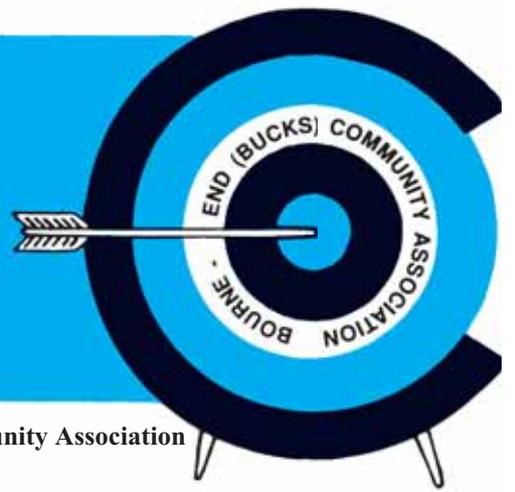


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## Bourne End Day Care Centre is saved!

**Award-winning team appointed to take over this much-loved facility**

Bourne End Day Care Centre re-opened its doors at the start of 2018 and launched a new era for a well-loved building.

Previous concerns about the day care centre's future were blown away when The Princes Centre was appointed by the Friends of Bourne End Day Care Centre as the new service providers bringing with them a message of positive caring for the community.

National award winners in the field of providing day care for older people The Princes Centre, which is a well supported and funded charity, are renowned in Princes Risborough for the quality of the team running day care.

Back in June 2017, when faced with the prospect of finding a new service provider for the day care centre, the Friends group became involved in a search across the county for the right company.

"We had faith in our building – what we needed to find was a company who would come with an enthusiastic and inspiring approach to day care. Thankfully I believe we have found this in The Princes Centre," said Friends group director and secretary Simon Fowke.

Visiting the day care centre in Princes Risborough provided an encouraging experience for directors from the Friends group.

It was a few months earlier that another good quality company had made contact and expressed a desire to run the service in Bourne End.

There were meetings with both companies, negotiations and the necessary due diligence before the Friends of Bourne End Day Care Centre



Smiles all round from staff and clients at news that the day centre is open

were able to announce that The Princes Centre would provide day care in Bourne End.

"Nothing happens that easily, but we will do it," was the immediate response from Simon as he related the legal requirements needed to enable the new service provider to be ready to open in January.

"Then there had to be new signs, some refurbishment and setting up the facilities to be ready, from day one, to offer the services which they consider absolutely necessary to be able to provide

a top quality day care centre."

It was also vital to continue to support the Pentagon Clinic who provide their valued services from the annexe building.

Over the last five years the Friends of Bourne End Day Care Centre has raised £50,000 to refurbish the premises and gardens to bring the property, which was leased from Buckinghamshire County Council, into first class order.

"Next" says Friends director and chairman, Jim Penfold, "it is our intention to raise sufficient funds over the next years of our lease to purchase the property to protect its future as a community-led facility and asset. We will communicate more on this during the coming months".

The Princes Centre runs a large day care centre facility in Princes Risborough and provides much needed respite for carers and an inspirational environment for elderly people and those with disabilities who are looking to make new friends and want to continue learning and living a fulfilling life.

A range of activities and outings include arts and crafts classes to gardening, dancing or simply relaxing with friends over a game of scrabble or dominoes.

There's an open invitation from The Princes Centre to have a free taster day in Bourne End Day Care Centre. See what is on offer, chat to the staff, enjoy a cuppa and lunch.

Just call 01628 527024 to book your day. Don't sit alone and look at four walls – use your local day care centre and enjoy your day.



**Cheers! to some of the happy diners who enjoyed a Christmas lunch with the Wooburn Residents' Association Lunch Club. This monthly get-together has grown into a hugely popular date in the diary. Read more on page 3**



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# BULL'S EYE

A HUGE thank you to all those people who responded to our plea in the last issue to support Target and pay for their copies.... or give donations so we can continue to produce this community magazine. We know from your comments that you find Target useful, whether it's for the advertising of local services or to catch up on the activities of local clubs and associations. And we pride ourselves on bringing you the smaller, local stories that the regional papers perhaps miss or deem not of wide enough appeal to cover.

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So if you enjoy this magazine PLEASE consider paying for it (all the instructions are set out below).

In this packed issue we say goodbye to Dr Mike Wolfin (page 32), of the Hawthornden Surgery, who came here in March 1996 and has been my family doctor since the retirement of the beloved Dr Fergusson in 2000. Mike's gentle, friendly and professional demeanor soon reassured me that he was a true asset to the community and the big turnout at his leaving party illustrated that many of you felt the same way.

Debra Aspinall, Editor

## SNOWnote

Young children will have been delighted by the December snowfall. No more so than Target distributor six year old Ben from Telston Close. He helps his granddad Steve to deliver the magazine.

With plenty of the white stuff Ben built a snowman and then dressed him as a Wycombe Wanderers supporter. A real snowman, with real snow and mum Emily in the background with a big smile.

This was snow for the children. The little ones who had never seen the real thing before. And we enjoyed their delight as it continued to fall.

Snowmen, snowballs and sledges – this was winter as it was meant to be – and it was great!



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# WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Margaret Amos  
Secretary to the Association

As I write this on the last day of December, I reflect on a busy year for us, and also a very enjoyable Christmas-time for the residents of The Wooburns. There was something happening for nearly every taste.

We kicked off the festive season at the end of November with a hugely successful Christmas lights event in The Wooburn Club. It seemed that nearly every family in The Wooburns was present; the club was bursting.

Father Christmas arrived on his sleigh as hundreds cheered him outside on a bitterly cold evening. Mulled wine and mince pies were there to warm us and inside there was face painting, children's lucky dip and Marlow Ukulele Group entertained with a Christmas medley. Money raised will be used for the maintenance of the Christmas lights around The Green.

Then there were Carols on The Green and Carols by Candlelight in the two churches. Two sessions of carol singing in The Old Bell were hugely enjoyed; one with musical accompaniment by St Paul's choir/band and there was also breakfast with Santa.

The Wooburn Club's disco immediately before Christmas was very festive and people of all ages enjoyed a little jig around. Then there were various Christmas fairs to make some festive purchases.

This was all very pleasing as you will remember that back in 2014 Wooburn Residents' Association undertook a survey to find out what the residents of the The Wooburns would like to see and a Community Led Plan was written.

One message we received loud and clear was that people wanted more community events and an

enhanced feeling of community spirit. This I feel has been largely delivered this year as we can include an excellent Fête on The Green, the forming of Wooburn Pub Lunch Club and the Parish Council's Village Show.

*A date for your diary for 2018 – Wooburn Fête on Saturday June 16.*

**The Community Led Plan** still has some undelivered objectives, namely issues with traffic, roads and the environment. We are also in need of someone to undertake a watching brief of all planning applications in relation to housing and retail/office development. The person undertaking this for a number of years has had to stand down. To be involved in any of these issues email Maggi Fraser at [MaggiFraser5@gmail.com](mailto:MaggiFraser5@gmail.com).

### Wooburn Lunchers

Our December lunch at The Old Bell attracted 22 local residents who enjoyed a great Christmas lunch together (pictures below).

Thanks and gifts were given to Helen and Iain at the pub for providing delicious freshly cooked two-courses for us every month.

This monthly luncheon club was started by Community Impact Bucks, but is run by us. There

is always much laughter and friendships are being formed. The lunch club is aimed at the more mature members of the community especially those who might be missing out on regular social contact. To join you need to book with our organiser Margaret Amos on 01628 525033. It's free to join and the lunch costs £8.

### Planning

During the year we have made representations on various planning applications potentially affecting local residents. It recently responded to the proposed Wycombe District Local Plan with comments against the inclusion of Wooburn Town as part of the Bourne End area and also against the proposal to remove Hollands Farm from the Green Belt and the development of Slate Meadow.

**Our next meeting** is on Monday March 12, at 7.30pm in The Wooburn Club. Come along for a drink and a chat. All very welcome.

### Contact us:

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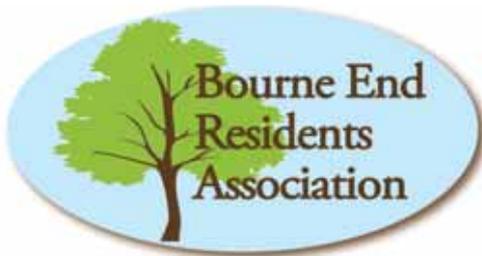
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It was with mixed feelings that deadline day for consultation on the WDC Local Plan came and went.

We've had months of wondering what more Bourne End Residents Association could do to minimise the ridiculously large number of houses proposed for this area. The numbers were 150 on Slate Meadow, 467 on Hollands Farm, plus all the extra infill houses which were always going to pop up here and there.

We all know that the infrastructure cannot possibly cope with this sort of increase. Just this week another concerned resident has phoned about unrestricted parking all around the village. And that's now, so how would the village cater for up to another 2000 cars on our roads and looking for somewhere to park?

We know the problem is huge. It was one of the many dubious elements everyone felt they had to mention in responding to the proposed local plan that could have tipped the argument in our favour.

Could we have done more? Personally I feel that the weight of objections from this community must now be causing grave concern as WDC sift through the documents. Everyone involved can be congratulated on their efforts, determination and willingness to object to the proposed local plan. We could have done nothing more.

Now we have a little more time for other things. In my case, as the front page story will have indicated, it is time to help the day care centre find a long term way forward.

We are hugely grateful that The Princes Centre has taken over the day-to-day service provision after the Fremantle Trust pulled out at the end of last year.

The success that they have made of their day care centre in Princes Risborough bodes well for the future here in Bourne End.

While being very optimistic with regard to the service provision by The Princes Centre we now need to consider the actual building.

At the moment the Friends of Bourne End Day Care Centre have a lease from Bucks County

Council. This has only five more years to run.

At the top of our agenda is to secure this on a far more permanent basis. There are two ways that this can be achieved – either from a much longer lease, or, the better option is to obtain ownership of the building.

And that, my fellow residents of Bourne End, must be the aim. At sometime in the future we do not want to have the prospect, as previously stated by Bucks County Council, that they would sell off the building on the open market.

How we achieve this is something for the future but, for now, let us be grateful that Bourne End continues to have a day centre that can provide a much needed service for those who rely on the warm and friendly atmosphere provided.

Our greatest hope is that everyone who could benefit from a visit to the day centre goes along and uses the facilities provided. As the saying goes, please use it or risk losing it.

So for now I wish all residents a very happy and prosperous New Year. As always, if you have any thoughts you want to share, please feel free to get in touch.

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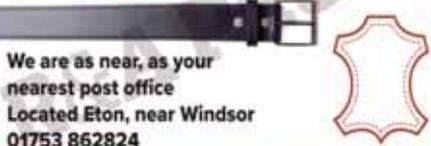
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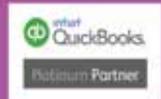
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# Marina Life with Peter Osborne



We all survived the Christmas/New Year period unscathed, we're not sure about our wallets though! I hope you all had a good time.

I'm loving it here in the Bahamas for my six weeks in the sun, I guess we had a good year, and I don't mean a new tyre or two for my car.

The Marina Luncheon Afternoon before Christmas was a great success, we had more than 35 people look into the Black Lion for a beer or many. Our thanks to Mark and the crew of the establishment for their great hospitality. Whatever happens on these occasions stay in the venue. If you would really like to know more I believe that you should ask Chaos.

Obviously, we are back working normally (?), the new mooring contracts have been mailed out for the new contract year commencing April 1. Stores are being replenished, work is commencing on boat maintenance and of course we carry on maintaining/cleaning the infrastructure. It's strange, many people think that we are not busy during the Winter months, but we are (albeit in a different way to the Summer). Well, that's the message we like to spread.

I am quite often asked about the sewage that we pump out of boats, for example where does it go? Well, when it is not going directly into the river via Marlow Sewage works (this problem was sorted a long time ago and does not happen now) or gushing all over us if we get the procedures wrong, it is ushered into the mains. Some pump-out stations on the river pump the affluent into a cess pit which then must be emptied when full. If you are pumping into a cess pit you must appreciate how they work. They rely on bacteria to break down the sewage and you pump out the resultant yuck.

