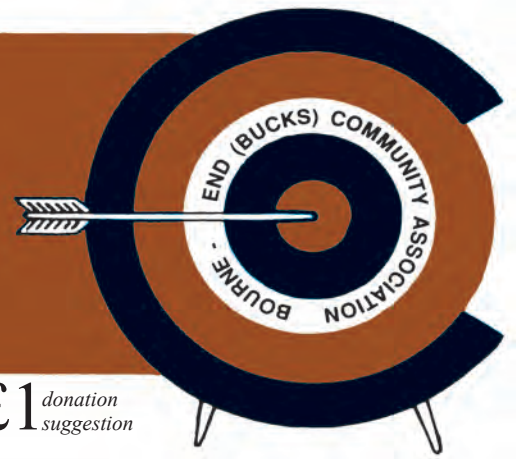


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WE WON!

Wooburn and Bourne End winner in Buckinghamshire's Best Kept Village competition

In 2025, Wooburn and Bourne End finished joint runners-up in the Pushman Cup for Buckinghamshire's Best Kept Village, coming within three points of the overall winner.

This year, we have gone one better and won the Pushman Cup outright. We are so proud of this achievement in only our second year of entry.

Our entry was judged during July, and we improved our score to achieve 194 marks out of a maximum 200.

Judged on a range of criteria, we received scores of 100% in most sections – with numerous compliments from the judges.

They noted that the quality of our competition entry was exceptional, with clear walking

routes marked and photographs which really helped with identification.

Our entry also pointed to strong evidence of community engagement, thanks to articles on our websites, newsletters, social media, and posters.

We were praised for the quality of our Green Spaces, including children's play areas, cricket/tennis facilities, the new path around Wooburn Park, and the beauty of the Warren Nature Reserve conservation area.

There were 100% scores for our floral displays: hanging baskets and flower beds in Wooburn and planters in



Bourne End; our general features, hedges, verges, and wildflower areas were in very good order; and bus stops, bus shelter noticeboards, information signs were informative and very clean. The War Memorial was excellent too.

The parish council would like to pay tribute to all the local organisations and residents who have contributed to the winning

of this award, as well as our parish ground staff for their tireless maintenance of the council green spaces and verges.

Special mention must go to Wooburn Residents' Association and the dedicated Best Kept Village volunteer network supporting tidy ups, litter picking, and planting across the parish.

Report by Ian Blazey

Chair of Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council.

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COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

See our cinema listings here and turn the page for more activities and events at your community centre

Sunday 18th October 14:00

Doors open 13:20 for refreshments

Tickets £6 Members - £7 Non members

online at TheNewRoyalty.org.uk or

from the Centre office 01628 522604



Sonny Hayes was the most promising driver in the 1990s in FORMULA 1® until an accident on the track.

Thirty years later he is persuaded to return and drive alongside hotshot rookie Joshua Pearce, for one last chance to be the best in the world.

Starring Brad Pitt, Javier Bardem, Damson Idris and Tobias Menzies

12 At Bourne End Community Centre

The New Royalty Cinema is a fundraising event for Bourne End Community Association Charity No. 300236

Wakeman Road, Bourne End, Bucks SL8 5SX

Sunday 15th November 14:00

Doors open 13:20 for refreshments

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online at TheNewRoyalty.org.uk or

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Linguist Louise Banks, is enlisted by the United States Army to discover how to communicate with extraterrestrials who have arrived on Earth, before tensions lead to war.

Starring Amy Adams, Jeremy Renner and Forest Whitaker

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Wakeman Road, Bourne End, SL8 5SX

Centre Quiz

The next quiz dates are October 1, November 5 and December 3. These will be held in the May Woollerton Hall (unless otherwise advised on the evening). Doors open at 7.30; please arrive by 7.45 for an 8pm start. For information call Diane on 07521 656413 or email secretary@bebca.org.uk

 Bourne End Community Centre
centreTalk

THE VATICAN
by Philippa Hitchen



Thursday 5th November 19:30

If you liked the films 'Conclave' and 'The Two Popes', you'll love Philippa Hitchen's stories of close encounters with three popes! As one of the few non-Catholics working at the heart of the church, she shares stories of being an outsider behind the Vatican walls.

Wakeman Road SL8 5SX

Free Parking after 19:00

Fully licenced bar.

Tickets £6 members/£7 non-members online at
bourneendcommunitycentre.org.uk, at the centre office.

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TEA DANCE



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Sundays 4th Oct & 1st Nov 2026

2.00 - 4.15 pm

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Bourne End Community Centre



Savour the vibrant sounds, colours and
flavours of an Indian summer with
Bollywood music and dance

Saturday 10th October

Doors open 19:00 for nibbles & starters

Tickets Members £22.00/Non-members £24.00

Online at bourneendcommunitycentre.org.uk,
or from the Centre office. Tel: 01628 522604.

**Ticket price includes meal provided
by The Coriander, Bourne End
(vegetarian option available)**

Bourne End Community Centre, Wakeman Road, SL8 5SX

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Bourne End Community Centre

centreTalk

MORRIS MINORS IN THE MEDIA

Presented by Ann & John Ford



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Ann & John welcome a question and answer session after the talk.

Wakeman Road SL8 5SX

Thursday 29th October 19.30

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on the door (subject to availability - book in advance to avoid
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Bourne End Community Centre



Saturday 21st November

Bar open - Doors 19:30 - Showtime 20:00

Tickets Members £8.00/Non-members £10.00

**Join us for an evening of great music and help
raise money for The British Heart Foundation.**

Online at bourneendcommunitycentre.org.uk
or from the centre office. Tel: 01628 522604.

Wakeman Road, SL8 5SX

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Bourne End Community Centre

THE BEATLE & BUDDY LIVE TRIBUTE SHOW

Thursday November 19th - 19:30

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Bourne End Community Centre, Wakeman Road, SL8 5SX

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Bourne End Community Centre

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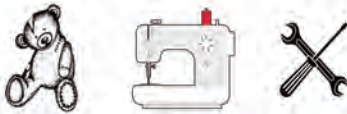
8th October

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Bourne End Community Centre Bar

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Bourne End REPAIR CAFE



Bourne End Community Centre, Wakeman Road, SL8 5SX

17th October & 21st November

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ANGLING CLUB

Tales from the water's edge

How hot was it this summer? In a way I am relieved for some cooler weather. The lakes in the fisheries are well down, making matches difficult and possibly likely to be cancelled as not enough depth to keep the fish in the keep nets. However so far we have had no cancellations and fingers crossed we will get some rain to top up the lakes.

So much has occurred since I last wrote here. Firstly the final results of the Nine Match Shield 2025/26 was Henry Rimmer. We have a new chairman John Taylor. I am so pleased to have John take this role, he has been a great asset to the club as a member and will be an even greater one as chairman.

John and I attended the community centre day for all the sections in the summer, hoping to pick up members and at least make people aware there is a fishing section. I would like to especially thank Cecilia, John's wife, for supporting the club on the day and making fish-shaped chocolate sweets to 'reel' people in, and very delicious they were too.

In July we returned to Ashridge and had an amazing day with over 1,500lb of fish caught between 11 people. Neil Townsend won with 315.08lb. The club's personal best catch.

Second was Henry Rimmer with 255.10lb and third was Anthony Coleborn with 165lb. It is a shame but Henry would have won if he hadn't had one net of fish (63lb) disqualified for being overweight according to the rules. So he would have had 3lb more than Neil. However rules are rules. The limit of 50lb per keep net is for the sake of the fish.

In August we returned to Royal Berkshire. First was Henry Rimmer with 67.12lb second was Stuart Parker with 55lb and third was John Taylor with 48.04lb.

Do enjoy the rest of the nice weather while it lasts. If you wish to join our friendly club, or would like to guest with a view to joining, please contact me. Until next time *tight lines*.

Michele Smith, Secretary BE Anglers
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FORUM PLAYERS

Thank you to all those who supported our fundraising quiz in September. Your support was much appreciated and the money raised will help finance our annual pantomime in January.

We will be performing a spectacular re-telling of one of the most magical of pantomimes 'Cinderella', filled with music, laughter, and fun for all the family. Our heroine, Cinderella, has a big heart but is bullied by her wicked stepmother and the ugly sisters. Cinderella's best friend, is in love with her. He does everything he can to help her and make her happy (so give him a big cheer when you see him).

Cinderella's wicked stepmother is selfish and cruel. The step-sisters are vain and selfish and treat Cinderella very badly. Get ready to boo them whenever they appear.

Prince Charming is a handsome and kind prince who longs to meet his true love. He wants to marry someone who loves him for who he is instead of his status. Ah!! Dandini is the Prince's trusted aide and confidant who helps the Prince find Cinderella after she runs away from the ball. Then there's the kind-hearted fairy with magic powers who helps Cinderella attend the ball and get her happy ending.

Meet all the other characters, the Baron, the fussy Lord Chamberlain, the dotty Queen Mother, the bossy Event Planner, the bad fairy and the incompetent Broker's men.

