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## SAVE OUR GREENBELT!

**As an action group spearheads the fight against proposals to build on Bourne End's greenbelt land, they call for each and every reader to make their views on this heard...NOW**

The proposal to downgrade two of Bourne End's greenbelt areas to build hundreds of new houses has prompted dismay and heartfelt anger from village residents. But locals have vowed to fight the move and more than 200 turned out to vent their feelings and offer their support to the action group Don't Destroy Bourne End (DDBE) at their first public meeting in July.

The woman who is leading the battle to fight the plans is mum-of-three Penny Drayton, who set up DDDBE initially as a Facebook group. She is calling for every *Target* reader to fight alongside her.

Penny, who lives in Hawk's Hill, had more than 1,000 Facebook supporters when *Target* went to press with the number steadily rising as local media coverage grew.

She has spoken on Marlow FM, has had front page coverage in the local papers and even managed to get a TV crew from the Tonight programme to cover July's meeting.

The proposal to basically obliterate Bourne End's greenbelt areas at Hollands Farm (off Hedsor Road) and Northern Heights (accessed via Brantridge Lane and New Road) was part of the latest draft of the Wycombe District Local Plan.

Under the proposal a total of 500 houses could be built at Hollands Farm and a further 40 at Northern Heights. These are in addition to the 150 which could be constructed at Slate Meadow (Stratford Drive)

which has been designated a reserve site for future development despite protests from residents.

Penny voices all our concerns when she says: "It really isn't a question of NIMBY (not in my back yard). I really cannot see any structure to the plans. The earmarked areas are just not suitable for development. There is no provision for infrastructure... the schools, doctors' surgeries needed for so many new residents. And our roads are certainly not equipped for the increase in traffic which would result from more housing.

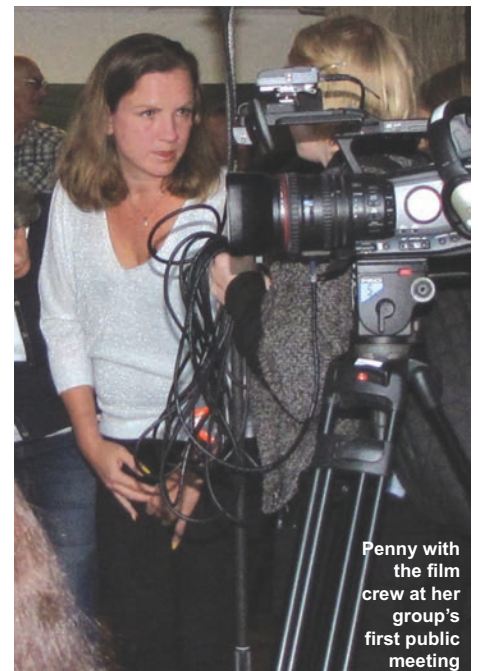
"Their plan, which was turned down 20 years ago, has not been thought through properly. It is flawed. "Greenbelt is intended to check the unrestricted sprawl of development.

"I realise we need more housing in this region, but there are abandoned industrial sites which could be considered first surely?"

Penny and her team would like anyone who has experience or lifeskills which could help their campaign to step forward. You can find details on the website [www.ddbe.online](http://www.ddbe.online) or call 0300 302 0866.

Meanwhile it has been agreed by a working group that all aspects of the application will be investigated in depth and that charity status would be sought to raise funds for professional guidance.

**STOP PRESS: DROP IN SESSION ARRANGED FOR AUGUST 2 from 6pm to 9pm at the community centre giving practical help on responding to WDC.**



Penny with the film crew at her group's first public meeting

### How can you help?

Go to the Don't Destroy Bourne End website ([www.ddbe.online](http://www.ddbe.online)) where you can follow a link to sign the petition against the proposals, or follow a link to the WDC site where you can respond to the Local Plan. Or you can email [NewLocalPlan@wycombe.gov.uk](mailto:NewLocalPlan@wycombe.gov.uk) or write to: New Local Plan team, Planning and Sustainability, Wycombe District Council, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe, Bucks HP11 1BB. Your comments MUST reach the council by August 8.

### Lloyds Bank to close

Lloyds Bank have confirmed they are closing their Bourne End branch in a letter to all account holders in June.

Their statement says: "In a recent review of how customers use our branches in the Buckinghamshire area, we have made the decision to close the Bourne End branch from 10 October 2016." They go on to apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and add a reminder that some banking services will be available at the Post Office on The Parade. As the last thing Bourne End needs is another empty retail unit let's hope someone will quickly move into this attractive building that dates back to the end of the 1920s.

### Black Lion continues to roar

Fears grew that Bourne End could lose yet another pub when its freehold was recently sold to a Wycombe-based property development company with a history of redeveloping pub sites.

However The Friends of The Black Lion (FOTBL) group was quickly formed to present "a powerful voice that can react quickly to help protect our cherished asset". Their first action was to apply for the pub to be given Asset of Community Value status. This was approved in July and should give the pub a degree of protection.

The Friends told *Target*: "The Black Lion continues to operate as a pub and is very much open for business as usual with landlord Mark and his team continuing to work hard successfully running what is one of the last remaining pubs in our village. Unfortunately the adage 'use it or lose it' very much applies. So let's use it!"

The Black Lion is at the heart of the scenic and historic Well End Conservation Area with the first records of a pub on this site going back to before 1753.





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# BULL'S EYE

It's distressing that many readers are upset about plans which they fear could change the face of Bourne End forever. But while stories like those on our front page show that local residents are worried about losing the character and natural beauty of this wonderful part of the world we are lucky enough to call home, it's good to know there are still many things going on - usually behind the scenes - to preserve and enhance our surroundings. Below, councillor Katie Lamb reports on the continuing success of our parish biodiversity programme and the difference some hard work and consideration of flora and fauna can make.

**Debra Aspinall, Editor**

## **Meadows and park lands...**

I am delighted to be able to say that the Biodiversity Working Party has been set up again by the parish council and we have lots planned for the coming year. Meadows and creating areas for wild plants are high on the agenda. Not only are these habitats a vital source of food for a myriad of butterflies, insects and those all-important bees; they are inspiring to look at too.

You may have noticed around the parish that we have raked and seeded in some small areas to create these habitats. We have also left some areas of grass uncut to encourage wildlife, for instance along some of the roadsides (with a mind to highway safety) also under some of the trees in Wooburn Park.

We have a sympathetic approach to how we mow the grass as well. We look to care for the greens and football pitches with people in mind, while maintaining the edges and other areas to create microclimates for fauna and flora. This is why we cut scallops and not straight lines when we can.

The meadow area in Wooburn Park looked a picture this year. One day when I was walking through it, with my ever-growing and crazy puppy, we came across thousands of emerging beetles which had been happily nesting underground. It reminded me of late Summers as a child when there would be 'flying ant day' and my grandmother would close all the doors and windows and keep me in as she hated them. Meanwhile I used to sit watching them, fascinated.

The park meadow has now been cut and raked, partly so it could be used for parking for the recent Bourne End Junior Sports Club football tournament. I must just say well done to everyone involved. The amount of hard work and dedication put in by you all to organise that event really paid off and it was wonderful to see so many kids out playing sport.

The bi-product of the meadow being cut, driven over and raked, should greatly help all the seeds to disperse ready for next year. It's certainly not all over though for our grass and wildflower areas this year, as we will still get a good display with buttercups, clover and the like, reappearing for the bugs to dine on.

Our Rangers have also planted small strips of wildflower seeds in many areas throughout the parish: Bourne End Recreation Ground; the park in Blind Lane, around the pond in The Warren; the park in Watery Lane and in Wooburn Park too. Hopefully, these too will produce wonderful patches of pollen-rich flowers.

While I am writing about meadows it brings to mind a piece of land in Watery Lane, Wooburn Moor, which had been left as an eyesore for years, with trees and vegetation destroyed. A couple bought the plot to build a house river-side and have done a fantastic job of bringing the area back to its former glory (or even better). It has now become an area of beauty and a haven for wildlife with trees planted and a colourful, if tiny meadow. It is well worth a walk past to take a look.

We are planning a couple of events for the summer holidays similar to the 'bird box making day' we did back in chilly February. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and on the gates of our parks for information. Alternatively, send me or the office your email details and we will forward information nearer the time.

Just one more thing I really want to mention is the pond in Farm Wood. We have had a few setbacks in our aims to dig out the pond and re-landscape a more natural pathway around it. This is mainly due to the weather preventing the drying out the mud so we are able to move it safely. Hopefully work will have started by the time you read this. I must also thank a member of the Upper Thames Butterfly Conservation Group who informed us about a colony of rare butterflies. We now hope to build into the plans for Farm Wood some strategies to maintain their habitat and encourage their survival as much as possible.

I hope you all have a fantastic Summer and are able to get out and enjoy our woodlands, parks and open spaces.

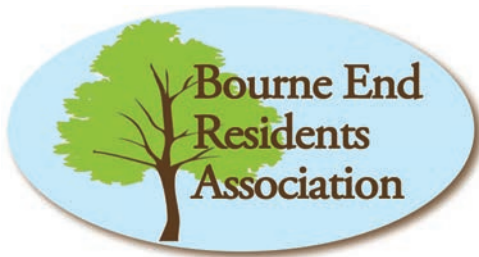
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## ABOUT TARGET

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

Bourne End Community Association was formed in 1962 by local people who wanted a social centre to meet the needs of a growing community. Fund raising and determination saw the community centre open in Wakeman Road on 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.



Send out a glossy eight page pamphlet to all the houses in the district. Tick the box. Hold a consultation exhibition in local areas attended by district councillors and council officers. Tick the box. Ask everyone to write in and express their views. Tick the box. Then file all the letters away.

Do these comments sound like the thoughts of a cynic? They would be if I felt that was the end of this matter. However we are dealing with an issue of huge impact for Bourne End and the surrounding areas.

By now most readers will have realised that the subject at hand is Wycombe District Council's draft consultative on the Local Plan for the district.

If you believe that nothing can be achieved or altered in their proposals then by all means do nothing. However I think that a more pragmatic approach is absolutely vital. It was good to see a huge number of local people at the consultation and I do hope that you were there to ask some searching questions. It may be that the councillors and officers present were able to answer in a positive fashion, although I have heard a report saying that an officer admitted that he had only been to Bourne End twice in his career!

If you still have concerns, or maybe on reflection feel that the answers to your questions were less than convincing, then I would urge you to write to the

district council. If you have lost the leaflet then a direct letter to Penelope Tollitt, Chief Planning Officer, will be fine.

We have until August 8 to send in letters. How strange that the minimum six weeks given to respond to the consultation is over the summer holiday period, a time when people might be away or planning a break.

So let's raise a few queries. Firstly let us deal with the small site off Northern Heights.

This site has been proposed for development on two or three occasions and has been rejected at a public inquiry.

The indicated number of houses is 40, so relatively small and not likely to solve any housing crisis.

Proper access is highly questionable on to Brantridge Lane and then New Road. Why have WDC not accepted that the previous public inquiry had got it right?

On the downside is that local residents have their lives blighted by the prospect of the development which would drastically affect the value of their homes. Personally I find it mean and bitter by the council to even have considered its development.

Now we turn to the hugely controversial proposal to take part of Hollands Farm out of the Green Belt and develop it with up to 500 houses.

Great play is made – probably the only positive thing that WDC can say – about a Cores End bypass road through the site.

To access the Hollands Farm site a new road would run from Cores End Road along Princes Road and come out at the farm entrance in Hedsor Road.

Several times I have heard officers and councillors talk glowingly about how this would cut down the traffic using Cores End Road and Furlong Road. But would it? Only if traffic is heading to

Maidenhead and it doesn't solve the problem of a one-way only Cookham Bridge.

Incidentally WDC have no idea what percentage of current traffic this might be as no dedicated traffic survey has been done.

However they fully support a huge number of houses on Hollands Farm with their associated car ownership. So how do they exit this new housing estate? Oh yes, Cores End Road, Brookbank, Town Lane, Hedsor Road, Ferry Lane – which local people will say are already saturated by traffic.

So we could finish up with even more cars on already overcrowded roads.

One last thought – National Planning Policy and indeed WDC's own Core Strategy states that all infrastructure improvement needs must be in place before a new development can proceed.

How are they going to increase the capacity of our health services when they are unable to recruit new doctors now?