However, with some of the disinfectants that are put into sewage tanks you are unable to pump the sewage into the cess pit as it will kill the bacteria and the cess pit will fail. An interesting fact that many people may not

know. There are also different types of disinfectants, basically some are 'green' and some contain formaldehyde. The 'green' type is effective for a shorter time as it does not kill off all the bad bits (ie the germs that make the sewage smell) and if you have a heat wave your boat may smell pungent in a shorter time. The ones containing formaldehyde kill all the germs and the smell will not manifest for a much longer time.

Many years ago, the salesman who was selling the formaldehyde product said that if it's good enough for Concord it's good enough for us. Since his day there have been many products coming to the market and they are all becoming more acceptable in terms of being environmentally friendly.

I believe that this year it's about 15 years since Chaos joined me and Matty at the marina. It's quite some time for a team to be together in any organisation and I'm often asked why that is. It's not for the want of trying to get rid of the boys, let's face it who would want them? It's more of doing my bit for the greater community and not wishing to lumber other organisations with them.

I often wonder why this is myself, the three of us are very different in many ways, but we all love the river. None of us will become multi billionaires, but it's a way of life and one of those jobs where you work with something that's tangible, which you can influence and see the results of what you have done.

It's very much a people business which we enjoy, especially when we can enhance the pleasure the customers get from owning a boat. We don't get everything right all the time, but when it does go wrong we can usually put it right and in a strange way we get pleasure when that happens. Obviously we would prefer things not to go wrong in the first place.

In the marina, we have a road bridge that goes over the Abbotsbrook to Townsend Reach which is a private road leading to electric gates

through which you reach private housing. On or about the bridge we have four signs stating that it's private and that there is no right of way.

The number of people who drive down there having ignored the signs and must turn around in a very limited space, endangering pedestrians, is staggering. What is it when people get into a car they seem to suddenly become morons?

Please, please can people respect the signs in the marina, they are there for a reason. Other than placing machine gun nests on the bridge we just don't know what to do. Suggestions on a postcard, sensible or not, would be most welcome.

The Winter has been quite friendly to us so far. It has been mild with the odd 'chilly' moment and the river, although it rose over Christmas, has been well behaved and has not threatened rising over the banks as there's not been too much rain. This position can obviously change.

I am often asked what we should do in the event of the river flooding; I would like it noted that I personally suggest the breaststroke. In the event of adverse conditions we post safety advice on our Facebook page which would be updated regularly during those times.

Well, we're getting geared up for the new year ahead of us and look forward to seeing you coming down to the river. It's not just for Summer you know. Some of the nicest times are in the Winter sunshine or frosty mornings. Should you come for a walk down here please bring a stick with you to prod the marina boys should you catch them having a doze or to knock the phone headset out of their ears when they should be working. Have a great 2018.

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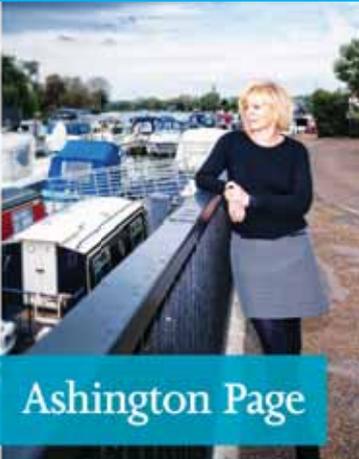
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# SMALL BUSINESS MATTERS

with Sylvia Bourhill

January is, as usual, a manic month for accountants, so this month I have cribbed my article from a blog that is available to share on social media. As we move into 2018 and welcome in the New Year, it's valuable to look ahead at the upcoming year and its potential challenges. With this in mind, here are seven financial resolutions your organisation can consider going into the next 12 months:

1 GDPR – Make sure your business is ready for the up-coming changes to data protection regulation coming into effect this May. Also, take into consideration your benefit providers and how they are protecting your employees and company data.

2 Auto-Enrolment – Be mindful of the increase in minimum contribution levels for employees who are auto-enrolled.

3 Health & Wellbeing – Offer support to your employees in terms of their financial and health concerns. Providing solutions and investing in the support of your employees can reap organisational health and productivity rewards.

4 Communication – Build stronger, more meaningful relationships with your employees going into the New Year. Understand what makes them 'tick' and recognise how they want to be rewarded for their hard work.

5 Look to Technology – We all know it's the future. So, why do so many companies utilise spreadsheets as their HR tool, communicate benefit by sending letters and ask for employees to sign forms. Automation of your processes and employee communications, with a small increase in investment, can enhance your employee engagement substantially.

6 Childcare Arrangements – Review your childcare arrangements for 2018, new changes mean employer childcare vouchers will no longer be available. These are being replaced by the new Tax-Free Childcare Scheme.

7 Workplace pensions – Now that Auto-Enrolment is embedded, it's an ideal time to review changes to the group pension arrangements you offer employees. As duty of care, employers should review the charges and default fund arrangements that may now be outdated in a fast-moving market.

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## Farewell to GP Mike

Dr Mike Wolfin and Dr Sarah Buxton

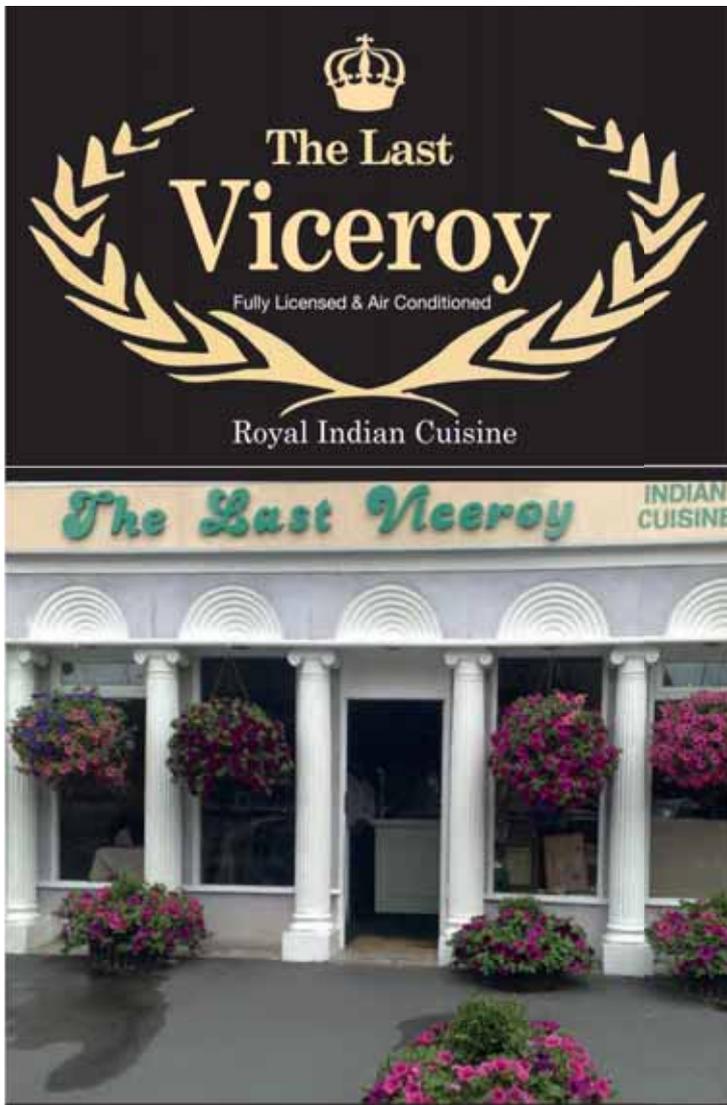
Bourne End Library was packed to the rafters by villagers wanting to wish Dr Mike Wolfin a fond farewell in January.

Mike, who has been a partner at the Hawthornden Surgery in Wharf Lane since March 1996, gave an upbeat farewell speech (despite admitting to feeling quite emotional). He is continuing as a GP, but working at St Mark's in Maidenhead and for a telephone/online medical advice company.

He hopes his new routine will give him more down time and time to spend with his family. One of his sons has just been accepted at Princeton University on the back of his rowing achievements (he's won medals at international level and at Henley events) and he has 15-year-old twins (a boy and a girl) and the boy is a talented footballer and trains with Chelsea FC.

At the library Mike, who also hopes to spend more time now at the gym and playing tennins, joked that he hadn't seen such a big turn out since the last flu clinic. He also said it was hard to say goodbye, so he would just say "I'll see you around." His mum lives in Bourne End and says he will still be popping to hers for lunch.

Mike, who lives in High Wycombe, thanked his colleagues and patients for their warm wishes and generous gifts – including a set of flying lessons.



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

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

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### War Memorial

Alan Smith, who has steadfastly looked after and maintained the War Memorial in Wooburn Green for many decades, has informed us that he is hanging up his secateurs and retiring from the post. The parish council would like to thank Alan for all of his hard work and dedication to keeping the War Memorial looking its very best all year round and especially in the run up to Remembrance Sunday. We wish him all the very best.

### Groundsmen

Finally the grass stopped growing and the groundsmen have been able to turn their hands to the Winter jobs. Hedge cutting has been keeping them busy as has the occasional gritting of the cemetery when required to make it safe for visitors. Machine maintenance and checking the tools over are all jobs that are done during the Winter period to make sure everything is ready to go when the Spring arrives.

### Parish streetlights

Calls to the office regarding faulty streetlights always increase in the colder, darker months.

Our contractors continue to monitor them and have often fixed a light before we report it.

Occasionally a light has a problem with the supply which our guys are not allowed to touch and so we refer these onto Scottish & Southern Electric. We are given a job reference number and an expected date for the repair to be done. This is usually about four weeks from the report date. The parish council maintains the lights on

the side streets. Faults with lights on the main road should be referred to Transport for Bucks at Bucks County Council. They can be contacted on 0845 230 2882 or online at [www.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk) by using the 'Tell us about a highways problem' link on the left of the homepage.

### Short & sweet

Don't forget that there are just a couple of days left to recycle your old Christmas tree if you haven't already done so. Please bring them to the top of the cemetery – access via the main gate on Town Lane and follow the signs. These will be chipped and the chippings scattered on the muddy areas in the parish such as Farm Wood footpaths and the entrance to Wooburn Park.

The new Parish Guide should be dropping through your letterboxes within days if not already. If by chance you haven't received your copy they will be available at various locations such as the library, doctors surgeries, post office etc. as well as the parish council offices.

### Working party survey

Have you seen people in the parks and play areas counting rubbish bins and looking at the equipment? Perhaps carrying a clipboard and approaching strangers to ask their views?

Do not be alarmed – this is simply members of the working party set up following the parish council's decision to look at the parks and play areas in the parish.

You may be approached and asked for your opinion of the park – please tell them what you think, it all helps. There is also an online questionnaire which you are welcome to complete and this can be accessed at [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TNDGHYQ](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TNDGHYQ).

If you prefer paper, please pop into the clerk's office and pick up a copy. Completed questionnaires can be returned here too.

If you would like to know more about this project contact [clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk). The survey is available until January 31.

### Meeting Dates:

Full Council: February 27, March 27  
Open Spaces, Allotments & Burials: February 6, March 6, April 3  
Planning, Highways & Lighting: February 14, March 7 & 28  
F&GP: March 13  
All meetings start at 7.30pm  
Normal Parish Council Office opening hours are from 9am to 5pm each day. Please call 01628 522827 if you have any queries, alternatively email the office at [clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk) or visit our website for information on [www.wooburnparish.gov.uk](http://www.wooburnparish.gov.uk)

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### Help for Headway

Headway, the brain injury association, would like more local volunteers to

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Anyone interested can pop in and get more information or contact Loraine Clark on 07704 860754 or [hsb.coordinator1@headwaysouthbucks.org.uk](mailto:hsb.coordinator1@headwaysouthbucks.org.uk)



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## Ollie's sailing success

by Upper Thames Sailing Club's Debbie Kite

Oliver Meadowcroft, one of our keen junior sailors at Upper Thames Sailing, has been awarded a performance award bursary for promising young sailors up to the age of 14 from the regional RYA youth training fund.