So polish your pumpkins, dust off your gowns, and grab your glass slippers for a trip to Bourne End Community Centre in January. Ticket info will be in the next issue of *Target* or at the community centre.

If you are keen to try your hand at panto come along to a rehearsal and check out chorus roles or provide support backstage. You will be very welcome. For more information call 07787115905.

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WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Caroline Meechan

Well, that was certainly a very warm Summer – how glorious to have been able to plan outdoor events without thinking about the weather.

It feels very strange to be getting out jumpers and coats again now, but that means winter is approaching and Christmas is on the horizon.

Thank you to those of you who visited us at the Volunteers' Fair at Bourne End Community Centre on September 26. There are so many good things going on in the Wooburns – all managed by volunteers.

In case you were not aware, members of the residents' association and our parish councillors are volunteers.

We are very lucky that we have residents willing to step up and give their time for the benefit of all.

Please see below for your chance to get involved.

We are busy planning our 'Santa Comes to Wooburn' event which is booked for Saturday November 28 from 3pm to 6pm. We have been on the 'phone to Santa and he is

booked for 3.30pm arrival, departing again at 5.30pm to get back to the toy workshop. Thank you to Mrs Claus who helped with the scheduling.

This event is to enable all the families in the village to have an opportunity to see Santa free of charge.

There will be music from John Johnny, facepainting, balloon modelling and a chance for each child to write a letter to Santa as well as craft activities. There is no cost for any of this to anyone attending; we are covering it with monies raised from the summer fête.

However, if you are a local business and would like to support us with sponsorship, please get in touch via our Facebook page or email us events@wooburnresidents.org

Any amount is very welcome and sponsors are featured in all the marketing material before, during and after the event. An event like this needs people – if you would like to volunteer, please contact us as above. An hour, an afternoon, whatever you can spare will be very gratefully received.

Before this, we have booked a talk from the Oxford Archaeological Society who will be presenting on 'Archaeology at Slate Meadow'.

There have been some very interesting finds from the excavation at this site in the heart of our village so do come along and hear about the ancient history of Wooburn Green.

This talk is free of charge and is on Monday October 19, 8pm in the private room at Wooburn Club. All residents are welcome.

Our meetings are held bi-monthly on the second Monday of each month. Our November meeting will be on the 9th, 8pm in the private room at Wooburn Club.

Again, all residents are welcome – come along and hear what is happening in your village.

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♣ A 7 3				

Julian Pottage gives his answer on page 24

English Bridge is published by the English Bridge Union.



AFFILIATED CLUB



Bourne End Bridge Club





WOOBURN & BOURNE END PARISH COUNCIL

“BUCKINGHAMSHIRE’S BEST KEPT VILLAGE” 2026



We've officially been crowned **Winner of Buckinghamshire's Best Kept Village Competition** for the Pushman's Cup!
For more details of our success, check out our Chairman, Ian Blazey's separate article.

APPOINTMENT OF A NEW CLERK

Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council has a new Clerk, **Sarah Sturt**.

Sarah was previously a Councillor for another authority in Buckinghamshire for over a decade before joining our Parish as Clerk in July 2026. In her role, Sarah is keen to see the Parish retain its title of **Buckinghamshire's Best Kept Village** in 2027. As for Sarah herself, she studied Leisure Management as well as Marketing, Human Resources, and Finance at university, before undertaking a 20-year career in the Construction and Rail industry. More recently, Sarah has worked in the charity sector and still continues to hold senior leadership roles within a few local charities.

Sarah's commitment to serving the local community is evident and we're excited to have her expertise join our team. We'd like to extend her a warm welcome to the **Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council**.

If you would like to contact the Clerk please email Sarah at clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk. Or Call 01628 522827

EVENTS: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On **Sunday 8th November 2026**, join us from **10.30am** on **The Green** in Wooburn for the annual Remembrance Parade and wreath-laying, where we'll be honouring the sacrifices of those who served in the armed forces.

OUR SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE

Here at the Parish Council, we're in the process of updating both our website and social media accounts - **check out our links below**. As always, we also share our Council Meeting schedule, meeting minutes, and agenda's on these platforms too.

YOUR NEW COUNCILLOR

Meet our newest **Councillor Amber China**, who joined the Council in August 2026. Amber has a longstanding interest in local government and communities, having studied History and Politics at university. Her professional background includes mechanical building services engineering, where she worked on ventilation and fire safety systems for major hospitals, stadiums and airports, before moving into education.

Amber went on to co-found and run an alternative provision on Blind Lane, which specialises in supporting children and young people with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities).

As such, Amber has a strong knowledge of the local area and connections with families, schools, and community organisations, with a particular interest in strengthening community engagement and ensuring residents feel informed, heard and able to participate.

Coming from a farming family, Amber also has a keen interest in conservation, biodiversity, and responsible land management, particularly making outdoor spaces and environmental projects more accessible to people with SEND.

Welcome Amber China – Councillor of Wooburn and Bourne End!



COUNCILLOR
AMBER CHINA

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COUNCILLORS' UPDATE By Cllr Penny Drayton

ROADS

As winter sets in and the weather changes, we will start to notice again the

state of our roads. While many defects from last year did eventually get fixed over the dryer months, the reality is that there is not enough money in the council budget to have all the roads in the condition we would all desire (note, we did try to increase the roads budget with the council this year but were out-voted).

Every Autumn we meet with the Roads Team and discuss road projects which are most desperate for repair in our ward. This normally equates to one major road per year for resurfacing and then patches on two or three others.

It is a result of these meetings over the last few

years that we have managed to have roads such as Blind Lane and Station Road resurfaced and are expecting Wycombe Lane to be done soon too.

This Autumn our road nomination of highest priority is Bourne End Road (which runs between Hedsor and Cliveden). It is in a shocking state and we have been chasing for action all year.

If you wish to bring other roads to our attention for resurfacing project consideration, please email us any time through the year. For potholes or immediate carriageway repairs requiring attention please always report online on 'Fix my street.'

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We made a pledge when elected that we would always make ourselves available to residents. We try hard to do this, being present at every Bourne

End Market and Flackwell Heath Market, both which are once a month.

We also attend Wooburn Residents' Association meetings and Hedsor Parish meetings. You can send us emails at any time, and we will come back to you when we've had chance to look into your enquiry.

We are all individually active on social media, in particular Facebook, however, things can easily be missed on there and we ask that no one relies on us through that channel and also respects we can't be on there all the time.

We have had recent incidents of abuse and accusations of not responding to posts on Facebook which we knew nothing about or were during very unsociable hours. We have also, all three at different times, had calls/texts and demands for replies on non-urgent matters late at night and over weekends.

If you want to raise an issue with us, please come and see us in person at the above-mentioned places, or drop us an email on our council email addresses so we can keep track of the enquiry.

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The word is spreading about CANCER CONNECT

Attendance numbers have already doubled at Cancer Connect since the welcoming community group, for anyone affected by a cancer diagnosis, was launched in March.

The group was founded by Sarah Ralphson, a Bourne End resident who is also a trustee and director of the Sussex Cancer Fund.

"Cancer can be an incredibly lonely place, even when surrounded by friends and family," Sarah

explains. "We wanted to provide a supportive space where people do not have to face this alone."

The idea had been developing for many months, inspired by research into what was missing locally for people affected by cancer.

Sarah is joined by co-founders Katy Adams and Carolyn Davenport. Katy, also a resident of Bourne End, began her career in clinical research before retraining as an acupuncturist with a special interest in oncology, and she now works for a charity supporting people with cancer and those undergoing treatment in the Reading area.

Carolyn was diagnosed with breast cancer more



than eight years ago and remembers wishing that this kind of support had been available to her at the time.

Cancer Connect has already received wonderful support from local GPs, Bourne End Community Centre, the Sunrise Centre at High Wycombe Hospital and local businesses, all of who have helped spread the word about the group.

They currently meet monthly at Flowerland in Bourne End where visitors can browse before settling into the welcoming café for conversation, encouragement and genuine connection.

Each meeting is attracting more people who are finding comfort, connection and understanding through shared experience and the group has plans to offer more locations and meeting times.

Thanks to generous funding from local businesses Bourne End Motor Company and Brittons Solicitors, they are now able to offer a complimentary hot drink to those attending the group. A GoFundMe page has also been set up with the hope of continuing this.

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MTD Is underway: How to make your next quarterly update easier

If Making Tax Digital for income tax applies to you, congratulations, you have now made it through the first quarterly update. The first deadline passed on August 7 and, before we know it, the next one will be here on November 7. For those of us who have been talking about MTD for a very long time, it is good to finally move from getting ready to actually getting on with it.

And now that the first update is behind us, this is a good time to look at how to make the next one a little easier.

Firstly, a quick reminder of what Making Tax Digital means.

If you are a sole trader or landlord, and your combined income from these sources in 2025-26 was over £50,000, HMRC now requires you to keep digital records for your business.

Every quarter, using compatible software, you will send an update to HMRC containing summary income and expenditure figures for your business.