Where are new car parking facilities to be found? And with all the local schools fully subscribed where are the new children to be educated?

For what needs to be fully understood is that the proposal of an additional 700 houses would increase Bourne End by about 25%.

So please write to WDC and register your objection. Letters can be short but they must be sent by August 8.

There's nothing new to report on Slate Meadow this time, but I must just congratulate the Black Lion group in getting it registered as a Community Asset (see page one).

Once again, the views here expressed are mine. If you have any thoughts, queries or views please ring me.

**Jim Penfold**  
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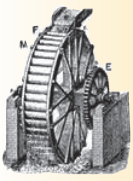
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# WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Margaret Amos  
Secretary to the Association

## Wooburn fête (photos page 27)

This annual event is attracting the crowds, and becoming a fixture in the life of The Wooburns.

After this year's fête, on June 18, lead organiser Caroline Meechan said: "It was wonderful to see the community come together and enjoy the activities on The Green. Children could run around quite safely and the adults were able to catch up with each other and enjoy watching their children perform. It was a lovely day and showcased what a community is all about."

One of the highlights this year was Captain Jack Sparrow disembarking from the Black Pearl to visit along with Anna and Elsa from Frozen. The children (and some adults) were enchanted to see their favourite characters from these well known films and enjoyed collecting autographs and joining in with an impromptu sing-along with the Frozen princesses. The characters were attending thanks

to the generosity of Emmabelle's Princess Parties who have recently moved to Wooburn Green ([www.emmabellesprincessparties.co.uk](http://www.emmabellesprincessparties.co.uk)).

The children's Design a Birthday Card Fit for a Queen competition was judged by Simon and Janet Elvin of Simon Elvin Ltd. The winners were announced and prizes were awarded to: Emmy Pearce, six, (St Paul's School): runners up/highly commended were Kathleen and Zara Ali (both The Meadows school). Winner of the older age group was Tiana Selli, 9, (Stoke Poges' School): runners up/highly commended were George, Jaiden, Summer and Morgen (all The Meadows school)

The Meadows School children sang and their repertoire included their school song. All children were then invited to join them and wave a Union Jack singing Happy Birthday to the Queen. Children from St Paul's School entertained with their country dancing.

1st Wooburn Scout Group ran fun games, such as the mill spinner, chimney hoopla and their trebuchet inviting children to throw wet sponges at their parents and leaders.

A delicious cream tea, organised by the Community Church, was enjoyed while listening to Maidenhead Concert Band. For the more energetic there was bungee trampolining and water zorbing. There were even free activities for children run by Wooburn &

Bourne End Children's Centre alongside face painting.

Although the fête's main aim is not to raise money, but rather to get the community together, the profit was £2,400. In addition, the Scouts raised £608 from their games for their funds and the Community Church raised £303 from cream teas which they gave to the One Can Trust (High Wycombe's food bank) and other community organisations raised money for their funds.

A special thank you must go to our main sponsor Citygate VW Van Centre along with CALA Homes, Peter Lole & Co Ltd, Allen Roofing Supplies Ltd, Tesco Express, Tesco Loudwater, Simon Elvin Ltd and The Beacon Sports Centre.

And lastly, we must thank our Wooburn landladies Kay (The Red Lion) Linda (The Queen & Albert) Helen (The Old Bell) and Katie (The Falcon) who made a very valuable contribution to the fête.

It is with great sadness we have to announce that Malcolm Cooper and Sue Pressney have died. Malcolm passed away in January. He regularly sat in on parish council meetings on behalf of WRA, was a member of the sub-committee on roads and traffic issues affecting the Wooburn area and a stalwart helper at Wooburn fête. He will be missed.

Sue Pressney died on May 8 after a short illness. For many years Sue was actively involved with Wooburn Residents' Association and for much of that time was its chairman. During those years she set up a small voluntary group in the village called Job Aid, to assist local unemployed people to find work. In addition, she played a major part in organising the first Carols on the Green events as well as a weekly luncheon club for senior residents. Sue was for many years an active member of the Wooburn WI, and more recently president (see Sue's obit page 18).

Wooburn Residents' Association's next meeting is on Monday September 12 at 8 pm, in The Parish Council Offices, Town Lane, Wooburn. We would be very pleased to see you.

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# Marina Life with Peter Osborne



Well, the UK has voted to leave the European Union, we now have a new Prime Minister and goodness knows what's going on with the leadership of the other parties. I would like to advise that there is no change in the ministerial appointments of the Independent State of Bourne End Marina.

In fact I received the first phone call made by Theresa May after becoming the PM complimenting us on our stability and asking if she could send a delegation down to study how our policy of 'common sense' actually works.

We all felt greatly honoured that our policies may be incorporated in the running of the United Kingdom. Watch this space.

I am sure that we are all waiting to see what the effects of Brexit will be. One matter that we are keeping our eye on is what effect it will have on the way we currently sell red diesel for the boats and commercial enterprises.

We sell the fuel at a price that reflects full duty on the propulsion usage, but reduced duty on the proportion used for battery charging, heating and cooking. If it sounds complicated that's because it is! This was a system agreed by the EU; we hope that the pricing of the fuel will be simpler in the future.

It's been a funny old summer so far; a slow start and while scribing this missive the sun is out and the river has gone berserk. Although Matty and Chaos aren't happy with all the extra work, I am, as I can see my Caribbean holiday home getting closer to completion.

It is quite interesting how the weather is so influential on boat movements. I am not sure the weather is as bad as the forecasting would often suggest, but boat owners obviously make their decision to use the boat or not on what the forecast says and possibly regret not going on the river when the reality turns out to be so much better.

Mink have been spotted in the Marina. It looks like we may have a family of four. This is not good news as they are not indigenous to the river. I believe that they are North American mink that were brought over to be farmed for their skin, but then released by so called 'do

gooders' a few years back. These animals can cause quite a lot of damage to the eco system, especially when they attack the nests of fowl and birds often taking the eggs and, I understand, killing their young as well.

We will be taking advice as to how we can remove these little critters. They look furry and cute, but the reality is very different. They can move very fast in the water and don't look too dissimilar to a ferret.

In the last month there have been various events at Henley, namely the Regatta, the Henley Festival and the Traditional Boat Rally. These events are as important to us as they are to the river, as they encourage people to use their boats.

People who use their boats use fuel and fill their sewage holding tanks. Given this, many boats come up from downstream and either on the way up to Henley or on their way back often call in for our services as we are a good staging post.

This traffic is important to us as, irrespective of the weather, the boats still travel to Henley. This year has been no exception.

A storm drain is designed to take away excess rainfall and ground water. There is one in Bourne End that runs under the railway with its outlet into The Thames.

They have been doing some maintenance on this drain which resulted in diverting it down pipes with some separation (filter) tanks being located in the Marina prior to the water entering into the river. When the work was complete the diversion was removed and the drain was recommissioned.

While the drain was diverted, water was entering the filtration tanks and going into the river. I asked where the water was coming from as there had not been any rain, it was suggested that it was ground water from a spring or two that was fed into the storm drain. Why bother filtering it in that case? The actual drain does not have a filter as it's just used for fresh/excess rain water. The separation tanks must have cost a great deal of money, but for what reason exactly?

Anyway, the usual cry went up from the local populous that they were pumping raw sewage into the river. This was not the case, however a complaint had to be filed and yet another rain forest was destroyed with all the paperwork that was required.

Right back to watching the boy's work I think, that will give me something to do. Saying that, we were filled up with fresh diesel fuel at 7.15am, we are awaiting new supplies of Calor Gas today, the ice creams are fully stocked and we now need to restock with chandlery supplies. As we have too many boats in the marina I may look around to see who has upset us and cut their boats loose. Fewer boats would make our life a lot easier.

With the warm weather here now I hope many people will come down to enjoy the river, but do not take any risks as it can be a dangerous place if it's not given enough respect.

Until the next time  
**Peter Osborne, Marina Manager**

## RNLI River Safety

The RNLI is shifting its focus from 'saving lives at sea' to 'preventing people from drowning'. Bourne End is a riverside community and there have been lives lost on our stretch of the river. Cold water, shock and accidental falls account for most deaths by drowning in The Thames.

The RNLI are providing merchandising material for local sailing clubs and riverside pubs and clubs to help spread the word – that the river is a dangerous environment.

Their 'Respect the Water' official campaign began in June with Richard Stone their point person locally.

He says: "The RNLI's aim is to prevent people from drowning and as we are a riverside community, we want to get the message across to young people in schools to enjoy the river but respect the water. Cold water shock is the main danger if people get into rivers unexpectedly."

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# Happy 100th birthday to church stalwart Bet Lockett



It's not just HM the Queen who has celebrated a milestone birthday this year. St Mark's Church celebrated Bet Lockett's 100th birthday with family, friends and parishioners.

Bet, looking stylish in blue, partied with family including her son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Terese Lockett, who ensured it would be a memorable occasion.

Bet thanked partygoers for their good wishes and spoke fondly of all the clergy she's had the pleasure of knowing and working alongside over the years. She has been a member of St Mark's for 60 years retiring from the Parochial Church Council at the age of 89. She was PCC secretary and then stewardship officer as it was then.

Rev Janet Binns said that Bet "is a huge inspiration and example to us all" and thanked her for her service and help to St Mark's, the Bourne End community and so many people past and present. She added: "May God bless you with many more years."

Bet has many memories to share and wrote the following for *Target*:  
*It all began when I came to Bourne End in 1944 when I married Ken. My dad was ill with cancer so I left my job with the sales director of Broom and Wade Ltd in High Wycombe (one didn't work after marriage in those days anyway) to look after him. He lived for two years then, after having my son Chris, I looked after Ken's mum who had a stroke. She sadly died after a few weeks.*

*Before we had time to have any more children my sister Peg had to go off to teacher training college to get her teaching certificates under new government laws, so I cared for her two children for a year. Ken would take them off to Wycombe in the old Mini he had taken to bits and put together again. He'd drop them off at Priory Road school. At the end of the day they would go down the hill and catch a bus home to Bourne End on their own at 8 and 10 years old. That would not be allowed now.*

*We bought a bit of land on Abbotsbrook and had a bungalow built on it. We joined St Mark's around 1954. Chris joined the choir at seven years old and Ken went back in the choir with him. We quickly got into St Mark's life, Ken as churchwarden and later chairman of the PCC. I was secretary of the PCC until I took over recorder for stewardship and covenants, at the death of Mr Tame.*

*We still have the letters for buying the house in Southbourne Drive for Rev Donald Ridings to move in after Father Ash left to go to Hambledon Deanery.*

*I did 40 years on stewardship and the PCC while working at running the office of Trew Engineering Ltd in Wharf Lane which grew from scratch to about 70 employees. I retired from there aged 67 as computers came in and I gradually handed over ledgers, wages etc.*

*I never got a pension when I retired as I always had two afternoons off a week so could not be called full time. My widow's pension when Ken died in 1972 was £6.50 a week.*

*Life went on at St Mark's. Rev Herbert Hartley came – he was a lovable chap, but he couldn't go along with the notion of women priests. Then came*

*John Scalter then Veronica Beaumont, Rosemary Payne and most recently Janet Binns. Janet has been so very good to me over the last six months and her husband Glen is a wonderful chef and made my beautiful birthday cake.*

*My birthday party was fabulous and as I entered the hall hanging on to Chris I could feel the lovely peaceful, happy atmosphere. Everyone seemed to be enjoying it. What a celebration.*



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### Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in May. Many thanks to those who braved the rain and turned out to hear what we've been doing over the past year. Framed certificates were given to the best shopfront winners in Bourne End and Wooburn and to the best allotment winners for Peggs and Wooburn Town (see page 17). Cllr Mike Appleyard spoke about the devolution of services from county council and Phil Clark spoke about the parish council's environmental impact and where savings could be made.

