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Valli in the Village

Anyone who has been lucky enough to see the brilliant Jersey Boys show in the West End will know that we are in for a treat in February when Bourne End Community Association brings a taste of the Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons magic to the village with the UK's foremost tribute act, Jersey Guys.

Of course many readers will remember the original singers from Newark, New Jersey, whose unique sound gave them hit after hit for three decades. Songs like Sherry, Oh What a Night, Big Girls Don't Cry and many more.

The world-wide hit musical, tells the story of the rise to stardom of one of the most successful bands in pop music history and has been seen by more than 20 million people to date.

Jersey Guys was formed by professional singers Adam Parratt and his brother Ross. Adam told *Target*: "The massive success of Jersey Boys the musical meant there was a wide open gap for a good tribute act. We put together a strong company which today comprises 10 men and six women and they perform all over the UK at events, shows and parties. I manage the company but also perform, taking the Nick Massi [the deep baritone] role. I'll be in the Bourne End show."

Adam says the community centre show will be a slightly condensed version of the stage show and will follow the story of the group with a narrative. The group also do concerts or cabaret-style performances, but he says the "show" version is probably the most popular and really captures the essence of the original.

Events Committee chair, Laura Manning, who due to the popularity of this event is now booking a Viva Las Vegas show for later this year, said: "We are very excited and looking forward to putting on this event and decorating the hall in the Valentine theme to add to the atmosphere."

She added her thanks to Mo Hazael, who had the idea to book Jersey Guys, Graham Hyde and Dave Gibson who are doing the sound and lighting and Sarah Little who has helped with the organisation.

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WIs merge...

Two local WI groups have now merged to become Bourne End and Wooburn WI. The new "super group" comprises former members of Bourne End Afternoon and Wooburn Green WI.

Janet Spill, from the Wooburn group told *Target*; "It has been an exciting time and I would like to thank Kaye Edmondson for guiding us through the whole process. We are looking forward to the future now that the formalities have been completed and we have become one large group with a brand new name."

Kaye told us: "Wooburn WI has existed for 78 years and Bourne End was formed in 2014, which just proves WI members are always open to change! Good luck to them all, we expect great things from this new alliance."



The group meets on the second Monday of each month at St Dunstan's Hall in Bourne End at 2pm.

Our picture shows (l-r) Ethne Hawkins, treasurer Wooburn Green, Georgina Savage, secretary Bourne End, Kaye Edmondson, WI Advisor, Janet Smith, secretary Wooburn Green and Margaret Gray, treasurer Bourne End.

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So 2016 is well underway and Target enters its 52nd year in publication. Managing Editor Barrie Penfold calculated that the last issue was the 300th issue and she is looking for readers who have stuck with us since the beginning to share their comments in the magazine. If you have a Target memory to share with Barrie please contact her (details on the left).

Meanwhile it falls to me to remind everyone that this community magazine needs your support if we hope to continue for another 300 issues and beyond. Our advertisers obviously cover the lion's share of our costs, but contributions from readers are vitally important too. We put a recommended cover price of £1 on the magazine, and if anyone would like to pay that (or more) we would be very grateful.

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Debra Aspinall, Editor

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

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

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



WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Margaret Amos Secretary to the Association

Wooburn's Christmas Lights Celebration

Despite the dire weather forecast for Saturday November 28 of wind and rain, many local people had faith and braved the predicted elements.

The weather was not nearly as bad as feared. Father Christmas was able to listen to the children's wishes for the big day in a grotto on the forecourt of the Red Lion. Our thanks go to Kay in the Red Lion who generously supported the event along with Selleck Electrical and The Village Bakery.



Some 20 members of



Marlow Ukulele Group entertained with a selection of songs, including some Christmas favourites. All money raised will be used for the maintenance of the Christmas lights around The Green.

Many favourable comments were received about the event. One from a young Dad there with his wife and toddler, who are new to the area, "Is this an annual event" he asked? "It's a good multi-generational event".

Many thanks to the shops, businesses, pubs and homes around The Green that decorated with lights this year. The Green looked the best ever!

Possible building on Slate Meadow

One of our members attends the Slate Meadow Liaison Group and reports back to us. The remit of the group is to provide positive suggestions for the forthcoming Development Brief for the site which is being produced by Wycombe District Council in conjunction with two of the land owners (represented by one agent).

It is recommended that Wooburn and Bourne End be separated by a green area affording views from the River Wye over Slate Meadow to the hills beyond.

Discussion has taken place over the use and advantages of a village green and in particular the

location of one at the north end of the meadow.

Questions have been raised as to whether it would be of more general benefit elsewhere within the site, for example nearer the river or providing a bigger gap between building to the west and east.

It was stressed that WHEREVER it is, the same total amount of open space would exist (roughly one quarter of the site).

Problems of wildlife corridors, the dual use of green areas by wildlife and people and the dangers of building on a flood plain have been well aired.

144 Wycombe Lane plans

The latest news we have is that the former pub/restaurant is now up for sale as a commercial opportunity following the refusal of planning permission for a change of use to a car showroom.

With strong opposition from local residents, including this association, the application was refused by Wycombe District Council.

The strength of opposition concentrated around the highways issues relating to Wycombe Lane.

A Date for Your Diary

Saturday June 18 – Wooburn Fête. A small sub-committee has started work on the plan to deliver the fun. More details at a later stage, but do let us know if you'd like to be involved.

Our next meeting is on Monday March 14, at 8pm. Please check our website for venue – www.wooburnresidents.org.

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In the last issue I asked that as many of you as possible turn up for the Public Inquiry on December 15 in the library. The subject of the inquiry being conducted by the Planning Inspectorate was to resolve the question as to whether to grant permission for a brideway from Cores End Road, Bourne End, through to Wooburn Green along the old railway line. Unfortunately the barrister representing Bucks County Council and Wycombe District Council was unable to attend due to a pressing personal commitment. Both the Planning Inspector and those opposing the brideway showed every sympathy and gladly accepted that the inquiry should be adjourned. The date set is May 10. Nearer to that time I will again be calling for people to support this application by turning up on the day. Thank you to those who turned up on December 15 and I look forward to

seeing you again on May 10. My resolve not to mention the on-going saga of Slate Meadow in this article has clearly fallen by the wayside. I can console myself that one passing thought about the subject is worthwhile. The constant rain has resulted in gardens too wet for work, footpaths almost impassable with mud up to the knees, and an inability to discern whether a pothole full of water is a couple of inches or, indeed, a foot deep. But all this rain saturating the ground has again highlighted the fact that Slate Meadow, a natural water meadow and an area where water can slowly but safely drain away, is not suitable for development.

I am reminded that in medieval times the area was called Slaed Meadow, a term for a water meadow. We will continue to ask if building on a flood plain is a sensible idea. Many in the north of England and Scotland will categorically answer this question with a definite 'NO'.

It was mentioned in my last article that a few copies of Volume 1 of 'The Way It Was' had become available. The response to buy a copy was so large that we had about six times more people wanting a copy than we actually had obtained. The decision was made that for those who had phoned and requested a copy the fairest thing to do was to lend an edition for a month or so. This meant that everyone could look through and take photocopies

of any particular photo. While being disappointed everyone accepted that this is probably the only fair way to deal with the situation. If anyone missed the offer the first time round you can still add your name to this list of future borrowers.

The later living apartments in the McCarthy & Stone development are getting ever closer to completion. I do hope that any of you who objected to this development now feels less concerned as it has taken shape.

The actual building work has been done with very little disturbance. My hope is that, when completed, the apartments occupied and the shop open, it will soon be considered by everyone as an improvement on the very dated builders yard it replaced.

Certainly one very positive result is that some elderly local residents have found a new home without responsibility for repairs or maintenance. And their move will free up some family-size homes for a younger generation. Hopefully a win-win situation all round.

Finally a happy and prosperous New Year and thank you for taking the time to read this article. Any queries or questions please feel free to give me a ring.

Jim Penfold
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We made it; we survived Christmas and New Year. 2016 started well with the Red Boards showing at all locks along the river. Fantastic, the river is high and quite fast but as I scribe this missive it's not over the banks, it's about a foot away from coming over. We are not expecting any major flooding this time (famous last words from King Canute I believe).

The Marina's Gentleman's Luncheon Afternoon at the Black Lion just before Christmas was a great success and supported by some 30 people or more. Many thanks to Mark and Kaz for their sterling work and hospitality; they could not have possibly managed this without the energy and efforts of the young Zoey working how I would like to see Matty and Chaos work, frantically. Regretfully I have no stories to tell, if only Rocky could speak I may have a few as he was the only one not drinking. Still he saw me home, good boy.

This period of the year we do not have many visits to the marina other than people wishing to buy gas and fuel, but they often arrive by vehicle and not by boat. In other ways we are busier than during the season. We have a massive amount of admin to get through for our year end and renewing of mooring contracts etc. However, things are changing, we are starting to take orders and undertake maintenance on the boats so it's a case of 'out into the cold and get on with it boys'. Rocky and I are keeping warm in the office. I caught the marina boys wearing two jackets a short while ago while they were painting a boat with a paint we had not used before and I asked them 'why the two coats?', they told me the instructions on the tin clearly said 'Put on two coats'. I just despair of those two.

It is stated in our Terms of Trade that all boats within the marina must have valid insurance in

force including Liability insurance to a minimum limit of £2,000,000 for any one accident/occurrence. Also they must hold a current Boat Safety Certificate (MOT); without these they are unable to obtain a river licence. Without a river licence they can be fined up to £1,000. But more importantly for us they will be in breach of our regulations and will have to remove their boat from the marina. We are now requesting that boat owners provide us with copies of their insurance.

This has come about in part because there have been a few incidents, including boats exploding in marinas, where other craft have been damaged. Should that happen here and the offending boat was uninsured it could ultimately come down to the marina to make good the damage to the third party boat.

During December we had a visit from the Environment Agency checking boat licences on the boats in the marina and only four were found to be unlicensed; this was deemed to be a great result by the EA in comparison to other marinas. The unlicensed boats will be contacted, they will be asked to pay the licence fee and if they don't pay they will be taken to court. It's not just the boats that have to be licensed. We have to pay a licence fee for all the pontoons. Another hidden expense.

I have just had to break away from my scribings as I received a phone call from a narrow boat owner who lives on her boat near Marlow saying she had been shopping and had come back to find that her home had done a 'Houdini' and had vanished without trace. Two of us jumped in the tug, switched on the beacon and raced upstream at great speed through the water (slower than walking speed) to find her. Our concern was that as the river was up and flowing very fast the narrow boat may have become lodged somewhere and could have rolled over. We found her upright, but stuck on some trees by the islands just

below Woottens boat yard. The stream is faster here due to the effect of the islands. Due to sheer skill and experience we were able to manoeuvre the tug and attach a rope to her bow enabling us to tow her to her home mooring, totally undamaged. The owner was lucky. On occasions we can cause damage saving a boat due to the nature of the extraction from the obstacle.

