemetery and uncovered headstones, setting them straight and creating a natural habitat for wildlife. Barrie Penfold visited this peaceful oasis alongside the River Wye between Town Lane and Thomas Road.

Sergeant Albert John Babey's headstone can be found on the north boundary. Born in Wiltshire, Bertie joined the army and served in the Boer War and in India. He returned and joined the Great Western Railway. Before the start of the First World War he was employed in the yard at Glory Mill while his wife, Ellen, ran a general store in Cores End and they lived above the shop.

Answering Kitchener's call for "non-commissioned officers to train men for the present war," Bertie enlisted and became a Recruiting Sergeant for his regiment in Wycombe and Slough.

While he was away his family received 12/6d a week from Glory Mill under wages headed 'Men in Army'. He served throughout the war and died in Plymouth three weeks before the Armistice. He was brought home to Cores End and buried at Wooburn with full military honours. His gravestone also commemorates his daughter Alice Amelia who died aged 11.

Gunner George Burton lived with his family at the top of Wooburn Green then moved into the Pound House when his parents died. He attended Wooburn Infants and went on to the church school. He ran the family coal business with his other brothers and served in France. In 1919 George died in hospital from his wounds and was buried with full military honours. His girlfriend Violet Marshall eventually married his brother Tom.

Like two of his uncles, Sydney Dunn joined up and served seven years with the Grenadier Guards. Then he joined Soho Mill as a fireman where he met Annie Wade and they married in August 1912 at St Paul's Church. As a reservist Sydney was recalled on the day war broke out and went to France with the 2nd Grenadiers in August 1914.

He was injured and then gassed in June 1916 when he was invalided home. Later he returned to the Front but was again sent home suffering from a gunshot wound and shell shock. It seems he was dug out of a trench covered in dead men and at this he finally cracked.

After treatment at a number of hospitals he was discharged and his character assessment said "very good, sober, honest and hardworking." He was nursed by his wife until his death in April 1919, aged 35.

Although born in Windsor, Maurice Gordon Davis had strong local connections. His brother Alfred was the assistant scoutmaster at Hedsor, a businessman who provided an annual trophy for young footballers. Maurice was a member of the temperance group called the Hammersley Lodge of Buffaloes and regularly paraded with them. The family lived in Eghams Green in



cottages — demolished to make way for the Jacksons Mill expansion.

Maurice was an early victim of the war. He joined the 19th Hussars at the outbreak of war, but transferred to the Grenadier Guards and was posted to Chelsea Barracks. There a cold developed into pneumonia and he died in King's College Hospital. His gravestone on the east boundary of the old cemetery says "He died that others might live". His parents were also buried in Wooburn Cemetery.

Thomas Levi King was born in one of the cottages above Whitehouse Farm and grew up to be a fine fellow, over six foot tall. The family moved to Wycombe Lane shortly before the war and the family attended St Mary's Church, just along the road from their new home. Tom and his brother were possibly labourers at Hedge Mill before they both volunteered for the Grenadier Guards. Tom went to France with his battalion in July 1915 and then joined the 2nd Brigade of the Guards Division.

Two days after the start of the Battle of Loos in September 1915 Tom was seriously wounded. It took him nearly three years to die. His funeral, with full military honours and 48 Grenadier Guardsmen in attendance, also included wounded soldiers from Cliveden Hospital where Tom had been nursed. After the funeral the guards were invited to tea by Miss Thomas at The Limes, off Wycombe Lane.

Rifleman John Vernon was born next-door-but-one to the Baptist Church on Wooburn Green in September 1896 and christened four weeks later at St Paul's Church. He is the small boy leaning against the gatepost in the photograph on page 59 of 'The Way It Was' vol 2 (BERA 1988). When Johnnie was eight the family moved to Dover Villas in Boundary Road. He left school in 1910 and went to work at Glory Mill.

Like many men from Wooburn he joined a Territorial Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment. He enlisted in 1914, trained and then went to Gallipoli in July 1915. He served right through that campaign. In August 1916 he collapsed on parade and died soon afterwards, a month short of his 19th birthday. His parents chose the inscription "His memory is as dear today as in the hour he passed away" for his headstone on the north boundary. His parents are also buried in Wooburn Cemetery.