### Annual Meeting

Every year we hold a meeting where the councillors can request to be elected as chairman or vice chairman on committees. This year's results are as follows: Sue Wagner was elected as chairman of the council and Mike Balbini as vice chairman. Katie Lamb is now chairman of the Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials Committee with Sue Hawes as vice chairman. Michael Reeves was elected as chairman of the Planning, Highways & Lighting Committee and Fiona McGarel-Groves as vice chairman. Finally, Mike Balbini was elected as chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee with Sue Hawes as vice chairman. Committee details can be found at [www.wooburnparish.gov.uk](http://www.wooburnparish.gov.uk)

### Free parking dates

We have once again been given three free parking dates for the Wakeman Road car park

in Bourne End. The first of these dates took place in July for the village fete. The second will be Saturday October 15 for the Bourne End Junior Craft Show and the third is Friday December 2 for the Bourne End Fun Night. If you have an event that would benefit from free parking and you would like to be considered please write to the clerk (contact details at bottom of page) with the date and details of the event. Dates are considered each year in April.

### New defibrillators

We now have four defibrillators in the parish, one in Bourne End and three in Wooburn. These are outside Wooburn Pharmacy, Wooburn Pavilion and the wall of St Paul's Church hall (this defibrillator was bought using a parish council grant and money raised by St Paul's School's young enterprise scheme and was originally to be placed on the school, however as permanent access was a problem it was relocated to the Church hall). The defibrillator in Bourne End is on the community centre wall. A second defibrillator is planned for Bourne End by the railway station.

### Grass cutting in the parish

Our groundsmen are working hard on keeping the grass and hedges at bay this Summer. The wet and humid weather has seen the grass shoot up at an alarming rate. It's a bit like the Forth Bridge in that by the time you have finished one area, it's ready to be done again. You can almost see it growing. The new devolved services from

the county council means that the groundsmen are now cutting verges by the main roads and we ask for your patience if you get caught behind the small sit-on mower. It has a top speed of roughly 12mph (for safety reasons) so traffic tends to build up behind it when it is cutting or moving from one area to another. The groundsmen have already had some unsavoury comments from people who have been 'held up', but the guys are only doing their job and are trying to make the area look nice for everyone. A small amount of tolerance goes a long way and would be appreciated.

Please note that not all of the parish areas are covered by the devolved services. We only cover roads with a speed limit of 30mph and under. Rural roads with a 40mph and above are still covered by the county council and problems should be reported to them via their website [www.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk) under the "streets and transport" section. Follow the instructions and scroll down to the bottom of the "Council Contact Details". Find the "Report a problem" page and use the interactive maps to pinpoint the problem area. Or call 0845 230 2882.

### Short and sweet

The waiting list for Peggs allotments is almost empty so if you have an interest with growing your own fruit and veg and would like to be considered for an allotment plot please contact us with your name, address and a contact telephone number and we will contact you when a plot becomes available.

### Meeting Dates:

Full Council: Sept 27. Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials: Sept 6 Planning, Highways & Lighting: August 17, Sept 7 & 28. F&GP: Sept 13. All meetings start at 7.30pm  
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## Dilly's words of wisdom

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## Endurance queen Louise

Bourne End resident Louise Wood was a clear winner when her local circuit training team took part in a fierce endurance test in the Brecon Beacons this summer.

Proud husband, James, wrote in to tell us that 40-year-old Louise didn't just complete the event, she came first in the women's race and her team (Carrot PT) came in first too.

The South Wales event, known as The Fan Dance, is well known among the military elite as it is part of the fitness and navigation phase of the selection process for the UK's Special Forces including the SAS (Special Air Service) and SBS (Special Boat Service).

It's a gruelling 16mile (24km) non-navigational race over two sides of Pen Y Fan, the highest mountain in the Brecon Beacons, and is run off-road along tracks, pathways and rocky terrain with some serious ascents and descents. At one point Louise was climbing on her hands and knees.

Louise, who lives in Greenside, is an estate agent administrator and mother of three boys. She is a keen fitness runner and trained for this event for several months, inspired by completing a similar trail running event over Mount Snowdon last year called Man vs Mountain.

During the Spring she could often be seen pounding up and down Blind Lane, Treadaway Hill, Winter Hill and Farm Woods in preparation for the event.

All the gruelling training paid off when she was the first female over the line in the 'Clean Fatigue' class (non-load bearing category). She also came home seventh of all 500 racers, including men.

She says: "If you are not military and you hear the name 'Fan Dance Race' it sounds like some sort of fun run, but it's far from it. It's renowned among hill and endurance runners for being a very difficult event, both physically and mentally.

"On the day itself I just wanted to enjoy the experience and the challenge, without thinking too much about where I would finish. However, when I reached the halfway point at the top of Pen Y Fan, a race marshall shouted that I was the first woman to pass. I was really surprised as I hadn't noticed!

"Hearing that I was the first woman gave me an extra boost of energy and determination, I kept thinking of how proud my three sons would feel about their mum winning, so I really went for it.

"When I reached the finish line I was thrilled and quite emotional. I was delighted just to complete the course, but to have won the ladies' category was an amazing feeling, as well as coming seventh overall.

"To top it all off, our group from around Bourne End, Wooburn and Flackwell entered as a team (pictured top) and we finished first in the team category too, which was brilliant for everyone who took part.

"I started running quite late in life, just as a way of keeping fit and healthy after having children, running for a mile or two whenever I could fit it in. I now run two to three times a week.

"We are actually very lucky where we live to have some fantastic and picturesque trails, either down by the river or around the footpaths. So Bourne End is the perfect place to run or walk, if only to take time out from a busy day which is great for the mind, body and soul!"

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Louise Wood



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Virginia Cheeseman gets a smacker from a four-legged friend as she poses for her Take Your Target photo.

Virginia, who lives in Willow Close, Flackwell Heath, said: "My hubby took this photo at our favourite family-run Cypriot hotel, the Aphrodite Beech in Latchi. Just as I sat on the wall, Homer, the hotel dog, jumped up and joined me." Now that's what we call puppy love.

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Roger Carter, a volunteer Simply Walk leader, said: "The routes are over level ground and last for 30 to 45 minutes, with the option of coffee together at the library afterwards. These free walks led by trained volunteers are the perfect way to enjoy getting out and about and meeting others. We hope to start further longer walks in due course."

Anyone is welcome to join a walk, meeting at the library in Wakeman Road any Wednesday at 10.15am for a 10.30am start.

For more details see [www.buckscc.gov.uk/environment/rights-of-way/exploring-the-countryside/simply-walk/](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/environment/rights-of-way/exploring-the-countryside/simply-walk/)



## Upper Thames Sailing Club

UTSC Bourne End Week 2016 was very successful, with the highest number of entries seen in recent years. The highlight was the Queen's Cup for Thames A Raters, held this year on Bank Holiday Monday. The cup, dating from 1893, was won by "Vagabond", a vintage wooden boat built in 1907 and now fitted with the latest technical rigging, who finished nine minutes ahead of the rest of the fleet of other vintage and more recent Raters.

There was intensely competitive racing in other classes and the fleets experienced a wide range of weather and winds, with several capsize to entertain the hardest spectators.

Fortunately conditions improved quickly later in the week for the Junior Regatta, when the club was taken over by 90 youngsters and nearly as many helpers to enjoy fun and games on and off the water. An example: imagine boats full of children (age three to 17) collecting flags and treasure, add in beakers of squash being transported on a dinghy without spilling, as everyone on your team has to be ferried around a triangle of buoys as fast as possible!

"Purple" won the team competition, and the serious cadet racing was won by Dan Rathbone in the Topper class, and Ollie Meadowcroft and Matthew Rayner in their RS Feva dinghy. The Rotary Club of Bourne End and Cookham give awards to recognise participants who display the "Spirit of Junior Bourne End Week", and Lily B and Daniel E were this year's winners.

New club members are always welcome. We have a few child and adult places left on the end of August training course. For more information email [memberships@utsc.org.uk](mailto:memberships@utsc.org.uk), call 07732405304, or stop by on Sundays or Wednesday evenings.



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## Little Marlow Village Fête Bank Holiday Monday, August 29

I am hoping that in view of the amount of rain which has fallen so far this Summer, we will have a dry August and therefore a dry August Bank Holiday Monday and therefore a dry and perhaps even warm and sunny Little Marlow Village Fête!

The Fête will be held at the usual time and the usual place - the Little Marlow Recreation Ground (off Church Road) from 2pm to 5pm on August Bank Holiday Monday, August 29.

In keeping with tradition, we will have stalls selling home baking, jams, vegetables, bric-a-brac, books and local crafts.

We are also planning our usual wide range of activities including children's races, children's rides, a bouncy castle, plate smashing, fastest shot, coconut shy and face painting.

There will be a tug-of-war again with teams from our two village pubs, the Queen's Head and the King's Head and we are hoping that they will both also field a ladies' team.

Our usual organiser for the dog show has had to pull out, but we are trying hard to find someone to take her place.

We will have a number of information stands where you will be able to find out what your parish council does as well as learn about the Little Marlow Lakes Country Park and the activities of the

Wycombe Phoenix Harriers who train at our local athletics track.

You will also be able to try your



luck by entering our prize draw and buying tickets for the tombola. There are some great prizes.

Chiltern Jazz will be providing music for all tastes throughout the afternoon. And finally we will make sure you don't go hungry - we will be offering afternoon tea/coffee with some delicious home-baking as well as hamburgers and ice creams.

All the proceeds from the fête will go towards local good causes as well as to projects and activities which benefit the residents of Little Marlow. Last year we gave donations to Wye Valley Volunteers, St John the Baptist Church, Little Marlow School, Bourne End and Cookham Rotary, Well End and Little Marlow Women's Institute, Little Marlow Parish Council towards replacing the picnic table in the play area on the recreation ground, the Red Cross and Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance. We are always open to ideas for any other local good causes and organisations we could support.

We look forward to seeing you - and the sun - on August 29.

**Valerie Brownridge**  
Chair, Little Marlow Village Amenities Committee

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# Little Marlow Parish Council

By Emma Marsden, parish clerk

## Annual Parish Meeting

We were delighted to welcome residents to our Annual Parish Council Meeting on May 27. It was great to catch up with everyone and see some new faces.

We would like to thank the representatives from Wycombe Phoenix Harriers who came and gave a very informative talk regarding their athletic club. They have an extensive range of ages from junior to senior athletes who regularly compete in local leagues.

Our chairman, Valerie Brownridge, was delighted to present the Geoffrey Moss Memorial Rose Bowl to Dallas Banfield, the former parish council chairman. Dallas has been active in the community for more than 20 years. He regularly attends working parties at Fern Lane Cemetery and over the years has painted the pavilion and re-oiled the floor of Abbotsbrook Hall.

Our photo shows Dallas with Little Marlow Parish Council chairman, Valerie Brownridge.



## Vehicle Activated Sign – Sheepridge Lane

At last! It has been installed! We are thrilled that the Vehicle Activated Sign has been installed in Sheepridge Lane. It is situated the left hand side as you drive down from Flackwell Heath.

We hope it will help reduce the number of incidents on that road when cars are travelling too fast and not able to negotiate the bend without accident. Note – it only activates if you are going too fast!

A huge thank you to county councillor David Watson for his financial support and to the Chepping Wycombe Local Area Forum for providing additional funding. It is worth noting that Little Marlow Parish Council was the largest contributor at over £7,500 which is a significant sum when your precept is £42,000.

## Hedges

A plea! It has been a difficult year with the weather being constantly wet then warm. This has resulted in enormous growth of hedgerows and grass.

May I ask residents who have hedges on a roadside or bordering a pavement to make sure that it is cut back and not obstructing the movement of people and traffic.

It is within Section 154 (2) Highways Act 1980 to be responsible for your 'vegetation'. We have had to issue a raised number of notices this year. Ultimately, if you don't cut your hedges and the council (whether it be LMPC or BCC) have to step in the cost will be passed onto the householder.

## Green Path – C100 – Burroughs Grove Hill

We are moving on with this project which will create a safe path for pedestrians to walk along from Marlow Bottom up to Pump Lane North. We need to undertake extensive work on the hedgerow and

verge to make this viable and the path itself will be laid with bark chippings.

This type of green path is sensitive to its rural surroundings. We hope this project will be completed over the Summer holidays.

On that note we wish everyone an enjoyable and hopefully warm Summer.

## Meeting

Our next scheduled meeting is September 6 taking place at The Pavilion, Church Road, Little Marlow SL7 3RS

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We all know it's great, but now there's official proof as, for the second year running, The Fruit Market on The Parade in Bourne End has won the Independent Retailer Award in the 2016 Fresh Awards (organised by the Fresh Produce Consortium).