Rocky is becoming an expert in handling the tug; this enabled Chaos and myself to sort out the ropes and attach the tow.

One of our jobs is to fill the marina with boats, which we do, but boats are bought and sold or an existing customer buys a bigger boat which means it may not fit in the original mooring which all adds up to a headache for us. We only have so much space to moor boats so we have to maximise this space and the amount of meterage of boats we have affects our revenue.

This is what we do, but then someone changes their boat for a larger one, which tends to lead to panic as we don't wish to lose a customer. We are forever 'juggling' boats about to ensure the owners are happy with their lot. We have become master magicians and even professors of Chinese Puzzles and at our best after copious amounts of Rebellion Beer. The only problem is remembering in the morning what we worked out the night before.

I'd better go. Matty and Chaos are nowhere to be seen and if someone comes in I may have to do some work myself. I can't be having that. We look forward to seeing you all down here. If you do visit please call in the office and tell me where the boys are and what they're doing.

Until the next time.
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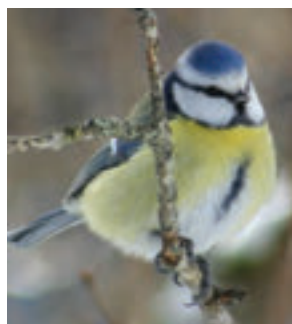
Daft daffs and bird gaffs

By Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Councillor Katie Lamb

With my crazy daffodils in bloom and my snowdrops and crocus still cuddled up deep within our warm soils, it's all a little confusing. What should I be doing? Washing down the garden furniture and digging out my shorts, or turning on the greenhouse heater and buying a new winter coat?

But whatever the weather throws at us next, I know our bird population is up for a treat with some five-star accommodation made by you on the most romantic day of the year.

On Sunday February 14 lovebirds of all ages can celebrate with our bird box making day in Wooburn Park between 11am and 4pm. We will have kits ready to nail together, for different types of garden visitors from robins to blue tits. Make a bird happy and build it a box. If you sign its bottom (the box's not the birds) and tell us where you live we will put your box up in a park or open space near your home. After the nesting season is over, we will email you with details of which bird made its home in it. Not only do we hope this will be a fun day for children and parents alike it will also be great for the parish's bird population. Best of all it's free!



As for the other projects the Parish Council's Biodiversity Working Party are working on, I am excited to be able to announce that the full parish council has approved our idea of a small community orchard.

Orchards are high up on the "at risk habitats" on the central biodiversity list as with the drastic decline in our apple farming we are in danger of losing some unique bugs and butterflies affecting all the birds and other creatures which feed on

them. After much thought we have decided to plant a few traditional Buckinghamshire varieties of apple and pear trees in the back right hand corner of the park in Blind Lane.

As it will be a community orchard the idea is anyone can go and help themselves to the fruit, a little like legalised scrumping with all the fun and no risk of arrest.

Thank you so much to everyone who has written to the parish council regarding, in particular, the ponds in The Warren and Farm Wood. It was heartening to know other people feel the same way and would love to see the ponds reinstated.

We have commissioned a report by pond experts and have put together a recommendation for the next full parish council meeting. hopefully by the next edition of Target we should have some more news.

Let's hope the weather is kind and we can get out and enjoy our fantastic countryside and parks as everything starts to spring back into life. Please do continue to write in with ideas and thoughts it is always great to hear from you.

Kate.lamb@live.co.uk

Take Your Target

David and Wendy Langford, of Goddington Road, Bourne End, took their Target to Ostuni, one of the "white cities" of Southern Italy, on their October break. Ostuni region has been populated since the



Stone Age and the town is reputed to have been originally established by the Messapii, a pre-classic tribe, and destroyed by Hannibal during the Punic Wars. It was then re-built by the Greeks, the name Ostuni deriving from the Greek Astu néon ("new town").

It's ironic that David should be pictured in a community with such a wonderful rich past; he is Target's Future of Our Village correspondent. Do you think people will be bringing magazines here to be photographed in thousands of years time?

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Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council

Working with the Community

by Gail Laybourne

Winter Work

Our groundsmen, Roland and Shane, have been ploughing through a never-ending list of tasks in our open spaces. They have a weekly meeting with the clerk to discuss their work schedule and agree on what needs to be prioritised and what can be left for a little longer. After their meeting they come downstairs into the office full of ideas and biscuits judging by the lightness of the biscuit tin.

They have now finished all the hedges, trees and footpaths and will be turning their attention to the pond in the Watery Lane Play Area which needs a spruce up. The brambles will be cleared and the pond edges graded to encourage new plant growth. There are plans to put a small community orchard in Blind Lane in the far right corner. A final decision on which fruit trees will be planted has yet to be made, but apple, pear and plum are all possible choices.

Wooburn Park Paddling Pool

Now that Wooburn Park has had new play equipment installed and the damaged surfaces replaced/repaired, attention has turned to the small paddling pool nearby which is looking very shabby and neglected. Ideas have been discussed by council and it has been agreed to repair the fence in the river which sections off the area and to place large rocks around the banks to halt the erosion. New gravel will be used in the pond with the hope that it will encourage wildlife. It is hoped that this work will be done sooner rather than later and that once finished it will add another area of interest to the park.

Short and Sweet

Drainage improvements are being made to parts of the footpath and bridleway in Farm Wood. The first phase has been completed so you should find that your wellies don't get sucked off your feet when you walk through now.

A number of location signs are due to be placed in the parish. They will point to areas such as Pegg's Allotments in New Road, Holtspur Avenue Play Area and Sapper's Field. This year's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday May 10 in St Mary's Church Hall in

Glory Mill Lane. The meeting starts at 7.30pm and refreshments are available from 7pm. Parking is available on site.

Events

Our open spaces can be hired for events subject to availability and permission from the council. We do not charge a hire fee for charity events, but we do for commercial ones; funfairs, circuses etc. We ask for a retainer cheque of either £100 (charity) or £400 (commercial) which is returnable after the event subject to conditions and a copy of the organisation's public liability insurance which will be current at the time of the event. The "Hire of Open Spaces Application Form" and "Terms and Conditions of Hire" can be downloaded from our website www.wooburnparish.gov.uk or requested from the office 01628 522827.

Grants

Parish grants are available to local organisations to help with renewal of equipment, new purchases, running costs etc. Grants are awarded throughout the year and are considered by council on an individual basis subject to certain criteria being met. Grant forms can be downloaded from the parish website or requested from the office.

See Cllr Katie Lamb's article on page 7 about the bird box making day on Sunday February 14 between 11am and 4pm in Wooburn Park.

Meeting Dates 2016:

Full Council: February 23, March 22
 Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials: February 2, March 1
 Planning, Highways & Lighting: February 10, March 2 & 24
 F&GP: February 9, April 12
 All meetings start at 7.30pm

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



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A Day Centre for everybody...

Inside the entrance of the Bourne End Care & Activity Centre there's a very special display. It shows how important local people were to the creation of this facility back in 1983 and how schemes like 'buying a brick' provided most of the funding.

Then, when the building was finished, the community found the money to fit it out comfortably for future use. That was 30 years ago and is ancient history now.

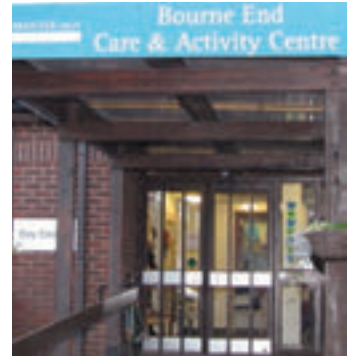
Today, having been saved by the Friends of Bourne End Day Care Centre, the Fremantle Trust runs the service, attends to the needs of the clients who rely on its support, and now has plans that will open it up for the benefit of the community.

A three-course lunch scheme is already very successful and helps people who live on their own.

Centre manager Debra Shirley is very excited. "This building is so much part of the local community that seeing people coming in and enjoying a meal is great," she said. "Just give us a ring and a day's notice and we'll be delighted to see you."

A three-course lunch of soup, main course and dessert costs £5.50. It's all freshly cooked using seasonal vegetables.

On Thursday February 11 lunch will be by candlelight and will be a Valentine's meal. "We just wanted to celebrate St Valentine's and this seemed a good way to do it," Debra told *Target*. "We're already making romantic decorations and hopefully there will be more people taking



advantage of the candlelit lunch offer. The aim is to get more people in through the door to be part of what we offer."

Looking ahead to Easter there's an Easter Bonnet Competition as part of the lunch on Thursday March 24. Anyone booking for lunch can come in early to make an Easter bonnet they will wear for the meal.

It's open to all and will get visitors, clients and staff involved. "We hope it will be a lot of fun and all we need are the people to make it great," said Debra who is hoping for a good local response.

Getting more use out of the centre's facilities is part of future plans. If someone is looking for a place to hold a celebratory party for elderly friends or relatives Debra believes that the centre would be ideal. There are wheelchairs and walking frames available, ramps for easy access and suitable toilet facilities.

A free trial day is offered to anyone over 65 who would like to make regular use of the centre. Just book in and during the day you can discuss requirements, have a free lunch and take part in the one of the many regular activities. Carers in need of a little respite might also like to discuss the options.

"It's as simple as that" is how Debra describes it. She believes that irrespective of a person's age or level of care need the centre offers something special for everyone within the local community.

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The 21st Century has brought its own opportunities and challenges for young people growing up in the UK, and the pace of change can be hard to keep up with.

It's important for all of us to take time out to understand some of the issues, and to create opportunities to learn and talk together as families and communities about things that matter.

Cores End Church in Bourne End is excited to host a short series of workshops on a range of topics relevant to this digital age.

These will run on Monday evenings 7.30 to 9pm (February 22, 29 and March 7) with an afternoon workshop aimed at youth workers on February 22 from 1.30 to 3.30pm.

The workshops kick off with author Dr Bex Lewis, who will lead on the positive use of technology and social media. Bex is the author of the book *Raising Children in a Digital Age: Enjoying the best, avoiding the worst* (Lion Hudson, 2014) and is an academic who is passionate about this topic.

The second workshop will focus on developing emotional resilience and good coping skills, and will be led by Dr Alison Wheeler, a Clinical Psychologist working with young people.

Youngsters are faced with numerous pressures and often struggle to know how to cope in ways that are positive and adaptive. This workshop will aim to explore techniques and strategies to build emotional strength and well-being and avoid the pitfalls of self-destructive behaviour.

The third workshop will be led by Neighbourhood Policing and will cover topics around keeping safe in our community, developing awareness of potential dangers and finding opportunities to make positive contributions. It is hoped that the workshops will promote conversations and sharing of ideas together to make a practical difference for young people.

There will be a small charge for attendance to cover costs, and booking is advised though not essential. For more information or to book visit the website at www.coresendurc.com/youthmatters or telephone Ali on 01628 810961.



Letter to the Editor

Thank you!

I would like to express my gratitude to an anonymous young lady who came to my rescue in November.

I was using a borrowed mobility scooter, the indicator of which had shown a fully charged battery when I left home, but it suddenly ceased working and I had to push it along Northern Woods in Flackwell Heath.