Ollie started sailing an Optimist dinghy in 2014, and has progressed through regional zone squads and national championships to selection for teams representing GB at international level. This year he will be competing for GBR in Spain and in Holland.

Ollie learned to sail at a young age with his family and is a keen cadet section member. He is now competing with the adults at the club and regularly sails a National 12 dinghy (with his mother crewing) around the country and came second in the nationals crewing for his dad.

Junior sailing activities at the club are thriving, and we have just invested in a fleet of new Topper dinghies for training and youth squad development.

The programme for 2018 includes all levels from beginner courses through to the RYA Youth Level 4 competent sailor, seamanship skills, and powerboat driving for the older cadets.

There is plenty of fun sailing scheduled in between courses, especially at the Junior Bourne End Week regatta in early June. The Topper is a single-hander in competitions, but can carry many more kids in the races to 'Cow Beach' on Cock Marsh.

The sailing season gets going again at the end of March. Our club Open Day is on Sunday April 22 where we invite anyone interested in finding out more to come along for a trial sail, or simply to enjoy 'Tea by the Thames' and the view from the clubhouse. Call in or see [www.uts.org.uk](http://www.uts.org.uk) to find out more.

## Guide leaders needed

Were you a Girl Guide? Did you enjoy the fun and the challenges? Why not think about returning to guiding as a volunteer leader?

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Girls are interested in fire building, festivals, music, camping, outdoor fun, games and crafts. You can help to make it all possible for them to achieve. Just email Claire Ellis on [wooburnguides2nd@outlook.com](mailto:wooburnguides2nd@outlook.com) or register your interest at [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) or call 0800 1695901.



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## KEEP BOURNE END GREEN update from Penny Drayton



With the end of 2017 we saw the close of the consultation period for responses to the WDC New Local Plan. We presented hard evidence and solid facts to demonstrate why the proposed NLP was unsound and why the Bourne End proposals should be removed. We submitted more than 1000 pages in total, with no stone unturned.

From the start, we chose to go for the best professionals and representatives that we possibly could to work on our case. It hasn't come cheaply, but was worth every penny as the calibre of the final representations they produced was outstanding. We will be sharing these representations with everyone very soon. Please keep an eye on our webpage and Facebook page for uploads.

What happens next? The council will review all responses with an aim to pass to the Government Inspector by the end of March. The Inspector will then review everything and we should expect the hearing to take place in Summer this year.

What now? The work hasn't stopped. A huge part of the campaign has been about raising funds to pay for the professionals who have responded on our behalf. Money raised to date has been used or allocated to this purpose already. We now need to build up our funds again ready for the hearing that is due to happen later this year so the requirement for money remains crucial.

What's coming up next? Save the date now for the 2018 KBEG Spring Ball on the April 21. It was a brilliant evening last year. Tickets will be limited so look out for when they come on sale.

Plans are also underway to organise our first sponsored run/jog/walk event. We would love some help with organising this. If you are a member of a running club or have experience in this field, please contact us and help or give some guidance to our volunteers. This could become an annual Bourne End event (even after our campaign is no longer required).

We are always happy to hear about other fundraising ideas and love people getting involved. If you have any ideas for events or other ways to raise money for KBEG, please get in touch.

[www.keepbourneendgreen.org](http://www.keepbourneendgreen.org) [info@keepbourneendgreen.org](mailto:info@keepbourneendgreen.org) 0300 302 0866

## Sylvia Deane RIP

Sylvia Deane lived in Orchard House, Bourne End for many years before moving to an assisted living home in Hazlemere. Sylvia had great sewing skills and was involved in making costumes for Forum Players.

When Bourne End had a carnival she made costumes for the Brownies. Sylvia also volunteered for the Red Cross and always liked to keep herself busy. Her blankets, shawls, lace milk jug and sugar bowl covers were special and she was always on the lookout for a new idea.

Sylvia was healthy and doing very well until she broke her hip last September and had a perforated gall bladder in October. But she managed to recover enough to get home two days before her 95th birthday party. She had a wonderful time, dancing and being the centre of attention.

Sadly she fell and broke her wrist a week before Christmas and that upset her ability to do things. Sylvia died peacefully in her sleep at her home on December 27.

Sylvia will always be remembered for her great eye for colour and her outfits were always carefully colour co-ordinated – even down to her baseball caps which she loved to wear. In Bourne End she was a familiar sight around the village with her walking frame. She loved picking up money which had been dropped and giving it to charity.

A celebration of her life was held at Chilterns Crematorium on January 16.



# Co-op cash for local projects

When our local Co-op stores, one in Wakeman Road and the other on The Parade, announced their annual fundraising donations it was heaven-sent for the community centre.

The Co-op award of £3,126.56 would virtually cover the cost of 50 new chairs to be used for special events at the centre.

Having applied a year ago for funding it was the timing of the announcement that proved perfect.

“Our project details were for the chairs – we were just staggered by the perfect timing of the Co-op announcement,” was the delighted comment from honorary secretary Myra Hurley.

Once the community centre application had been accepted there were constant reminders to shop at the Co-op. “This is our first project for funding and we had no idea how much money we would get. In the end it was just perfect,” Myra smiled, “and I know the Girl Guides and Brownies [who also received a donation] were equally delighted.”

Bourne End is blessed with two branches of the Co-op. All over the country local organisations with vital fund raising projects will benefit as £20 million has been raised by shoppers in the last year. This comes from a combination of money spent in store along with money from sales of shopping bags.

Providing funding for thousands of local projects was the aim of the Co-op when creating the local community fund. While happy to support when asked for donations this was something bigger and likely to make a huge difference to the designated organisation.

It certainly did for the community centre when deciding on the chairs. Equally for the Guides and Brownies who needed improvements to their headquarters. They received £2,985.19. All the Co-op wanted were people to turn up on a special day, with a display, and talk to shoppers about the local community fund and smile for the camera.

*Our pictures show (top) Guides and Brownies with their monster cheque and Co-op staff and (right) the community centre's Sarah Little (right) with store manager Darren*





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## Headway fun and reindeer games

A generous donation from Biffa Waste Management provided all the right reasons to have a day of fun and games for the Headway South Bucks charity, whose day centre is at the community centre in Bourne End.

Along with a fish and chips lunch there were competitions, challenges and cakes galore. This was a day for the people who used the facilities and who relied on its support.



The bonus was the arrival of two reindeer who were corralled outside and were there for petting and feeding by the clients, their families and the volunteers. A constant stream of people braved the icy wind and were rewarded with nibbles and licks. Rosemary said with a laugh "The tongue was so rough – I wasn't expecting that."

During the day everyone had played games, enjoyed a quiz and then worked on a variety of word challenges. Co-ordinator Loraine explained that the company make a generous donation every year and it gives the charity a chance to do something completely different for the people they help and support each

week. "It was great" she said "and it also funded the music at our Christmas party when the Bourne Again Shadows came along with music from the sixties and we could all join in."

*Pictured left: Rosemary found the reindeer's tongue rough. Volunteer Katie is behind. Bottom: Loraine gets friendly with a reindeer. Sandra Barton, brain injuries nurse, is behind. Below: Enjoying a laugh are Caroly (left) Gianfranco's mum and Maria who is Adrian's wife.*





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# Mankind's festive window and its Nickart surprise

Mankind on The Parade boasted the largest advent calendar in Bucks. It certainly filled their hair salon window and each day another door was opened to reveal goodies inside.

On Friday December 8 the jaunty snowman said Nickart to his massive number of followers.

Gillian at Mankind filmed the display, sent it to Bourne End artist Nick Cooke, and he put it on his Facebook page. Julie Horner went to the Mankind window, and saw and claimed the snowman.

A lovely Christmas story that brought smiles all round. "I was thrilled" Gillian said "and all on the same day. These Nickart pieces have a great following."

For Nick it was all part of his art project for 2017. Taking pebbles, bits of wood, old tiles, in fact anything that asks to be decorated, Nick sets to work. He creates simple pieces of art then photographs them somewhere nice and leaves them for others to find. Hopefully coming across a simple painted pebble or piece of wood will put smiles on faces. This time he left Gillian to find the right door in the advent calendar – and look what happened.

Another day, another door for the Mankind advent calendar, Gillian's festive creation for her salon window and she promises more fabulous ideas in 2018.

*Our photos show Gillian outside Mankind and ready to film, opening number eight, inside number eight and Julie with her Nickart snowman.*



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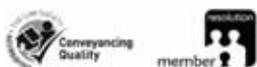
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# Bourne End Fun Night - caught on camera

Once again there was a great turn-out for Bourne End's Christmas Fun Night in early December. We enjoyed a new light being lit (designed by 11-year-old Tyler Baldwin) while shopping and sampling some traditional festive fare. Kevin Parker of Space Pod once again sponsored the new light. Local teenagers got involved on Young Enterprise stalls, a screen made by the WI from recycled cans and rubbish was a talking point and the Teddy Tombola at the centre did a roaring trade. Too many people to mention worked to make the event a big success so we'll just let the smiling faces in our photos tell the story...



# Grease is the word at Bourne End Academy



Lost snow days, no dress rehearsal, sound system disasters and still Bourne End Academy came good.

The feel-good musical *Grease* was their chosen show – one of the most popular of the seventies.

Young love, high school intrigue, student conspiracy and moral issues were all there in the story from the fifties. No denying the songs that would have had parents singing along and even the younger children at a special showing tapping their feet, clapping and cheering. Perfect to bring on a made-it-ourselves car for *Grease Lightning*.

Then the familiar *Hopelessly devoted to you* and *You're the one that I want*. Who can forget the sight of that sleeked back quiff and bouncy blonde hair.

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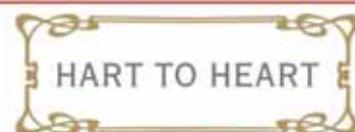
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Adrian Broadway swapped his guitar for a mandolin and then a penny whistle. His songs were familiar so it was fine to sing along. Adrian went from Beatles to wartime, folk to musicals and played lots of instruments on the way. It was great entertainment before a glorious tea, taken on lovely china among local friends and supporters.

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This year Bourne End and Cookham Inner Wheel are fund raising for Alexander Devine Children's Hospice and other local charities. Additionally they support Toilet Twinning – yes toilet twinning – a water and sanitation charity initiative. "This is our international initiative" Mercia Hailstone explained, "and so worthwhile." Go to [www.toilettwinning.org](http://www.toilettwinning.org) to find out more.



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## Street Lights – Little Marlow Parish.

There are two footpaths from Abbey Road into Wendover Road and from the corner of Burroughs Crescent into Chalklands. Both of these footpaths are well used by school children and pedestrians alike.

Unfortunately, in places there is excessive vegetation from gardens protruding over into these paths. Please may I ask residents whose gardens border these paths to undertake some pruning. The footpaths do have street lights but it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain the street lights due to overgrown shrubs and trees – not to mention blocking the light. Thank you in advance.

## The King's Head, Little Marlow

In 2017 The King's Head closed and there was a planning application submitted to extend and increase the number of covers.

The local community and the parish council had concerns at this expansion as it would greatly increase the number of cars and there was only limited onsite parking.

The initial planning application was refused by Wycombe District Council and the applicant

submitted an amended application – which at the time of typing was still within the planning process.

A 'To Let' sign was put up at the King's Head with an invitation to view the property on January 16.

Hopefully by the time this article has been published there will be a new tenant in the pub.

It is a lovely old building and a great community facility and the parish council wish to see it re-open, but not overdeveloped leading to traffic problems in the village.

## Budget 2018/2019

The parish council's 2018/19 budget has now been resolved and is available to view on our website. There are a lot of challenges ahead.

Bucks County Council is one of only two councils in England which is not receiving any central government funding in 2018/19.

This puts pressure on parish councils who are providing devolved services on Bucks County Council's behalf. As the county council needs to review all areas of their operation to save costs we anticipate that pressures will be put on any funding the parish council currently receives.

## Dates for meetings in 2018

Full Council Meetings:

January 30, March 13. These meetings are held at The Pavilion from 8pm

Annual Council Meeting:

May 29 at 7.30pm. Meeting held at The Pavilion, before the Full Council Meeting at 8pm

Annual Parish Meeting:

May 18 at 8pm. Meeting held at Abbotsbrook Hall.