The Fruit Market has always been a supporter of local growers, so what you buy there could have been grown locally. This is especially true with the extensive range of plants displayed at the front of the shop. Not only is it a colourful highlight along

The Parade but it means everything comes to the customer in peak condition.

Proprietor David Bryant, known as Curly, says he was surprised and pleased to win this prestigious award again. He believes that it is down to the team in the shop as they are the vital element. "Without them it wouldn't have been possible," he says, "and of course, their willingness to provide what the customer wants." Pictured here are, l-r, Curly, also known as David Bryant, with some of his great staff - Phil, Ruby and John.



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# Congratulations to parish award winners

It was award time for enthusiastic allotment holders and for local shops. At the Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council annual meeting chairman Sue Wagner said 'congratulations' to this year's winners and handed over their awards for a year of hard work.

Unfortunately some people were away, but the Wooburn winner of the Best Shopfront, Sapphire, was able to attend and Georgie Hill received their award (far right). Their premises in Wooburn Green always look exciting with lovely outfits to catch the eye. Cards and Gifts were the Bourne End winners.

Gillian Bennett (below right) was the joint winner at Pegg's Allotment in Bourne End while St Paul's School was represented by teacher Penny Hampson (below left) who leads the children at the new allotments above the cemetery in Wooburn Green. Well done everyone. It's especially nice to hear about school children so involved in growing their own vegetables.



## Getting crafty for Bourne End Junior Craft Show

Bourne End Junior Craft Show will take place on Saturday October 15 at Bourne End Library. As in previous years it is free of charge for children and young people aged four to 16 inclusive to enter as many items as they like.

At the time of writing, classes are still being finalised, but will include all the usual favourites including drawing or painting, photography, needlecraft and any kind of model making. "Basically if you enjoy any kind of craft activity then please produce something and bring it along on the day – we will find (or make!) a class for it," say the organisers Sue and Amy Croall.

New and exciting developments this year include free parking in the Wakeman Road car park on the day, courtesy of the parish council. Also thanks to Space-pod and the Bourne End Horticultural Society there is a beautiful new trophy for the Judges' Favourite and also several other cups to be awarded. Winning entries will, with the artist's permission, be exhibited in the library during the two weeks following the show.

If any local businesses or individuals would like to help us by providing or funding suitable prizes this year then please get in touch with organisers on croalls2005@yahoo.co.uk. Past supporters have included Acorne plc, Simon Elvin Limited, The Works at Bourne End Garden Centre, Stagecoach Beaconsfield and Bucks School of Dance.



## Fitting memorial

Following the sad death last year of Sandra Stanton, a Bourne End Postwoman for 30 years, a fund was set up to enable a lasting tribute to be created in her memory. Many Bourne End residents have contributed and the fund now stands at around £2,750.

A suggestion has been made that the money should be used to enhance the area immediately outside the library, perhaps providing more attractive landscaping, additional seating and an appropriate sculpture.

To make this happen we need help (and suggestions) from local people. If you can give advice on landscaping and sustainable planting or you know of a local artist who would be interested in creating a piece please get in touch. If you have any other suggestions of a suitable tribute please share your ideas with Mike Judge on 01628 524108 or Kath Acres 01628 531521 or email [kath.acres@spadeoakfarm.com](mailto:kath.acres@spadeoakfarm.com)




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# Celebrating St Paul's new roof

The congregation of St Paul's Church in Wooburn Town held a celebration weekend in July to mark moving back into their church at the beginning of May, after the successful completion of the re-roofing works.

In November 2011 it was discovered that the church's roof beams had been severely affected by damp over many years which had resulted in an attack by death watch beetle.

The beetle eggs can lay undisturbed in timber for many years, and then a combination of warm and damp conditions give the eggs the perfect conditions to hatch out. It is the lava that causes the damage as it eats its way out of the timber.

At first, it was thought the damage could be repaired; however it soon became obvious that the main part of the church roof needed to be completely re-roofed if the problem was to be solved and the future of the building secured.

Due to the serious nature of the damage English Heritage placed the building on their 'At Risk' register and the church was told they had about 10 years until the roof could potentially collapse.

The church set about raising the funds needed to do the work. The original estimates came to nearly £400,000.

They were very fortunate in being given a grant by The Heritage Lottery Fund which covered a large proportion of this bill, but many, many donations from local people and those with a link to the church were gratefully received.

The repair work started in October 2015 and involved a large scaffolding structure and temporary roof being constructed over the building. The old roof was then stripped off which revealed the true extent of the problem.



**Rt Rev Alan Wilson, Bishop of Buckingham, with some of the young people confirmed at the service**

The builders said the repairs were being carried out 'just in time' as some of the main roof beams were simply dust!

While the scaffolding was up they were also able to look at the tower roof and the vestry roof and these have both now been repaired.

The works were eventually completed early May with the congregation happy in the knowledge that they had secured their place of worship for their children and grandchildren for many years to come.

A celebration weekend in July allowed visitors to look around the building and go to the top of the tower to see the new roof. On the Sunday the Bishop of Buckingham, Alan Wilson, led a Service of Thanks for the safe completion of the roof.

## The Future of Our Village (FoOV)

The main item on page 3 of *Target* by Bourne End Residents' Association is the plan to build 500 houses on Holland's Farm.

Please make sure you write a letter to Wycombe District Council with your views. Other matters were the pedestrian crossing on the A4155.

FoOV will continue to press for action on this matter and at the time of writing, we were formally writing to Little Marlow Parish Council.

Merlin Evans was due to speak about the "eyes and ears" project from the local police, but was unable to attend. A group discussion developed around scams, digital and otherwise, with everyone agreeing that people needed educating in how to avoid being caught up in scam problems.

The local plan transferred some building onto Aylesbury Vale which was due to build 35,000 houses scattered over 76 parishes.

Discussion centred on the future of local authorities with several different alternatives described. Many services were due to be centralised. Special needs schools and social care provision are due to remain with Bucks County Council.

A working party will meet this week to look at the neighbourhood plan and a steering group will be involved at a later stage. The initiative remains with the parish council.

Our representatives on the Slate Meadow Liaison Group have forced a meeting to take place later this month regarding infrastructure and flooding issues which remain unresolved. The number of houses may be limited to 150 homes, possibly only 100.

## SUE PRESSNEY RIP

Very sadly Sue Pressney of Wooburn Green died on Sunday May 8 after a very short illness. Both she and son Nick had been coping with her husband John Pressney's fall and hospitalisation since January and visiting him regularly at Wexham Park.

Nick remains at the family home and is making local nursing home arrangements for his father who is now unable to walk.

Sue was almost 88 and was born in Enfield, Middlesex. During her working life she was a secretary to City of London stockbrokers and later with British Gas in London. With husband John and their two sons they moved to Wooburn Green in 1978. Son Philip died tragically a year after the move when he was just 18.

Very much part of local life, Sue set up a small voluntary group in the village called Job Aid to assist local unemployed people to find work. In addition she played a major part in organising the first Carols on the Green. A weekly luncheon club was started for elderly residents and both of these activities continue today.

As a very active member of the Women's Institute Sue joined Wooburn eventually becoming its president. She was involved in its merging to become Bourne End and Wooburn WI. Sue was also actively involved with Wooburn Residents Association and was its chairman for many years.

Sue and John were married for over 60 years. They both loved Wooburn Green and were very enthusiastic about its community. Sue's illness was swift and sudden with an infection resulting in her death. She will be greatly missed as she was so much part of Wooburn's community.

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# BOURNE END JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

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### BEJSC PRIZEGIVING

This event provides a chance to recognise the achievements of club members plus pay tribute to some of our many volunteers, and gives the opportunity for the different sections to come together.

Our special guest this year was Emma Mitchell – one member of the Pacific Ocean Row Coxless Four Team.

Emma presented awards and certificates to deserving children and young people from their various sports in front of a packed audience.

Fifteen young people who give up their time to help others were recognised for their contribution to swimming, basketball, climbing, and to Junior Committee.

The Special Sporting Achievement Award was earned by Oscar Seber for his regular basketball coaching over the last three years. Our top award winner Club Boy 2016 is Oliver Lawrie for his role as Junior Committee Chairman, for his regular basketball coaching and other achievements.

Long Service Awards were made to Jane Glynn for 10 years helping with canoeing, Matt Todd for 20 years running the badminton section and as a director (and now chairman), and to myself, Liz Hutton, for 40 years service to the sports club in various capacities. The John Clinton Volunteer of the Year was presented to Brian Deacon for his long and dedicated service to the football section. The photo top right shows some of the award winners at the end of the evening.

### SPORTSFEST

Yet another highly successful event was staged on Wooburn Park in June with hundreds of children representing 150 teams taking part, including two teams from Octeville Sur Mer. With our visitors from France this has been recognised as an international tournament. Thank you to all helpers and sponsors who created such a successful event. Two of our teams took part in a tournament held in Octeville the following week.

### SUCCESSES FROM THE GRASS ROOTS OF BEJSC

Over the years we have seen many young people progress to enjoy their various sports at district, county, and even national level, but our club is where they began their

Junior Committee members and prize winners

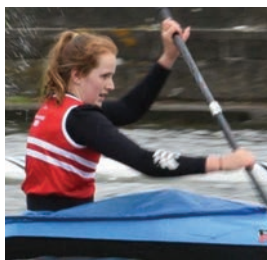


interest in sport. The recent Sportsfest event welcomed footballer Sam Togwell who started playing aged six and has made 400 appearances for Crystal Palace, Barnsley, Scunthorpe, Chesterfield and Barnet. He also played on loan to Port Vale, Oxford, Northampton and Wycombe Wanderers.

In another sport, Matt Croyle began eight years ago training in goal for Bourne End Buffaloes Inline Hockey. Eight years later he accomplished winning leagues with Bourne End Buffaloes U12s,14s,16s and Seniors, and National Finalist twice. He went on to represent GB Roller Hockey at the AAU Junior Olympics in LA and Toulouse. This year has been one of his best, playing with Sheffield Varsity Ice Hockey Team. They are undefeated U20 Sheffield Scimitars champions winning the final for the fourth year in succession. The match was played in front of 8,000 people in Sheffield and Matt was man of the match.

Regular readers will recall Chris Lawrie who has achieved great success as a rower. Chris is just too young for the Rio Olympics, but is competing in the World Championships this Summer.

Our youngest star is Georgia Carmichael (right) who started canoeing at the club. She's in the England Junior Talent Squad and has raced internationally too. She trains six days a week, and a lot of



what she learnt from Dave Hughes has helped her success. She competed in July in the National Junior Championships in Nottingham. There Georgia became U14 K1 (singles) National Champion. She raced in 500m and 200m sprints, the only distances for her age group at sprints, and won both. Her times in 500m were faster than the U16 races. Fantastic news!

*We wish all of these young people continuing success and enjoyment in their chosen sports – they are a credit to our club.*

### COMING EVENTS

Open Day – Saturday October 1 from 10.30am to 12.30pm at our Sports Hall in New Road. This is a chance to visit and see what we have on offer and for children to try out a few activities. Come and join us!

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# Vive la Bourne End!

French guest, Viviane Bardou, tells us about her stay in Bourne End during this Summer's twin town visit by Octeville-sur-mer residents...

A group of 32 Octevillais left our village by coach at 4.30am. We took the Eurotunnel shuttle and arrived in Bourne End around 11am local time to be greeted at the library by our hosts, a fizzy drink and a choir with classic tunes in both languages (pictured below).

We also had a pleasant surprise as each of us was offered a mug with a clever Bourne End design created by a nine-year-old.

As it was sunny and warm we enjoyed spending lunch and time outside and we shared a nice meal in the evening in several groups, with pictures, anecdotes and big fun.

The next day, two coaches took us to Blenheim Palace, Sir Winston Churchill's birthplace and the Duke of Marlborough's family residence.

The well-documented visit was made for us in French and we had time to stroll in the splendid park. We then spent a quiet evening and the Saturday with our hosts in Bourne End or Marlow.

Some went to Windsor, others did some shopping. We had the opportunity to see Hughenden Manor, owned by the National Trust and once the home of Benjamin Disraeli, a Victorian Prime Minister, but also recently famous for its exhibition on "Operation Hillside".

During the Second World War the Air Ministry occupied the place as a secret map-making base and more than 100 people drew detailed maps by hand from pictures taken by bombers flying over Germany.