When I reached the Green Dragon a young lady in a white 4x4 stopped and insisted that I sat in her car while she pushed the scooter from the Green Dragon to my home in Woodside Avenue. She then returned to the car and drove me home.

I believe that she said that her name was Sue, but

to me she was an angel in disguise. Not only was I exhausted, but I was also feeling sorry for myself as my wife had been in hospital for nearly three weeks.

So thank you Sue, if that was your name. The car was full of shopping and she headed down Blind Lane towards Bourne End, so I am guessing that she lives locally.

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High School Musical dazzles at the academy

Bourne End Academy's end of year show in December was a dazzling production of the hugely popular High School Musical and the students really showcased their singing and dancing talents. Our review is by Y13 pupil Amie Ryan.

Bourne End Academy's High School Musical production was a lively performance which was very professional yet friendly and fun.

This song and dance-filled musical got everyone, including the audience, involved and singing along. I loved every moment and was so proud to see students from my school acting to such a high level and to see them on stage performing with such passion and enjoyment.

Clearly a huge amount of effort had been put in and the students were determined to give a breathtaking performance.

Each character was truly believable and performers captivated the audience with their very mature dramatic skills.

The lighting, set design and costumes played a significant part in pulling together the perfect show which supported the students to achieve this on all performances – two evenings and a matinée for parents, friends and local primary schools.

I have participated in and watched many excellent dance shows at Bourne End Academy and this one was tremendous. When I leave our school I will most definitely sign up to watch future performances.

Photos taken at the dress rehearsal for the show. The leads were Shem Layman and Freddie Stringer (bottom right).



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Congratulations to high-achieving students

Bourne End Academy's graduation celebration in December saw several former students returning to the school to collect their hard-earned certificates joining others who are now in the sixth form studying A levels.

Our photos show (above) a group shot of graduating students and right, Sue Pomery of The Rotary Club of Bourne End and Cookham who presented The Rotary Club Award to the students who had contributed to all aspects of school life. The winners were Tansy Jones (on the left) and Victoria Broom.

Students of the Year for Year 11 were Brandon Hill and Libby Thomas and, for Year 13, head girl Rachael Major and Ashton Goode.



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By Emma Marsden, parish clerk

Setting of the Precept

The precept is the financial contribution the parish councils request from Wycombe District Council to enable them to conduct their duties for their parishioners.

The precept payment makes up part of each household's council tax bill.

Little Marlow has had significant challenges during this financial year. This is partly due to the decision to continue to provide devolved services on behalf of Buckinghamshire County Council.

These services incorporate grass cutting of some 30mph roads, rights of way maintenance; maintenance of the 'grips/slips' in Winchbottom Lane and Sheepridge Lane; sign cleaning and

management of advertising boards – to name but a few of our responsibilities.

With the central government funding cuts to local authorities it has meant we are trying to provide the same services on much less money.

Sadly this is not sustainable and to enable Little Marlow to maintain the same level of service, additional funding needs to be found.

As more work is devolved to parish councils, it means more work is needed within the council offices.

Therefore from January the office hours increased by one hour on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. This is for an initial period of six months. With these increased administration costs; the introduction of all employers providing pensions for its staff and the provision of devolved services - it was resolved at council that it was regrettable, but necessary, to increase the precept to £47,113 for 2016/17.

Sheepridge Lane Vehicle Activated Sign

I am hoping that by the time you read this article we will finally have the new activated sign in place. It was been a long process to get this far, but with my fingers firmly crossed, we are nearly there.

Maintenance work in the cemetery

The extensive tree work undertaken in the cemetery has finally been completed. We hope that the need for further work will be facilitated by the introduction of a Tree Plan.

This will involve all trees which are on parish-maintained land to be surveyed and a strategic management of each tree can be agreed. Little

Marlow is a beautiful rural parish and we want to maintain its trees in the best way possible.

The first phase of work on the entrance to the cemetery from Sheepridge Lane has been completed. The maintenance of the hedge has made it much safer for funeral directors and staff to enter and exit from this side.

A BIG thank you to all the volunteers who helped the Burial Ground Committee undertake a spruce up of the old part of the cemetery.

In typically British fashion we did not let the extremely windy conditions deter us from raking up a considerable amount of leaves. We really do appreciate our fantastic parishioners who help us. It does make a real difference to the overall appearance of the old part of the cemetery.

Council office refurbishment

I was very pleased to be given a budget by council to undertake a refurbishment of the council office.

I managed to rope in my entire family to help paint and undertake the construction of a lot of flat pack furniture — it is amazing what you can achieve on a small budget.

The installation of new windows has improved not only the sound quality (as we are situated by a road) but greatly increased the heating efficiency as well. With these improvements the office is much more accessible and a more inviting place for parishioners to come and visit. Please do pop in.

Our next meetings are February 23 and April 5.

All meetings are held at the The Pavilion, Church Road, Little Marlow.

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Slow down on Hedsor Road

That's the ongoing message from residents on Upper Hedsor Road, Bourne End who have been experiencing some mixed emotions in recent months.

At first they were delighted that their road became one of only two roads in Bucks to be given a 20mph speed limit. This was following five years of campaigning by the Hedsor Residents Against Speed group whose collected data included a staggering statistic that around 4,000 cars use that narrow road daily with more than 10% going over the then 30mph limit.

Unfortunately, it soon became obvious that despite the new 20mph limit and threat of a speeding ticket, the notorious rat-run would still see more than its fair share of vehicles whizzing up and down at up to 30 and even 40mph.

Then in November the road was given a slick, smart new tarmac surface which looks the bee's knees... but seems to have encouraged even more speeding on the narrow road.

Upper Hedsor Road doesn't have any pavements for about three quarters of its length, so it's particularly important for residents, old and young, that cars adhere to the new limit.

Road safety campaigner Jodie Cavaye (pictured top right) told *Target*: "Of course we were delighted to have the new limit put in place, but as nice as it looks, the new surface has made traffic even quieter on the road and this only reinforces the need for motorists to keep

to the new limit — especially in the Winter months when pedestrians, cyclists, dog walkers and horses are all regularly using the road."

But speeders beware, the new speed limit is just the start of controls on this road. A Speedwatch group now exists, made up from residents and Thames Valley Police, and offenders are being reported. Now the road has an official 20mph limit there are further legal actions which can be taken against offending motorists.



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Margaret loved her time at The Hawthornes and participated in their activities and was their longest resident, by far.

She would admit that she had the support of a large family with lots of grandchildren and great grandchildren. "Don't ask me all their names" she would say "there's too many to remember. They're all lovely and they are good to me."

Margaret, with her soft Irish accent and her great affection for everyone, will be sadly missed.

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Playball for toddlers

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The programme has been designed by sport and child specialists to teach children locomotive, manipulation and stability skills.

In the pre-school years they teach the basic ball skills — throwing, catching, kicking, hitting, dribbling and bouncing. With skills pitched at the correct developmental level for each age group, children quickly progress from simple to complex activities. Playball also teaches cognitive skills such as listening and concentration, the ability to follow instructions and team-work thus developing a child's social and emotional self by building confidence and independence.

For school age children, they fine-tune the skills developed in the previous Playball stages. Children

learn how to compete in friendly mini-matches learning how to cope with winning and losing, good sportsmanship, decision making and teamwork.

The organisers say children love to be active and thrive in their fun-filled lesson, taught by coaches passionate about sport and teaching children.

Playball South Bucks will be running FREE classes for two to three year olds and three to four year olds at the community centre on Friday February 5:

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Something traditional for Christmas

Choosing the morning after Fun Night for their Christmas fair was a brave decision by members of Cores End United Reformed Church, but it turned out to be a good one.

After the hectic activities of the evening before anyone walking into the community centre would be welcomed into a happy, friendly atmosphere with carols in the background and lots of traditional, handmade gifts to browse.

Church member and actress, Wendy Craig, was festive in red as she talked to stallholders and visitors about the church's planned carol concert with special guests. "This is my church" she told *Target* "and I like to support this special Christmas fundraising occasion."

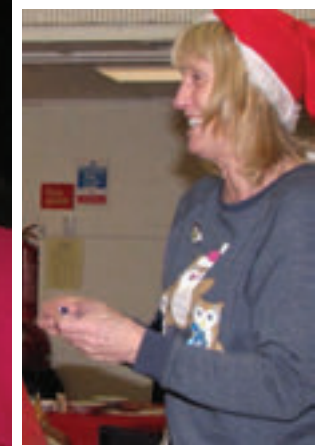
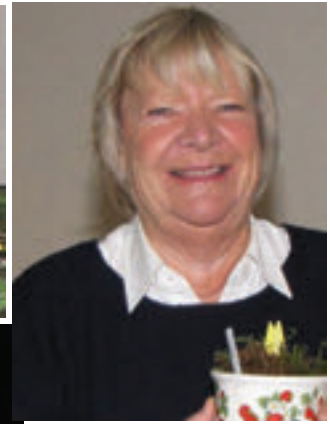
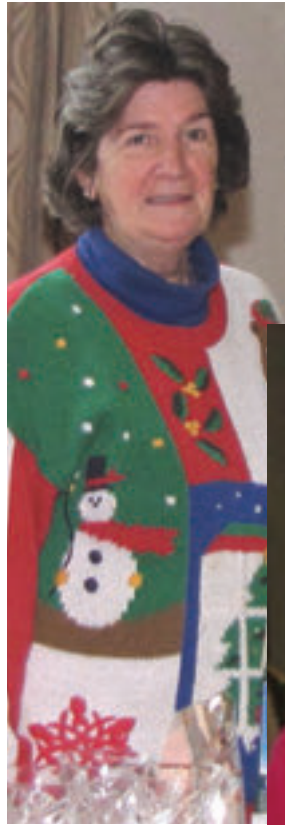
Children had their special corner where they could create Christmas decorations and gifts. Among the stalls were the pre-planted bulbs in a range of lovely plant pots – started months before when the fair was being planned.

"This has become so popular," Ann Pendergast said. "We collect nice pots, get the bulbs and get them planted and put into the dark. Then they're ready for the fair"

Dressed in festive jumpers, offering gifts and just chatting to the many visitors makes this Christmas fair special. Later there was a dance demonstration by pupils from Bucks School of Dance who use the church hall for their classes.

Beryl Britt had been busy making lots of soft toys (see right) and Rosie Kimber ran the tombola with great success.

So it was a festive start to the season by members of Cores End United Reformed Church. Now, into 2016, the church is organising a series of three evening workshops aimed at parents and carers of adolescents on issues affecting young people today. These will highlight on developing skills for coping and keeping safe. There will be invited speakers and the aim is to hear views from those attending. Read more about the workshops on page 35. The first is on February 22.



Wendy Craig with the ladies manning the coffee and tea station...



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Those members who prefer fairer weather have been enjoying well-attended social events, including evening talks and suppers as well as a candle-lit Laying Up supper.