These are the men buried in a cemetery close to where they were born and grew up. Theirs is a headstone. Many, of course, have just a white cross close to a battlefield. In recognition the names of those who died are recorded on local war memorials in Flackwell Heath, Wooburn Green and Little Marlow. You will also find names on memorials in Wooburn Working Men's Club, at Soho Mill and on the Cliveden Estate. Local churches also have their own memorials.

Our heroes must never be forgotten.

OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

St Mark's Parish Church

At this very busy time of year we aim to 'Keep Christ in Christmas' and welcome everyone to these events.

On December 4, fun-night carol singing with mulled wine and mince pies in The Parade. December 18, Christmas Dinner served in church from 7pm.

On December 19, Messy Christmas (free craft activities in church from 2.30pm to 5pm with tea). December 20, 10.30am Nativity and simple communion for all ages, 6pm Carol Service with the Blend Choir.



On December 24, 4pm Christingle Service with puppets for families, 11.30pm Holy Communion with carols

Christmas Day, December 25, 10.30am Christmas Communion all-age service with carols and songs.

For further information contact the Rev Janet Binns 01628 523046 or Alison Gray 01628 298022. To hire the hall ring 077430 37938.

Cores End United Reformed Church

Our Shoebox Collection this year was in support of Link to Hope's work in Eastern Europe and more than 40 boxes were donated.

Our Christmas Fair is on Saturday December 5, 10am to midday, at the community centre with a variety of gifts to buy, craft activities for the children, dance demonstration from Bucks School of Dance and hot and cold refreshments.



At our church service on December 6 there will be a collection of toys for Barnados.

Our Children's Christmas Fun Day is on Saturday December 19, 10am to 4pm, with Christmas crafts, music and games for children aged five to 11, giving parents a chance to catch up with Christmas preparations. Spaces are limited, ring Ann Pendergast on 01628 526865.

Cores End will be celebrating Christmas again this year with its locally renowned Carol Concert on December 20 at 6.30pm. As well as Waltham St Lawrence Silver Band there will be musicians from Birmingham Royal Ballet and actors from ITV's The Royal, reading the good news of Christ's birth. Singer Lea Lyle will be singing Christmas songs. Join with us for the candlelit carolling and share mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. Entrance is free.

Our Christmas Day service is at 10.30am. Link Up Club ends their 2015 events with a Christmas meal on December 15. The new year programme starts on Tuesday January 5 and on January 19 we have Jean Peasley coming to talk about Wye Valley Volunteers.

A new community initiative is in the pipeline for Spring with a series of three evening workshops for adolescents and parents, covering topics ranging from digital technology to developing emotional resilience.

Dr Bex Lewis is guest speaker at the first workshop on February 22 and also at an afternoon workshop that day for local youth workers. Keep an eye out in our website's "youth matters" section for further information.

St Nicholas' Church

The Christingle Service takes place on December 6 at 4pm, a lovely service for children. Our Nativity Play is during the Sunday Service of December 20 at 9am.



On Christmas Eve our midnight service starts at 11pm while a special family communion will take place at 9am on Christmas Day. Christmas at St Nicholas' is very meaningful and we encourage you to join us as we celebrate this special time of year.

Our annual Epiphany Carol Service takes place at 4pm on January 10 with our choir directed by Dr Peter Wilton, under whose guidance the choir has grown. We will be joined by other musicians so this is another service not to be missed.

In the new year our services continue as before with Holy Communion at 9am except on the second Sunday of the month when we have the Pathway Service.

Please bring your children to join us over Christmas.

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

By the time you read this our roof repair project should be well underway.

We have moved our church services into our church hall, and so on the first and third Sundays we have all-age worship at 9.30am, and on the second and fourth Sundays we have a more traditional service and the Sunday Club is using St Mary's in Glory Mill Lane for the children's work – both start at 9.30am. Our BCP service is still at 8am on the fourth Sunday.

A Messy Christmas Tea is on Sunday December 13, 3pm to 5pm, and instead of our usual evening 'Carols by Candlelight' we have a Parish Communion with Carols on Sunday December 20 at 9.30am.

We are combining our Nativity on the Green and our children's Crib Service on The Green at 3pm on Thursday 24, Christmas Eve. The children are still invited to come dressed as either angels or shepherds to help tell the story of the birth of Jesus.



Midnight Holy Communion service starts at 11pm that evening and then on Christmas Day there will be the BCP Holy Communion service at 8am followed by our all-age Christmas Day Service at 9.30am. All of these services will take place in our church hall.