Budget Meetings: April 10. Meeting held at The Pavilion at 1.30pm.

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## Parish councillor Katie Lamb's environmental update



As I sit here writing this with a crackling fire and a warming cup of tea, I find myself thinking about the last couple of months, the run-up to Christmas and the chaos that the snow and ice brought with it.

There was one particular day which saw The Parade in Bourne End turn into a lethal ice rink. It had flooded with water which began to freeze, snow then arrived which started to melt and with nightfall it froze again.

With no help appearing a phone call came into the parish council office and our intrepid three marched (well got into the tractor and drove) to the rescue.

Armed only with salt, they turned an impassable area into a walkable and safe pathway again so that shoppers could shop and businesses could open. I would like to pass on all the 'thank yous' that I have heard from grateful residents and shopkeepers to the office and especially to our three rangers who once again went above and beyond the call of duty.

The next challenge came from the high winds and with them the fallen trees, which once again needed clearing from pathways, pavements and sometimes roads.

Farm Wood lost a few more trees which were cut up and left as wood piles for insects and small mammals to make homes in. In fact, a mouse was spotted running in and out of one of the fallen bird boxes; no doubt the mouse has made a cosy home in it for the Winter.

Talking about Farm Wood, we have cleared out a little of the holly and many of the rhododendrons which are poisonous if eaten and very invasive.

While on the subject of trees, the apple trees which had died in the community orchard at Blind Lane have now been replaced. Also, the conifers by the gates have been replaced with hawthorn. Other tree planting includes two rowans which have replaced the two dead birch trees in Watery Lane Park. Also, trees and shrubs have been added to hedges where needed in all areas of the parish.

You may have noticed that some of the wooden benches have been refurbished and we have a new one at the top of Wooburn Park. This was dedicated by the family of Connie Cooper, who used to enjoy the park regularly.

If you have been in the park you will have seen the new (and very hard to miss) yellow gate by the play area. It has an automatic close on it so this should help improve the safety of children and dogs alike.

As I'm writing this the rangers are clearing the brambles in the old cemetery in readiness for the snowdrops to pop their little white heads up above the soil in the coming weeks. This is one of my favourite sights to see as I then know Spring is on its way and everything starts to grow and bloom again.

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### SWIMMING SECTION

The photo (right) is of happy smiling members of this section, but look where it can lead to. I wonder how far any of these will go with their chosen sport? Why not join our swimming section and you could be a winner too.

We have three main options available: the Learn to Swim Programme, the Competitive Swimming section, and the Masters section. Find more information on our website [www.bejsc-swimming.org.uk](http://www.bejsc-swimming.org.uk)

### CONGRATULATIONS TO FORMER MEMBER PIP WILLIAMS

*"My lifelong love of swimming started when I joined the sports club swimming section in 1973, progressing through to swim at Regionals aged 16.*

*"Life, in the form of training as a physiotherapist and having a family, meant that I did not train or swim competitively again until 2015. Since then I have worked hard in the pool and gradually entered bigger competitions. This year, competing in the 55-59 age group, has been the best ever in my swimming career – undefeated at Regional Championships and four championship records; British Champion (long course) at 50m backstroke as well as five silvers and a bronze;*



*two top twenty and three top ten placings at the World Championships in Budapest – with my 5th place (ranked 15th) in the 50 free getting me a pewter medal (these are awarded to 4th, 5th and 6th); and finally National Champion (short course) in 50 breaststroke as well as three silvers and four bronze recently.*

*"I am grateful for the opportunities I was given as a teenager swimming at the sports club – without them I would have missed the 'family' that a swimming club gives you and the buzz of racing; as I have found these are things that are very important even at the ripe old age of 55!"*

Of course this level of success doesn't come without hard work. Pip follows a rigorous programme of training, much of it in the early morning. Our photo shows Pip at the Masters World Championships.

### CHARITY BASKETBALL FOR ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Former member Oli Lawrie arranged this tournament to raise money for a very worthy cause. It has proved so successful and has raised an amazing £2,000 for the charity. Well done to Oli, it's fantastic news.

**New Junior Basketball session**  
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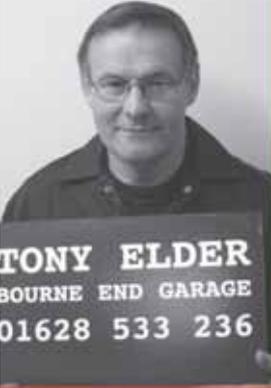
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# Cinema opens in Bourne End

*Movies at the community centre start in March*

Bourne End's first regular cinema since The Royalty closed almost 60 years ago will start screenings from March 2018.

The New Royalty, a community cinema, will open with *Victoria and Abdul* on Friday March 23 at 8pm.

This will be followed by *Viceroy's House* on Sunday April 22 at 3.30pm and then by *Dunkirk* on Thursday May 24 at 8pm.

The different days for the pilots are to help finalise the best day(s) of the week for future screenings.

The April afternoon screening will begin with tea and cakes at 2.30pm giving time for a chat before the film starts. These three pilot screenings will be followed by a full season planned to start in the autumn.

The screenings will be at Bourne End Community Centre. The May Woollerton Hall has full blackouts and new seating and will hopefully transport you back to the classic cinemas.

The Wye Valley Volunteer Bureau will be running a minibus service for all three films for people who are on their transport list to bring them to the cinema.

To book a place on the bus please contact the community centre office on 01628 522604 or email [minibus@TheNewRoyalty.org.uk](mailto:minibus@TheNewRoyalty.org.uk)

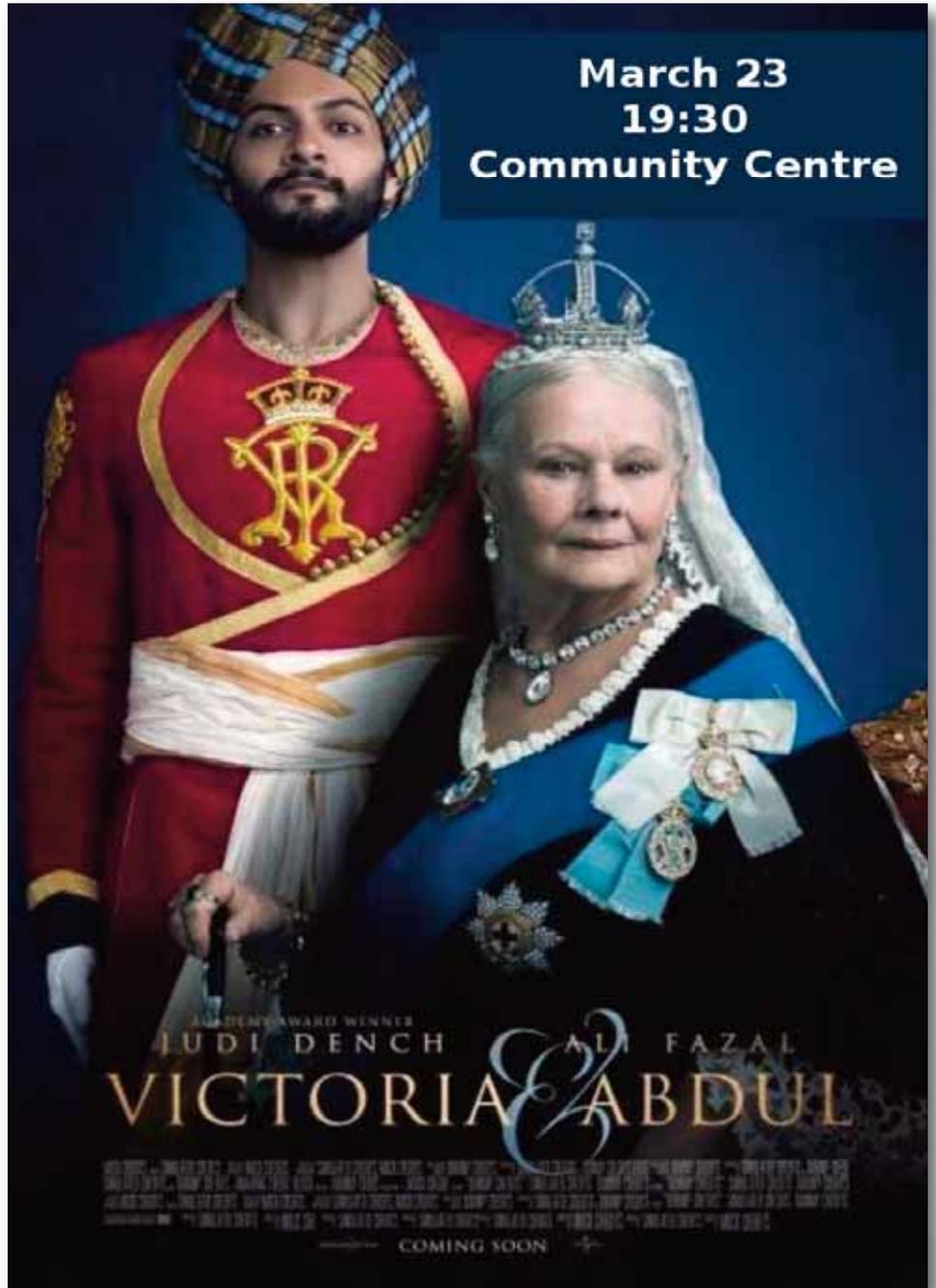
Cinema tickets for the pilot screenings will cost £5 and these can be obtained after February 17 by booking online at [TheNewRoyalty.org.uk](http://TheNewRoyalty.org.uk) or in person from the office at Bourne End Community Centre or by purchasing on the door (subject to availability).

For more information please visit

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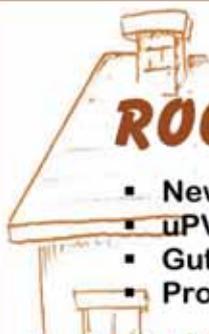
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# RNLI thank Luke for his fundraising efforts

A very special boy received a very special Certificate of Thanks from the RNLI South Bucks and Thames Branch in December.

Luke Jenkins, who lives in Bourne End and is a Downs Syndrome boy aged 15, has been helping on the annual house-to-house lifeboat collection for most of his life, starting as a babe in the sling together with his family, Mum Aisling, Dad Peter and sister Alicia.

Aisling commented: "Each year we went to the same houses, and I think the occupants were genuinely pleased to see us, but particularly Luke.

"I am sure that Luke's presence helped to increase our donations."

Over the years, the family Jenkins have collected in excess of a £1,000.

Luke, who was presented with his certificate at St Dunstan's Church said of his collecting for the lifeboats: "it's a good thing as they are very brave."

Michael Prager, Branch Chairman RNLI South Bucks & Thames said, "Now that the house-to-house collection has been discontinued it was an appropriate time to recognise an extraordinary service by this young man who has looked beyond his own challenges and raised funds to help the RNLI continue to save lives at sea, we are all very proud and inspired by Luke."



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# Forty years of carols

Some wonderful musical volunteers swing into action every year and decide a date then check to make sure they have all the right people available. It's the annual carol concert at the community centre and a key local event in the festive calendar.

December's was a special one as it was the 40th. Conductor John Timewell assured everyone that they really had been producing this special event for 40 years. And, as usual, it really was very good and they played to a full capacity hall.

Creating a programme takes skill when you have a few weeks and a handful of choir rehearsals. Everyone will want to sing along, but they will also want to be entertained. So you give them sing-along carols with some new arrangements and other new numbers that give the choir a chance to shine. Not forgetting the big sound of the Festival Brass and a few little treats thrown in – just to make it memorable.

Once the choir had taken their places John Timewell asked if any of them had been part of the carol concert since it started. Just a few hands were raised, but John delighted in the fact that they were there and happy to be part of another one.

Their version of *Gaudete* filled the hall with glorious sound – what a perfect start. Music and singing followed in equal measure. There was a special moment when a little girl sang the opening verse of *Away in a Manger* and Judith Timewell switched her accompaniment



even down to *White Christmas* and the voices rang to the roof for the final carol of *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*.