The biggest favour you can do for yourself between now and the next deadline is simply to keep your records up to date. Receipts sitting in bags, invoices saved somewhere in an inbox and expenses waiting to be entered may not feel particularly urgent in September or October. Leave them all until the beginning of November, though, and suddenly you have created a much bigger job for yourself.

Keeping digital records regularly, and as close as

possible to when the income or expense happens, means there should be far less sorting out when the next update is due.

It is also worth checking that everything is flowing through your software as expected. Are your income and expenses being recorded correctly? Is anything missing? Are you still keeping information somewhere outside the system that will need to be found later?

When you run the quarterly update report in your software, are the expenses ending up in the category you expect? A few minutes of checking as you go can save a lot of head-scratching further down the line.

One useful thing to know is that each quarterly update is cumulative. In other words, it covers the period from the beginning of the tax year up to the end of the update period, rather than simply reporting the latest three months on their own. So, if you spot an error in your records, any corrections will automatically be pulled through into the next return.

Of course, MTD is still new, so getting into a comfortable routine may take a little time. But that really is the key word: routine. A little regular bookkeeping, checking that your software is up to date and dealing with queries as they arise should make each quarterly update much less of a last-minute event.

And if you are one of the sole traders or landlords who will come into MTD in a future year, there is something useful to take from this too.

Getting comfortable with digital record keeping now will make the eventual transition much easier. If you are unsure about anything MTD-related or would like some help getting your bookkeeping and software into a better routine, please give us a call. We are always happy to help.

Alisa Schroeder

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IT'S SHOW TIME

On Saturday October 3, Bourne End Library is the place to be for the fourteenth edition of Bourne End Junior Craft Show.

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PADDLING FOR A GREAT CAUSE

Bourne End charity fundraisers battle torrential weather to near their goal of £20,000 *writes Hugh Howard*

The Big Paddle Thames Challenge breast cancer fundraising event finished at the end of a gruelling bank holiday weekend.

It successfully raised funds in memory of Bourne End mum, Sarah Dilworth, who died of the disease. Sarah was a much loved colleague and friend, leaving a husband and two children.

"A few of us got together and decided to paddle 43 miles down the Thames in Sarah's memory," explained Gillian Day of Mankind Barbers.

"We didn't know what we were doing, but it felt like the right way to honour her. This is our fourth year. Over three days

we paddle, camp, raise money and share stories."

The paddleboarders start at Shillingford, Oxfordshire, and in three stretches make their way to Bourne End, camping overnight along the way. A friendly ground crew moves luggage and tents between the three stops. Participants sign up for one, two or all three days, depending on their circumstances.

"This year has been really hairy," said Gillian. "The storms on the first night were such that we had to take people home in cars and bring them back early next morning for the start. Then on the leg from Shillingford to Reading, the wind got up. I was blown off my paddle board into the River Thames."

The hardy fundraisers slept under leaking canvas for the next two nights, leaving the final campsite at Henley as the sun came up and the clouds cleared. Paddling downstream, and lifting their boards around locks, the flotilla of seventeen paddlers (plus a couple of stowaways) grouped together at Spade Oak wharf for the final push to The Bounty pub.

An enthusiastic crowd cheered their arrival, which was followed by a joyous afternoon of face painting, merchandise/raffle stall and the local, fabulous 'We Three Girls' band who regularly support breast cancer fundraisers.

The Big Paddle is already planning for next year's fifth event. "Each year it gets bigger and bigger. There's a lot of work that goes on in the background to bring it all together. People continue to donate after the event," said Brian, Gillian's partner.

"We're looking into doing a sunrise to sunset event on the Midsummer Solstice in 2027."

Their website, thebigpaddle.uk gives further information and has a link to their Just Giving fundraising page (currently just shy of their £20,000 goal). All donations go to Breast Cancer Now.

Photos by Vanessa Geffen

From top: Gillian and the flotilla leaving Henley, packing up after a wet night camping, two 'stowaways' join for the final leg, Gillian Day



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Participation in the Summer Reading Challenge, which ended on September 12 to coincide with the start of the schools' Autumn Term, showed an encouraging 50% uptake on Summer 2025.

Take 10 to Read is part of the 'Go All In' year-long reading campaign sponsored by the National Literacy Trust and aimed at promoting the wellbeing benefits of reading for pleasure.

Each year, on October 10, in support of World Mental Health Day, the trust calls on schools, organisations and families to pick up a book or a magazine and take just 10 minutes out for a quiet read. Why not join in this year?

In October and November a local theatre company is bringing a brand new interactive murder mystery performance 'The Rat Catcher' to Buckinghamshire Libraries.

The production is scheduled to come to Bourne End on October 9, so look out for more details in the library nearer the time.

On October 29 (autumn half term) there will be a seasonal crafts session for children at 10.30am to midday. These sessions are always popular and spaces are limited so be sure to book early.

From November 16 to 27 there will be an Artist in Residence in the library as part of 'By Hook or By Crook' Buckinghamshire Libraries' creative programme which explores crime, mystery, local stories and imagination.

Participants will have the opportunity to work alongside a professional artist to develop their creative skills and help create artwork that will contribute to a final exhibition.

This promises to be a fantastic opportunity to get involved in a unique community arts project. Again more details will be available in the library shortly.

A reminder that older members of our community may be interested in the Reminiscence Group which meets on the last Saturday of the month from 10am to midday.

These free sessions give participants a chance to chat and share memories over a hot drink and a

biscuit. Generally, there is a themed starting point before members of the group go wherever the chat takes them.

Memories can be prompted by music, photographs or games for example. Recently, explorations of genealogy and ancestry have also sparked recollections.

And, as winter afternoons draw on, don't forget that the library now has a collection of board games for use within the premises. Why not gather a few friends for a not too serious afternoon of games and chat?

Friends of Bourne End Library

On the fourth Friday in October, just before the clocks go back and summertime ends, we are delighted to be holding the second of our twice yearly Library Quiz Night. On October 23, 7 for 7.30pm prompt start, tables of six contestants (we are happy to make up tables for you if you are either a smaller group or an individual happy to become part of a team). Bring your own refreshments.

Admission tickets £5 in advance from Bourne End Library.

Journalist and author, Jim Holden, comes to Bourne End Library on November 20 to talk about his journey of discovery across Italy's towns and cities while researching his book 'Via Garibaldi'.

The trail to discover the truth behind the legends surrounding Italy's greatest national hero begins in London – where half a million people thronged the streets around Trafalgar Square to catch a glimpse of the dashing revolutionary leader (and yes, those biscuits are named after him).

The journey continues on to Nice, where the pioneer of Italian unification was born, and then winds its way across the Italian peninsula to learn more about the military exploits, turbulent private life and passions of Giuseppe Maria Garibaldi.

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Triumphant opening of Wooburn Festival 2026 By Hugh Howard

The 59th Wooburn Festival launched in a beautiful private garden hollowed out of the chalk hill above Wooburn Town. The setting created idyllic acoustics for the picnicking audience on a sunny afternoon in an otherwise wet bank holiday weekend.

First up were talented local children aged from seven to 15, (and a dad), pupils of Emily Pond of the Fitzroy Quartet.

They gave charming performances, including new pieces by composer Carol Barratt who was present together with her composer and multi-instrumentalist husband Sir Karl Jenkins.

Ethan (10) and Charlotte (11) excelled as soloists in Telemann's Viola Concerto supported by the Fitzroy Quartet.

The festival is to be congratulated on promoting and encouraging the talented musicians of the

future. No doubt we shall see more of them.

Centre stage was taken by the Fitzroy Quartet. It has a justly earned international reputation, having won numerous awards as well as being artistes in residence at prestigious music conservatoires.

A skilfully chosen programme complemented the youngsters' performances enabling the quartet members to display their virtuosity.

In a change of programme the quartet brought out the best of Haydn's Opus 76, No. 2, known as the 'Fifths', widely regarded as one of his greatest works.

As emerald green and blue dragonflies darted across the sunlit performance area it was almost as if the individual instruments were talking to each other throughout the four movements.

Strum by Grammy winner Jessie Montgomery followed, the recital concluding with Tchaikovsky's

String Quartet No. 1, said to have brought Tolstoy to tears when it was played in his honour.

The festival continues until November 14 with a variety of performance arts, exhibitions, talks and a tour of nearby Dorney Court.

The festival was founded 59 years ago when conductor Richard Hickox CBE wanted to raise

money for repairs to the organ of St Paul's church, where his father was the vicar.

Since its initial success the festival has grown with a wide range of venues in and around Wooburn.

The organisers would welcome new members to help, plan and deliver next year's celebratory 60th festival. Visit wooburn.com, which also has up-to-date information about this year's events.



George 15, Minty 12, Charlotte 11, Ethan 10, Josephine 8 and Jessica 7 receive awards from Festival Chairman Brian Johnson. **Photos by Vanessa Geffen**



Top Ethan, 10, and above, Charlotte 11 as soloists with the Fitzroy Quartet

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Mystery concealed in secret garden

Community gardeners transform an area in Wooburn Town, writes *Hugh Howard*



Hidden behind hedges and between St Paul's Church and The Old Bell in Wooburn Town a community garden has burst into life.