Planning for 2016 is well under way, and the



RYA race coaches

key date to note is Open Day on Sunday April 17, when they look forward to welcoming new members and visitors for a trip on the river, and 'Tea by The Thames'.

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Twinning teatime with a royal touch

The quiet time following the hustle and bustle of Christmas was an ideal time for members of the Bourne End Twinning Association to get together and enjoy a relaxed afternoon.

In recent years they have been meeting up on a Saturday afternoon in January to do just that.

The committee members make a number of galettes des rois for the refreshments and these are served with tea and coffee.

Galettes des rois are traditionally eaten in France around the Epiphany (Twelfth Night Jan 6). Each galette contains a small porcelain figure (known as a feve) and the person who receives this, becomes the king or queen for the afternoon and can make untold demands on the rest of the group.

Members are very well behaved so these demands do not cause any ructions, however, the recipient of the feve does have the honour of donning a crown for the remainder of the afternoon.

The group is holding their AGM in March followed by their annual barn dance on April 9, in Bourne End. Then they will be in full flow preparing for the visit from their twinned French village of Octeville sur mer which will be in May.

Please do get in touch with chairman Liz Yeeles on 01628 521748 if you would like to know more about this friendly organisation.

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ABOUT BOURNE END JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB

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



BEJSC at the Bucks & Milton Keynes Sports Awards 2015

We were very excited to be one of three clubs shortlisted as Club of the Year at the annual Bucks & Milton Keynes Sports Awards.

Matt Todd, chairman, Oli Lawrie, junior committee chairman, and I (Liz Hutton) attended the gala celebrations at the Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury in December.

To be selected out of more than 100 entries was very special and considered a major achievement, and while we didn't win we were very proud to be recognised in this way and, in their words, "join the list of elite sports facilitators in the county".

The panel of judges expressed their highest commendations to the final three nominees in the category.

The three areas they highlighted for BEJSC were:

- Sports for all with age 5-18 in 8 different sports
- Offers its volunteers development opportunities to achieve qualifications
- Encourages young people to 'give back' to the club to secure sustainability



Badminton section

We have vacancies available on Thursday 6pm to 7.30pm. At the moment we take from Year 8 upwards. However we have plans to split the session into: 6pm to 7pm for Year 6-Year 9; and 6.30pm to 7.30pm for Year 9+.

This will allow for more age-appropriate coaching and games while still leaving a half hour overlap in order to maintain club spirit. If you have a child below Year 8 and would like more information or to add them to our waiting list please call Matt Hayward on 07768 975161.

Football section

We are now into the second half of the season and all of our teams are performing well. We still have spaces in our very popular "Junior Kickers" sessions (for U5s and U6s), which are held at the sports hall on Saturday mornings. This is a great introduction to football for children and we can offer them a structured pathway within the club to help

them develop their football skills. These sessions cost less than £3 per session over the season.

We are planning to hold some "Open Evening" coaching sessions for girls in March, as we would like to start a Girls U10s-U12s team, but to do so we will need some volunteers to help manage and deal with the team administration. We have the training/match facilities available, so we just need the volunteers and players to make it happen.



We will shortly be starting our planning for "Sportsfest 23", our annual football tournament, which is scheduled to be held on Saturday June 11.

If any local businesses or companies would like to support this community event by way of sponsorship, programme advertising etc, please let us know.

We are always looking for new players to join the club at all age groups (U5s to U21s), especially our U11s and U13s squads, so if you are interested in joining the club, being part of the new girls team, helping out, or supporting "Sportsfest 23", please call Ken Murphy on 01628 525359 or e-mail info@bejsc-football.co.uk.

Climbing parties

Did you know you can book a climbing party at the sports hall? We cater for ages six and over; participants need no experience as they will be guided by our instructors. Please phone for details on 01628 528110 or e-mail office@bejsc.co.uk



Visit our website www.bejsc.co.uk for more information.

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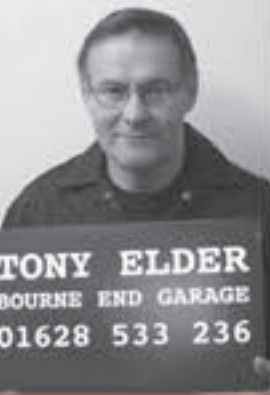
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The Great Escape Rolex

Bourne End Auction Rooms sold an iconic Rolex watch recently for a staggering £165,000. But as incredible as that amount was, it was the story behind the watch that touched Martyn Perrin, the auction room's watch and clock expert who put together the history of the incredible timepiece and the heroic man who first owned it. Report by Debra Aspinall.

The name Rolex is synonymous with quality, style and money. Big money. But after speaking with Martyn Perrin, the watch and clock expert at Bourne End Auction Rooms, I feel increased respect for this iconic brand and it's not just because of the high prices they command.

Back in the Second World War, Hans Wilsdorf, MD and founder of Rolex, magnanimously issued an offer to all British Prisoner of War officers that they could take possession of any Rolex watch they wanted to order and, under a gentlemen's agreement, they could settle up after the conflict once they had returned home. Of course Hans knew that tragically many of these officers may never return home to pay. He also knew that many watches may not reach them in prison camps and it is well documented that the company sent out several replacements for undelivered parcels without question.

Many officers took up the Rolex offer and among them was Flt Lieutenant John F Williams (known as Jack), an airman in his 20s (pictured), who was

imprisoned at Stalag Luft III after his Boston light bomber had been shot down over France. The Geneva Convention 1929 prohibited the Germans from confiscating an officer's private belongings so watches, rings and personal items of clothing were safe (whereas military-issue items were taken from them). The Red Cross intermittently delivered news-sheets and pamphlets to the prisoners of war and Rolex advertised their range of watches in these.

Jack, clearly a stylish young man with great taste, opted for Rolex's top-of-the-range black dialled Rolex Oyster Chronograph wristwatch which was duly delivered to him.

Jack didn't get much opportunity to wear the watch as he was one of the men who took part in an attempted tunnel breakout from Stalag Luft III in March 1944 (the escape which was later made into the blockbuster film, *The Great Escape*).

On the eve of the planned escape in 1944 Jack handed his beloved watch and some other personal belongings, including letters from his girlfriend, to a fellow prisoner, Sgt Donald Wilson.

Donald much later recalled in an interview with his local paper that Jack had told him he doubted he'd escape, but if he did could Donald please send his belongings home to his parents.

Sadly Jack's fears were not unfounded. He was number 67 of the 76 men who made it out of the tunnel, but he, along with 72 others, was recaptured. Only three men made it to freedom.

Of the 73 recaptured men, 50 were then executed by the Gestapo on the direct orders of Hitler. Unfortunately for Jack, he was one of the 50.

After the War Donald, true to his word, managed to return Jack's belonging to his distraught parents. They had no other children so the items were stored safely away as keepsakes.

By the 1980s Jack's parents had died and Jack's wartime memorabilia was inherited by a cousin

three times removed. Jack's mum had always commented that he reminded her of a young Jack.

The new owner, still a schoolboy, was told by his parents that the watch was for special occasions only.

In 1984 the watch had stopped working and was sent to Rolex to be repaired – which they did free of charge.

The new owner was still unaware of the true value of his inheritance. But he was very aware of its emotional value. He wore it on his wedding day and on a visit in October 2014 to Stalag Luft III when he visited the site of the camp at Zagan, now in Poland. He also visited the POW Camps Museum, the 1944 Memorial erected by his fellow officers, as well as paying his respects to Jack where his ashes now lie at the official war grave in the Poznan Old Garrison Cemetery.

The truth was there were only about 200 of this particular Rolex watch made and that's a tiny quantity compared to today's limited edition runs of around 2,000.

By chance earlier this year the owner stumbled across the Bourne End Auction Rooms website, which carried a report of another wartime watch sold there for £50,000.

Doubtful, but curious that his watch could be worth anywhere near that amount, he contacted the auction house and after confirming some markings on the watch to Martyn, it soon became clear this was indeed a Rolex treasure.

"Even so," says Martyn "We gave a realistic estimate of £30-50,000."

Martyn's impeccable research not only into the background of the watch but also Jack and Donald's stories, along with *The Great Escape* link, created quite a pre-auction stir. The Rolex was to be placed in a lot together with Jack's medals, photos and letters which made it not only an attractive proposition for Rolex collectors, but also for World War Two memorabilia collectors.

"By the time the auction was drawing near I had amended my expectations for it to reach anywhere up to £75,000," says Martyn.

"We had more requests for phone lines into the auction than we could handle and numerous requests for online bidding."

"Still when the gavel went down at £165,000 we were all in total shock. It is the record for that type of watch."

The owner, who was at the auction with his family, was of course equally amazed at the result. He'd not taken the decision to sell lightly, but he has three children so the watch could not be divided.

He also wanted Jack's story to be heard and now it has been.

It was also his sincerest hope that someone who appreciated the poignancy of the item, and not just the beauty of it, would be the buyer.

Happily this happened. While names are being kept private, it was revealed to me that the watch and Jack's war-time belongings were bought by a serious military collector and all the items will be staying in the UK.

I think Jack would approve. Don't you?

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Bourne End Christmas Fun Night 2015

Bourne End was buzzing once again for the annual Christmas Fun Night and late shopping event in December. Locals and visitors from further afield joined in the celebrations and enjoyed a taste of festive family fun and £2,000 was raised for local good causes.

Highlights of the event included the unveiling of seven-year-old Reid Emmerson's Christmas light for 2015 (the St Paul's pupil is pictured top right giving a thumbs up). Also the singers from Bourne End Academy, in particular Shem Layman (pictured centre).

All the shops and businesses along The Parade and down Wakeman Road joined in. Our pictures include the girls from Hall Place vets, Pizzaz, the musicians, St Paul's School choir, hot dog making and more...

It was a lovely evening, the weather was unusually kind and everyone's hard work certainly paid off.

The original Bourne End Christmas lights were replaced during 2015 with newly designed ones, featuring the latest technology, funded by our generous Bourne End shops and businesses plus some money from local people.

It is not too late to make a donation for the on-going improvement of the lights. A Just Giving page was set up by Nick Pink of Bourne End Motor Company. If you still wish to donate but didn't make the Just Giving page, you can still drop a donation into Nick at his car showroom in Wakeman Road.

The organisers would like to thank the business community, the Rotary club of Cookham Bridge and the community association who helped to make Fun Night a success. A big thank you also goes to our parish council for organising free parking for Fun Night.

Next year's will be held on December 2 and for more information (or offers to help) contact Kath Acres on 01628 531521 or email kath.acres@spadeoakfarm.com



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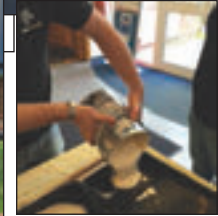
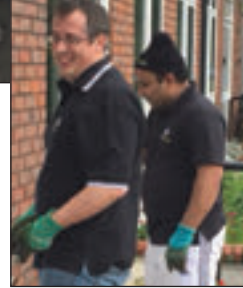
"An offer of volunteers was one we couldn't refuse," was the reaction of Sue Ambrose, senior administrator at Bourne End Community Centre. "And their suggestion of painting and gardening was perfect."