It was a great celebration before Christmas. And next year? Well the date is Sunday December 23 at 7.45pm and there's always a seat for you along with a cuppa and a mince pie!





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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I read with interest the letter in December's *Target* from a 'concerned Wooburn Green Resident' about the parking issues in Wooburn. We have a similar problem in Bourne End and have also been in communication with Councillor Mike Appleyard about our concerns.

One of the major issues is the parking on the central reservation that runs down Blind Lane in Bourne End. What was once a pleasant green space on a winding lane between Flackwell Heath and Bourne End/Well

End has over the years become a parking area not only for cars, but also large trucks and vans.

There is the additional hazard caused by drivers who then cut across the area and exit on to the busy main road.

Mr Appleyard has suggested that the only way to prevent parking on the grassed area would be to erect low bar fencing, but has said there are no funds available for this.

Finally in May 2017 we heard the good news that Councillor Appleyard was negotiating to put an order on a number of greens, including greens in Bourne End and Wooburn Green. We look forward to hearing what progress has been made on this.

*A concerned Bourne End resident (details supplied)*



## Hamper for the centre

A generous gift from Acorne Limited, who have their headquarters in Bourne End's Boston Drive, proved a great attraction in the foyer at the community centre. Decked out for the festive season it was decided to raffle the hamper in the weeks leading up to Christmas. An amazing £146 was raised for the community centre and local resident Maria Aldridge was the lucky winner.

Grateful thanks to Acorne Limited – who specialise in Virgin Experience Days – and to everyone who bought raffle tickets, stopped for a chat, inspected the treats in the hamper and supported Bourne End Community Centre.



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## What makes *Target* a good community magazine?

Delivery and deadlines are high on the list along with pictures, stories and information. The combination of all these is vital and each is equally important. So, ignoring all the glamorous bits, let's start with delivery because that's the end game – a *Target* through your letterbox.

Having a good, reliable and efficient printer is one essential. *Target* has used Gpex for many years and they understand that the magazine has to arrive on a certain day at a certain time. The community centre doesn't have the capacity to store heaps of boxes, nor the volunteers to move them.

*Target* day is usually the last Friday in the month before the date of the issue.

Before then any delivery changes will have been confirmed and there will be a label for each bundle – ready to go! Magazines arrive, volunteers arrive and work starts on counting and tying around 120 bundles.

Labelled trestle tables carry the names of more volunteers, this time the ones who deliver bundles. They sit patiently waiting to get the call to say "your *Targets* are ready". And they spring into action! Getting these bundles to the people who will deliver them is the name of the game.

*Target* has its followers – those who sit down and look through immediately – others who wait to make a cuppa and then enjoy a read – some who flick until a story grabs their attention – and admittedly a small number who ignore the magazine until they have a panic and need to find someone to help.

What's vitally important is getting the magazine out and being confident that those who deliver will do the job. A bundle distributor says that one lady is always waiting at the door with her coat on to take her bundle and start delivering.

Some will reckon that with children or grandchildren it's a great thing to do together.

There's no denying that things change. Flats that once housed older people who loved *Target* are occupied by singles and families who speak a variety of languages and are bemused by a 'community magazine'. The consolation is that they are willing to distribute when necessary and will comment on a story.

Sadly some of the large houses are protected by locked electric gates, that are password-only for deliveries. Security has become a big part of their lives and a community magazine is outside what is permitted. All we can say is that post-boxes solve the problem if you want to be part of the community.

To our advertisers we can say that *Target* is distributed promptly by a dedicated team of volunteers. Come 4pm on *Target* afternoon the last car, laden with bundles, leaves the community centre and peace is restored.

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## TAKE YOUR TARGET

Four Bourne Enders visited India and, of course, took their *Target*.

Pictured on the left l-r are David Davis, Lorna Hopper, Nick Hopper and Lesley Davis alongside the spice boat which offered two nights of tranquillity and bird watching at the end of their trip.

David had never seen a kingfisher so hoped he would – and it became a case of “not another one, they are just showing off!”

Together they had travelled India's golden triangle which connects the national capital Delhi, then Agra and Jaipur.

The trip included visiting the Taj Mahal at Agra then travelling west to the desert area around Rajasthan. Visiting Kerala on the coast was an added treat and a must for a picture with *Target*.

*Whatever trips you have planned for 2018 – whether it's a day trip to a garden or a visit to some far flung corner of the earth, may we remind you to Take your Target when you travel and take a picture for everyone to see. Ed*

## TAKE YOUR TARGET TWO!

Lorraine Clark took her *Target* to Bruges when she visited their fabulous Christmas market. Lorraine said it was very cold, but the city was beautiful with cobbled streets and well-preserved old buildings.

She actually went ice-skating on the rink in the background and enjoyed a wonderful pre-Christmas break.

Lorraine is the co-ordinator for Headway, the brain injuries charity, who use the community centre three days a week as a day centre for a number of people who have a wide range of problems associated with brain injuries.

“Remind *Target* readers that we urgently need volunteers,” Lorraine said “it's very good experience for students and a wonderful opportunity for anyone retired and looking for a volunteering opportunity. Just call in and see us at the centre from Tuesday to Thursday.”

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## **Bourne End & Cookham Rotary Club By John Dunsterville**

Despite the snow in December we managed to get the Christmas float out and go around the villages. The look of wonder on the faces of the little ones when they spied Santa made it all worthwhile. Bad weather made us cancel our Christmas party for the elderly at Bourne End Academy, but it was rescheduled in the new year.

Our main charities this year are Alzheimers Research and Medical Detection Dogs, which uses the amazing power of the dog's nose to detect minute odour traces created by diseases from urological to breast cancers.

We raised £200 at Little Marlow Bank Holiday Fete to which we added £400 and we handed £600 to Scannappeal. This will go towards the All Heart Appeal for Wycombe Hospital to help purchase a 3D Cardiology Scanner.

With all the bad stories in the press, it is heartening to know of all the good work being done by our charities. If you want to be involved contact John Dunsterville on 07811 702853.

## **Rotary Club of Cookham Bridge By Nancy Ovstedal**

As 2018 begins we look back on a full and fun year. Highlights include the Cookham Regatta, the Golf Day at Winter Hill Golf Club and the concert by the London Welsh Male Voice Choir at Taplow Court run in conjunction with Friends of Elizabeth House, which was a resounding success.

The club supported the Bourne End Fun Night with marshalling, Santa's Grotto and other duties which we all enjoyed. Rotary wives used their flair for face painting at the Wooburn Green Christmas light event raising money to donate to Wooburn Green Residents' Association and Rotary charities.

We also ran two bridge suppers to raise money for a school in Nepal. Nearer to home, we sponsored a young man, Nick Hodgetts, to train for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award at Rhos-y-Gwaliau, Wales. We also listened to a very good presentation by the Young Carers, another charity we sponsor.

We hope to pack 2018 with more interesting and fun activities. We are planning to work alongside young children within the school environment, inspired and developed by Rotary and called Rota-Kids. We shall be continuing with our annual events.

We welcome new male and female members. We are a friendly, happy crowd who enjoy making the lives of others more fun while having fun too. Contact membership@cookhamrotary.co.uk

## **Inner Wheel of Bourne End & Cookham By Elaine Morris**

Festive fun and fundraising for charity filled our December calendar with only one disappointment when snow caused our own Christmas lunch to be postponed until January.

Our Charity Bag Stall on Bourne End Fun Night and the Charity Christmas Tea in the community centre raised just over £1,000 for local charities and the Alexander Devine Children's Hospice due to open soon.

Every January members attend the Helping Hands morning at Thames Valley Adventure Park:

reboxing, repairing and remaking toys, games and dressing up costumes for re-use by people with learning difficulties. Invitation to a friendship lunch follows at the Burnham home of Slough Inner Wheel President.

Our meetings in February and March will be held at the home of a club member when we have interesting speakers booked. At our National Conference in March three members will join almost 2,000 members from across the UK.

Our very popular Charity Bridge Afternoon with tea is at 1pm for 1.30pm start on March 14 at Stubbings Soltau Centre. Would you like to book a table?

Email renarookard@gmail.com or visit www.innerwheeldistrict9.org.uk.

If you don't play Bridge then come along to our Colours Fashion Show at the community centre on Thursday April 26 at 7 for 7.30pm, again for charity.

## **Bourne End WI By Kath Acres**

In January we enjoyed an excellent talk entitled *Forty Years Catching Smugglers* from Malcolm Nelson who worked as a customs officer at Heathrow. We learned that carrying medium size black handbags through the Green Channel at Heathrow Customs is a bad idea as statistics show that for female drug smugglers these are the most popular handbags.

Members enjoyed an outing to John Rutter's Christmas Celebration Concert at the Albert Hall and a wonderful Christmas dinner at the Walnut Tree. We were pleased with the display of Stella Angels and stars (made from discarded aluminium drink cans found around Bourne End) that we arranged outside Bourne For Desserts.

An advance notice: the Mikron Theatre Company will perform *Get Well Soon*, a humorous look at the issues affecting the NHS on its 70th birthday, on Tuesday July 17 outside Spade Oak Farm (weather permitting, fall-back the community centre). This has been a sell-out show for the last three years. To reserve your tickets (£12) email bourneendwi@yahoo.com or call 01628 531521.

On Thursday February 1 at St Dunstan's Church Hall at 7.30pm Captain Ian McNaught (Master of the QE2 for five years until 2008 and now Deputy Master of Trinity House) will give a talk entitled *From Tramp Steamers to QE2, Queen Victoria and Trinity House*.

A couple of our members are regular contributors to the first ever regular WI radio show. We broadcast on Wycombe Sound Radio on the third Thursday of the month, 7-8pm, and the show is available on Listen Again (look for Jammin' With the WI).

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings and we have a short waiting list for new members that you are welcome to join. Email bourneendwi@yahoo.com.

## **Little Marlow & Well End WI By Pauline Clitheroe**

Members and visitors from fellow WIs experienced an afternoon of awe and wonder in December. Simon Williams, an ex-policeman who is now a member of the Magic Circle, explained that his interest in magic started at age five, when he was astounded when a magician produced a live dove

from an apparently empty fishing net.

He amused his audience with a number of tricks, including one involving Harry Houdini's teeth (purchased from Reading Market).

The January meeting was opened by the newly elected President, Susan Spearman (second year), who introduced the new committee.

Members completed their voting slips for the resolutions which will go forward for discussion. The re-scheduled lunch, due to inclement weather conditions, was announced. Members enjoyed the afternoon tea and the annual bring and buy sale.

## **Glory Mills Bowls Club By John Palfreyman**

Since the end of the outdoor season, the club arranged an evening meal at a local public house where they presented cups and plaques to those who had won or finished second in internal competitions.

A number of members have played indoor bowls at rinks at High Wycombe and at the time of writing are holding their own in competitions.

We are always looking to recruit new members for both outdoor and indoor seasons. Call 01494 673859 or email shirley.churn@btinternet.com

## **Bourne End & Wooburn WI By Janet Spill**

In November Georgina Savage did a sterling job chairing her first meeting as our new president. Bob Whelpton told us how chocolate evolved from a drink made from ground cocoa beans many centuries ago in South America into the bars we enjoy today – with tastings.

In December we enjoyed Christmas lunch at the Walnut Tree and a Christmas party, when Fiona Harrison entertained us with songs from the musicals.

A full 2018 programme begins on February 12 with Anne Bauling from Super Shoes, a charity empowering children fighting cancer. It takes place at 2pm in St Dunstan's Hall. Visitors are most welcome.