Please come and share in our celebrations as we celebrate Christmas in a rather different way this year.

All the normal groups at both St Paul's and St

Mary's will be back in January, with Tots Praise and our Friday Communion service and lunch on January 8 and then Toddlers at St Paul's Church Hall from Tuesday January 12. For church hall bookings and details of events visit www.stpaulswooburn.org.

St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

We start our celebrations of the birth of Christ with a Carol

Service on Sunday December 20 at 7pm (later than usual) with mulled wine and mince pies



afterwards. On Christmas Eve there will be two Crib Services at 3pm and 4.30pm, please come to whichever is most convenient, we look forward to welcoming many Marys, Josephs, Shepherds and Angels. Then Midnight Holy Communion is at 11.30pm.

On Christmas Day Holy Communion is at 8.30am and Family Service with Communion at 11am. On Sunday December 27 there will be only one service, 8.30am Holy Communion.

Community Church

There's a big birthday celebration happening this December – it's called Christmas. We'd like to invite you to three different events – take your pick or come to them all.

On the Saturday before Christmas, December 19 at 5pm, we'll be hosting Carols on the Green at Wooburn Green, with refreshments (including mulled wine) both before and after the carols. No need to bring any money – just bring your singing voice.

On Sunday December 20 our Christmas family celebration is at the Chapel on the Green at 10.30am. We'll be bringing Christmas alive to children of all ages, and you're welcome to come along whether you have been before often, rarely or never.



Finally on Christmas Day itself we'll hold a short celebration in the chapel between 10.30am and 11.15am.

We're doing lots of 'blokey' things over the next few weeks. On December 5, 10am to 11.30am, we'll be holding our 'Dad's Little Steps' fathers and tots group in the hall behind the Chapel on the Green. The bacon baps and coffee are becoming renowned and the banter... well, maybe the less said about that the better.

Just £2 per family, and an ideal pre-Christmas gift for Mum to get some peace and quiet.

As a post-Christmas gift you can come along to the January one too on January 2. For more details contact David Bennett on 07590 336337.

On Saturday December 12 we have our Men's Big Breakfast, just £3 for a splendid Full English (and more). It just requires you to be awake at 8am, when it all starts. The New Year Big Breakfast is on January 9. For more details call Dave Bitcheno on 07894 143925.

We do have things happening for ladies and children. More about that next time, or you can read all about it at www.wooburngreen.org.

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Chess

It is early season. The two Berkshire teams have so far had one win and one defeat.

In the Bucks League, the first team have won their only game so far and the second and third teams currently lead division two although Wycombe 3 may change that. The website will keep you up to date with the league:

www.bucksvoice.net/bourneendchess.

If you are interested in playing for the club contact Roger de Coverly on 01628 486676.

Darts Report

Having played four rounds of 22 of the Winter League, we find ourselves in equal fifth position. Enthusiasm runs high as does enjoyment. Competition for team places is keen and hopes are high.

Social darts has resurrected itself and players of all standards are turning up in The Centre Bar on Friday and Saturday evenings as well as Sunday afternoons. If you want a laugh come and join us.

The sad news is that the Arrowman has retired from competitive darts and his darts

have been buried deep in the sideboard bottom drawer. Known by his nickname of "Jockie", reflecting his mighty win over one of the erstwhile giants of the game, the Arrowman will be sorely missed. So too will the many double and treble tops that flowed from his arrows. Will we see his like again?

Angling Club *News from the waters edge*

September saw the club visiting the River Thames at Dorchester, with absolutely no flow and no colour to the water. This made the scalesman's task very easy with weights being low, 7lb 8oz was tops. The October match was held at New Farm and this venue once again was on form with all anglers catching well. The mix of fish included carp, barbel, rudd, bream, tench, roach and a few ornamentals. Top weight was 28lb 4oz. The club also had a mid week match back at Campbells Lake on the Milton Pools Complex. Once again this produced well, even though the weather had taken a sudden change from mild to cold overnight. The top three weights were 65lb, 56lb and 45lb with everyone having a productive day. November saw a return to our club favourite, West End Pool, where very foggy weather and very clear water conditions made it a challenging day, but still productive with a top weight of 41lb 8oz.

The club's Christmas match sees a return to Campbells Lake in December. Let's hope Santa's not the only one to bag up.

Happy Christmas to all from our club members (pictured here), and here's hoping for more tight lines in 2016. New members are welcome anytime, just call Terry on 01628 851001 for a chat.