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"They were wonderful," was Sue's delighted comment. "They painted all through the foyer and the passageway then backstage. Some worked on the gardens and cleared weeds ready for spring planting." The Zebra volunteers agreed that everyone had a great time with lots of laughter and even a desperate call for 'more paint!'



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Italian flavour to fundraising

Chef Giancarlo Caldesi and his wife Katie were happy to share secrets from his Italian kitchen at a traditional afternoon tea party. This was the annual Inner Wheel fundraising event in the community centre with vintage china, delicious cakes and an outstanding raffle – perfect ingredients for a great afternoon.

And then there was Giancarlo – he’s Italian you know – talking about his early family life raised by peasant farmers, and his developing love of cookery.

He told the ladies how they lived by the seasons. His mother used fresh vegetables and made her own pasta to feed the family and their workers every day. This inspired the young Giancarlo when he moved to England and started cooking.

Then he met Katie who fell for his pasta while he loved her paintings. Together they have become a highly successful combination running restaurants



and a cookery school. True to his Italian roots Giancarlo’s recipes follow the regional tastes he knew as a child.

And Katie saw the possibility of producing a book based on an Italian Mama’s Kitchen. It was published in 2004. This was followed by Return to Tuscany and again Giancarlo sought out recipes from the country kitchens of his childhood based on Italian cooking traditions.

Diagnosed with diabetes, among other health problems, was an unwelcome moment for Giancarlo while inspiring Katie to seek out new ingredients and recipes that would help. They started work on a new book going back over the centuries to recipes from Roman times which was published at the end of 2015 and there were copies to be signed by the authors after tea.

It was appropriate that the funds raised by the Inner Wheel went to Diabetes UK.

Photos right: Giancarlo loved this cake and couldn’t resist letting it go to his head and top left Valerie Bishop who organised the raffle



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A dress to die for... or how bereavement created the LBD*



Advertised as the festive meeting of the Bucks Family History Society it was all down to Sally Scargill (pictured top centre in grey) to make it a memorable one before the mulled wine and mince pies.

Seven ladies swept through the small hall in deep mourning while Sally talked about their character and their dress. From her family history research Sally knew each lady, who she was mourning and the finer details of her mourning outfit. In fact Sally had made each outfit based on her research.

In 1822 Elizabeth Skull was mourning the death of her three children. Her sister-in-law Sarah Skull, in 1836, was mourning the death of her mother-in-law and her husband. Both ladies would probably have made their own outfits which they would have worn every day – with infrequent washes as black dyed material faded to grey very quickly!

Ten years on and Charlotte Skull was mourning her husband. Initially her face would have been completely covered by a small hat with a black veil. The numbers of infant deaths were tragic up to the First World War when Henrietta Watkins was mourning the loss of her son.

"And what did the men wear?" asked Sally. "A black armband." Eventually the Government stepped in and said that working women shouldn't wear black as it was inconvenient. Then the attachment to wearing black became a fashion statement as women maintained that their wardrobe would not be complete without the Little Black Dress!* Read the Bucks Family History report on page 38/39.



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Bourne End & Cookham Probus Club By John Daymond

At our November meeting we were treated to an illuminating talk on Swan Upping by David Barber, who is the Queen's Swan Marker. He described in fascinating detail the history of the tradition, the importance of swans in the past, and how the event continues today.

The Queen's Swan Marker is also heavily involved in education, visiting schools to explain the value of preserving our wildlife.

In December our Christmas Lunch at the Grovefield House Hotel was attended by a record 98 members and guests. Our chairman Bill Leftwich gave a summary of the year's events then entertained us with some amusing jokes. Altogether this was an excellent start to the festive season.

Anyone who would like to join our Probus Club should contact Brian Print on 01628 523739.

Inner Wheel Club By Diana Hyde

The Charity Christmas Tea party held in Bourne End Community Centre was a huge hit.

Giancarlo Caldesi was a most charismatic speaker and kept everyone spellbound with his culinary expertise and the tea was delicious. A wonderful start to the Christmas season (see page 27).

Our Inner Wheel 'Gift in a Bag' was a great success. Participants, having selected a picture card from a pack of playing cards, could choose any of the sparkling festive bags each containing a mystery present inside. All proceeds went to Parkinson's UK.

Inner Wheel Day in January is observed internationally by all 100,000 members, and our club members once again helped at the Thames Valley Adventure Playground in Maidenhead to acknowledge this important date.

A 50s style Lyons Corner House Tea Party saw members dressed in our best 50s finery, with a musical quiz rounding off the January meeting.

Our Annual Charter Lunch will be held at Harleyford Golf Club with guest speaker Helen Salisbury, who will regale us and our partners with Alan Bennett's Talking Heads.

Genealogy is the fascinating topic for the February meeting, which will be held in the afternoon in case the weather is inclement and the evening dark.

Little Marlow & Well End WI By Judy Wilson

Our December meeting as always was our party meeting with guests from neighbouring institutes and the Townswomen's Guild.

Our local children's collection this year was for the Dorcas Project which provides families with necessities for children.

It was heartening to be able to send them a three-figure sum.

A local WI group, Delectable Selection, entertained

with songs and sketches, and the delicious Christmas cake was made by our member June Baxter.

Our own WI Christmas lunch took place at Winter Hill Golf Club, and members have already voted to return there in 2016.

Our New Year meeting saw us discussing and voting for one of the eight resolutions proposed for our national AGM, with such varied subjects as the provision of sanitary protection for homeless women, to reviving the heritage of British fruit.

We planned future events both for fun and fundraising, discussed possible outings and started to make arrangements for our birthday lunch on March 31, then supported a varied Bring and Buy table and enjoyed tea and cakes. Visitors are always welcome: 01494 438380.

Bourne End WI By Kath Acres

December saw us partying with comic verse, songs and stories from Jane and John Dunsterville. At our January meeting Tom Way mesmerised us with his stunning images of wildlife around the world and with his tales of how he took the photographs. It was agreed that this was one of the best talks we have ever had and I am sure that Tom Way will be a name we hear again.

In February Frances Benton is visiting us from France to talk about her passion for pearls when we will have the opportunity to look, learn and buy.

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 of the month (next meeting on February 16). Visitors are always welcome and we have a waiting list for new members that you are welcome to join.

We have lots of outings planned for 2016 and our trip to Bletchley Park on Saturday June 4 is open to all. Email bourneendwi@yahoo.com or call 01628 531521.

Bourne End Afternoon WI By Janet Spill

In November our speaker was Ian Pike from Hearing Dogs for the Deaf who showed interesting slides and a video.



A fun-filled Christmas Party in December was rounded off by carol singing, and we welcomed several members of Wooburn WI. We are currently going through the process of enlargement whereby we will be joined by Wooburn to create a new WI group (see front page story).

A varied programme of events has been planned for the coming year which we can now look forward to. We continue to meet on the second Monday of the month in St Dunstan's Hall, Bourne End at 2pm and visitors are warmly welcomed.

Glory Mills Bowls Club By John Palfreyman

During a marvellous three-course Christmas meal at our presentation evening, much of the conversation centred on the successes and failures during the season and how the club could attract more players for the 2016 season.

It was thought that the variety of the wonderful trophies, which in general had been played for over 25 years, could be an extra attraction to possible new members.

The trophies and winners and runners-up were: Mixed Pairs (PGTrophy): Shirley Churn and Ron Yates, Sue Gandy and Fred Hawkins
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Bourne End & Cookham Rotary Club By John Dunsterville

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In our club, ages range from 30s to 80s, men and women working for our community and having fun at the same time. When you meet the Rotakids club at Clayton and Carrington schools, you are bowled over with the energy and determination of the young.

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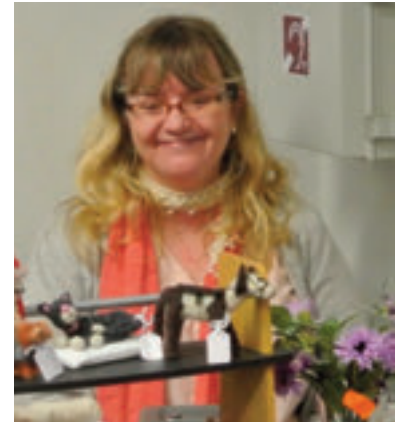
Our President Sue Pomeroy is asking for help from the community to join us in our many projects and she has started a 'Friends of Rotary' scheme for those who may be unable to commit to Rotary.

You could visit us and find out about what we do and why we do it. We are also reaching out to businesses both small and large to get involved. You will find that the world is not such a bad place after all.

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Celebrating five years of crafts at the Bourne End market

Bourne End Community & Craft Market will celebrate its fifth anniversary on Saturday February 13 and we'd love to see you there from 10am to 1pm whether you are one of our valued regular visitors or a first timer. Enjoy refreshments, chat with friends and stallholders, have a go at the charity tombola raising funds for Prostate Cancer UK and browse the many and varied stalls set up in the Jackson and Lantern Rooms of the library. Last chance perhaps to pick up a Valentine's gift. These photos taken at our December market will give you a flavour of what to expect.



Pictures clockwise from top left: Always a smile at Carolyn's plant stall. Forever Living Julie enjoying Georgie's freshly brewed coffee. On the left favourite regular visitor, Rachel, with friends. Find your favourite felted animal on Sally's stall, cheese on Owen's stall and cakes galore on Joan's stall.

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Emma worked at True Engineering in Wharf Lane for more than 30 years until well into her 70s. People remember her for the fact that she was always busy, always looked smart and never wore trousers.

Eventually she agreed to move away to be close to son, Peter, and grandson, Samuel.

She stayed in contact with Bourne End through *Target* magazine, reading each issue from cover to cover. Emma died peacefully in Yeovil and, sadly, *Target* lost one of its most loyal readers and supporters. Thank you Emma. RIP



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The Speed Watch road safety initiative

Bourne End now has a Community Speed Watch group monitoring speeds on the roads around the village.

Among the areas of particular focus are the main A4155 through Bourne End, particularly near Claytons School as the zebra crossing is a key safety concern, and Hedsor Road where a 20 mph limit has recently been introduced, but many motorists are ignoring it (see page 15).

A group of 15 volunteers were trained in September in how to use the equipment, owned by Thames Valley Police, and monitoring is taking place on a regular basis

at various sites around the village.

Thames Valley Police explained: "This is a locally driven initiative where members of the local community work in partnership with the police to monitor the speeds of vehicles using a speed detection device, on roads that have a 20mph, 30mph or 40mph posted speed limit.

"If drivers are going above the speed limit the SID sign is activated and displays the vehicle's speed. The number plate is noted by volunteers and passed to police who write to motorists. If they receive three letters in six months they are visited by a police officer who reinforces

the need for road safety."

Community Speed Watch is not enforcement, it is a scheme aimed at educating drivers about road safety concerns of rural communities and it forms part of the police's response to road safety issues. It's the first tier in their response to dealing with speed related problems on certain roads.