The triangular piece of land, created in 1922 when Town Lane was realigned, has for many years lain waste.

But it has now full of plants due to the hard work of the group Wooburn Town Wildlife Garden - WoTwig.

"We're the Wombles of Wooburn," explained Rosie O'Hagan the coordinator. "A number of us felt the land could be put to better use rather than somewhere to throw litter."

Residents, aged from five to 87 have scavenged and recycled an eclectic collection of pots, tubs, chairs and even stained glass windows. A pair of old boots hanging from a branch is for a robin's nest. An old chest and bench are available for

budding artists and any number of tubs have been filled with donated plants.

The ancient railings were repaired by a local metal worker. A quiet shaded corner provides a perfect picnic spot for locals, while 400 year old oak beams await re-purposing as a table.

"The tap in the church has been dripping for years, but now each day we collect the drips in buckets and watering cans to fill our water butt. Nothing is wasted," says Shirley Cullinane the oldest gardener, aged 87.

St Paul's Church is part of the Eco-Church network and presently holds a Bronze certificate.

"Our aim is to upgrade to Silver this year," says Rosie. "At the moment the ground itself remains uncultivated pending an application for a licence and work needs to be done to cut back overhanging

branches to provide more light," she adds.

"We like pulling up the weeds," says 11-year-old Primrose. "But when we come back two days later they've grown again," adds her brother Benjy, aged nine.

And the mystery? Too difficult to photograph and covered in decades of lichen is a stone slab on which the words 'Catherine Heard Trice - May 1937' can just be made out.

"We would love to know who she was and why the slab is here. If anyone knows please do get in touch," says Rosie.

Photos, Above left: The Wombles of Wooburn, l - r, Benjy, Rosie, Shirley, Primrose, Pauline, Natalie. Above centre: Benjy proudly shows his blackberry harvest. Below: hard work is transforming the former wasted area.





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report by Tony Ketley

I think it would be fair to say that Upper Thames Sailing Club is thriving, and I also like to think that, in some small part, my ramblings in *Target* have played a part in the club's success.

In truth it is the efforts of our management team, or 'The Committee' as historically they would be called. Just a look at the clubhouse and the changes and improvements that have been made which attests to an active and imaginative team.

However, someone has to blow our trumpet, and I have appointed myself to do that. I think this year's weather could also have played a part in attracting new members. Heatwaves encourage people to look for the cooler spots and on or near water fits the bill.

The RiverThames provides the water, and our club provides the facilities to get on it or sit by it.

It is right to be concerned about safety in and around water, if water was invented today, Health and Safety would ban it. It can be dangerous.

When the club is open for members to go sailing there is always a safety boat on the water, and the person driving that boat will have the qualifications to do so. The club takes pride in its safety record.

Sailing is not an expensive pastime; the club has boats for members to use if they don't have their own. We also have members who are qualified to train those who are beginners to the sport and those who just want to improve their skills.

It was my wife who fell in love with the idea of



sailing, we'd been married for 30 years at that point, and I knew it was pointless to resist.

But I'm glad I gave in to the idea; it's been a lot of fun learning and taking part in the events at the club. It expanded our circle of friends, and I have never regretted letting her win the 'shall we shan't we' argument.

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BEJSC Football Celebrates the Season

The Bourne End Junior Sports Club Football section would like to thank Claytons School for allowing us to hold our annual end-of-season awards event at the school on Saturday 27th June.



The event brought together a number of our boys' and girls' age-group teams, along with their families, to celebrate the season and recognise the achievements of our players. It was a lovely opportunity to reflect on the season, celebrate individual and team achievements, and bring the BEJSC football community together.



A huge well done to all of our players, and thank you to everyone who helped make the event possible.

New Booking System

We're excited to have moved to a new online booking system, making it easier to view our activities, book sessions and manage your bookings.

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Keep an eye out for it next time you're passing by!



BEJSC Pickleball Tournament Success

Our Bourne End Sports Club Pickleball coaches held a fun tournament on Saturday at our sports hall on New Road, bringing together players from Bourne End, Slough and Windsor.



It was a great event, with plenty of friendly competition and some fantastic Pickleball on show. When all the scores were added up, four of the top six men and women were from the Bourne End Sports Club group, a brilliant result considering many of our players were complete beginners earlier this year!

Fancy giving Pickleball a try? Our new coached beginners' session takes place on Tuesdays, offering a great opportunity to learn the game, develop your skills and have some fun along the way.



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Could you join Wye Valley Volunteers?

Just to remind readers that Wye Valley Volunteers is a local charity delivering services to vulnerable members of our community. Last year we made 1200 journeys, transporting people to medical appointments.

In addition we have a monthly Lunch Club for some 36 clients as well as a Home Visiting Service and twice weekly coffee mornings.

Wye Valley Volunteers took delivery of a brand new minibus in 2014 and it has served us and the community well. Many will have been able to get on board with the help of the modifications to

enable wheelchair passengers, and other disabled clients, to travel in style. The blue minibus has been used regularly in order to support our Lunch Club service as well as trips to local supermarkets for weekly shopping. Occasional trips to further away shopping destinations and the seaside are also very popular.

With financial support from Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council and Heart of Bucks together with other local charities as well as using the majority of our reserves, we have placed an order to purchase a new minibus to replace our existing ageing vehicle. We anticipate delivery later in the year.

The new vehicle will have all modern accessibility features while incorporating improvements such as automatic transmission and cabin heating.

As many of you know, Wye Valley Volunteers, is a charity and relies heavily on donations, legacies and grants in order to break even on an annual basis.

We have no paid staff and all essential activity necessary to deliver our services is delivered by some 120 volunteers. All volunteers give us as much or little of their time according to their choice. Nobody is forced into a regular commitment.

However, we are always needing new volunteers as retirements and people moving away are a sad reality.

No successful organisation can stand still. We are constantly striving to improve standards and manage services more efficiently. Our new IT booking system is a huge step forward, like the new minibus.

So, my plea to our wonderful local community is: please join us, make a difference and enjoy the feelgood factor of volunteering as part of a vibrant team.

Come and see us at the monthly Bourne End market at the community centre (on the second Saturday of each month) and find out more about how you can help. We will be there.

Finally, we are always looking for financial donations to augment our flagging reserves so please consider helping us in this way, as well as, or instead of volunteering. Kindly visit our website www.wyevalleyvolunteers.org.uk and click on the donate button for further information.

By Peter Beard, Chairman,
Wye Valley Volunteers.



Pictured l to r: John Wills, Marian Wills and Peter Beard

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It's River Time

By Captain Beaky



Ahoy... Well at the time of writing this *Target* article we have had approximately 1mm of rain over that two month period, which is absolutely crazy.

The river hasn't really had any flow, has been extraordinarily crystal clear for weeks and fortunately river levels have remained low but not critical over the reach. A great job done by our lockkeepers whose main job is to control the river by managing the weirs, so very well done guys.

The river has been very busy with hire boats, yes those rather large boats (40 foot or more) with an advertising roundel saying 'no experience required'. Imagine if a car rental company had that as a slogan.

Very few privately owned boats have ventured out of the marinas or their moorings which is interesting considering the fab weather.

The Environment Agency has increased the number of lockkeepers this year, which was desperately needed, but many locks break down on a regular basis due to the lack of funding made on preventative maintenance.

Marlow Lock, as we see it today, was completed in 1927 and Cookham 1957, although they can now be run automatically without a lockkeeper, any double pressings of the buttons can cause the automation to have a 'hissy fit' and stop working.

To get the lock working again a lockkeeper has to be called out to reset it which can take hours. Fortunately, at Bourne End, we have an absolutely fabulous stretch of the river, so I have no need to go through the lock on a regular basis.

However earlier this year I had a bride and groom onboard and had agreed to go through a lock to take them to 150 waiting guests at their house for a grand reception and celebration.

All was set up for a priority transit through the lock, I was watching them come down with an entourage and photographer and they were just 30 meters away, when I had the lockkeeper phone me to announce that the lock had broken. 'Oh great,' I said, or something like that.

I had approximately 10 seconds to devise an emergency plan, so when they were on board they opened their special bottle of bubbly and we went for a little cruise upstream for pictures and I then took them to the lock.

It would have always been awkward to tell the bride and groom that they were not going to their own reception due to lock failure and that we were on the wrong side of the lock, so I had to think outside the box, then panic and then improvise.

Well I must say commandeering a boat below

the lock turned out to be fun, it was my first attempt at being a pirate, and when we all arrived at the reception on a different boat none of the guests noticed. So it all ended happily thanks to the bride and groom taking up the challenge and joining me as crew in a spot of piracy.

Thanks to the owners of the commandeered boat for not making too much noise banging on their locked cabin door.

In my last article I was joking about Lady Beaky constantly watering the garden with the hosepipe. Well shortly after that there was a hosepipe ban. Watering the garden using watering cans has resulted in her physique changing from ballerina to an Olympic weightlifter in a space of four weeks.