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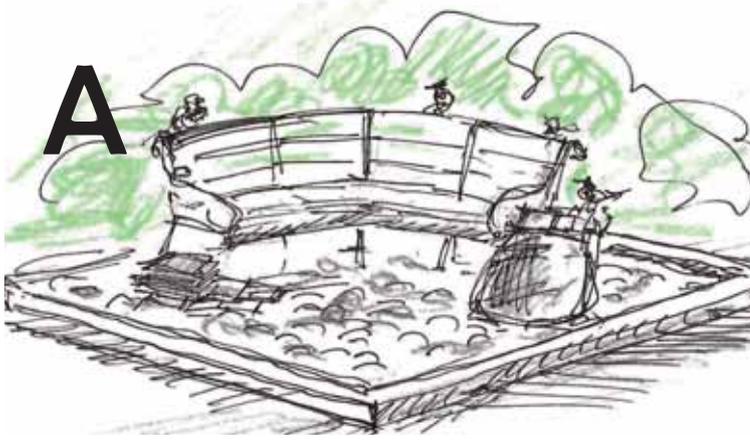
## **Bourne End and Cookham Probus Club By John Daymond**

On November 15 Dr Bruce Cherry spoke on *They Didn't Want to Die Virgins: Sex and Morale on the Western Front*, based on his book of the same name.

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Our annual Christmas lunch at Grovefield House Hotel on December 6 with 87 guests was a most enjoyable preface to the festive season.

To join our Probus Club contact Terry Scott on 01628 626047.



## You decide... on memorial for postlady Sandra

At long last a space outside the library has been agreed and a memorial to popular post lady Sandra Stanton will be placed there.

Its design is now over to YOU. After long discussions about the things that were important in Sandra's life it was decided that YOU should make the final decision.

A small wrought iron seat would be on a slightly raised plinth. With a bulging bag of post alongside and birds perched along the back it would represent her love of her job and her affection for wildlife. A plaque would be incorporated into the design. The wording would be simple: *Remembering Sandra Stanton – postlady and friend.*

Keeping the seat smaller than average would make it ideal for children, a perfect size to rest a bag of library books and not in competition with the library's seat and planter. It would nestle in the corner and, hopefully, be secure from any damage. It would be ideally suited for people to stop, see and remember someone special.

Now to the two designs. Design A is a simple curved seat with the postbag and birds etc. Design B comes from an idea which shows a love seat in the shape of an 'S' which stands for Sandra. Also with the postbag and wildlife.

NOW it is YOUR decision. Images of the two designs are at the top of this page. Just tick design A or design B. Cut it out and hand it in at the community centre.

Or, if you prefer not to cut up your Target, put A or B on a piece of paper and take that along.

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## GP's surgery merger update

Hawthornden and Pound House surgeries have been heartened by the response so far to their proposed merger. Comments from patients have been overwhelmingly supportive, with the vast majority expressing the opinion that this is a positive move for both.

Some queries from patients have included whether or not patients can attend whichever location is most convenient for them and whether or not prescriptions will be able to be collected from any location.

Patients will, indeed, be able to choose which location they would like to attend. While the GPs will largely be working from the same locations that they work from now, if patients would rather see a different GP in a more convenient location, they will have that option.

Some procedural details are still being worked out, however it is unlikely that there will be a secure and timely means of transferring paper prescriptions between sites. Patients are encouraged to sign up for electronic prescribing so that prescriptions can be sent electronically to their pharmacy of choice.

Patients are also to be advised that due to re-configurations of the IT systems, Pound House patients will need to re-register for online appointment booking while Hawthornden patients will need to re-register for all online services.

We will soon start notifying patients currently using these systems by text message.

We are also encouraging patients to be involved in naming the new partnership. Perspex ballot boxes are available at each site until the close of the feedback period (12/02/18).

The surgeries continue to take patient feedback about the proposal through to February 12 either by post or to [hawthornden.management@nhs.net](mailto:hawthornden.management@nhs.net) or [Poundhouse.management@nhs.net](mailto:Poundhouse.management@nhs.net)

**Anne Ronan, Practice Manager  
Pound House Surgery & Hawthornden Surgery**



## A fond farewell

St Mark's Church were sad to say goodbye to Michael and Rosemary Payne on New Years Eve as they are leaving Bourne End and moving to Wales.

Both Rosemary, as an Associate Priest and Michael have been active in the life of St Mark's for many years.

Michael has done a stalwart job as Churchwarden for some years and his knowledge, expertise and attention to detail will be greatly missed.

St Mark's wish them every happiness in their new home and say they are sure Michael will enjoy getting his new garden in order.

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# Bourne End Community Library

by Inka D'Agostino, library manager

"Late February days; and now, at last,  
Might you have thought that  
winter's woe was past;  
So fair the sky was and so soft the air."  
- William Morris

After a dark and dismal start to the year I do hope William Morris will be proved right with some sunny days in late February and March.

If this is too much to ask of our weather then come and enjoy the Winter days at Bourne End Library.

We have two events lined up for you.

February's **Lifestyle Club** will take place on Friday 23 at 10.30am. To tie in with St Valentine's day, February's event will be *Red Lipstick and Revelations*, a poetry reading by Jan Moran Neil.

According to the Bucks Free Press "Ms Moran Neil mesmerised the audience with her reading. As well as being a novelist, playwright and poet, she is also an accomplished actress, so a plain reading was never on the cards". Please note that this event replaces the one previously advertised which will now take place in March.

In March, the Lifestyle Club welcomes art historian, Suzanne Carr, who will give us an illustrated talk entitled *The Highlights of the National Gallery*. This will take place on Friday March 16.

Tickets to our Lifestyle talks are £3 to include tea or coffee and biscuits.

By popular demand, after his very successful Walk the Lines event last year, Mark Mason will be back hosting our **Library Quiz** on Friday April 6.

Mark will be devising the questions as well as being quiz master. For those of you who missed last year's library quiz my advice is to get your tickets as soon as possible as it was an absolute sell out.

You can organise a table of eight or come and be allocated a table. Tickets at £15 include a fish and chips supper and are on sale at the library.

If you would like to continue with your New Year's resolution of keeping fit, **Simply Walk** sessions start from the library every Wednesday at 10.15am.

Come and join this very sociable group, all are welcome.

For further information about library activities, tickets for our events or to hire our community rooms please contact us on lib-boe@buckscc.gov.uk call 01296 382415 or leave a message on our Facebook page: Friends of Bourne End Library.

## A wise book by young author

Kalpna Choudhuri is very proud of her niece and delights in talking about her, the book she has written and her plans to return to Wooburn Green in the Summer.

"Mrinalini spent five months living here before travelling to the United States to be an undergraduate in Ohio. She loved her stay, made lots of friends, visited the marina frequently and walked along the river".

Now aged 19, *Belief* was written by Mrinalina Mitra two years ago and is a lovely book from such a young author.

"I've always wanted to write," Mrinalini told *Target* on the phone from Ohio, "and the theme of *Belief* came after long conversations with my father."

Mrinalina's visit in the Summer will be en-route back to India and her family before returning to America and her international law studies.

Mrinalini is also a painter, poet, pianist and an artist. She designed the book's front cover and some of her poetry features inside.

*Belief* centres around Mason Stewart, a recluse,

who had lost the most cherished relationships in his life and shut himself away. He leads a quiet life until his granddaughter Emily arrives without any notice. Emily's inquisitive mind opens a life of possibilities for those she meets.

Kalpna was born in India and came to England when she married. That was in March 1985. After study she qualified as a teacher and juggled work and raising her son and daughter while creating a home in Stratford Drive for her husband and the family. "I love Bourne End and Wooburn Green,



but return to India to see my family," she explains.

These days she only teaches four days a week. It gives a little more time to visit her daughter and new grandson. "My daughter is a GP in Bishop Stortford" she explains "so it is a case of going to see them. Which is lovely."

Kalpna explains that education is revered in India and young people take advantage of opportunities to learn and progress.

"Mrinalini is so clever and she is taking every opportunity to seek out the right place to study. I hope she will keep on writing – and, of course, coming back here to visit the friends she made."

*Belief* by Mrinalini Mitra is available on the internet at Amazon or Goodreads.

Left: Kalpna with her copy of *Belief*  
Top right: Mrinalini signing books





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# Past times...



John Wilkes came to Chalklands in 1938 when his parents bought a new bungalow for £550. He was seven years old and, until last year, the bungalow at 141 was his home through growing up, starting work, marrying, having a family and eventually moving into an active retirement. He remembers Chalklands as a very different place then and it was only the prospect of moving that prompted these memories. It was also being urged by Bill Leftwich, chairman of the Chalklands Residents Association, to leave the memories for future Chalklands residents...

Chalklands was owned by the Jameson family and John Wilkes recalls that some of the homes were built before the outbreak of the Second World War.

Building work ceased during the war and started again afterwards. During the war the Land Army built a tented camp at the top of Chalklands where numbers 67, 69, 71, 73 and 75 are now. They built a brick kitchen which was left standing (possibly in number 67 or 69).

All the children used to collect jam jars and conkers for the war effort. Arthur Jameson also gave permission to grow vegetables on the land where numbers 13 and 15 are now, but without much success.

At 129 John remembers Mr and Mrs Roberts. Their daughter Nelly was a 'knocker up' for the Home Guard as they were one of the few families who had a telephone.

When there was a 'flap' on she would cycle round knocking to wake up the Home Guard to report to HQ, which is where Hunt and Nash are now. John recalls that the members of the Home Guard were Mr Wilkes, Mr Wheeler, Stan Roberts and Sid Hare.

John remembers the Home Guard in action along Marlow Road and he recalls that at 56 Chalklands there was Mr and Mrs Meek. Mr Meek was in the Home Guard because, due to a mining accident in South Wales, he could not join the army. At 8 Chalklands there was Mr and Mrs Robinson. Mr

Robinson was a member of the Royal Observer Corps. He used to go to the Observer post next to the cemetery in Broad Lane.

There are more memories from John as he recalls that at 26 there was Mr and Mrs Townsend. Mr Townsend worked at Broom & Wade making tanks and his wife started a club called CVC (Chalklands Victory Club). At 30 Chalklands there was Mr and Mrs Ken Meek. Ken was in the RAF and worked on Spitfires in North Africa. At the end of the war in 1945 a large bonfire was constructed on the roundabout. The Land Army girls brought along lorry loads of timber for this. Arthur Jameson came up with a can of paraffin to light the fire.

On a sadder note John remembers that at 39 Chalklands there were the Saint family. One of their sons was killed in the war. John can remember the coffin being delivered by Great Western Railway, then transported by lorry from the railway station. Another son, Wally, married Miss Dow who was headmistress at Wooburn Church School.

After the war John started to work for Arthur Jameson as an apprentice plumber, working on all the new houses and bungalows as work restarted on the Chalklands estate.

The builders yard was at numbers 66 to 72 as well as 31, which was the back entrance to Arthur Jameson's house in Blind Lane.

John remembers that building materials were in very short supply. Arthur Jameson bought Bracknell Brickworks' entire stock. These red sand bricks were known as rubbers. Mr White, who lived at No 43, was hired to transport the bricks. John went on two trips to pick some up with him.

Looking at numbers 57-59 you will see some of the bricks. Plot numbers 91-101 needed a licence for the bricks as the homes were being built for the workers at Jacksons Mill.

While waiting for the next customer Arthur Jameson used to keep cows and chickens where plots 109 to 119 now stand. He also farmed other bits of land and thought nothing of taking workers off for a day's haymaking when necessary.

John Wilkes was married in 1971 to Marilyn Pink whose family had moved out from Wembley. Her brother Derek has become a well renowned builder of good quality houses. John and Marilyn were able to continue living at 141 and set about creating a family home.

With a planned move to be closer to their daughter and her family John looked back on other Chalklands residents who were a vital part of the growth of Bourne End. At the first house there was Mr and Mrs Jack Bine. Jack worked at Loveridges Garage in the village. At number 47 lived Mr and Mrs Hedley Shortland. John and Naomi owned the Shortlands Department Store in the village. At number 42 lived Mr and Mrs Webb. They were the first residents to have a television after the war and used to invite the children to watch 'Muffin the Mule'.

John's list goes on to talk about Mr and Mrs Willard who lived at 82. Mr Willard was the manager at the Royalty Cinema in the village (where the carpet shop is now).

And while his numbering is correct there was a time when Arthur Jameson gave the next number to the home he was building - even if there were plots in between. Chalklands numbering was a postman's nightmare for many years.

In assembling John's notes Bill Leftwich says "We live in an age where time appears to be passing faster and faster and where we can so easily forget life as it was experienced in the past.