Everybody participated joyfully in the evening dinner and barn dance. There was an enormous roasted pig, various delicious salads and good wines, desserts and, to follow, English cheeses (quite a strange order for some French guests).

It was difficult to get up and move after such a delight. Never mind, a persuasive lady and the lively band of Bodger's Wood taught us the "promenade" "tourniquet" and "do-si-do". As usual this was the highlight of our trip!

On the Sunday morning we stayed with our hosts and, after lunch in the garden, we were really sad to leave our English friends who did their best for us to enjoy these days together.

We warmly thank the twinning volunteers for their engagement in the twinning events and we are looking forward to our next encounter in Octeville in 2017.





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## Zumba celebrates five years

"What I love is the enthusiasm," says Carol Carter, "and the fact that they are all friends". Of course she was talking about the 60 or so people who turn up every week and dance away a couple of hours in the gym at Bourne End Academy. And while some of them get seriously into every move there's room for others who do their own thing, enjoy the music, try the moves and, sadly, admit they will never be that good. "They are all lovely" explains Carol, "and they like being here and it's great to have them."

Celebrating five years of Zumba was one way that Carol could raise some money for the South Bucks Hospice and encourage some of the dancers from way back to come and enjoy the evening along with a glass of prosecco. "It really was a wonderful evening," Carol explained, "with £320 being raised for a very good cause." For Carol it was especially good as she had to step back from leading the routines as she is pregnant: "There have been some super people coming along and leading the class and I'm really grateful to all of them."

Carol, a local girl from Bourne End, has raised more than £4,000 for local good causes including the two day centres, Wycombe Homeless and Bourne End Academy.

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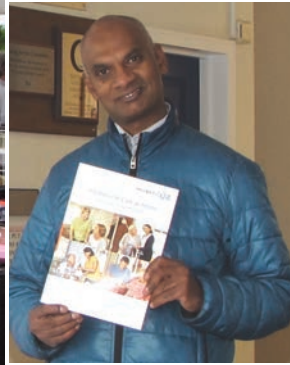
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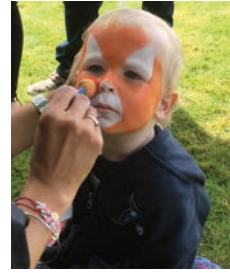


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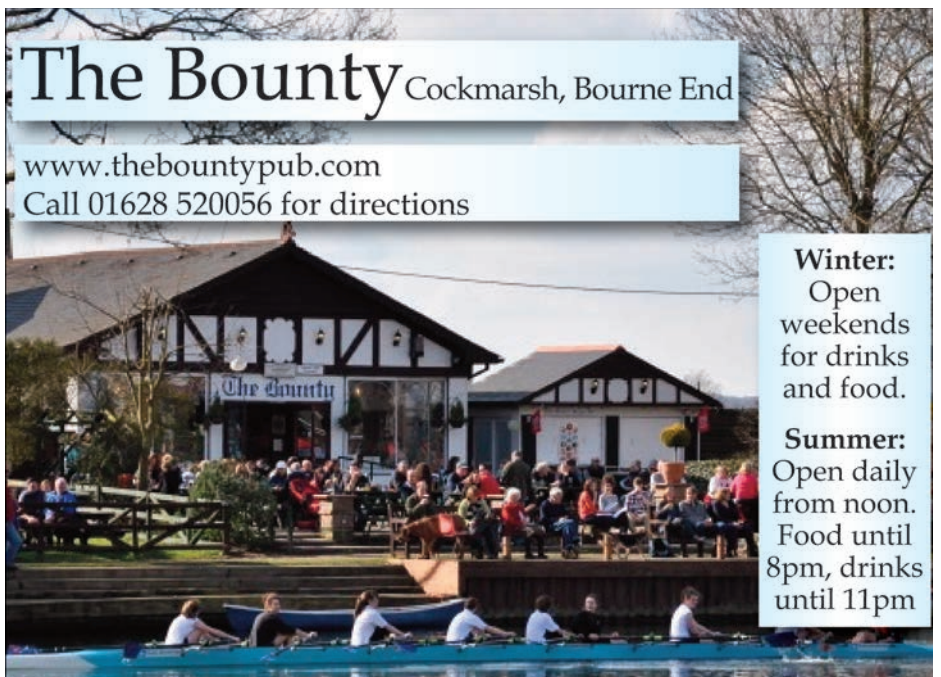
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## Bourne End & Cookham Probus Club By John Daymond

At our May meeting we enjoyed an amusing talk by Colin Oakes entitled 'You never had it so good - London in the 50s and 60s'. Only five years on from the end of the Second World War bomb sites were everywhere and rationing didn't end till 1954. Fashions included the Spiv look, with double-breasted suits, kipper ties and the first bikinis. Chinese and Indian cuisine were gaining in popularity, as were hamburgers, Coca-Cola and 7-Up. We all laughed as we were reminded of Richard Dimbleby's April Fool spaghetti tree spoof on the BBC in 1957.

In June at our very enjoyable Summer Ladies Lunch in the Grovefield House Hotel, our chairman John Marshall with his wife Margaret welcomed 79 members and guests.

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

## Bourne End and Wooburn WI By Janet Spill

At our WI Resolution Meeting in May, after a discussion of the resolutions, Eileen Gershon entertained us by reading extracts from her book 'Nurses Never Run'. This takes the form of letters written home while Eileen was a student nurse in Cambridge in the late 1960s/early 1970s, offering a fascinating insight not only into her training, but also the social life at that time.

In June Tracey Blaney's talk 'The Age Old Craft of Millinery' began with a brief history of millinery, and explained the process that goes into creating one of her bespoke hats. Many members were keen to ask questions, seek her advice and try on the stunning examples she had brought along.

Our meeting on July 11 was a talk about the work of a floating hospital in the poorest countries of the world, the Mercy Ships charity.

Visitors are most welcome at our meetings on the second Monday of the month at 2pm in St Dunstan's Church hall.

## Bourne End & Cookham Rotary Club By John Dunsterville

Our busy club welcomes Rod Markham as our new president. In his year Rod wants more involvement with the community and will work on projects for both young and old. Rotary for him is mainly about fellowship and fundraising. Being part of a non-

political world-wide organisation gives us a structure to work within, but our club is very much our club, and we run it democratically.

We have speakers and entertainment and we meet generally on Tuesdays at the excellent King's Head in Little Marlow.

Sue Pomeroy, who still works tirelessly on schools and youth projects and of course the Zambia Project, has been awarded Rotary District 1090 International Woman of the Year. A real honour and certainly justified.

Sue will also turn her attention to more involvement with local industries. Rotary can offer help in training programmes and we have expertise in aiding school leavers present themselves in a better light to potential employers.

Fun in our club is so important – we don't want to be a stuffy elderly dining club, but one full of life and in touch with the community. We will be charging around the field in our Rotary Rocket at Little Marlow's Bank Holiday Fete and playing petanque, skittles and visiting great venues. We will hold some of our meetings at the Upper Thames Sailing Club where we play a part in school sailing and training days.

To find out more call Maureen on 01628 850595, or see [www.beac-rotary.org.uk](http://www.beac-rotary.org.uk) and [www.facebook.com/beacrotaary](http://www.facebook.com/beacrotaary)

## Glory Mills Bowls Club By John Palfreyman

Glory Mill Bowls Club's good relationship with David Lloyd Leisure Centre proved to be a bonus when the centre phoned to say that a gentleman had asked at reception about the club. John Palfreyman immediately went over to David Lloyd's and gave the gentleman a tour of the green, followed by tea and a long chat about Glory Mill. The gentleman was so pleased that he arranged to come to the next practice session and begin to be coached on how to play the game.

The bowls club is always looking for new members: ring 01494 673859 or email [shirley.churn@btinternet.com](mailto:shirley.churn@btinternet.com).

## Bourne End WI By Kath Acres

In July we enjoyed supper on a rare warm and dry evening in Lorna Hopper's lovely garden and were entertained by the talented young singer Shem Layman from Bourne End Academy.

We also hosted an excellent outdoor performance of the Mikron Theatre Company performing Canary Girls to a sold-out audience of 175 people.

Our next meeting will be on the first Thursday of the month (September 3) at St Dunstan's Church Hall at 7.30pm when Geoffrey Gudgion will talk about 'Writing and other Lunacies'. Visitors are always welcome.

Our walking group does a monthly countryside walk of about five miles and visitors (human and canine) are always welcome to join us. Please email [bourneendwi@yahoo.com](mailto:bourneendwi@yahoo.com) or call 01628 531521 for further information about anything we are up to.

## Little Marlow & Well End WI By Judy Wilson

We celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday with a tea party to rival the Patrons' Lunch – and for us it stayed dry.

This event was followed by a visit to the Mechanical Music Museum in Kew, where we were shown a variety of instruments dating from the earliest music box to a full blown cinema organ. We then carried on to Richmond and the Poppy Factory, with a talk tracing the history of the poppy's association with remembrance.

The famous poem 'In Flanders Field', written by a Canadian army doctor during the First World War, led to the poppy's adoption by the American Legion, then it was taken up by a lady who made remembrance poppies in her French factory, which were bought in the early 1920s by a British ex-army officer.

These were then made in a UK factory employing wounded ex-servicemen. During our tour we had the chance to make a poppy ourselves using only one hand.

A few days later four members were part of a county WI visit to the Hindu Temple at Neasden. An interesting day in this breathtaking, highly decorative temple included a tour of the museum explaining the ethics behind the faith and we then witnessed the daily sacrifice of flowers and prayers before enjoying a delicious Hindu vegetarian lunch.

We continue to donate items to One Can and the Women's Refuge on a regular basis.

Our monthly speakers have been Colin Oakes who told us about the many roles women played during World War One, and Simon Brown from Bourne End Auction Rooms, whose talk entitled 'An auctioneer's lot' opened our eyes to valuations, house clearances and bidding practices and the changes brought about by online bidding with hilarious anecdotes. We could have listened to him, entranced, all night.

We always welcome visitors to our meetings. Call Judy Wilson on 01494 438380.

## Inner Wheel Club By Diana Hyde

St George's Day was celebrated in style with a joint supper evening with the Rotary Club of Bourne End & Cookham held at the Kings Head. Chris Khoo, a former High Sheriff of Berkshire, was Guest Speaker at a wonderful evening.

At the handover meeting President Libby Steel was re-elected for a second year, much to the delight of our members. The first event of her new year as president was the Inner Wheel 'Gift in a Bag' Stall at Bourne End Fete, with all profits donated to Medi-dogs (picture left).





## LOCAL LIVES

### Barrie Penfold chats to Zac Hussain, a familiar face at Furlong Road Post Office

"Business is doing well" is the simple statement from Zac Hussain at the Furlong Road Post Office in Bourne End.

Zac had taken the opportunity of modernisation of his shop by agreeing a franchise with High Street giants WH Smith and he's delighted.

Now, four months later, he is confident that it has been the right move for the business.

"People recognise a top brand," he admits, "and that combined with the totally updated shop means that the business is set for the future."

Zac regards many of his customers as friends as he has known them since his family came to Bourne End when Zac was ten years old.

"I was born in Croydon although we moved later to a flat in the East End of London for a while. It all depended on where my father found work."

For the family it was eventually a move to Maidenhead and a job with Royal Mail that brought them to a more rural location.

"My father became a postman in Maidenhead and there he heard about the job vacancy at Bourne End. After a ten minute interview in his break he had the job and the family moved here."

"It was very different for me," Zac laughs, "when I had to apply for the job after his sudden death. Also it felt very strange as my father was so well known and a real character."

Zac admits that the internet, transactions on line and changing processes have all made a huge difference.

"We were a family business," he says emphatically. "I went to Claytons, Wye Valley and then into the business. It was expected as it provided security and our parents had worked hard to give the family job security."

Zac's own children have been kept away from the business and that's just the way he likes it.

"I had very little choice," he admits, "but I was determined that my children would make their own decisions on a future career."

His advice was to get a good education and do something they enjoy. With his older son training as a commercial pilot his daughter is just thinking about her future. They both went to local grammar schools. His young son is only seven so not ready for a decision just yet.

Today Zac wouldn't want to live anywhere else. He's part of the community and knows his customers as they come to post a parcel or tax their car.

"We do so much more now," Zac told me, "but we have also lost much of our traditional business to the internet."