During the last hosepipe ban many gardens along the river still had green grass and luscious plants, this caused accusations that they weren't adhering to the ban. If you have river frontage you can pay for a water extraction licence and thus still water your garden with a hosepipe. It makes sense to allow this as all the excess water goes directly back into the river so hardly creating any ecological impact, just one of the advantages of living by the river.



Cable running along the bridge

The houses and The Bounty along Cockmarsh suffered a power outage in June. The outage consisted of a few explosions and a medium sized fire on the railway and footbridge

I, like many, was not aware that all the power goes through a very thick cable in plastic trunking, tie-wrapped to the bridge.

The result was an emergency generator being located and wired up behind The Bounty. At the time of writing we are 10 weeks in, they have had two generators replaced and five power outages and, so far, the cable hasn't been fixed.



Stay safe while paddle boarding

Keeping the generator topped up with diesel seemed to be a problem for the electricity supplier; thus unnecessary power outages result in The Bounty having to close each time. Even the poor Cockmarsh residents are denied being able to go to their 'local' as their 'local' is in the same state.

With the impending autumn/winter weather due, it may be appropriate to highlight that the river can be a very dangerous environment. It seemed to be a safe playground during the summer as the levels and flows were remarkably low. However we have lots of new swimmers and paddleboarders/canoeists who may not yet have experience of winter river flows and currents.

River flows and currents get faster with rainfall and thus the risks to life substantially increase. The Environment Agency publishes daily river conditions. This is the link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/river-thames-current-river-conditions>.

If you do want to venture out on the water please read the advice.

We have been very lucky so far this year on safety along this Bourne End and Cookham reach, let's keep that going and keep the risks lower by getting ourselves prepared with the impending change of conditions.

Too late for this edition, but my newly acquired piracy skill prompts me to remind you of a diary date for next year. International Talk Like a Pirate Day is celebrated every year on September 19.

Stay safe!

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3♠. You may have heard about raising to the level of the fit – the 10-trick level when you expect to have a 10-card fit – but you need to apply common sense too. Here your 5-3-3-2 shape is unhelpful, and the vulnerability is against you – even one down doubled is a bad score unless opponents have game on, while -500 would be a disaster.

Julian Pottage
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Bourne End & Cookham Probus Club

By Bill Leftwich

Ours is a club for retired businessmen and we meet for lunch every third Wednesday with an invited speaker.

In July we invited Dr Michael Roger to give us an update on 'Men's Health'. Michael spent an hour detailing the principal factors concerned with men's health namely cardiovascular, prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health, answering frequent questions.

With advisory pamphlets received by all, this was an incredibly relevant and much appreciated presentation to an engrossed audience.

In August we invited Bernard Foot to give us a talk on Bert Trautmann.

Bert was born in Bremen in 1923 in a Germany reeling from the aftermath of losing the war with soaring food prices and hyperinflation. He did well at school and in 1933 joined the Hitler Youth and enjoyed the fitness training. He played football in local teams, but during the Second World War was a paratrooper. His war life was a series of being captured and escaping from the Russians and French, earning an Iron Cross medal but eventually being captured by Americans/English at war end.

As a POW he was sent to Ashton-in-Makerfield, where he worked on farms, was liked by locals and played in a POW football team, originally at centre-half, but moved to goalkeeping. In 1948 he was released, refused repatriation to a ravaged Germany and joined St Helens Football Club while working in bomb disposal. His skills were noticed and, in 1949, he transferred to Manchester City Football Club replacing the legendary Frank Swift in goal.

He settled down to football life, had two sons and played in many memorable matches, including the infamous 1956 FA Cup Final where, in the final stages, there was a collision in the penalty box. Bert played on, but an X-Ray examination that followed showed that he had broken two vertebrae in his neck. Thankfully, he recovered and played on until 1964 with a testimonial match vs Manchester United that drew 60,000 spectators.

Bert managed football clubs until he retired to Spain where he died in 2013 aged 89. A remarkable story excellently told in great detail by Bernard Foot who received warm applause from a grateful audience.

If you would like to join our excellent, friendly club please contact Roger Gould on 01628 524122 or email bourneendprobus@gmail.com or view us on our website: bourne-end-probus.org

Ladies Probus Group

By Helen Heard

We have a talk on the history of Maundy Money in October by Paul Leddington Wright and in November Ian Keable will amaze us with the magic tricks demonstrated by Charles Dickens - a famous author and a respected magician.

We are a small, diverse group of like-minded women, who enjoy the fellowship of a tasty lunch, good conversation and interesting speakers.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month for lunch and on the third Tuesday at 11am for coffee.

If you would like to know more or think you would like to join us, please contact Helen Heard (chairman) on 07789 504267.

Bourne End WI

by Carolyn Judge

The summer months are quieter, however, our Outings Team experimented with a 'bus pass' trip to Windsor. Picking up the No 37 at points in Wooburn Green and Bourne End, members had the opportunity to enjoy a leisurely ride to Windsor, spending time shopping and having lunch before taking the return trip home.

September saw us getting together again at St Dunstan's Hall, for our annual fish and chip supper, we were then joined by Mary from Marlow. Anyone who has experienced Mary's talk will know how entertaining she is and how well she interacts with her audience.

After going to press, we will be hosting a group from Bucks Vision, an organisation for the sight impaired, for their annual afternoon tea. They can enjoy plenty of sandwiches and cakes made by members as well as taking some goody bags home with them.

We are a vibrant group of women who really appreciate each other's company. Due to the restrictions of hall capacity, we will shortly have to start a waiting list, but we hope this doesn't deter prospective members from coming along.

Bourne End and Cookham Rotary Club

by John Dunsterville

What fun we had at Little Marlow Fête. We brought out our Rotary Rocket Ride and small tractor — kindly stored and cleaned by Emmets Farm. Children clambered aboard and were joggled all over the field and in and out of the visitors. The rocket siren went off and the megaphone kept telling fairgoers to make way.

But our real purpose at the fête was to remind folks of our club and the important work we do in the community. In early September the news of the dreadful mudslide hitting Nepal, trapping and killing thousands, was in our minds. Our club and Rotarians across the world have stepped up to help. We have provided clean water systems and Shelterboxes which go straight to the affected areas. Ambulances and medical help of all sorts are provided by specialists and delivered to where it matters most.

You too can be involved by joining us Rotarians at our place of meeting, the King's Head on three Tuesdays in the month.

Dear Dolly Parton's death was a sad loss to music, but also to philanthropy, and we have helped in the past by getting her inspiring children's reading books into schools and libraries.

If you would like to help in the community, give me a call on 07811 702853 or come and visit us to find out how you can help us in all these great projects. www.beac-rotary.org.uk

Rotary Club of Cookham Bridge

by Peter Osborn

A thrilling photo-finish on the River Thames provided a fitting climax to another successful Cookham Regatta at Marsh Meadow in September.

The Dragon Boat competition once again was centrepiece of the day, with teams battling their way through the heats before Beyond Buoyancy and The Paddle Snatchers met in a closely fought final. Both crews, made up of CrossFit enthusiasts, gave everything as they raced for the line. The finish was so close that a photograph was needed to separate them. Beyond Buoyancy were confirmed as Champions Cup winners.

There was just as much excitement in the Plate competition. Oarsome NRAS, representing the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society, faced local

school team Herries Mermaids in another very close finish, with Oarsome NRAS emerging as winners.

While the rhythmic beat of Dragon Boat drums provided a soundtrack from the river, there was plenty happening across Marsh Meadow throughout the day. The classic car display attracted a wide variety of vehicles and plenty of admirers, while the popular dog show was again well supported.

Commercial and charity stalls brought colour and variety to the meadow, and the fairground proved particularly popular with younger visitors.

Bisham Silver Band, musically entertained visitors and proved especially popular with the Cherry Pickers of Cookham Dean beer tent.

Behind the racing and entertainment lies an important charitable purpose. Cookham Regatta is organised jointly by the Rotary Clubs of Cookham Bridge and Maidenhead Thames, supported by a large team of volunteers, with profits distributed to charitable causes.

In addition to organising large and small charity events the club has a full programme of weekly events with regular speakers. We draw members from both sides of the river and we are always keen to welcome new prospective members. If you wish to know more contact membership@cookhamrotary.co.uk

Little Marlow & Well End WI

By Veronica Kay

The highlight of our August meeting was the highly anticipated Summer Show where members displayed their skills and talents in classes including cookery, floral, craftwork, story writing and photography.

Jean Stanger was the visiting judge again this year in the cookery section. She is a widely acclaimed expert in her field. Jean not only judged the best in the category (using a recipe from the WI magazine) but gave useful baking advice to members. Pauline Clitheroe presented the winners of each class with a trophy and the overall winners trophy to Barbara Wallis and Erin Povey.

The results of the show voting were tallied while members enjoyed their afternoon tea and sampled the winning apple cake.

There was a buzz of expectation moving through the Pavilion at the September Meeting when Mike Payne gave us all the eagerly anticipated inside information surrounding the filming of Downton Abbey.

Despite the fact that Highclere Castle (the setting for 52 episodes of the TV series and 3 subsequent films) is in Hampshire, the majority of the scenes were filmed in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire. Bampton Village, some 40 miles from Highclere, was used extensively, together with many National Trust properties.