"Perhaps it is a symptom of getting older myself that I believe that it is essential that the older generations in our community are encouraged to recall these wonderful memories and recollections, both good and bad, and that these are recorded and documented for the benefit of future generations. John has done us all a great service in this respect."

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Dads' Little Steps, our monthly toddler group for Dads with their youngsters, will take place on Saturdays February 3 and March 3, 10-11.30am at the Chapel on the Green. Enjoy a cuppa and a bacon roll with other Dads while the little ones play (cost £2 per family).

Tuesday Lunch Club meets weekly at 12.30pm in the hall at the Chapel on the Green. For more information contact Dave Bitcheno on 07894 143925 or [d.bitcheno@sky.com](mailto:d.bitcheno@sky.com).

Our weekly toddler group, Little Steps, meets on Thursday mornings in the hall at the Chapel on the Green, 10am to midday. For further information visit [www.wooburngreen.org](http://www.wooburngreen.org)



### St John the Baptist

After a very busy Christmas with Nativity plays, Carol Service, Crib Services, Midnight and Christmas Day services there follows a period of calm with our normal Sunday services as we lead up to Lent.

Ash Wednesday on February 14 marks the beginning of Lent with a service at 8pm. Lent courses will be available across the team, details of which will be on the website.

A special Mothering Sunday service is on March 11 at 11am. Palm

Sunday is on March 25 and Good Friday on March 30, which then brings us to Easter Day with our Family Communion at 11am followed by an Easter Egg hunt.

For information regarding baptisms, weddings or any other queries contact the parish office on 01628 481806 or visit [www.4u-team.org](http://www.4u-team.org).



### St Mark's Church

St Marks would like to invite you to join us for any of our services and events, you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Regular Sunday worship with Holy Communion is at 10.30am every Sunday with the exception of the second Sunday of the month when our Holy Communion service is at 8am. We then have our family-friendly all age Pathway service at 10.30am.

Where there is a fifth Sunday in the month, all are welcome to join us at 4pm for a 'Bit of Peace'. Sit back and relax while listening to beautiful poems, readings and music; a great way to have some 'me time' in today's hectic lifestyles.

We have a short Holy Communion service



followed by a simple but delicious lunch every Thursday at midday. Our popular Monday Café is open 10am-midday every week in the hall, do drop in for a cuppa and chat.

Puffins, the baby and toddler group, takes place every Wednesday 10am-11.30am. Join us for unhurried conversation and refreshments while the children play. All parents, grandparents and carers with small children are welcome

A Confirmation course started in January and St Mark's will be hosting the Confirmation Service on March 4 presided over by the Bishop of Buckingham.

At our regular Bible study on Thursdays at 35 Blind Lane we are studying the book of Hebrews. All are welcome to join.

Messy Church starts again on the first Sunday of February, 3.30-5pm, with creative fun and a free meal for every child.

Lent starts on February 14 with our Ash Wednesday service. We will be running a Lent course based on the beatitudes.

Before that we have a Jazz Evening on Saturday February 10 to lighten those dark evenings and help celebrate Valentine's Day.

For more information visit [parishesofhedsorandbourneend.co.uk](http://parishesofhedsorandbourneend.co.uk) or our Facebook page (St Marks Church Bourne End).

### Cores End United Reformed Church

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our Christmas Concert, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all and the mulled wine and mince pies were very welcome afterwards.

Our charity coffee morning raised nearly £600 profit, which was shared between Wycombe Homeless

Connection, Wycombe Refugee Partnership and the URC Commitment for Life.

At our toy service on December 3 we donated a huge amount of toys to Barnardo's Wycombe.

The Christmas Children's Fun Day was a great success and our Easter Fun Day is already planned for Saturday March 24.

Lent begins on February 14 and there will be opportunities for reflection on the Christian faith through Sunday services and at Lent groups.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, March 25, with the distribution of palm crosses. This is followed by Maundy Thursday communion and a simple lunch at 12.30pm, Good Friday service on March 30 with reflection at 11.30am, and then Easter Sunday Communion Service at 11.30am with the decoration of the cross.

Our church celebrates its 250th anniversary after Easter with a variety of events, including services taken by many former ministers, a concert of secular and religious music through the years, and some living memories in the form of an exhibition and a commemorative booklet to keep.

For more information on any of our services or events please check our website.

### St Dunstan's Church

After the joyful Christmas celebrations with our new priests, Fr Sean and Fr Shyju, January has been quieter, but still busy.

Enrolment for First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes has begun and the Confirmation Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Peter in mid-June.



Our trainee deacon, Brent Adonis, will be ordained to the permanent diaconate in June, so there will be much to celebrate mid-year.

Many of us attended an informative lecture entitled Bringing the Gospel of John to Life, given by Brian Purfield of the Mount Street Jesuit Team, at St Teresa's Church in January. There was also a CAFOD Supporters' Day outlining the charity's work in El Salvador and Zimbabwe.



2018 has been designated Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation by Bishop Peter and we are reflecting on themes associated with this on the third Saturday of each month, starting with Mass at 9.30am, prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, then a short break before a talk starting at 11am and lasting about 45 mins. In January Fr Sean led a very interesting discussion about Christian Unity.

Andrew Compton, a third-year student from St Mary's College in Oscott, has spent three weeks with us as part of his training for the priesthood. We have enjoyed meeting him and wish him every success for the future.

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

St Paul's is excited to be running an Alpha course. A series of interactive sessions, suitable for new and mature Christians, will be held to discuss life and the Christian faith in an informal, fun and friendly environment.

One session will run on Mondays from February 19 to May 14 (excluding April 2 and 9), 7.30-9.30pm at St Paul's Hall.

A second session will run on Friday mornings from February 23 to May 18 (March 30 tbc, excluding April 6 and 13), 9.30-11.30am. Activities and toys will be provided for children during the discussion at St Paul's hall.

Both courses will come together for one day on Saturday April 21, 10am-4pm. For more information contact [events-stpauls@mail.com](mailto:events-stpauls@mail.com) or ring Martin at the vicarage on 01628 521209.

Family Breakfasts continue each month on Saturdays February 3 and March 3 at St Mary's. They are free but a collection will be taken. To book please contact [wstangowilson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wstangowilson@yahoo.co.uk)

A Revive Service takes place on Sundays February 4 and March 4 at 6pm at St Paul's Church. It runs for 45 minutes and is a time of quiet meditative prayer and music. Individual prayer can also take place.

Social lunches will be held on Sundays February 11 and March 11. For information contact Shirley on 01628 312613.

Our regular activities continue with Sunday Club every Sunday for primary aged children at 9.30am at St Paul's Hall.

Friday Communion service and lunch is held at St Mary's at midday. Toddlers meet on Tuesdays at 9.30am at St Paul's Church hall.

Tots Praise is on Fridays at 9.45am at St Paul's Church Hall. From February 23 this group will be the morning Alpha course.

To hire St Mary's Church hall or St Paul's Church hall and Garden contact [stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com) or 01628 525512. [www.stpaulswooburn.org](http://www.stpaulswooburn.org)



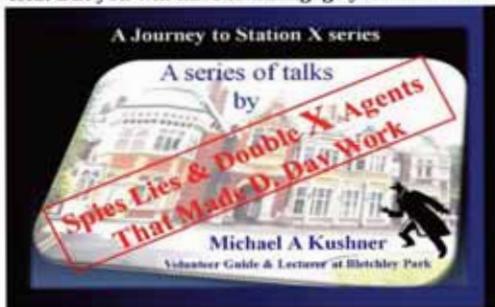


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## Peter Pan is fly-away success

Rocking crocodile strutted his stuff through the auditorium at the start of Forum Players pantomime *Peter Pan* at the community centre in January. He was on the lookout for a tasty morsel. Technology then took the audience flying to Neverland along with the Brown children, Peter Pan and a very truculent Tinkerbell. I loved the *Me and my Shadow* routine with Peter and shadow.

Beautifully dressed Indians with an amazing chief, pirates with a perfectly matched pair of idiots, lost boys, they all rampaged across the stage in quick succession along with Nanna Smee who couldn't keep up with everyone when they flew away.

Captain Hook, black curly hair and that nasty hook which was never mentioned, told Tinkerbell that he once ate a pirate for breakfast. And you believed him. His ship looked good close to as well as in the distance from Neverland. As did all the sets – even down to the rocks – essential to hide behind!

Songs were belted out by the young members of Forum Players aided by slim head mikes – technology from the amateur dramatic group which celebrates 50 years at the community centre this year. They also made full use of the large screen to transport everyone to Neverland and back to London when the children missed their family and opted out of Peter Pan's 'adventures'.

I wasn't sure that *Peter Pan* was panto material, but Forum Players certainly proved me wrong. Fishy ultra violet scene was beautifully done and as for the mermaids – they were mesmerising and completely unforgettable – especially their breast stroke to get off stage.

Not only do Forum Players get a 'high five' for this show – they also got a standing ovation. Well done. *Review by Barrie Penfold*



LEFT: Wendy Keeble (left) and Ros Bartlett are the comic pirate pair Rum and Coke



RIGHT: Mollie Thorne as Tinkerbell is ready to fly back to Neverland

December Christmas match was held at New Farm Fishery, the weather was wintery and seasonal, and the lake acted like Scrooge, giving very little away. First place went to chairman Roy Savin with one solitary carp of 4lb 15oz, second place went to Mick Shurrock with a hard earned 1lb 10oz of very small silver fish, third place was John Wallis with 12oz. There were more blanks on the day than we wish to remember.

This time of year you realise why they call our sport fishing and not catching, frustration does not come close to explaining how you feel after six hours of extreme concentration and effort without any success. Let's hope temperatures rise in time for our next match in March.

\* A ledger is a weight that fixes to the line, it allows you to fish on the bottom and a bite is shown by the sensitive tip of the rod being pulled around. This is an alternative to using a float.



*Make a date with our regular jazz evenings in the community centre on the first Tuesday of each month. We provide a warm, welcoming atmosphere for jazz enthusiasts and lovers of live music.*

*Music starts at 8pm. The £5 entrance includes raffle ticket with great prizes. It's unmissable!*

**In the Pocket**  
**Tuesday 6th February**  
**The Max Brittain Band**  
**Tuesday 6th March**



## CINEMA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**The New Royalty cinema at the community centre**  
**MARCH 23:**  
**Victoria & Abdul**  
**at 8pm**  
**APRIL 22:**  
**Viceroy's House**  
**at 3.30pm**  
**MAY 24: Dunkirk**  
**at 8pm**  
**SEE PAGE 23 for more details**

## Membership costs and application form

- £5
- £5
- £10
- £5
- £10
- £3
- £4
- £60
- £30

### APPLICATION FORM

Cut out and send or hand to:

The Manager, Bourne End Community Centre,  
 Wakeman Road, Bourne End, Bucks SL8 5SX

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

Email address: .....

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP..... AMOUNT PAID.....

## OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

### Bourne End Twinning Association

Our next event is our AGM with buffet supper on Saturday March 3, 7pm for 7.30pm start, at St Dunstan's Church Hall, SL8 5AR.

On January 6 members and visitors met to round off the festive season by sharing the Galette des Rois (Kings' Pie). The afternoon was a friendly get-together for tea, coffee and chat, the highlight being the traditional frangipane tart eaten at Epiphany (see photos right).

We enjoyed crowning the 'kings' and 'queens' whose slice contained a token (originally a bean), a custom going right back through Christian to Roman times, when a slave could lord it over the feast if lucky. The French no longer have to call the galette Equality Pie, as happened briefly after the 1789 Revolution; but Monsieur Macron has to do without a lucky token and cardboard crown when he enjoys his galette: republican France doesn't want any more kings at the Elysée Palace!

We were delighted to welcome some new members. How about you? To find out about twinning, join in the fun, or book your place in time for the AGM and supper on March 3, contact Wendy or David Langford on 01628 520065, langford@thamesinternet.com. Our website is [www.bebta.ukgo.com](http://www.bebta.ukgo.com), and our 'twin' is Octeville sur Mer, Normandy, at [www.cjo.fr](http://www.cjo.fr)

### 1st Bourne End Scout Group

It has been a very busy year for us. Thanks to a very dedicated leader team lots of fun activities have taken place, while the number of young people in the group has continued to rise. For three years in a row, the group has been among the groups with the most significant growth in the whole of Bucks, with total numbers now close to two hundred.