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- 1 Mixture of gases in atmosphere/ Port in Strathclyde region (A)
- 2 Directors of company/ Tired, weary, dull (B)
- 3 Narrow inlet or bay/ Harsh squeak (C)
- 4 Angry debates/ Wake up from sleep. (R)
- 5 Chemical element eg copper/ Courage, spirit. (M)
- 6 Punish by striking, flog/ vegetable (B)
- 7 Type of beer unflavoured by hops/ To feel unwell. (A)
- 8 Brook, stream, rivulet/ Welsh town (R)
- 9 To fracture/ Device for slowing down (B)
- 10 Restrain or control/ Bill of exchange drawn on a bank (C)
- 11 Used to control horse or child/ Precipitation from clouds (R)
- 12 To make weary/ Rubber ring over rim of wheel (T)
- 13 To burn with bright flame/ Natural ability, talent (F)
- 14 A remarkable achievement/ Plural of foot. (F)
- 15 Garden shrub with prickles/ Fish eggs (R)
- 16 Not left!/ Formal act in religious ceremony (R)
- 17 Fence post/ Cut of meat (S)
- 18 Frilly collar/ Un-smooth (R)
- 19 Healthy, robust/ Precipitation from thunderstorm(H)
- 20 A pace/ Grassy Russian plain (S)

The closing date is Friday January 8.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ 88

1 Thames 2 Lagan 3 Avon 4 Seine 5 Tiber 6 Liffey 7 Scheldt 8 Hudson 9 Amstel 10 Moskva 11 Mersey 12 Nile 13 Spree 14 Taff 15 Ouse 16 Clyde 17 Exe 19 Humber 20 Tagus. The winner is: Dawn Selman, Heath End Road, Flackwell Heath.



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OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

1st Wooburn Scout Troop

First Aid was taught at our weekly troop night and at our Independence Camp at Hedgerley in October. Activities included a surprise "accident situation".

For the leaders the hardest thing was making sure no one actually called 999 when they came across the "incident". Later the scouts learned the art of applying fake theatrical wounds with household items like syrup, flour and lots of red food colouring.

All three sections of the Scout Group took part in the annual Bucks Big 'O' orienteering competition at Wendover Woods, when the team of Kit Walker and Aled Wrigley finished seventh overall out of 125 teams. Our Scout Group finished a creditable fourth overall.

Our scouts enjoyed an inspirational presentation from Explorer Scout Amber Healey about her time at the World Scout Jamboree in Japan in the summer.

We had a very good turnout to the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service at the Wooburn War memorial on November 8.

The cubs' Autumn term started with a weekend camp at Dorney Wood, when we hiked there from HQ. The beavers joined us for our first joint camp.

Saturday morning bridge-building showed we have some talented budding engineers. Later we were invited to join our American visiting scouts for a sing-along around the main camp fire. We sang On Top of Spaghetti to our hosts and they followed with songs and plays which had us all cheering. Sunday saw us building a huge go-cart to ride down the hill.

We have been doing our cycling badge covering bicycle maintenance as well as competent riding. All cubs now have their cycling badges.

Soroptimists

The members of Soroptimists International Thames Valley continue to support a variety of projects in line with UN objectives, including the Kori Project in Sierra Leone. We have been collecting and sending books donated through schools and libraries from across the UK.

During the summer we met up with members of Soroptimist Clubs from other areas and other countries, including meeting Soroptimists from Weston-super-Mare for lunch and a visit to Basildon Park.

Bucks Family History Society

We will hold a social evening at our December meeting, with lots of informal talk about family history. Then on Tuesday January 12 we welcome Richard Thomas for a talk called *A Walk with the Admiral*, the story of a suburban street from the land records of 1527 up to the aerial photos of the 21st century, following the growth of the community.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the small hall at the community centre. Visitors are welcome in return for a contribution. See www.bucksfhs.org.uk.

Bourne End Townswomen's Guild

Christmas means a party and entertainment at our last meeting in 2015. On December 9 there will be a festive tea and entertainment. On January 13 Linda Jolliffe tells us about the benefits of keeping fit — inspiring after all the indulgences of the festive period.

We meet on the second Wednesday in the month in the *Target* Room at the community centre, 1.30pm to 4pm, with a wide range of speakers. Visitors are always welcome. For more information ring 01628 527931.