Viewers might not have noticed that the exterior shot of a building might not necessarily match the interior scene.

Members were unanimous in their approval of the speaker, who had brought to life the well-known name of Downton Abbey, although the majority had not seen either the series or the films. Definitely something to put on the 'to do' list.

The president thanked those who had entered the Summer Show last month, which had made it another successful event and shared a card of thanks from the cookery judge Jean Stanger, who was looking forward to being invited back next year.

The Cover to Cover Girls will meet to discuss the books of Andrew Taylor.

Thanks to all those members who donated cakes for the Little Marlow Village Fête and to those who committed their time on the day.

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The Bourne End and District u3a Current Affairs Group is another of our very long-standing ones, having started soon after our inaugural meeting in 2018.

During that time there has been no shortage of topics for them to discuss.

We have been through Brexit, Covid, a number of UK Prime Ministers, President Trump mark one and two, and numerous wars, conflicts and famines.

The group meets once a month, and the members are asked to nominate items of interest for them to discuss. From this list, the convenor, Chris Moss, narrows it down to two or three topics.

When I visited, the topics were social care, the early release of offenders, and the impact of AI. All of these

are obviously of great interest at the moment, and all led to very lively discussions.

The members have a keen interest in what is going on in the world and were extremely well informed and up to date about these issues.

If you would like to know more about your local u3a and its many activities, have a look at our website bourneendu3a.org.uk

We have about 50 interest groups, hold monthly talks, have several outings every year, and our 600 or so members speak very highly of us indeed

We are constantly recruiting new people and it is particularly lovely to have new members with ideas for different interest groups.

By Vivienne Strayton



Back row, left to right: Jim Brooks, Chris Moss
Front, l to r: Kathy Fabry, Kate Birkett, Chris Stopson



Ben Broadhead is a Bourne End-based personal trainer who specialises in working with seniors both in care settings and privately. In this article he explains why five exercises could make all the difference.

Increasingly, people are becoming aware of the importance of exercising the muscles for functionality and general well-being, but they don't always know where to start and may have limited enthusiasm for it too.

The solution for this is a very simple, a minimalist routine that covers the full body effectively, requires very little thought, can be done at home, and can be repeated over and over again.

I personally think that you only need five exercises, following different movement patterns to target all of the major muscle groups and to obtain the majority of the possible benefits of strength training. Using these, you can create a simple workout to do at home.

Pushing with the upper body: This could be a push-up against the wall or lying on your back and pressing your arms vertically while holding small weights or water bottles.

Pulling with the upper body: This is a rowing movement. It could be a bent-over row with weights or pulling each end of a resistance band with the middle section secured under your foot.

Hinging from the hips: This is what it sounds like, keeping a straight back and hinging forward and then back upright again. This can be done seated or standing depending on ability level.

Pressing with the legs: This is a squat pattern that can either be done by sitting and standing from a

chair or looping a resistance band under your foot and pressing forward in the same motion as a squat.

Crunching: This is to target the abdominal muscles of the core, which play a crucial role in stabilising our bodies. Simply lie on your back on a mat or your bed and slowly lift your shoulders from the floor, squeezing your stomach muscles.

I suggest doing this workout three times per week with two sets of 8-15 repetitions on each exercise. As you progress, you can increase the challenge by doing more repetitions, adding more resistance, slowing the pace, or adding a pause.

If you're interested in learning more about how to create a simple home workout programme, scan the QR code to watch my video on the topic.

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Barrie is leaving **TARGET** after 45 years

Barrie Penfold



Barrie Penfold steps away from a magazine she has dedicated so much of her time to over the years. Here she looks back on how she became such an integral part of this community magazine...

Always a sucker for a plea for help I found myself supporting the then *Target* sub-editor with his role on the community magazine.

Back then, in 1981, it was a lot smaller both in number of pages and size. Who remembers when 'quarto' or 'foolscap' were accepted paper sizes? Well *Target* was quarto. It was also printed in mono – that's black and white – with a colour banner on the front page.

Readers might like to know that you drew a line down a page and tried not to type over it when sending material to the printer. Don't ask.

Thankfully that idea soon disappeared, but I can still recall doing it for a number of issues. The changes in printing and production can be chronicled by those early 1980s issues.

But I loved it, as it involved working with sub editor Bill Williams and his extraordinary and eccentric family. His office was an old caravan in his back garden with no heating – just wrap up well in the winter – and his sword from his early days serving in the First World War lightly tacked on the wall above our heads.

While I joined an older team my experience and confidence had advanced so my questions started about 'why a colour banner and not use the colour elsewhere on the front and back pages?', 'how is magazine printed?' and if it was four-up then why not use the colour on other pages?' and could I talk to the printer?

By then my son Tom had arrived and was carted everywhere as I started to be more involved in this wonderful magazine.

Worth mentioning was the fact that Bill said I could step back for one issue when my son was born. I never risked mentioning maternity leave.

Tom and Bill would chat together in the back of the car through our journeys and they were in complete understanding. It was a lovely relationship. Another such relationship was with the editor, Doug Ginger. Any discussion stopped for a game of 'peekaboo'.

Doug produced an editorial for the front page of each issue and it was dearly loved by readers. He would find an unexpected subject and write prose to

die for about it. Times changed, Bill retired and I got the sub editor byline. With more activity at the centre *Target* had increased pages and brought in more colour.

Armed with a camera, I started taking photographs at events and the magazine was moving on into the 1990s. There were lovely stories to be covered about local people and what they were doing.

With a magazine that had started in 1964 there were anniversaries to celebrate. Some photos won't be forgotten as the pedestrian crossing was used to publicise a Forum play by borrowing furniture from the antique shop. Ed Clark produced wonderful pencil drawings that graced the front page through a number of issues while the editorial job was to find a historical connection whenever possible. And Ed was so pleased to see his drawings in *Target*. So many lovely people that have been part of something that is still providing pleasure to more than 5000 readers every two months.

But change was on the way. Modern technology offered the chance to print the magazine in colour and increase the number of pages. Today it is 36 pages whereas in the early days it was just 16.



On the left is a 16 page quarto issue then *Target* moved to A4 – still with 16 pages. Today's *Target* is 36 pages in full colour.

Retirement changed the style as who could follow Doug Ginger?

News stories and photos took over and the magazine moved past the Millennium and into the 2000s. It took on a professional editor and nearly everyone else involved were volunteers.

For more than 20 years now the community magazine has been an essential part of the local villages. It is bright, still traditional in its style but packed with good stories all about the readers who make up this community.

And, as I decide to retire after 45 years, it's good to know that it will continue. There will probably be more changes as technology makes production easier. But if you want a little nostalgia, go into the library and spend a few hours browsing through the bound volumes of *Target* from Issue 1 Number 1. And that binding of volumes will continue thanks to a fund set aside by Bourne End Residents Association.

The story of *Target* is one of constant change. I've loved being part of it and will watch it progress as the years go by. And I wish everyone well as they produce future stories, fundraising ideas and much, much more. The story of *Target* is one of being there for the community it serves and it will continue as such.

Of course, these 45 years would not have

happened without you, the readers. Lovely people who stopped me in the street to mention something they thought might be of interest. The notes written on my wrist, to the horror of my husband, or at the bottom of a shopping list. For the phone calls asking 'do you know?' and for the emails giving information to be chased.

There are so many of you and sadly, some are no longer around. But without you *Target* would just be an ordinary magazine possibly with mundane stories about things like grinding coffee. I am sure we have never followed up on a story about grinding coffee – unless it is the lovely coffee man at the market.

Forty-five years of articles about local people doing interesting things and there for readers six times a year. And it will continue as people know that is what *Target* is all about.

So keep on feeding your stories to the editor and they will go on her list for the next issue – and that's a promise. And if anyone should contact me then I will pass the story on – *Target* has a great past, is still doing all it promised and has a long future. So thank you for making it all happen and enjoy seeing your story in the community magazine.

I leave *Target* in the hands of an editor with a lifetime of expertise. Debra is someone who makes things happen and the magazine is blessed to have her skills and experience. She appreciates its past, present and future. I know the magazine will continue to be part of the community for the future. I retire happy in that knowledge.

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They don't make 'em like Barrie Penfold anymore.

I'd like to say she has been the backbone of this magazine for 45 years, but that rather implies it will collapse in a puddle without her.

The magazine will go on, but things certainly won't be the same without her.

Everyone knows Barrie, if not by name, probably by sight.... out and about with her camera, popping into the local shops to discuss any possible story angles or checking on their advertising needs, attending various meetings at the centre.

Every two months she organised the bundling and distribution routes for the delivery of the magazine (a role for which we are in desperate need of a volunteer to take over).

As editor I worked alongside this lovely lady for 14 years. Barrie had her strong dislikes including photos of people wearing sunglasses 'we need to see their eyes', over-use of exclamation marks and the words 'whilst' and 'whom'.

But she has always had her pulse on what is happening in our villages and despite a occasional little panic of "what are we going to put in the next issue?" between us we have always managed to fill the pages and often have items heldover.