If a road safety issue persists, the police can then escalate matters to the next level by providing the data obtained by the volunteers to the Thames Valley Road Safety Partnership, helping secure the services of the Road Safety Camera Vans.

This also supports funding applications for road safety signs, for example, Vehicle Activated Signs, and to identify and prioritise locations for local road safety enforcement.

PC Lee Turnham of the Rural Neighbourhoods Policing Team said: "People will invariably comment about the speed of traffic near their homes, but it is quite another thing when people are prepared to come out and do something about it. Communities make a real difference by contributing. It is reducing speeding on our roads a great deal."

The Bourne End Speed Watch team need volunteers to assist with this road safety project, so if you can provide a few hours of your time occasionally to help (the sessions are currently held once a month) then please get in touch with Joanna Gallacher on 07967 144179. No specific skills are required and training is provided.



Claytons primary school held a Be Bright Be Seen day to remind pupils and parents of the importance of wearing visible clothing during the dark winter months. Too many children are still killed or seriously injured while walking or cycling on the roads. In 2014 there were 35 deaths recorded and thousands were injured, many seriously. So wearing hi-vis reflective clothing at night and bright clothing on dark days is an essential part of road safety.

Be Bright Be Seen day involved the children wearing their brightest clothes to school, and reflective slap bands and other accessories including hats, bags and vests were available to purchase. Profits from the sales went to the Child Brain Injury Trust, who provide help and information for families of children with brain injuries.

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Local charity funds hospice care nurses

Early in December a presentation was held to mark 30 years of care in our community by Rennie Grove Hospice Care (formerly Iain Rennie Hospice at Home). Among supporters attending were the mayors of High Wycombe and Marlow and local councillors. Also in attendance was Mike Woolliams, chairman and chief trustee of The Wooburn, Bourne End & District Relief in Sickness Charity which has supported the hospice for several years.

The charity was originally set up in the 1930s by Harold Jackson, of Jacksons Millboard and Paper Company, as the Wooburn Nursing Association, in memory of his daughter Mary. She had been looked after by the district nurses during her illness and died, aged six, in 1932. Harold Jackson built a house in her memory in Wash Hill Lea, Wooburn, for the benefit of district nurses.



Trustees were appointed in 1934 when a lease for 99 years was signed, to expire in 2033. When the newly established NHS took over the district nurses in 1948 the Wooburn Nursing Association was disbanded and the charity became The Wooburn, Bourne End

& District Relief in Sickness Charity with the income from the rent of the property being used to help sick and needy families in the Wooburn and Bourne End areas.

In 2014 the remaining 20 years of the lease was sold and funds utilised to further the aims of the charity in providing help to the residents of Wooburn and Bourne End. It was in this respect that Mike Woolliams was able to present, on behalf of the charity, a cheque for £5,000 to the Rennie Grove Hospice Care.

This was in recognition of the care given to patients in the Wooburn and Bourne End areas. This donation received a rapturous reception and will go towards the employment of two more 24-hour care nurses in this area.

Pictured above Jenny Provin from Rennie Grove Hospice Care with Mike Woolliams.

Bourne End Community Library

Library activities by Inka D'Agostino, library manager

During the week before Christmas we had a lovely surprise when Sam Roberts from Acorne plc, a company based in Bourne End, donated a large luxury hamper. We immediately seized upon the opportunity to hold a grand raffle for the specific purpose of raising money for new books for Bourne End Library. At the moment, due to the budget freeze, no new books are being ordered, though we are hoping that the situation will return to normal at the start of the next financial year in April.

With the support of our customers the total money raised was just under £600, all within one week. The winner of the raffle Helen Fisher was delighted with the hamper. Our picture shows Helen with her son, Simon.



I should like to thank Sam Roberts and Acorne plc for their kind support. As a result I shall be spending the money on new books specifically for this library.

On **Saturday February 6** we will be celebrating National Libraries Day with a pop-up music and dance café from 10am to 12.30pm. Come and join us for coffee and cakes as well as dance demonstrations, have a go yourself and also join in with suggestions for our new book stock.

Lifestyle club in February meets on Friday 19 when we welcome our guest speaker Trevor Dean giving a talk on our local paper mills. If you ever wondered why our community rooms are named Soho and Jackson Mill rooms then come and join us and find out. The event starts at 10.30am.

In February the monthly exhibition will be on the history of Bourne End and Wooburn using our fantastic archive collection.

Lifestyle Club meets once a month on a Friday morning, is open to all and provides interesting talks in a sociable atmosphere.

On Friday March 18 Michael Williams will talk about the Power of Food. This will be a fascinating talk especially if you like food.

Advance dates for your diaries, Bourne End Library will be having a Shakespeare Festival kicking off with a Lifestyle meeting on Friday April 22 with a talk on Shakespeare's Demons followed by a performance by Shakespeare Rattle'n'Roll players on Wednesday 27.

For children please note that we only have one Bounce and Rhyme session for babies and toddlers which is every Thursday term time from 10am to 10.30am.

For February half-term there will be a craft session on Wednesday 17 when we will launch our Design an Easter Egg Competition. The final date to submit entries will be on Saturday March 19. This will enable us to display all entries during the Easter holidays.

Finally a reminder that we have something of interest for everyone at the library, from Yoga, Tai-chi, Meditation and Pranic Healing to Italian classes and Sing Your Pain Away. Computer sessions take place every Friday morning, if interested please book your place.

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Past times... by Barrie Penfold

Local butcher David Kempster shares his memories of a lifetime in Bourne End



David Kempster (left) was born in Blind Lane, grew up locally and started work in the family butchers shop, Colliass, on The Parade. His lifelong experiences were part of the local villages and now he is still part of the community, his business premises are the same and his memories reflect the growth and development of a village through 70 years.

Do you have a first memory?

I remember seeing my father march up Blind Lane at the front of the

local Home Guard. My brother and I marched along behind them.

How many brothers and sisters did you have and where did you live?

I was the oldest and then my brother John and sister Janice. We lived at 25 Blind Lane and my father had the house built by Arthur Jameson.

What did you see when you looked out to the back and the front?

Behind us there was Jameson's builders yard and the houses already built in Chalklands. Out the front there were crab apple trees all the way up to Flackwell Heath and the hedges met in the middle – it really was a blind lane. There were endless cornfields opposite.

Did your father grow his own vegetables in the garden?

Everyone did.

Did your mother help in the shop or have a part time job?

She was the companion to Mrs Colliass so that's how they met. When they married she used to help with jobs like sausage making.

What sort of games did you play with friends?

Cowboys and Indians with friends and at home we had clockwork train sets. When the council houses were being built it was our playground. We were in and out of all the houses – we knew the inside of those houses before the new people moved in. It was great. We were around when they found the remains of the Roman soldier and watched when it was brought up. We collected all the stuff left by the builders, cigarette packets, matchboxes and the like.

Was meat rationing as depicted in 'Dad's Army'?

It was a bit like that in a manner of speaking. At home we often had bread and milk because we didn't have meat. Occasionally we had rabbit because my father was given a rabbit as a favour as he did slaughtering for lots of people.

Could you read before you went to school?

Honestly I cannot remember not reading as there were comics and newspapers at home. When I went to school my first teacher was Miss Dodd. I can remember sitting with her and the class in an air raid shelter. This was at Bourne End School and became Claytons.

Who were your friends there?

Cyril Nash was my friend. He's still around. I remember Miss Dodd and taking up work for her to mark and how my heart was beating so fast.

What did you do at the weekend? Where did you play in the evenings?

Father often took us out to Windsor Great Park or we went with the Wye Valley Rifle Club to Bisley where the children were allowed to collect the brass cases. At home we played football and I learnt to ride a bike.

Do you remember some of the films you saw at the Regency?

Black Narcissi with Deborah Kerr, *Capricorn* with Ingrid Bergman – that was in technicolour. Mario Lanza in *The Great Caruso*, Elvis Presley in *Love me Tender*. My wife Rose recently found a copy of *Gilda* with Rita Hayworth and Glenn Ford and bought it for me. I have to mention that we have been married for 44 years.

When you started work how was meat prepared and sold?

Meat came in as complete carcasses. When my father stopped slaughtering meat he bought it from Windsor and Cippenham near Slough. He selected it himself. We had a wire cage out the back filled with ice cubes to keep it cool.

How many staff worked there?

Mr Colliass, my father and Miss Jones in the office.

How many butchers were there on The Parade?

There was another one in Oakfield Road and then one opened right opposite us. We used to collect orders from housekeepers at the big houses in Abbotsbrook and Riversdale then deliver them. We also had catering orders from the hotels, especially the Spade Oak.

How has Colliass survived the coming of the supermarkets?

We have the trust of loyal customers who get the quality meat they want. We get to know them.

Did you consider moving on?

No, never.

Do you have customers going back 20, 30, 40 years?

Yes and this year we did the Christmas order for a lady who reminded us that she had been getting her meat from us for 42 years.

If someone was planning to open a business on The Parade what advice would you give them.

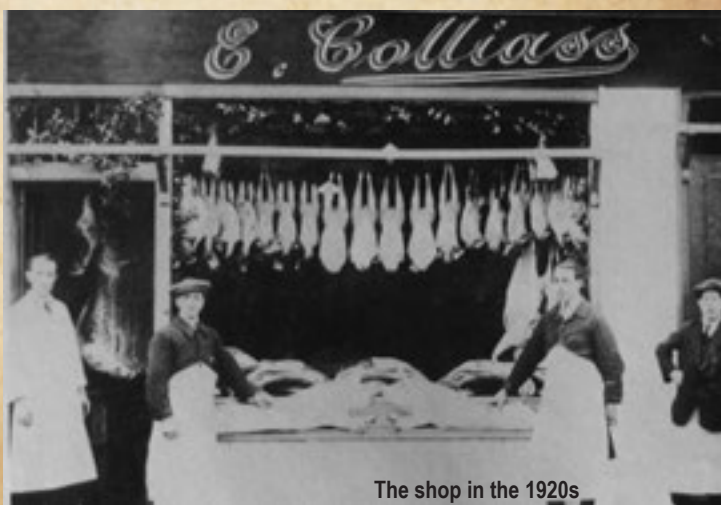
Learn about Bourne End. Ask people what they want and then provide it.

Is there a future for an independent butcher when you retire?

Not thinking about retirement at the moment but there's certainly a need for a butcher where you can see what you are buying.

If you hadn't followed in your father's footsteps is there any other job you would have liked?

Well, I've always liked railways so that might have been a possibility.



The shop in the 1920s

OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

Community Church

As many will know, we have been running a wonderfully successful lunch club at the chapel hall on a Thursday from 12.30pm to 2pm called 'TLC'. Aimed at those who would like to enjoy some good company as well as homemade soup and cake, the lunch club has now moved days from every Thursday to every Tuesday.



Although it is now called the Tuesday Lunch Club, we can still keep the abbreviated name of 'TLC'. Why not come along and see what it's like? Contact Dave Bitcheno on 07894 143925.