Wooburn Park Lawn Tennis Club

Our new fourth court is proving a great asset for the club, as it allows general play to continue alongside our league matches. For details about the club visit www.wpltc.org.uk or email wpltc@sky.com. For coaching use mandj77@btinternet.com for juniors and james.sherwood3@btinternet.com for adults.

Marlow and District Railway Society

In September Paul Chancellor gave a presentation entitled *Not Such Modern Traction* with photographs of many early diesel and electric classes of locomotive that replaced steam power.

Around 20 members visited the private Statfold Barn Railway near Tamworth, a narrow gauge system, seeing more than a dozen working steam locos. Everyone had a splendid day out.

In October Brian Stephenson gave a programme on *Mostly Great Western* with photographs from his archive, some going back over a century. Our November meeting was a presentation by Chiltern Railways.

Forthcoming meetings are the members' Christmas Social Event on December 17, and on January 21 An Evening with our President Sir William McAlpine, in which he will tell us about some of his railway activities, including collecting for his museum and the work of the Railway Heritage Trust.

Visitors are welcome at any of our meetings (except the members' social), for a small fee. They start at 8pm. See www.mdrs.org.uk.

Marlow Maidenhead Passenger Association

The new link from Bicester to the new Oxford Parkway Station was opened on October 26. It is planned to open the section into Oxford Station next spring.

A temporary footbridge has been installed at High Wycombe pending replacing the underpass between platforms 2 and 3 which is now closed. For mobility impaired passengers the station staff can arrange a transfer between Platform 3 and Platforms 1 and 2.

The running-in board (station name board) at High Wycombe has been refurbished by Chiltern with financial support from MMPA and is shortlisted for a heritage award — see photos on the MMPA website.

East West Rail is a major project to establish a strategic railway connecting East Anglia with Central, Southern and Western England. Network Rail recently invited people to have their say on local upgrade plans. Consultation material is available online and in paper format. Once Phase Two is complete, the work will pave the way for exciting new journeys.

Wye Valley Volunteers

In September there was an outing to Millets Farm Centre near Abingdon, when 50 clients and volunteers boarded a specially adapted coach for a mystery tour.

We had a 'sparkling tea party' at Bourne End library to dedicate a memorial to Gwen Thomas and celebrate Jean Peasley being awarded the BEM. The memorial is a water feature in rainbow sandstone which enhances the already pretty garden in the library. (The garden is open to all and a pleasant place to sit with a cup of coffee from the library.)

Since then Jean has received her award from the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher at a ceremony at Stowe School.

You will see on page 17 of this issue of *Target* that we urgently need to recruit more volunteer drivers. To learn more about this or other volunteering activities, please contact us on 01628 521027 or call at the Community Volunteer Office (portakabin to the right of the community centre). Similarly do please contact us if you need help from our services.

Upper Thames Sailing Club

Now that the clubhouse has been fully refurbished and winter approaches, Upper Thames Sailing Club members are enjoying a variety of social activities (with central heating) while the hardier members carry on sailing and power boat training.

A series of Friday night talks with supper has been arranged, with about 80 members present for the first in October. The presenter was long-standing member Chris Chacksfield. We knew that he flew Vulcan bombers in the 60s, but didn't realise that he was the youngest ever captain. He gave us a fascinating talk about the Vulcan.

On November 1 the clubhouse was full again for the AGM, end of year review and prize-giving. Earlier in the day many members had turned out with gardening kit for the Autumn working party. The social highlight of the end of the season was the Laying Up Supper in mid-November, a celebration of being back in the clubhouse again. Other events in the programme include family fireworks, a game supper, the family Christmas lunch when we hope Santa will swap his sleigh for a boat, Christmas carols and supper, and a Burns Night Dinner.

New members are always welcome, social or sailing: www.utsc.org.uk, or call in during Sunday sailing.

J G Dance

Pupils of J G Dance are currently due to take their winter medal tests. In May they won 152 places in the British Arts Semi-Finals National Dance Competition. Ranging in age from four to 18 years the students performed modern, tap, ballet, national, drama and singing items. Forty-one pupils went on to gain places in the National Finals held in London's Bloomsbury Theatre.

Royal Academy of Dancing Examinations produced yet another 100% success rate with 20 students gaining the top mark of distinction.

In addition to this many pupils have been performing in pantomimes and through our agency have won parts in major films and on

TV including Downton Abbey and the new BBC1 series Cuffs.