I've persuaded Barrie to continue with her Past Times page and of course she will still be around and no doubt passing on story ideas. But I will miss our regular catch-ups.

Thanks Barrie for all your hard work. I have certainly appreciated it.

EDITOR

OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

The Community Church, Wooburn Green

As the school term came to a close in July we were privileged to gift Bibles to the Y6 children at Wooburn Green Primary School, where we visit to provide RE lessons, assemblies and mentoring in partnership with the charity Transforming Lives for Good. We wish the former Y6 children the very best as they settle into their new schools this term.

As autumn beckons we return to our regular events for our local friends and families: Friday Youth Club during term time, and Messy Church meetings on Thursday afternoons once a month during term time. Check the calendar on our web site for confirmed dates and timings: thecomunitychurch.online/calendar/

And don't forget that we're open on Mondays for Connect Coffee mornings from 10am to 12pm, for homemade cakes and freshly made tea and coffee. All are welcome.

We are a small, friendly congregation that meets in the hall behind the chapel at Wooburn Green on Sundays at 10.30am. We welcome all visitors, whether you are a regular churchgoer, or completely new to faith. For more information just get in touch: office@thecomunitychurch.online



St Mark's Church, Bourne End

We are hoping that by the end of September we will have our roof and building repairs completed. We are still raising funds to allow us to finish this debt free. If you

would like to help please go to <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/stmarksroof>

As part of the fundraising efforts for our roof appeal launched in May, we held an afternoon tea in September with entertainment provided by The Blend Choir.

It was a wonderful afternoon filled with fun, community, good food and music while raising money to make much needed and essential repairs to our roof to enable the life of St Marks to continue in Bourne End.

Thanks to the generosity of those who bought tickets and supported the raffle, over £900 was raised, a remarkable achievement.

Like all successful events, it could not have happened without a team of people and thanks go to all who helped in any way, and to the members of the choir who not only sang, but served the tea and washed up afterwards. Our grateful thanks also to the Bourne End branches of Tesco and the Co-op who generously donated some of the essential items necessary for a scrumptious tea.

Maintaining our church building and hall, along with the associated running costs, is a costly business and once we have reached our goal of raising the money to repair the roof, we will continue to fundraise to ensure that St Marks continues to be a vibrant part of village life, do keep an eye out on our website, social media pages and posters around the village for news of



any events over the next few months and of course a warm welcome awaits you every Sunday at our 2pm service, we'd love to see you.

We have started a Costa Coffee morning on a Tuesday morning, join us at 10am each week. Our new Kids Kool groups are now running every Sunday at 2pm as part of church celebration. Find out more on our website.

St Nicholas' Church, Hedsor

After a long, hot summer of many weddings and several baptisms at St Nicholas', we now look forward to autumn and preparing our church for the winter months.

First of all, our annual Harvest Festival service will be on October 11 at our usual Sunday time of 9am, and our Remembrance Day service will be on November 8.

Our weekly Sunday services are always followed by coffee in the church and we welcome visitors to join us.

For details of this and information and help on weddings, baptisms and funerals, contact our churchwarden, Maura Carr, on 01628 530181. mauracarr300@gmail.com

For details of our activities visit www.stnicholaschurch.online and www.achurchnearyou.com Or see our Facebook page.



Cores End United Reformed Church

Link Up Club continues alternate Tuesdays from 2pm to 3.30pm with a full programme and always welcomes new visitors. It is just £2 per week for a cup of tea or coffee and cakes plus interesting talks or games.

On October 6 we have Banjovi: October 20 the big band concert celebrates 45 years of the club — free admission for the concert and afternoon tea but donations welcomed. November 3 Liz Payne reminisces about Donald's Sweet Shop's time on Bourne End Parade. November 17 a talk from Sue Burke and December 1 a visit to Dobbies Garden Centre.

On October 25 there will be a collection of shoeboxes full of Christmas essentials and donations for people suffering in Eastern Europe. Throughout October and November there is a collection of pyjamas for children unexpectedly in hospital.

November 25 there is our Toy Service when there will be donations of new toys and vouchers in aid of the local charity Thrive.

Looking ahead to December 5 we have our Charity Coffee Morning 10am to midday with various stalls including cakes, books, jigsaws, plants, crafts and time for a tea or coffee and a chat with neighbours and friends. A good place to start looking for Christmas gifts.

Our Sunday morning service is at 10.30am.

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

Please consult our website stpaulswooburn.org and our Facebook page (St. Paul's with St. Mary's Church) for information about regular and special services and events that will be happening in Oct/Nov, including Men's Night at the Falcon,



Community Breakfast, Coffee and Conversation mornings, Lunchtime Communion services on Fridays at St Mary's, which include a jacket potato lunch, and seasonal Forest Church.

Please join us for any and all activities. As you might have noticed, we enjoy creating opportunities for community to happen.

Special services coming up include Sunday October 4, 10am Harvest Parish Holy Communion. Sunday October 11 - 10am Harvest Messy Church in St Paul's Church. Sunday November 8, 8.30am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion at St Paul's Church and 10.45am Remembrance Service at Wooburn Green War Memorial.

Keep an eye out for another special Evensong service in November.

Our next Forest Church, 'Ancestor Cauldron - remembering our beloved dead' will be in the Vicarage Garden on Sunday November 1 at 4pm.

At the Bourne End Community Market each month our wonderful Holy Bakers put on an amazing spread that you can take home with you, if you can resist eating your purchases immediately.



St John the Baptist Little Marlow

A big thank you to all those who came and supported our church stall at Little Marlow Village Fête. It was a sell out as far as marmalade, pickles and jams were concerned.

Reverend Fiona Ellingham has announced her retirement and will be leaving her position as Team Vicar at St John in November. We are all very sorry to see her go. Her last service with us will be Evensong at 6pm on October 18. She will also be taking the 11am Informal Service on that day. Both services will be followed by refreshments.

Please take this opportunity to come and say farewell to Fiona at either of the services. To help with refreshments we would be grateful if you would let either the churchwardens know or email: secretary.stjb@4u-team.org

October 4 at 11am will be our Harvest Thanksgiving Service followed by our Harvest Lunch in the Pavilion at 12.30pm. All are very welcome and if you would like to join us please let the secretary know.

November 1 at 11am there will be a special service 'Remembering Loved Ones' and on November 8 our Remembrance Service. Please note the earlier time of 10.45am.

Our ever popular quiz night is November 14 at Abbotsbrook Hall. Prompt start 7pm. For further details please contact the Church Wardens: Peter Rodgers 07985 619780 or Jeff Smith 07775 957090 or our secretary.

Bourne End Quaker Meeting

A Quaker Meeting for Worship takes place in the Target Room at the community centre at 10am on the first Monday of every month. Everyone is welcome; we stay seated in shared silence until about 10.40am. Anyone present may share their thoughts during this period of worship, as in any Quaker meeting. We chat briefly over tea and coffee after the meeting. For more information please visit www.caqm.org.uk

Little Marlow Parish Council

We have completed refurbishing Abbotsbrook Hall (inside and out). You can see when we have availability for hiring both the hall and the pavilion on our bookings calendar on our website (under Facilities). We are always happy to show prospective hirers around.



At Little Marlow Fête, on August's Bank Holiday, we enjoyed talking to residents about the priorities we should focus on going forward.

Continuing to fight to protect our Green Belt from development was by far the most important issue identified. The proposed Local Plan to build 91,000 new homes in Buckinghamshire suggests that this can be achieved without releasing any Green Belt land. We are concerned that this does not guarantee that no development will take place on Green Belt and several areas in the parish have been designated as Provisional Grey Belt.



We published a newly formatted A4 newsletter in September and plan to do this bi-monthly with a roundup of local news. If you would like to read a copy it is available on our website and you can sign up for the newsletter and our regular news alerts by scanning the QR code.

All council meetings are open to the public and it would be lovely to see you there and to hear your views. Details of times and dates of all meetings are on our website.

*Cllr Kath Acres
Chairman*

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Past Times

Edited by Barrie Penfold



Barrie and Jim Penfold, Walter Garner, Bryan Laurie and Roger Clarke.

The first year has been a difficult one administratively as we embarked on an ambitious undertaking with little previous experience. Events have not allowed us the luxury of much time for leisurely experiment. It was difficult to find a mechanism to respond rapidly to events. We have created separate groups and sub groups but this, in turn, has created internal communication problems.

Despite our difficulties the association has been recognised by the Civic Trust as the major one for this area, and we have affiliated with the Council for the Preservation of Rural England and Bourne End Community Association. Meetings still took place in a private home and was a major saving of money we didn't have.

Our first public meeting in 1978 was held in the Red Cross Centre in New Road and was attended by a capacity crowd. Most of the people present

joined the association. There were also a substantial number of parish council representatives and their attitude was mainly hostile. I hope they are now less suspicious of our motives and would agree that an informed electorate can only lead to more effective local government.