For Zac the refurbishment of the shop brought new possibilities and that meant a decision about taking the WH Smith franchise.

"They had contacted me before, but I wasn't in a position to go ahead. The post office refurbishment was part of the rolling programme and I decided that a well known brand name would be good for Bourne End."

Zac explained that he had seen brand names becoming established locally so the village was ready for what WH Smith had to offer.

Having spent much of his life living above the business Zac knows that you are constantly part of the job.

Today his mother still lives with them and is part of his family. With his wife Nusrat (pictured with him) they are the face of the Furlong Road Post Office.

They love the area with the river close by and the countryside all around. As Zac says "I've known what living in a high rise block is like and I know this is so much better. West London is too close for me these days," he laughs.

As I found during our chat there's always a customer to be served here. Life at the post office is always busy.

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# Finding freedom... St Paul's fish

At long last the EA\* gave permission for the young trout reared by St Paul's School pupils to be released into the River Wye.

Children at the school in Wooburn Green were sad to see them go, but they had learnt a great deal about a wide variety of subjects from being responsible for the eggs through to good-size young fish ready for a river life.

Release date was Thursday June 16. At St Paul's there was excitement as Allen Beechley, the Chilterns Chalk Stream Project Officer, came to catch the fish and see them safely into the river.

Mike Overall from Revive the Wye ([www.revivethewye.org.uk](http://www.revivethewye.org.uk)) was there because river activity was vitally important for their organisation. So too was parish councillor Margaret Marshall who had seen the project through from the beginning.

George and Libby, two of the pupils responsible for looking after the young fish, were chosen to release them into the river and deputy headteacher Jo Butler accompanied the children to watch them swim away into the River Wye.

During holiday times the school relied on their caretaker, Paul Carter, to look after the fish and

together they were delighted with their size and the fact that very few were lost.

On the riverbank they watched larger fish and saw trout gliding over the stones. Allen roughed up the weeded section then showed the children other young eggs and a whole range of river life that their fish would meet shortly.

Finally the big moment arrived as the children released the fish into the river and wished them good luck and goodbye.

And the good news is that eggs will return next year and be looked after to the point where they too will add to fish stocks in the River Wye. It's all part of an ongoing educational process for the children and, of course, for the fish and the river.

\*Environment Agency – who are responsible for the River Wye

Our pictures show: From left Allen Beechley, Mike Overall, Margaret Marshall and Jo Butler with George and Libby about to release the trout. Bottom right: Away they go!



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# Bourne End Community Library

by Inka D'Agostino, library manager

*"The library in Summer is the most wonderful thing because there you get books on any subject and read them each for only as long as they hold your interest, abandoning any that don't, halfway or a quarter of the way through if you like, and store up all that knowledge in the happy corners of your mind for your own self and not to show off how much you know or spit it back at your teacher on a test paper."*  
— Polly Horvath, *My One Hundred Adventures*

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

This year the challenge is The Big Friendly Read, when we shall be celebrating 100 years of the world's favourite storyteller – Roald Dahl. This is your chance to join in the celebrations.

Sign up and get a free collector folder to keep your special Big Friendly Read cards. The cards include Quentin Blake illustrations from some of Roald Dahl's best loved stories – you can collect all six cards as you read any library books of your choice. There will be medals and certificates for all who complete the challenge.

We shall be running junior craft activities on the following dates: Friday August 12 from 10.30am to midday and Thursday August 25 from 2pm to 3.30pm.

## SIMPLY WALK

Walk your way to better health, one step at a time. Your local Walking for Health scheme in Buckinghamshire started a new walk from the library in July. Future walks will take place on a Wednesday at 10.15am. These walks are led by trained volunteers and have "back markers" so you can walk at your own pace. No booking is required,

the walks are free to attend and refreshments will be available in the library. Contact Fiona Broadbent for more information on further dates: 01494 475267 email [simplywalks@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:simplywalks@buckscc.gov.uk)

## LIFESTYLE CLUB

Our next meeting will take place on Friday August 19 from 10.30am to midday. Join us for a Summer Quiz in the garden. Lifestyle Club meets once a month usually on the third or last Friday of the month when you can enjoy talks on all manner of subjects in a sociable atmosphere.

## DENNIS LOWE WATERCOLOUR PAINTINGS

In August we welcome Dennis Lowe whose series of paintings were inspired from a memory of childhood when fields were full of foxgloves. Dennis portrays the contrasting quality of danger and beauty of these flowers. The exhibition is open during library hours.

## AN EVENING WITH SHARON BOLTON

We are excited to be hosting this event which will take place on Tuesday August 27 at 7.30pm and is part of the Wooburn Festival Literary Week at Bourne End Library. Tickets £10 to include refreshments are available from the Wooburn Festival Box Office 07746 730696.

## VOLUNTEER EVENTS MANAGER

Are you creative and full of wonderful ideas with the ability to source guest speakers? We are looking for a volunteer to organise and market our annual events programme. If you have the experience and are interested please contact me, Inka, on [jdagostino@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:jdagostino@buckscc.gov.uk) or pop into the library.

If you would like further information on any of the above events or interested in hiring our community rooms please contact the library on [lib-boe@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:lib-boe@buckscc.gov.uk) or call 0845 2303232.



## Community Market focus Creative Dog Designs

My name is Liz Garrett and I sell handmade dog bandanas, coats, scarves, bows and blankets.

I have been a regular at the community market which is held at Bourne End Library on the second Saturday of the month from 10am to 1pm for the last year or so, and love its friendly atmosphere.

My first foray into doggy design was when my children were desperate to enter our dog, Charlie, into a fancy dress competition at a local dog show. We made a hot dog costume, complete with red and yellow ribbons to represent the ketchup and mustard. He did look comical and actually won the competition. Unfortunately he did not appreciate being laughed at and took the first opportunity to secretly rip the thing to shreds! However, he seems to approve of the designs I now make and looks very smart in his own special bandana (pictured above).

When I decided I would like to have a table at the Bourne End market, I thought for quite a long time about what I wanted to sell. Finally, I decided I would like to combine my love of craft with my love of animals, and so Creative Dog Designs was born.

I knit, stitch and crochet my items, and many are made to my own design. I also do a few cat toys, such as my catnip mice, so that the feline fraternity do not feel left out.

I always enjoy chatting about pets when people visit my stand. Even if visitors do not stop, they often smile as they see the kind of things on my table so it is nice to feel that I have brightened someone's day.

I love the designing aspect of my work so I am always happy to take commissions and design items to specific requirements. If someone orders a dog coat, I just need a few doggie measurements and then make one that will fit their pooch perfectly. It also means that people can choose to have the coat done in their favourite colours or in a particular style.

My cotton bandanas slide onto the dog's collar and are my most popular item. I make them in two sizes so that smaller dogs are also catered for. I take pride in the finish of my items so hopefully anyone who buys one of my items will enjoy it for a long time to come.

I may have a doggie stall, but I don't bark or bite so next time you visit the market, come and say hello! I won't be attending on August 13, but will be back on September 10. Alternatively, for requests or orders, you can contact me on 07528 270408 or email [lizgarrett@talktalk.net](mailto:lizgarrett@talktalk.net).

For community market enquiries call 07989 716635 or email [rosieohagan@me.com](mailto:rosieohagan@me.com)



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# Past times... by Barrie Penfold

Memories of growing up locally from signalman's son, Bob Doughty.



**Bob Doughty was born in Cookham Dean then moved to the Station House at Bourne End aged just one, when his father became the signalman. Bob, who is now in his seventies, has lived locally ever since then.**

**Do you have a first memory and how old were you at the time?**

Waking up I found flames under my bed. I didn't hear the storm, but lighting caused the fire and my Dad burnt his feet on the floorboards. I remember being evacuated to the Railway Hotel next door and later seeing a big hole in the floor.

**Were you part of a big family?**

I had two sisters, Lesley was older than me and Susan was the youngest.

**Did you get involved in your father's work?**

I was always in the signal box. They had big handles and were hard to pull. You couldn't make a mistake though which was reassuring.

**Did you like school?**

You just had to go and it was just down the road. I remember being put in the corner by Mr Drewitt, who then fell asleep over his book, so I went back to my desk. When he woke up he had forgotten he'd put me in the corner.

**Are any of your school friends still living locally?**

There are still a few around and I see them occasionally.

**Were you a good pupil or did you get into trouble?**

I did my best, but like all boys I did get into trouble. We were all ages from little ones right up to 15 year olds.

**What did you do with your friends?**

A crowd of us used to go off for the day up to Northern Woods or down to Slate Meadow.

**Did your mother, Kath, work?**

She had a job at the newsagent just across the road from the station, but she was always indoors by the time we came home from school.

**What sort of entertainment was there in Bourne End when you were growing up?**

To be perfectly honest there was nothing for youngsters. We were able to go to the cinema as we got older or we could get the train into Marlow for the Saturday matinee.

**How old were you and what did you do when you left school?**

I left school at 15 and started an apprenticeship at Bourne End Motors. Then I left there and moved to Parade Garage at the other end of the village. Later it was bought by Ron Atkins who extended it and I finished my apprenticeship there. He sold the business to Mamos and I eventually became Service Manager until being made redundant.

**You had a great interest in cars, engines etc. What cars did you own?**

The first car I bought was a Singer 9. It cost me £5. I rebuilt the engine and sold it for £30. My next car was a 1934 Austin 7 and we went everywhere in that car. It did 60 miles to the gallon.

Later I saw it in a film – *The Eagle has Landed*. I knew it was mine because I put black tape around the air vents. It had a black top and primrose sides.

Then there was a Ford Prefect and then the list is too long. I would have a new car every week!

**Where did you meet your wife? Was she a local girl?**

It was very traditional. I was the best man at my mate's wedding and Val was the chief bridesmaid. She was from Marlow. Two years later we got married.

**Where did you live when you got married?**

First in Beaconsfield, then High Wycombe before we had saved enough to buy a bungalow in Chalklands.

**How many children did you have?**

Two boys – Robert and Anthony. They are married and each has two girls. Anthony lives next door and works for BMW in Maidenhead. Robert works for Nissan UK at their head office in Maple Cross.

**Would you have wanted to live anywhere else?**

We looked around as we needed more room with the boys growing up. Eventually we decided to extend the bungalow as we were very happy in Chalklands.

**You've seen huge changes in car design – do you think it's for the good?**

Old cars caused a lot of pollution and were unreliable. Today's cars might seem complicated but everything can be sorted out by computer.

**What about your mother's involvement with organising events for older people?**

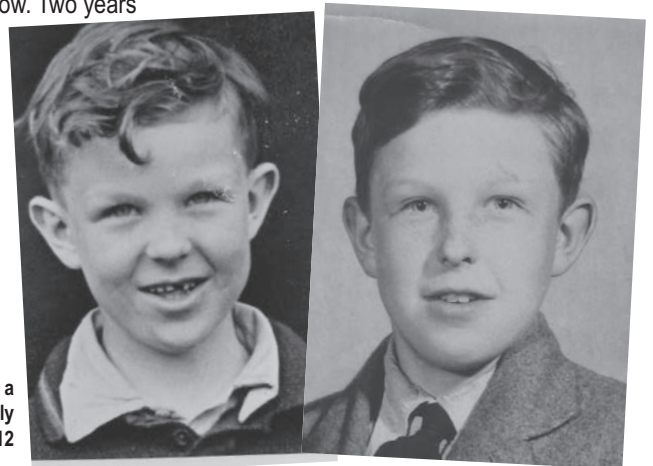
She did it all by herself and people loved going away. She was also a parish councillor for eight years.

**Did you do any volunteering in the same way?**

Not like mum, but I was a judo coach for 28 years at Westfield, Claytons and Wye Valley schools. I was qualified by the British Judo Association to coach six to 16 year olds. I also did Scouts and Cubs and helped out with older people on special occasions.

**Any special memories?**

As a boy I was always down at Townsends Boatyard and they lent me a boat whenever I wanted it. I rowed across with the postman when the river was in full flood and collected a boat from Cookham Lock with both of us heading towards the weir. All good fun!



Bob Doughty at five with a toothy grin, and smartly dressed at 12

## OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

### Cores End United Reformed Church

Our concert featuring the Virtuoso Wind Ensemble was very much enjoyed.

On Saturday August 6, 10am to 3.30pm, we have our summer Fun Day with crafts, games and singing for children ages five to 11. To book a place contact Ann Pendergast on 01628 526865.