Activities in 2017 included many camping trips covering Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, taking place in different seasons. Did you know that camping even takes place in the Winter, the infamous February Freezer?

There has also been shooting, rafting and climbing events, as well as a Jamboree selection. To raise precious funds to keep subs as low as possible, we organised a band night, quiz night and Summer barbecue.

I hope you saw 1st Bourne End Scout group selling chestnuts at the Bourne End Fun Night, as well as packing bags at Waitrose at Handy Cross?

The group has been committed again this last year to making improvements to the HQ and resources to give the young people the best opportunities. Trees have been cut back, safety fencing renewed and the garden tidied. Rafting equipment, cool boxes and hike tents are some examples of purchases last year. Donations are always gratefully received.

A big thank you to all the leaders, assistant leaders and young leaders who volunteer their time to run two Beaver colonies, two Cub packs, two Scout troops and one Explorer unit. It's not only the time and effort that is involved when the young people are present,



Photos from the twinning association's Galette event

but a great deal of work behind the scenes.

Unfortunately, the Yukon Beaver colony may have to close unless some assistant leaders can be found to support the running of the colony. A treasurer is also needed for the group. If you can help with any of these roles please contact Roxy at [besg.chairman@gmail.com](mailto:besg.chairman@gmail.com) or Emma at [besg.gsl@gmail.com](mailto:besg.gsl@gmail.com).

I am sure 2018 will be another exciting year in Scouting.

### Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

If you've always wanted to learn more about flower arranging then 2018 could be your year. Our meeting in the large hall at the community centre on Tuesday February 6 at 7.30 for 8pm gives our club demonstrators a chance to share inspirational designs you can try at home.

There is nothing better than hearing how to achieve an effect, tips about the way to keep flowers and clever combinations that really work. And it will all happen there in front of you. What a perfect opportunity for would-be flower arrangers of the future.

Our meeting on March 6 introduces Sandra Gunner with a display called *Magic Moments*. As usual our lucky raffle winners take home the displays created during the evening.

Visit [www.bbando.org.uk](http://www.bbando.org.uk), email [Bourneend@bbando.org](mailto:Bourneend@bbando.org), or call 01628 476641. We are also on facebook at [www.facebook.com/bourneendfas](http://www.facebook.com/bourneendfas)

### Bucks Family History Society

On Tuesday February 13 we welcome back an old friend when Richard Poad, from Maidenhead Heritage Centre, makes a welcome return. Richard's talk is called *The Rural Dean* and relates the life and times of a Cookham doctor in the 1920s and 30s. A box of documents donated to the heritage centre forms the basis of this talk.

On Tuesday March 13 Kirsty Gray's talk is called *Heir Hunting – the real deal*. It

concentrates on situations when someone dies without leaving a will and with no immediate kin. The value of the estate is held by HM Treasury Department and allows time for the rightful heirs to make a claim. Kirsty will talk about tracing the family tree of the deceased to locate individuals who are potential beneficiaries.

Members meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the small hall at the community centre at 7.30pm. Entry is £4 for non-members and £2 for members at our talks by knowledgeable speakers. We are a friendly group with wide experience so please come along and find out more. Visit [www.bucksfhs.org.uk](http://www.bucksfhs.org.uk)

### Wye Valley Volunteers

Most locals are aware that Wye Valley Volunteers offers transport to people (mainly elderly) to medical appointments. Less well known are the various services that offer friendship, companionship and support. In the home visiting service great relationships are forged between the volunteer team and those visited.

The drop-in coffee mornings at the community centre (Tuesdays and Thursdays – transport available on Tuesdays) bring a lot of pleasure to the regulars while the monthly luncheon club provides a good hot meal and plenty of entertaining chat to some who are less mobile or live on their own.

Various services are made possible by the community minibus. As well as transporting clients to the luncheon club, the minibus is used for shopping trips and outings and is available to other organisations for similar purposes. It is planned that it will be involved in providing transport to the pilot film screenings at the community centre (see page 23).

If you are interested in finding out more about any of our services please contact us by phone on 01628 521027, by email at [enquiries@wyevalleyvolunteers.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@wyevalleyvolunteers.co.uk) or in person at the Community Volunteer Office, Wakeman Road, Bourne End SL8 5SX – open 10am to midday each weekday.

To run these services we regularly need to recruit volunteers. There is an almost constant need to find new drivers because of retirement etc. You may have spotted our 'little yellow car' business cards for driver recruitment. To talk about the various options for volunteering, do please contact us.

#### Marlow and District Railway Society

In November we had an 'in-house' presentation from our treasurer, Peter Robins, with a show entitled *British Rail – not quite Modern Image* which featured a large number of Peter's excellent photographs of early diesel locomotives at work all over the country during the 1970s and 80s and kept the membership thoroughly entertained.

The Christmas social evening proved an excellent way to end the society's year in good spirits.

On February 15 we are privileged to have Sir Peter Hendy, Chairman of Network Rail, visiting us to talk about the importance of railways to the UK in terms of economic growth, jobs and housing, the challenges faced in operating the railway today, and future developments coming in the rail industry. This talk follows a short Annual General Meeting.

On March 15 we have *Locomotives of the North British Locomotive Company* by Ken Livermore, who as hon sec of the NBL Preservation Group is involved with the preservation of locos from all over the world.

Visitors are always welcome to our meetings, which start at 8pm, with a small charge of £3. Visit [www.mdrs.org.uk](http://www.mdrs.org.uk)

#### Marlow Maidenhead Passenger Association

Although confirmation was received at the Marlow Branch Working Group that ticket vending machines would be installed at Marlow and Cookham on December 12, this was subsequently cancelled. GWR stated it is now hoped to install them in February; because of the isolated location they will be card only.

Cookham ticket office remains closed although remedial work to the building is reported as complete. We have been advised that GWR will not be providing RADAR locks as they are frequently vandalised. The temporary green portacabin is open for ticket sales, 6.30am to 11.30am Monday to Friday only. A new member of staff is being trained and should be in post in February which will allow Saturday opening from 8am to 11.30am.

Survey work at Bourne End to enable two trains per hour on the branch had been booked through Network Rail for October/ November but didn't take place. It is hoped that a viable track design will be approved by May 2018 but NR can take a further three months to finalise. A completion date for the track work is not known. A shuttle service from Bourne End to Marlow and two trains per hour between Bourne End and Maidenhead have been requested, but GWR claim that this is not viable.

# CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

## FEBRUARY

- 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 and 8pm
- 3 Sat Salsa at the centre. Salsa lesson 7.45 to 8.15pm for beginners only. Social salsa dancing 8.15pm to midnight
- 4 Sun Magpie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm
- 5 Mon Wooburn Pub Lunch Club (for the over 55s) 12.30pm in The Old Bell. Contact needs to be made for your first lunch. Call Margaret Amos on 01628 525033
- 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 and 8pm
- 10 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in the library
- 10 Sat Flicks – Saturday Night at the Movies. A musical evening at the community centre with West End stars and top vocal acts. See poster page 36
- 11 Sun Table top sale at the centre 9.30am to 11.30am. Call Caroline on 01628 485642 to take part
- 16 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 16 Fri Social dance with Barbara and David at 8pm. Good dancing in friendly company
- 23 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 24 Sat Cancion at Norden Farm, Maidenhead with local classical soprano Izzy Cooper at 7.30pm. See poster page 15

## MARCH

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- 2 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 3 Sat Quiz and Supper Evening at Cores End United Reformed Church, Bourne End. For details contact Ann Pendergast on 01628 526865
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- 18 Sun Free performance of 'King Arthur' by Henry Purcell from 4pm in the small hall. Musicians and singers from the Thames Baroque Workshop will rehearse from 10am then provide a concert from 4pm. All are welcome as the workshop appreciate an audience. For further information contact Norma Herdson on 01628 621367.
- 23 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 2pm and 8pm
- 23 Fri Launch of the New Royalty Cinema in the community centre. Showing the film Victoria and Abdul (with Judi Dench) at 8pm Full details page 23

*The next issue of Target will cover April and May 2018*

*Email editor@targetmagazine.org.uk by Monday February 26 to get your event included in the calendar. The magazine will be published on Friday March 23.*

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# THE FALCON QUIZ

Set and sponsored by The Falcon Pub, Wooburn Moor

Katie Lamb, landlady of The Falcon Pub in Wooburn Moor, has taken on the challenge of setting a quiz in *Target* each issue. Katie, who is no stranger to setting pub quizzes, is also offering the prize of a meal for two at the pub. For your chance to win, send in your answers to the questions below by email to [editor@targetmagazine.org.uk](mailto:editor@targetmagazine.org.uk) (with the subject line Falcon Quiz) or write down your answers and drop them in at the community centre. Don't forget to include your contact details. The winner will be picked at random from all the correct entries on the closing date Monday March 5. Good luck!

If you have enjoy this quiz The Falcon has a weekly pub quiz it's starts at 8.30pm on Mondays £2 per per person, money and prizes to win on the night plus a roll over cash jackpot.

## Part One - Valentine's theme

- 1) What are the surnames of Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers Romeo and Juliet?
- 2) In which city is the real St Valentine buried?
- 3) Which flowers are traditionally given to symbolise love?
- 4) Venus, the roman goddess was who's mother?
- 5) Which poet wrote A Red, Red Rose?
- 6) If you are quick to show your feelings, where are you said to wear your heart?
- 7) Who played the title role in the film Shirley Valentine?
- 8) In medieval times love wasn't associated with the heart, but with which organ?
- 9) Which museum holds a letter which is believe to be the oldest valentine in existence?
- 10) Which famous singer had her acting debut in the 2010 film Valentine's Day?

## Part Two - March

- 11) If you were born in March which two signs of the zodiac could you be?
- 12) The month of March is named after the God of what?
- 13) On which day in March is St David's Day?
- 14) Who was assasonated on the Ides of March (15th)
- 15) Which sport has a tournament called March Madness?
- 16) Often held in March, between which two bridges does the London boat race run?
- 17) Born on the 30th of March 1853 which artist painted The Starry Night?
- 18) Aleksei Leonov was the first man to do what on the 18th March 1965?
- 19) Which March born magician is remembered every year with the Broken Wand ceremony held at his graveside?
- 20) Which American National park opened in March 1872?

ANSWERS TO PICTURE QUIZ IN LAST ISSUE: 1 page 27, 2 page 26, 3 page 19, 4 page 25, 5 page 23, 6 .page 10.  
The winner was Gerry Gore, Highfield Road, Bourne End.



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Wooburn Moor, HP10 ONE

**Tel: 01628 522752**

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**Tuesday is Curry Night,**  
**Wednesday is Rib Night,**  
**Thursday is Thrifty Night, then**  
**Fishy Friday, Raffle Saturday and**  
**Traditional Roast on Sunday**

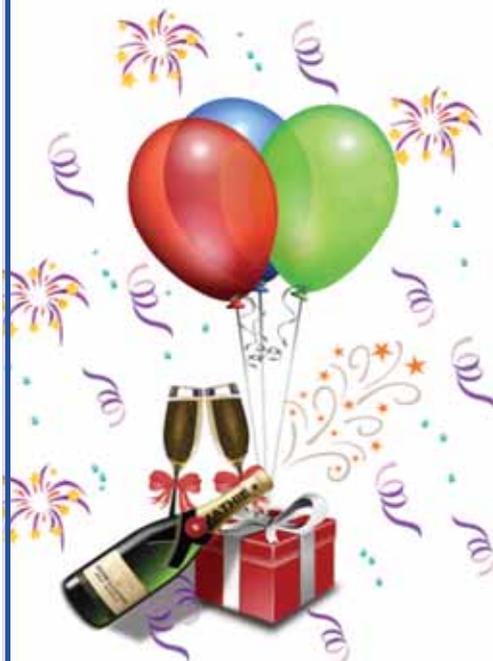
### *Special Events for* *February and March*

Saturday 10 February – live music  
with the Rock Doctors – come and  
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local band

**Vinyl Night – Friday 25 February**  
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Bring and play your own  
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for more information



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