It has been lovely to see some of you at our Funday Sunday events for families with primary school children and younger, with crafts, singing, Bible stories and a free sandwich tea. See www.wooburngreen.org for dates.

Dad's Little Steps (fathers and tots group) takes place on February 6 and March 5 in the hall behind the Chapel on the Green. Just £2 per family (includes bacon bap and coffee), it is a chance for fathers to spend quality time with their little ones out of the house on a Saturday morning, 10-11.30am. Details on 07590 336337, or just turn up.

There is also a weekly playgroup Little Steps on Thursdays in the hall behind the Chapel on the Green, for all who care for babies and toddlers (10-11.30am, cost £1 per family). Come along to enjoy good coffee and conversation.

A child-friendly service for Mother's Day on March 6 at the Chapel on the Green starts at 10.30am (refreshments from 10am).

On Easter Sunday, March 27, a Celebration Service in the Chapel on the Green starts at 10.30am (refreshments from 10am). Please join us as we celebrate this special day in the Christian calendar.

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

We look forward to moving back into the parish church, following the completion of the roof project, for our Easter services.



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

The church hall and garden in Town Lane, Wooburn are available for bookings: 01628 525512 or visit www.stpaulswooburn.org which has details of all services and events.

Cores End United Reformed Church

December was an especially busy month at Cores End this year, with our Christmas Fair, Link Up Christmas lunch, Fun Day, and hugely popular Christmas Joy Concert with standing room only. The church was full to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Lent starts on February 19, and leading up to Easter we will be focussing on what faith in God means today, with a series of Sunday mornings

entitled Talking of God.

Cores End will also be taking part in Water Aid Jars of Change appeal, helping to bring clean water to communities in Zambia and around the world. Anyone is welcome to help with collecting change in jars.



Our Youth Matters in the Digital Age workshops start on Monday February 22 (see the article on page 11).

Link Up is alternate Tuesdays with a full programme, including The St Kilda Story, a talk about Freedom Wheelchair Skills, and Easter craft.

Our Good Friday service and Easter Sunday service are at 10.30am. All are most welcome. See www.coresendurc.com

St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

After a variety of joyous services over the Christmas period (although ever mindful of those in need all over the world), we have returned to our normal schedule of services.

Our All Together service resumed with a service for Candlemas with a special welcome to families who have had a child baptised at the church. Apart from March 27 (Easter Day) this service will be held as usual at 4pm on the fourth Sunday of the month, welcoming all families and ending with tea, sandwiches and cakes.



There will be special services during Easter week held across the team, with a three-hour service on Good Friday. The 11am service on Easter Day will be family communion followed by an Easter Egg hunt. Visit our website for details of the special services nearer the time.

Future dates for your diary: Quiz Night on April 15 in the Abbotsbrook Hall, biennial Patronal Flower Festival on June 25-26 and cream teas in the church yard. www.4u-team.org

St Nicholas' Church, Hedsor

As we approach Spring St Nicholas' comes into its own with the beautiful sunrise adding to the peaceful atmosphere of the church. We are now looking towards Lent and Easter when we hope to see many families. Our current sermon series examines the life of some of the key Old Testament prophets and our Bible study group (Thursdays weekly) continues to dig deeper into the Christian faith.

On Mothering Sunday, March 6, as usual, children will be able to give flowers to their mums at the 9am service.

The week preceding Easter Day (March 27) is very important to us. Please see our website for Holy Week services.

Each Sunday morning service commences at 9am, you are very welcome to join us with your family. Pebbles, our young church group, meets every fourth Sunday when our choir also leads a lovely sung communion service that parents can enjoy. Pathway, our 45-minute all-age family



service, is on the second Sunday of the month with children's action songs, a mix of worship songs and traditional hymns with an interactive talk.

We serve refreshments after all our services, giving an opportunity to get to know and catch up with each other. www.parishesofhedsorandbourneend.co.uk

St Mark's Parish Church

We are pleased to welcome many more parents and toddlers to the busy Puffins session each Wednesday in the hall, 10am to 11.30am. Pathway is our informal all-age service for families held each second Sunday of the month, 10.30am to 11.15am. We seek to engage our audience creatively using multi-media presentations such as powerpoint and video clips and would value assistance with this. If you can help in any way please contact the Rev Janet Binns. Our regular Holy Communion service is at 10.30am on all other Sundays. A short service is also held on Thursdays at 9.45am followed by coffee.



Bible Study is on Thursdays from 7.45pm at 35 Blind Lane and is open to anyone seeking to deepen their knowledge of the Christian faith.

The new car park makes the church and hall more accessible for the community, thanks to all fundraisers and the generosity of the parish council.

Other hall activities are coffee morning, Blend Choir rehearsals, keep fit, Wing Chun self-defence and puppet theatre club.

Details of Easter services and events will be printed in the church newsletter for March and on posters.

For further information contact the Rev Janet Binns 01628 523046 or the Administrator Alison Gray 01628 298022. For hall hire and activities contact Michael Payne 07743 037938.

St Dunstan's Church

It was a pleasure to have Fr Francis back temporarily from sabbatical at Leuven University to celebrate the Christmas season with us. He travels back to Belgium this weekend and will then return in June, in time for First Holy Communion and Confirmation celebrations. Fr Henry, who has been looking after us so splendidly since September, was able to take a well-earned break and spend time with his family in Nigeria.

In early January we welcomed Bishop Peter from Northampton to celebrate Mass and formally admit Brent Adonis, one of our parishioners, as a candidate for ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. Brent's three-year training programme started last September and we wish him every success.



2016 looks set to be very busy and exciting, as we focus on fundraising for our new CAFOD initiative: to support a village in El Salvador. We look forward to World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland, this summer, which young parishioners will be attending, together with Pope Francis.

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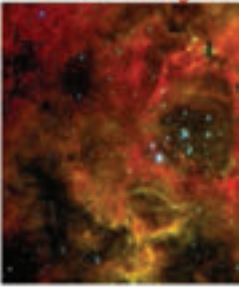
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Chess

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As always, it is in the main hall of the community centre and it is a good opportunity to pit your wits against all standards of club player who come to Bourne End for the event. It is normally divided into four divisions according to the standard of the participants.

In the leagues, Bourne End occupy a mid-table position in the Berkshire leagues while, in the Buckinghamshire leagues, the first team are challenging for top spot in division one. The second team lead the second division and the third team are mid-table in that division.

Darts

Egged on by the published list of ancient repeat programmes for our delight over the festive season, I clicked the handset furiously until, quite by chance, I found myself fascinated by one of the World Darts Championships.

Darts is not really a spectator sport, so why was I fascinated? It was not because of the sartorial elegance of the

competitors nor their athletic physiques. It was not because of the Mohican tonsorial displays that would have made Chief Sitting Bull mad with jealousy, nor the colourful tattoos that deserved to be displayed in the Tate Modern. Nor was it the glitzy hordes of screaming beer swilling fans who hollered as each and every arrow thudded predictably into treble twenty. It was none of these things.

What made it so fascinating was the unreality of the scene, so remote from that encountered almost every night where darts are played in the hundreds of pubs and clubs, the length and breadth of the country.

At club level, dart players meet to enjoy the conviviality and friendly rivalry. They hope to win but don't get too bothered if they don't. The losers buy the winners a half pint and have a natter. If they languish in the bottom third of the league they still turn up next week with high hopes.

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Angling Club *news from the waters edge*

Our December outing is traditionally our Christmas match, although the day was far from traditional on several fronts. The weather was very unseasonable with mild double-figure temperatures and the weights were in double figures, not the norm for December.

Ice breaking has, on many occasions, been the first task of the day. But we had a very enjoyable day at Campbell's lake with 59 pound taking first place and 33 pound second.

The new year sees the club, for the first time, switching from the traditional season. It's last three matches to be March, April and May, instead of January, February and March. This should give us better conditions and hopefully better results and also avoids the freezing temperatures for our ageing membership.

It will also see new tackle on the bank, the latest technology and gadgets money can buy in our pursuit of the perfect day and the tales it creates, that are then told over and over.

We have a rejoining night in May, please phone if you are interested in our little club. Call Terry on 01628 851001.



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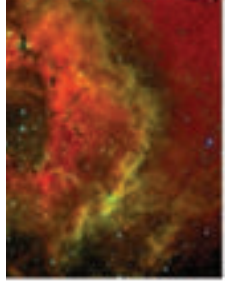
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Community Centre day 11th February

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There's plenty happening every day at the community centre – all you need to do is call in and get information from the centre office or have a read through *Target*.

You will be made welcome at coffee mornings every week on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Toddlers can enjoy Tumble Tots and Action Kids on a Monday morning with the older children joining JG Dance at their classes on a Monday and Wednesday.

Adult Education exercise classes take place every Monday and Tuesday while Yoga is a regular on a Friday. Short Mat Bowls will keep you active on a Monday and Tuesday evening while on Sunday evening you can join Barbara and David to go through new dance steps and perfect traditional ones.

Drama group Forum Players meets every Monday and Wednesday when they are rehearsing a show. Chess is played either home or away every week along with darts in the bar. And the Headway charity meets three times a week at the centre. There's bingo in the bar every Friday afternoon. Slimming clubs meet on a Tuesday and Saturday. Lots of clubs meet twice a month including the

videomakers and the guitar club. Yet more interest groups meet on a monthly basis including flower arrangers, family history, Soroptimists, Townswomen's Guild and two railways societies.

Once a month there's jazz in the bar on a Tuesday evening, a Good Neighbours lunch on a Friday, social dance on a Friday and a bar quiz on a Thursday. Magpie's Nest fills the main hall with collectibles on a Sunday once a month and a Table Top Sale offers the chance to sell all manner of things on another Sunday in the month.

The anglers meet every other month but can regularly be found in the bar talking about the size of their latest catch!

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OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

1st Wooburn Scout Troop

A fantastic well done to Scouts who competed in the Grimsdyke Hike (a 25K hike on day one carrying full camping equipment and food, camping overnight and then a 20K hike on day two). Our senior team won the competition and our juniors came second in each category.

The Quest Hike in February is an overnight incident hike of around 13 miles. The competition is judged on teamwork and skill in completing challenges (from first aid to puzzles or rifle shooting).

Scouts will also be working on their DIY badge this term.

Beavers will be taking part in a hike and sleepover, backwoods cooking and other fun activities.

Soroptimists

To mark Breast Cancer Awareness month, members of Soroptimist International of Thames Valley sported pink at their meeting (pictured below) and refreshments included pink cup cakes.

Club member Johanna Raffan spoke about the charity Breast Cancer Now and the work of the Tissue Bank, which provides samples for research projects.

Donations from members went to the Tissue Bank to help fund ongoing research into the causes and treatment for breast cancer.



To find out more about what Soroptimists do, go to our website: www.sigbi.org/thames-valley. We meet every third Tuesday in the month except August in the *Target* room of Bourne End Community Centre at 7.30pm, and you are most welcome to join us.