Our church is sharing with Trinity URC in High Wycombe in a Mission Workshop to consider our work in the community. It will be held at Trinity on Saturday September 10.



Our Harvest Service is Sunday September 25. All Sunday services are at 10.30am, with Communion on the third Sunday of the month. We have a Junior Church and also a crèche for the under-3s.

Finally, on September 17 we have our Jazz Concert featuring the acclaimed singer, Sarah Moule, backed by some of the best local jazzmen around. This promises to be a very special event. Tickets are available in Bourne End Cards and Gifts Shop.

### Community Church

Everyone is welcome at our Sunday services which start at 10.30am (refreshments from 10am). Sunday services are at the Chapel on the Green, Wooburn Green on August 7, 14, 21 and September 18. They are at the The Meadows School (free parking) on September 4, 11, 25. Please note there is no service on August 18 (due to the church weekend away).

"Gather" takes place monthly on Sunday evenings, 7pm to 9pm, in the Chapel on the Green on August 7 and September 4.

The Funday Sunday team are putting on an extra special Family Fun Day on August 14. Everyone is

welcome to join us at the chapel, 3.30pm to 5pm, for fun activities along with a barbecue (free of charge).

For those who are entertaining children during the holidays, there are two special Little Steps sessions on Thursday August 11 and

18. These are for children from birth to around eight or nine. Join us at the chapel, 10am to 11.30am, for play, music, stories and crafts.

Dad's Little Steps (£2 per family including bacon butty) runs on Saturday August 6 and September 3.

During August we will be praying with others for our community and our country. A week of prayer is taking place from August 4 to 11 with meetings at 8am to 9am and 8pm to 9.30pm in the Chapel every day. We'll also be hearing about prayers that have been answered in our Sunday morning talks. Other resources and inspiration will be available and you don't need to be a church member to take part. You can request prayer via the website ([www.wooburngreen.org](http://www.wooburngreen.org)) or join with us to pray at



the prayer meetings. The front door to the chapel will be open, so just walk in!

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

Our 'Open Church' at St Paul's continues throughout the summer months every Sunday until September 4, 3pm to 5pm.

Do join us for tea/coffee and homemade cakes, take the opportunity to look around our beautiful Church here at Wooburn Green, and see the photographic record of the roof project.

Our Friday midday Communion service and lunch will start again at the beginning of September, as will 'Tots Praise' on Fridays in St Paul's Church Hall at 9.45am.

The church hall and garden in Town Lane, Wooburn are available for bookings 01628 525512, or email [stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com) and via the web-site. For full details visit [www.stpaulswooburn.org](http://www.stpaulswooburn.org).



### St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

Music in the Manor and our Flower Festival both went well and we would like to thank all those who visited the church over the weekend for their support.

The church will have two stalls this year at the Little Marlow Village Fête on Bank Holiday Monday, our normal jams, chutney, pickles and plants and one highlighting the activities of the church, asking the questions "Where will the church be in five years time? And "how can the church help the local community?" and giving information on the possible launch of Friends of St John the Baptist. This would be a support group rather than a fundraising group.

Please come and visit the stand. Your views are very important to us.

The All Together Service usually held on the fourth Sunday of each month will not be meeting in August, but will resume again in September.

A Bat Safari on Friday August 19 starts from the church at 8pm. Detectors and experts are provided, crafts and refreshments available, and booking is essential on 07970 462149. Each child must be in the care of a responsible adult.



### St Mark's Parish Church

Taste is an informal gathering for children and parents on the first and third Sunday of the month at 4.30pm. We start with tea and cakes and finish with activities, songs and discussion for 45 minutes.



Pathway on the second Sunday of the month at

10.30am is an opportunity for families to worship together, with an interactive talk. Family Communion is at 10.30am on all other Sundays.

The Pilgrim Course enables us to learn more about the Christian faith and is every Thursday at 7.45pm at 35 Blind Lane.

The Puppet Theatre Club for children aged eight-plus is every Tuesday at 5pm in the hall.

Further details from [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) and [www.parishesofhedsorandbourneend.co.uk](http://www.parishesofhedsorandbourneend.co.uk), the Rev Janet Binns 01628 523046 and Alison Gray 01628 298022.

### St Nicholas' Church

During the summer we are still open on Sunday afternoons, 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Do come along to see the church and the view and to be inspired.

Our regular service is at 9am on Sunday mornings. The second Sunday each month is a Family Service and the others are a service of Holy Communion. The fourth Sunday is with our choir and on that day the children meet in the vestry. On September 25 Dr Peter Wilton will give a talk on the tradition of Christian music, which will be inspiring for all who are interested in the history of church music. This includes afternoon tea.

Please ring Maura on 01628 530181 to book a place.

A reminder about our special fund raising day for the church at Hedsor Park on Sunday September 4. The grounds of this wonderful local estate will be open from midday to 4pm by kind invitation of Alexander and Janey Shephard for you to bring along your own picnic or barbecue.

There will be a tug of war, sack races and other amusements for children. Entry is £10 (children free).



### St Dunstan's Church, Bourne End

We were delighted to welcome Fr Francis back from his sabbatical at Leuven University in Belgium, in time for First Holy Communion and Confirmation celebrations, and to learn that Fr Henry won't be leaving us quite yet, as he will be starting a postgraduate course at the University of London in September. We wish him good luck with his studies.

Our candidate for the permanent diaconate, Brent Adonis, was instituted as a reader by Bishop Peter from Northampton at St Teresa's in Beaconsfield, bringing Brent a step closer to his ordination.

Our local CAFOD group organised an interactive 'Pilgrimage to Lampedusa' at the church earlier this month, as a way for us to show solidarity with those fleeing war, poverty and persecution in our world. Along the way we reflected upon the question of 'Who is my neighbour' before a wooden cross which had actually come from Lampedusa and was made from boat wreckage. It was a very intense and thought-provoking experience.

We wish our young people from the parish and diocese all the best as they take part in World Youth Day celebrations in Krakow, Poland, at this time.





centreTalks

## Jennifer James The Astors of Cliveden



**Bourne End Community Centre**  
19:45 on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September

£5 (£4 for Ass'n members) on the door or  
£4 (£3 for members) in advance from the  
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[www.bourneendbucks.com/centreTalks](http://www.bourneendbucks.com/centreTalks)  
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Sunday 25th September 2016 at 7.30 p.m.  
The Community Centre  
Wakeman Road, Bourne End



Tickets £12 (includes interval refreshments)

Tickets available from:	<b>01628 671503</b>
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## Glorious race day for the Flower Club

Another great event for members of the Flower Club with afternoon tea and something sparkling on the theme of A Day at the Races. Everyone was asked to dress for a day out as a punter and they did just that – all they had to do was buy some raffle tickets, sit back and enjoy some fabulous flower demonstrations and a very special afternoon tea.



On one of the very few glorious days they flocked to the small hall at the community centre and were decidedly in the mood for a day out. Flower club member Tracey's display took the Gold Cup as its theme and her display was golden. Then there were other displays that featured decorating champagne bottles, glasses, bags and lots more. The displays were taken home as raffle prizes.

A great day out at the centre raised money for the club's funds as well as £150 for the Friends of Bourne End Day Centre. There won't be a meeting in August but an outing to Cirencester then onto Rodmarton Manor. The workshop is on Thursday 17 November in St Paul's Church hall with a Christmas theme. So, as always, it is onward for a club which has been part of the community association since it started – more than 50 years ago.



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The Marlow Players Present:

## A MURDER MYSTERY EVENING *Murder in an Ice Cold Manner*

FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016

BOURNE END COMMUNITY CENTRE

DOORS OPEN 7.30 P.M.

PERFORMANCE BEGINS 7.45 P.M.

£15.00

TO INCLUDE A FISH AND CHIPS SUPPER  
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PRIZES FOR:

'Guess the Murderer'; Quiz; Raffle



**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.**

Tickets on-line at: [www.MarlowPlayers.org.uk](http://www.MarlowPlayers.org.uk)

from Marlow Tourist Information Centre (in Library)

Or from Bourne End Community Centre

## Charity Dance

With Barbara and David

Friday August 19  
at Bourne End Community Centre

American supper

Drinks from the Centre Bar

Entry £7.50

Lots of good dancing, friendly people and  
fund-raising fun for local good causes

For tickets call Barbara on 01628 629563



## asty treats from Anong Thai

a glorious Summer's evening Kitty from the Anong Thai restaurant in Cookham demonstrated the healthy benefits of Thai cooking to an interested audience at the community centre. This was the centre talk for July and it came with the added twist of tasting the recipe ideas as well as learning more about Thai cooking.

Not only were ingredients as fresh as they could be, but they had that 'just picked' look that meant you enjoyed the smell as well as the taste. Kitty's demonstration was blessed with a host of stories to keep everyone amused as they waited their turn to try out the dishes.

Kitty also told her audience about the daily markets in Thailand and, of course, the regular temperatures around 30 degrees. There was a lengthy time for questions and everyone agreed it was the perfect talk for a Summer evening and an ideal appetiser for the October talk which will include a food tasting.

## Chess

The club resumes its weekly meetings from the first Wednesday in September and the first month is taken up with an AGM, club nights and a friendly against Maidenhead. A couple of members have moved on, or are moving on, so there are positions to fill in the teams and you can telephone the club secretary about the club on 01628 486676. There is a final Summer meeting August 3. We lost one of our founder members recently, Fred Day, who helped run the Bourne End Chess Congress for many years, was a former secretary to the County Association, acted as Bucks individual organiser and was a regular visitor to the centre bar after matches. He was a highly regarded member who will be greatly missed.

## Darts

The end of season knock-out competitions are now over and done. In the Ladies, Julie was runner-up, losing to Lynette of Derhams A and, in the Secretaries, Bill lost to Frank of Black Lion B. Both are to be congratulated on reaching the finals. However, pride of place goes to Gary, Bill and Pete who won the Threes and the winners' cup sits proudly in the bar. The Summer League is now in its fifth week with mixed news to report. The A team who play in League A are struggling and have accumulated a mere 11 points which includes a bye week when no points were awarded. On the other hand the B team who play in League B are charging ahead and have accumulated 39 points, which gives them a lead of 17 points over second placed Happy Union. When the A and B Leagues have been completed, the respective winners will play off to decide the overall winner of the Summer League. Camaraderie still prevails on most evenings of the week and on Sunday afternoons.

## Angling Club *news from the water's edge*

The season's first match was held at West End Pool with everyone catching, although the first and second was a close fought contest right to the end with Terry Belcher putting 57lb on the scales followed by Tony Colbourn with 55lb. Tony using corn put more carp on the bank, but Terry's pellet approach resulted in fewer, but larger, fish. The club welcomed a new member who enjoyed his first outing with us. Hopefully there will be more to come. The club's July trip was to Hill Cottage Farm near Waddesdon which is a venue with large carp and Koi. It's a real rod bender and quite challenging. It's not too late to join the club, just call Terry on 01628 851001.

## Forum Players

Our 2017 panto will be read on Monday September 12 with auditions starting on the following Wednesday September 14. It's "Babes In The Wood" by Damian Trasler, David Lovesy and Steve Clark and it will be directed by Wendy Keeble and Kerry Hudson. If you have always wanted to be involved in amateur theatre then now is the time. Call our secretary on 01628 523291 or email [leigh@forumplayers.com](mailto:leigh@forumplayers.com). Please come to the reading and put yourself forward at the auditions. We need people to take on centre stage roles as well as more of the unsung heroes backstage, make-up, costumes and front of house.

## OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

### 1st Wooburn Scout Group

Wooburn Fete was a big success and all sections ran stalls.

At the district camp cook competition in June, 12 patrols from Marlow district took part and an amazing 24 young people from Wooburn competed. This event requires massive preparation by the patrol leaders who have to plan their menu within a budget, buy their own food and bring it to camp. The team then cook a two-course Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast over an open fire and are judged. The contest tests the scouts to their maximum using all scouting skills they have learnt.

1st Wooburn won for the fifth year running! A massive thanks to all the leaders who gave up their weekends and to the young leaders who were patient, hard-working and fun.