Nicholas Hoult, a former pupil who starred in *About a Boy* and many Hollywood films, is in a new film *Killing your Friends* in cinemas now.

For more information on classes contact info@jgdance.co.uk or 01491 572000.

Twining Association

Our autumn dinner was well attended by 56 members and most enjoyable entertainment was provided by our own choir which was formed two years ago. They even included a highly amusing version of the Cinderella pantomime, which had the audience in stitches.

After Christmas we look forward to spending an afternoon with our members enjoying coffee and 'galettes des rois' and a catch-up on the Christmas festivities.

Plans are more or less in place for the visit from our friends in Octeville next May, which will include a day trip to Blenheim Palace.

If you think you would like to join our very friendly organisation please do not hesitate to telephone 01628 521748 to find out more.

Bourne End Video Makers

We have had a couple of meetings to discuss the films we are going to make as club entries for next season's competitions, and in the coming months we will be putting teams together to start the planning process.

It was our turn to host the annual Gateway competition in early October when three film clubs, Reading Film & Video Makers, Staines Video Makers and ourselves, compete for the trophy.

Over the years we have won the trophy twice and this time, although we entered three good films, Staines Video Makers pipped us to the post by one point.

We welcome members of all levels of experience, particularly anyone who has script writing experience.

Meetings are held in the Target Room at the community centre on the first and third Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm to 10pm. You are welcome to come along for a free evening. Enquiries to David Jarman, 01494 712441. See some of our films on <http://www.bevm.co.uk>.

Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

On December 1 we have a demonstration called Christmas Delights by Tony Brown, a top national NAFAS demonstrator.

On February 2 our Supermarket Sweep will challenge our local floristry demonstrators to create stunning displays using only flowers from local supermarkets. With a budget of just £10, what will they be able to create? Check out www.facebook.com/bourneendFAS where you'll find 'how to' guides for conditioning, arranging and drying flowers.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the large hall at the community centre. Visitors are very welcome.



Target wishes all our groups and their members a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 1 Tues Public meeting and AGM of the Future of Our Village (Bourne End) in the small hall of the com-munity centre 7.30pm
- 1 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the community centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle
- 1 Tues Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society welcomes national demonstrator Tony Brown with Christmas Delights at 8pm at the community centre. The raffle winner takes home the displays created during the evening
- 3 Thurs Community Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8.30 pm, It's £1 per person, and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night.
- 4 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 4 Fri Bourne End Fun Night and late night shopping throughout the village centre. See page 1 for details
- 5 Sat Cores End URC Christmas Fair at the community centre from 10am to midday with a variety of gifts to buy, craft activities for children, a dance demonstration by Bucks School of Dance and hot and cold re-freshments.
- 6 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm in the community centre. Refreshments available, see story page 17
- 11 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 12 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the library
- 13 Sun Table top sale at the centre 9.30am to 11.30am. Call Caroline on 01628 485642 to take part
- 18 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 18 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company
- 19 Sat Children's Christmas Fun Day for 5-11 yrs at Cores End United Reformed Church. Christmas crafts, music and games from 10 - 4. Cost £5 per child. Contact Ann Pendergast if you would like a place for your child. 01628 526865
- 20 Sun Carol Concert in the community centre starts 7.45pm. Free entry.
- 31 Thurs Barbara and David's New Year's Eve Dance 8pm to 12.30am. See poster page 37 for details.

JANUARY

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- 16 Sat Children's New Year Party at the community centre. See poster page 37 for details
- 20 Wed FREE performance of Forum Players panto Dick Whittington & his Cat for senior citizens at the community centre at 8pm. See page 28 for details
- 22 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 23 Sat Forum Players panto Dick Whittington & his Cat at the community centre 2.30pm and 6.30pm. See page 28 for details
- 24 Sun Forum Players panto Dick Whittington & his Cat at the community centre 2.30pm. See page 28 for details
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- Sat 30 Forum Players panto Dick Whittington & his Cat at the community centre 2.30pm and 6.30pm. See page 28 for details

Our local churches are holding extra events and services throughout December. See page 35 for details.

Date for your diary: The Jersey Guys on Saturday February 13, see poster on page 37. Full details in the Feb/March issue.

The next issue of Target will cover December 2015 and January 2016. Email editor@targetmagazine.org.uk by Monday January 3 to get your event included in the calendar. The magazine will be published on Friday January 29.

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