Marlow Maidenhead Passenger Association

The discovery of the original GWR and Western region running-in boards at High Wycombe Station led to refurbishment jointly funded by MMPA and Chiltern Railways. The project was put forward for a Railway Heritage Trust award and finished in the top three.

We are maintaining pressure on GWR to speedily resolve the repeated failure of the public address system at Bourne End Station.

Electrification of the Great Western line is

proceeding at a much slower rate than planned, mainly due to problems locating signal cables buried in trackside ballast. When the electric services do start, passengers on the branch will lose all the current through services to and from Paddington.

The proposed Crossrail train design continues to cause concern over the restricted seating capacity and the lack of toilets – an omission which could lead to cancelled trains as a result of desperate travellers using the floor by the toilets for relief, evident sometimes on the current trains when the toilets are locked 'Out of Order'.

We have raised this with both Crossrail and our MP, Theresa May, who raised it with the Department for Transport. The DfT response is that Crossrail is a metro service and the journey times are 'too short' to need to provide toilets on trains, but toilets will be available at stations. Will anyone want to get off the last train of the day to use the station toilet?

Please let us have your views on this or any other local transport issues at info@mmpa.org.uk

Marlow and District Railway Society

At our re-arranged November meeting Tom Painter from Chiltern Railways gave a most interesting presentation entitled Past, Present and Future on Chiltern.

The society's year ended in good spirits when a Christmas social evening drew a record turnout with excellent food and a fiendish quiz.

Our President Sir William McAlpine was due to visit on January 21 to talk about his railway activities. On February 18 after a short AGM,

Kevin West will talk about The Patriot Project. He is chief engineer of this group which is building a replica locomotive of this ex-LMS class. On March 17 author Colin Boocock returns to give an illustrated talk, A History of Eastleigh Works where he worked as a young man.

Visitors are always welcome to our meetings, which start at 8pm. A small fee of £3 will be charged. Visit www.mdrs.org.uk.

Bourne End Horticultural

Society

On February 18 Stefan White will be telling us about Horrific Horticulture. Then on March 17 Sarah Hyde will talk to us about lilies grown in her nursery in Twyford.

New members are very welcome at our meetings at St Dunstan's Hall at 8pm every third Thursday of the month. For membership details contact Penny Hampson on 01628 521482.

Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

Our local demonstrators will be challenged on Tuesday February 2 when our Supermarket Sweep will ask them to create stunning displays using supermarket flowers with a budget of £10. This will be a good learning demonstration for anyone wanting to make a start on flower arranging.

Then on Tuesday March 1 we welcome Stephanie Cornell who will create displays on the theme Sources of Inspiration.

Demonstrations start at 8pm and non-members are welcome (£5 entry).

Not to be missed is our meeting on Tuesday April 5 with national demonstrator Nick Grounds. His intriguing title is Palimpsest and for non-members entry is £7. Chairman Thelma Robinson says: "He is a fabulous demonstrator and he already has us intrigued by the title."

She explains: "Palimpsest is a manuscript on which two or more successive texts have been written, each one being erased to make room for the next."

Meetings take place on the first Tuesday in the month at 8pm in the centre theatre. Our facebook page has 'how to' guides for conditioning, arranging and drying flowers. Go to www.facebook.com/bourneendFAS.

RNLI Bourne End, Beaconsfield & District

We raised a record amount of £21,208 in 2015 from the ever generous public through collections, donations and static boxes in local shops and the annual house-to-house collections. This is £700 more than 2014 and £300 more than 2013, which was in itself a record year.

The AGM along with a thank you party for all RNLI supporters will take place at Bourne End Community Centre on the evening of Thursday April 7.

Our collectors will be out in force on Valentine's weekend, February 13 and 14, at Flowerland, Hedsor Road, Bourne End.

Thank you all for your support.

Bourne End Townswomen's Guild

Our meeting on Wednesday February 10 will welcome Barrie Penfold to talk about Cliveden.

As a member of the Visitor Services Team at our local National Trust property for ten years, Barrie will relate some of the history, a little of the scandal and a lot about why it is a great place to visit. And just a couple of miles away from the centre of Bourne End.

At our AGM on Wednesday March 9, after the formalities, founder member Joan Stopps will relate Tales of a Collector. Joan's collection covers a huge range from a pretty piece of china she found in a charity shop to a funny quotation or a poem she had to cut out and keep. All delightful items to talk about before it's time for a cuppa and a biscuit.

We meet on the second Wednesday in the month from 1.30pm to 4pm. During the year we have a wide range of speakers on a variety of subjects, meeting in the *Target* room at the community centre and visitors are always welcome. Details from Cynthia Houchin on 01628 527931.

Bucks Family History Society

On Tuesday February 9 we welcome David Noble who will tell us about Walter Carter. A World War One Soldier's Tale relates how, as a young man from Battersea, Walter joined the Territorial Army in 1912 and went to war in March 1915, after six months training. His story is told via Facebook and Twitter.

Then on Tuesday March 8 Kirsty Gray says "If I could turn the clock back..." as she takes an imaginative approach to family history.

Although a relative youngster in the field of genealogy, Kirsty has been involved in family history for almost two decades and has lectured locally and internationally. Her talk is not to be missed.

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 to our funds. Visit www.bucksfhs.org.uk

Wye Valley Volunteers

Many thanks to our volunteer drivers for managing so well over the Winter months when it seems there are far more short notice appointments and changes (possibly due to cancellations for health reasons).

Despite the number of active drivers still being low, mainly through retirement, illness and holidays, it is very rare for us to be defeated in finding a driver for even a short notice trip. However, we do ask clients if possible to give us a week's notice.

Thanks to coverage in the last edition of *Target* we have two potential drivers going through the process of recruitment. We would still like to recruit four or five more so do please contact us if you would be interested in volunteering as a driver.

If you feel able to drive the community minibus that would be even better. Many of our services depend on transport for clients in the minibus and we do need to build up our team of minibus drivers. There are age restrictions, but otherwise all that is needed is a standard driving licence; full training is given on the use of the tail lift and wheelchair facilities.

We are also keen to hear from other potential volunteers who would consider becoming home visitors.

To learn more about these or other volunteering activities, ring 01628 521027 or call at the Community Volunteer Office (portakabin to the right of the community centre) which is open every weekday from 10am to midday. And do please contact us if you need help from our services.

Bourne End Video Makers

Come and join the fun of making good quality short films. We are a small but enthusiastic group of film makers who meet every first and third Wednesday evenings of the month except August, in the *Target* room in Bourne End Community Centre.

Some of our films are entered into competitions with other film making clubs in the area and occasionally films are entered into short film festivals.

We have an interesting and busy year ahead having two story-line films and two, possibly three, documentaries in the early pre-production stage. We are lucky enough to engage professional actors to star in our films.

If you are interested why not come along to a meeting with no obligation to join. We welcome those with no previous experience and possibly no equipment, except perhaps a smart phone, as well as those who wish to develop their skills or just enjoy being involved in making short films. Ring 01494 712441 or email david.jarman@virgin.net.

CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 2 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the community centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle.
- 2 Tues Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society at 8pm creating displays with budget supermarket flowers.
- 4 Thurs Community Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8.30 pm, It's a £1 per person, and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night.
- 5 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 7 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm.
- 11 Thurs CentreTalks features Gordon Rogers on *The Sky at Night*. See page 37 for info.
- 12 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 13 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the Library.
- 13 Sat Jersey Guys show at the community centre 7.30-10pm. Tickets £15. See front page of *Target* for more info.
- 14 Sun Bird Box making in Wooburn Park – 11am to 4pm (see details page 7).
- 19 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 19 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company.
- 21 Sun Table top sale at the centre 9.30am to 11.30am. Call Caroline on 01628 485642 to take part.
- 26 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.

MARCH

- 1 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the community centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle.
- 1 Tues Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society at 8pm demonstrator Stephanie Cornell will create displays on the theme of Sources of Inspiration.
- 3 Thurs Community Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8.30 pm, It's a £1 per person, and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night.
- 4 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm.
- 6 Sun Magnolia House, Grange Drive, Wooburn Green HP10 0QD is open to the public as part of the annual National Gardens Scheme from 11am to 2pm. Admission £3, children free. Soup and light refreshments served in the garden room. This delightful property has two ponds, two small dogs and two aviaries for the children.
- 6 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm.
- 10 Thurs CentreTalks features Hugh Granger on *How Our Language Evolved*. See page 36.
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FORUM PLAYERS PANTO

Local talent shone again in January as The Forum Players put on their panto, *Dick Whittington and his Cat*. The lead players had the perfect blend of charm, humour and festive cheer, with Alex Huxley as a boo-hiss King Rat, Rebecca Fisk as Alice, Ana Meechan as Dick, Caitlyn Barnes as a sweet Tommy the Cat, and Ros Bartlett as a marvellous Sarah the Cook.

But there were so many more who made this a hugely entertaining show: the rest of the cast, dancers young and adult as citizens, sailors and a harem brightening each scene, the costume makers, scenery creators, producers, and the excellent Silver Shadows on guitars and drums.

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Pictured: Lazy Jack (left) Ewan Burns and King Rat, Alex Huxley

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

Target Quiz

Sponsored by The Falcon Pub, Wooburn Moor

Number 90

Penny Walsh challenges you to identify these farmyard animals – are they sheep, cows, pigs, chickens or horses.

Write your answers on an envelope, add your name and address, include £1 entry fee then take it into the community centre for a chance to win Penny's mystery prize. All money raised goes to the community centre.

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| 1 | Leghorn | 11 | Old Spot |
| 2 | Saddleback | 12 | Wyandotte |
| 3 | Jersey | 13 | Ardennes |
| 4 | Wensleydale | 14 | Belted Galloway |
| 5 | Percheron | 15 | Landrace |
| 6 | Tamworth | 16 | Suffolk Punch |
| 7 | Cheviot | 17 | Holstein |
| 8 | Clydesdale | 18 | Tamworth |
| 9 | Soay | 19 | Buff Orpington |
| 10 | Rhode Island Red | 20 | Dexter |

The closing date is Friday March 4

ANSWERS TO QUIZ 89

1 air/Ayr 2 board/bored 3 creek/creak 4 rows/rouse 5 metal/mettle 6 beat/beet 7 ale/ail 8 rill/Rhyll 9 break/brake 10 check/cheque 11 rein/rain 12 tire/tyre 13 flare/flair 15 rose/roes 16 right/rite 17 stake/steak 18 ruff/rough 19 hale/hail 20 step/steppe

The winner is: Molly Smith, Orchard House, Bourne End.



The Falcon Pub

Watery Lane,
Wooburn Moor, HP10 ONE

Tel: 01628 522752

Monday - Quiz Night
from 8.45pm

Tuesday - (every other) Open
Mic Night pop down to play,
sing or just listen

Wednesday - Rib Night (cooked
to my secret recipe)

Thursday - Two for one
evening menu

Friday - Menu specials

Saturday - Meat raffle drawn at
6.30pm, tickets on sale all week

Sunday - Traditional Sunday
Roast 12 to 3pm

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