### Bourne End Townswomen's Guild

Our first meeting after the summer break will be on Wednesday September 14 to welcome Brian Clews who will talk about *'Birds in Winter'*. We meet on the second Wednesday in the month, 1.30pm to 4pm in the *Target* Room at the Community Centre. Visitors are always welcome. For information ring 01628 527931.

### Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

*A Day at the Races* was our very successful tea party at the community centre when we enjoyed lovely displays created by our members and hats galore.

On Tuesday September 6 we welcome Lorraine Saunders with *'Magic Moments'* as our demonstration in the centre theatre.

Demonstrations take place on the first Tuesday of the month at 8pm. Visitors are always welcome (small entry fee) for an inspiring and a very lovely evening.

Our Facebook page has 'how to' guides to conditioning, arranging and drying flowers: [www.facebook.com/bourneendFAS](http://www.facebook.com/bourneendFAS)

### Bucks Family History Society

On Tuesday August 9 Audrey Collins from the National Archive will speak about the new 1939 Register for England and Wales. Then in September we welcome Les Mitchinson who will talk about *'Using Maps – tithe, enclosure, OS and estate'*. This area is often overlooked, but Les will tell us about how maps and their associated records provide information on residence, occupation and status, painting a picture of a past society and leading to other areas of research.

We meet on the second Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm in the small hall at the community centre. Visitors welcome [www.bucksfhs.org.uk](http://www.bucksfhs.org.uk)

### Bourne End Twinning Association

Members hosted a most enjoyable visit from our friends in Octeville sur Mer in May (see

page 23). The next event on our calendar was a quiz on June 18. Quizmasters Tracey and Lawrence, ably assisted by their son Alex, tested our knowledge and, after eight rounds, the final numbers were all very close – but the team 'Bourne Legacy' won the day, and each member left happily clutching a bottle of French wine. A ploughman's supper was served, followed by the now legendary twinning desserts from our own Madame Dessert .

Our next event is a garden party in August, which, due to limited space, is open to members only; however, if you would like to join us for that, all you need to do is fill in an application form on [www.bebta.ukgo.com](http://www.bebta.ukgo.com) or telephone 01628 521748 for further details.

Membership is just £4 (single) or £8 (family), and you can be sure of plenty of opportunities for enjoyment throughout the year. There is no requirement to speak French to join our association.

### Bourne End Horticultural Society

Brian Davis will talk to members and visitors on August 18 about *'The Evolution of the Clematis'*.

At our September meeting at St Dunstan's Church Hall John Baker and June Colley will tell us about *'Heavenly Hostas'*.

Our friendly society always welcomes new members most warmly, every third Thursday in the month at 8pm. Contact 01628 521482 or email [pennyhampson@hotmail.com](mailto:pennyhampson@hotmail.com).

We have a trip booked to the Annual Flower Show at Wisley on September 11, please phone to book your place.

### J G Dance

Pupils of J G Dance take their summer medal tests this month. In May they won 155 places in the British Arts Semi-Finals National Dance Competition. Ranging in age from four to 18 years, the students performed modern, tap, ballet, national, drama and singing items, and 51 pupils went on to gain places in the National Finals.

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

In addition many pupils have been performing in pantomimes and through our agency have won parts in major films and on TV including *Bridget Jones Edge of Reason*, *Their Finest Hour*, *Assassins Creed* and *Fantastic Beasts* among many others. [info@jgdance.co.uk](mailto:info@jgdance.co.uk) 01491 572000.

### Marlow and District Railway Society

In May Tom Painter and Ian Lake, two young managers from Chiltern Railways, gave a presentation entitled *'Modern Japanese Railways'* outlining the history of those railways and modern practice, with some interesting comparisons with British railway policy and management.

At our regular joint meeting with the local branch of the Railway Correspondence and

Travel Society in June, the highly regarded railway manager, Chris Green, talked about *'The Inter-City Story'* both as a sector within British Rail and later in privatised form.

There is no meeting in August. On September 15 we have *'Steam on the Met'* by Andy Barr, who was involved in organising the running of special steam powered trains on the lines of the London Underground network over many years and will no doubt give us an insight into the problems encountered and resolved.

Meetings start at 8pm at Bourne End Community Centre and visitors are always welcome with a small fee of £3. For more information see [www.mdrs.org.uk](http://www.mdrs.org.uk).

### Marlow-Maidenhead Passengers Association

The revival of the rail link between Bourne End and High Wycombe has taken a step forward with discussions taking place at Wycombe District Council with positive support from Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council.

We have consistently campaigned for reinstatement of this essential transport link. It would lead to much improved travel options from Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Bicester including access to Crossrail into and across London and to the West Country via Reading.

Future developments under active consideration or development such as the East-West Rail Link (Cambridge, Bedford, Milton Keynes and Oxford) and the Western Chord from Slough into Heathrow will significantly improve quality of travel in the area still further. You can help persuade the decision makers (MPs and Councillors) by making your views known to them. Every letter or email adds to the weight of evidence to proceed.

Work to rectify the public address system at Bourne End has been approved, but no date set for implementation. We still await the notice board promised by GWR for Taplow Station.

We are aware of the disgusting state outside Cookham Station with rubbish dumped on railway land and we are raising the matter with appropriate authorities.

Passengers travelling from London onto the branch at Maidenhead and needing to use the lifts have sometimes missed the connection due to the extra time needed. We would advise anyone affected by this to contact GWR staff at the departure station to request Maidenhead staff to hold the branch service at Maidenhead to allow time to transfer.

The new footbridge and lifts at High Wycombe are now fully operational and the temporary bridge has been removed.

Our website is regularly updated at [www.mmpa.org.uk](http://www.mmpa.org.uk) and you can follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

### Thames Valley Soroptimists

We have continued the work to aid families in Sierra Leone. Rose Simbo, Gill Curry, Johanna Raffan, Mary Linton and Peg Simpson travelled to the depot of the Clean Conscience charity to load their 40ft trailer with items destined for the Kori district of Sierra Leone, with Gwen Powell from the charity.

Gwen had kindly offered to store the container while it was loaded and also to pass on a great deal of furniture including steel cabinets, chairs and desks to add to the clothes, books, computers, blankets and gifts collected by the Soroptimists.

Nothing was wasted - even the clean drums used to house the knitted clothes, blankets and gifts on the journey will be reused when they arrive in Sierra Leone to store water.

In addition small children's chairs donated by a local school will be loaded in the container for the new library in Kori. Named after Johanna's late husband, the Sandy Raffan library will be well stocked with books already donated by UK families, and Sandy's reference books and a computer donated by Johanna will also soon be used by Kori residents.

This ongoing project, overseen by Sierra Leone-born Rose, continues to deliver much needed support to the families in the Kori district and the Thames Valley Soroptimists would welcome help to continue this work. [sigbi.org/thames-valley/contact-us](http://sigbi.org/thames-valley/contact-us).

### Wye Valley Volunteers

Fifty clients and volunteers had a wonderful trip to Chenies Manor last month. The weather was kind, the garden beautiful. The specially adapted coach had a lift to enable those with mobility problems or in wheelchairs to board while the community minibus, also with a tail lift, transported people between their homes and the coach.

There are a number of different roles for volunteers within Wye Valley Volunteers and we welcome new recruits. To find out more, particularly if you would be prepared to drive clients to medical appointments occasionally, or to drive the minibus, or if you would like help from our services, please ring 01628 521027 or call in to the Community Volunteer Office, Wakeman Road, to the left of the community centre.

### Bourne End Video Makers

Before the summer break we won the Staines Silver Salver for the second year running and reached the Final of the IAC North Thames Region's Knockout competition, but alas not winning.

For the next round of inter-club competitions starting in October, work has started on a storyline entry entitled 'Odyssey - the tale of a man and his dog'. In September the club resumes with a full winter programme including internal competitions, practical sessions, guest speakers and constructive appraisals of members' individual films.

We are keen to attract new members and are planning a training course for new and amateur film makers in making good films, including type of equipment, basic filming and post-production techniques.

The club meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month in the *Target* Room at Bourne End Community Centre, 7.30pm to 10pm. Ring 01494 712441 or just turn up, you will be welcome.

# CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

## AUGUST

- 2 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the Community Centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle
- 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
- 6 Sat Cores End United Reformed Church Summer Fun Day for children aged five to 11. Craft, games and singing from 10am to 3.30pm. Cost £5 per child. For places call Ann Pendergast on 01628 526865
- 7 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair, with more stalls now, 9.30am to 3.30pm
- 12 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 13 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the library
- 19 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 19 Fri Charity Dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company. See poster page 37
- 26 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 29 Mon Little Marlow Village Fête. This traditional bank holiday event is packed with stalls, entertainment and lots to see, do and eat. See page 13 for full details.

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Thurs Community Centre Bar Quiz starts at 8.30pm. It's a £1 per person, and the winning team gets the quiz takings from the night
- 2 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 3 Sat Cookham Regatta all day from 10am. This annual fun event for families, friends and organisations alike is organised jointly by the Rotary Clubs of Cookham Bridge and Marlow Thames. There will be races on the river for dragon boats, canoe cats and dongolas plus a wide range of land-based activities for all ages including bungee trampoline, a classic car display, sumo wrestling, charity stalls, a silent auction and more. For full details and an entry form go to [www.cookhamregatta.org.uk](http://www.cookhamregatta.org.uk) or contact 07480683881
- 4 Sun St Nicholas' Church have a fund raising event at Hedsor Park from midday to 4pm. Bring your own picnic or barbecue. Amusements for children. Entry £10, children free
- 4 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair, with more stalls now, 9.30am to 3.30pm
- 6 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the Community Centre bar. Admission £5 includes raffle
- 9 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 10 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the library
- 12 Mon Panto read-through with Forum Players. See page 37 for details
- 13 Tue Bridleway Public Inquiry recommences at 10am in the library
- 14 Wed Panto auditions, Forum Players. See page 37 for details
- 16 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 16 Fri The Marlow Players present a murder mystery evening with "Murder in an Ice Cold Manner" at the community centre. See poster page 36
- 17 Sat Cores End United Reformed Church. Jazz Concert featuring the acclaimed singer Sarah Moule, backed by some of the best local jazzmen around. Tickets available from Bourne End Cards and Gifts Shop.
- 23 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm
- 23 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company
- 25 Sun The Heart Rehabilitation Organisation of Berkshire holds its annual BBO big band evening at the community centre. See poster page 36
- 28 Wed Wooburn Festival starts and runs until October 22. As usual there is a wide variety of events planned. See all the details and the booking form on page 28
- 30 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm

*The next issue of Target will cover October and November. Email [editor@targetmagazine.org.uk](mailto:editor@targetmagazine.org.uk) by Monday September 5 to get your event included in the calendar. The magazine will be published on Friday September 30.*

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

# Target Quiz

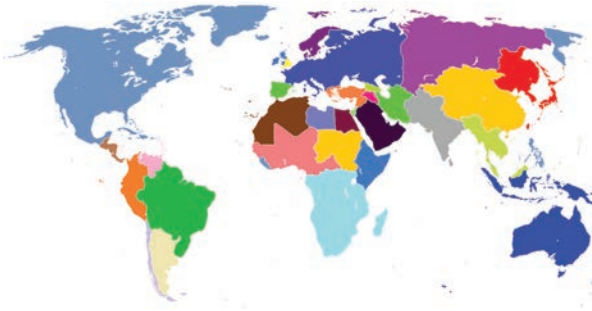
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Number 93

"It's simple geography" says Penny Walsh. Just name the capital city of the following countries:

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

- 1 Tasmania
- 2 Austria
- 3 Greece
- 4 Turkey
- 5 India
- 6 France
- 7 Poland
- 8 Canada
- 9 Scotland
- 10 Northern Ireland
- 11 Yugoslavia
- 12 Iceland
- 13 Malta
- 14 Israel
- 15 Italy
- 16 Sri Lanka
- 17 Sweden
- 18 Portugal
- 19 Belgium
- 20 Spain



The closing date is Friday 2 September

ANSWERS TO QUIZ 92

1 John Flamstead 2 Tin and lead 3 Eos 4 Yerevan 5 Roger Hargreaves 6 Oberon 7 Octet 8 Plymouth 9 Pike 10 Quiver 11 Lima 12 Mercury 13 Reykjavik 14 Rosemary 15 Syringa 16 Scottish cross 17 Solomon 18 One 19 Teflon 20 Tirana

The winner is: Mrs Mollie Smith, Orchard House, Bourne End.



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