In April there was a one-day Scout camp held at Sappers Field off Kiln Lane. The police were sent to enquire why the Scouts were there despite permission having been given by Tony Hurst, parish chairman of open spaces. It seems that the parish council also had some internal communication problems.

During the camp it was noticed that one of the clay mines shafts on the site was still open. When I went up to have a look I found the intact remains of a former brick kiln, covered in brambles.

A letter was sent to the parish council at the end of April seeking permission to mount a joint venture to clear the site around the kiln and make it visible to the public. The letter suggested that any spoil could be used to fill up the shaft. No reply was received but, about a month later, it was found that contractors had resolved both problems. The site had been levelled and the remains of the kiln pushed into the shaft.

Despite my anger at the unnecessary destruction of any part of this area's heritage I kept this matter quiet at the time rather than prejudice other issues that were already beginning to emerge.

For a start there was Old Clayton's School between Station Road and Furlong Road which was being valued by the county council. By chance we had met the county valuer and obtained prior warning of the plans for the site.

We wrote to the council and our local councillors

saying why the school should be retained. Despite our arguments the county council was insistent on raising the maximum amount of money for the site and went ahead and approved its own plan for building eight town houses. The parish council took the view that housing on the site was probably the best arrangement that we could expect.

Appalled by the lack of interest we directly challenged the 'official line' and called a series of meetings where the officials were brought face to face with representatives of the area's voluntary organisations to hear their views.

As a result of our activities the county's plan was firmly opposed as the Anchor Housing Association became interested in the site. They would like to build a residential home for the elderly and retain the school as a day centre. Negotiations are currently going on between the county and Anchor.

There have been few sorer sights in recent years than the steadily deteriorating Spade Oak Farm. This was an early target for our activity but events were too far advanced for our late response to have much effect.

Years of neglect and vandalism have brought the farm to its present state but these are listed buildings and should have been protected. Now there are plans to convert the farm and its barns into a residential complex.

We have had very effective press coverage of our activities due to the efforts of David Bolton and Barrie Penfold. I would also like to express my appreciation to Doug Ginger who has provided space for our association in *Target*.

The library and Bourne End's unconventional 'nerve centre' – the Continental Cleaners – have also provided us with valuable wall and window space. Our own newsletter appeared at regular intervals through the year and thanks must go to Barrie Penfold for compiling these and to Ann Wheals and others who have helped with distribution.

Membership has increased to 180 and Bryan Laurie has proved to be an able membership secretary. The planning sub group, led by Jim Penfold, has an important task and they have been very active throughout the year.

Bobby Graver and Iris Pleace have attended parish meetings and Leslie Fox has done extensive research for us at Wycombe Planning Office. We have had professional advice on road matters from Tony Beseke and we are off to a very sound start.

As the year draws to a close the first series of Policy Papers were published by Wycombe District Council. We consider these to be of major importance. If the planners have their way there will be more traffic through our village. The high level of attendance at our open meeting confirms that many local people are as concerned as we are.

The opinions expressed at that meeting were used as our representations to WDC. A year ago, at our first open meeting, I made the comment that there were no contentious issues on the horizon – how wrong can you be!

Editor: Nearly 50 years on and we are still faced with planning issues – some things never change – but thanks to this association local people are now not afraid to voice their views and challenge the planners. And they will continue to do so...

Searching through the archives I uncovered an open letter by Brian Wheals written about one year after the official formation of Bourne End Residents Association.

Early in 1977 three local people, David Bolton, Keith Harris and I, were brought together in an attempt to prevent flats being built on the corner of Blind Lane in Bourne End. Despite fighting a virtually lost cause the trio obtained several design changes and the resulting building was more tolerable than was originally intended.

David Bolton and Keith Harris subsequently wrote the article 'Bourne End – who cares?' that appeared in *Target* in June 1977 and floated the idea of a residents' association. The response was encouraging and by December 1977 events had built up sufficient momentum to produce a tear-off strip in *Target* to be filled out by all those interested in helping to form an association.

Three formative meetings were held earlier this year [1978] with 30 people attending on each occasion. A structure and constitution was drawn up and, at the end of March, an executive committee elected. A tower of strength at those early meetings was Mary Laws who, despite declining office, has worked solidly on our behalf.

Those serving in the first year were; me as chairman, David Bolton as vice chairman, Honor McCulloch as secretary, Bobbie Graver as assistant secretary, Henry Hulme as treasurer and Robert Stacey as assistant treasurer. Also on the committee were Penny Walsh, Dinnie Hawthorne,



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OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

Soroptimist International of Thames Valley

We will be hosting a joint conference with The Soroptimists of High Wycombe at Bucks New University on Saturday October 17 from 10am until 1pm to explore ways to protect women from violence.

Several high profile cases have hit the headlines recently but did you know that 65% of all women and 85% of women aged 18-24 experience unwanted sexual attention in a public place?

This is an issue for our whole community and we want to engage everyone in building safer environments.

The conference aims to raise awareness of the importance of reporting non-contact sexual crimes and help bystanders to take safe supportive action if they see someone who is in trouble or a victim of unwanted harassment. Your voice matters. Please join us on October 17 by booking your ticket at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GQFJ>

We are a branch of a leading women's voluntary organisation with 70,000 clubs worldwide. We focus on transforming the lives of women and girls locally, nationally and globally.

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A swathe of events are planned for autumn and the New Year.

As I write, we are looking forward to an Invitation Day at Fawley Railway Museum (train rides and transport memorabilia) and Pétanque at the community centre.

Saturday October 10 – Skittles and Supper at Flackwell Heath Bowling Club

Friday November 27 – Autumn Dinner at Christ Church, Flackwell Heath.

Marlow Maidenhead Taplow Passengers Association

The association is aware that the Bourne End ticket office has not been staffed on occasions recently.

GWR has advised this was because of a combination of long term sickness and annual leave over the summer. The ticket office should now be fully open again.

With the return of rain the problem of puddles forming opposite train doors at Bourne End has been raised with GWR, but without resolution so far. We will continue to press for an answer. We are also seeking to get improved coordination of bus and train times at Bourne End.

At the meeting in July of the Maidenhead Station Board, attended by us, a number of issues were covered. Review of the impact of recent heatwaves on services revealed that, in periods of disruption, Elizabeth Line services are given priority. Recent problems at Maidenhead arose from poor communication between GWR and station staff as to whether GWR services were running.

Our representative met MP Josh Reynolds at Cookham Station and highlighted the absurd location of GWR timetables. He has raised this with GWR and been promised this will be addressed.

Marlow & District Railway Society

Several of our members are great railway photographers, and all that blue sky and sunshine we had in the summer should have produced lots of great photos of steam-hauled excursion trains puffing along the main lines through both Maidenhead and High Wycombe.

Unfortunately the tinder-dry conditions meant that they all had to be replaced with diesels, due to the real risk of a stray spark setting fire to the surrounding countryside.

Many would argue however that the diesels themselves now have great historical value; after all it is 60 years since they replaced steam.

Indeed by 1972 steam had gone from the main lines of the UK, but Geoff Plumb, whose talk in July was all about that particular year, still managed to find some for us to enjoy, albeit abroad or on private industrial lines.

The focus for our speaker in August, Mike Lamport, was however much more recent - last year in fact. It was thoroughly absorbing to recall all the fantastic events that were laid on (many through his own initiatives) to celebrate 200 years since the opening of the famous Stockton & Darlington Railway,

If you like viewing quality photographs of scenic North American railroads, then our next meeting will definitely be for you. Don Woodworth will be presenting the show in his usual entertaining manner on Thursday October 15, starting at 7.30pm in the community centre.

Then on Thursday November 19 David Langton will be recalling some of the highlights of his railway career 'up north', between 1992 and 2017. The reflections of ex-railwaymen are always both fascinating and amusing, so do come along. Non-members are welcome; it's just £3 on the door.

Bourne End Flower Arranging Society

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at Bourne End Community Centre.

The demonstrators are October 6 – Marion Mathaur, Floral Fiesta, November 3 – Caroline Gilding, From the Bookshelf and December 1 we will welcome Ian Lloyd to demonstrate 'A Cheshire Christmas'. Doors open at 7.30pm and the demonstrations start at 8pm. Tickets for visitors are £10 and £15 for the Christmas demonstration.

We also invite you to our Christmas Workshop on

Thursday November 19 at St Paul's Church Hall. Doors open at 10am and the workshop is from 10.30am to 4pm. Tickets are £40 including all materials and refreshments.

Please bring your own lunch, scissors and floral imagination. To secure your place please ring Pat on 01628 628329.

Thankfully David Williams stepped in when our scheduled demonstrator had a family crisis. His wonderful firework inspired demonstration was bursting with colour and texture. It went down a storm with our audience. Have a look at the photo and grateful thanks to David.

Bourne End Guides

In August, 20 Guides and five Leaders from 2nd Bourne End Guides travelled to Adelboden, Switzerland, for a week packed with adventure, challenge and unforgettable Alpine scenery.

Local Guide Leader Lillian Newman and her team, spent 18 months planning the trip.

Adelboden is a special place in Girlguiding as it is home to Our Chalet, the original World Centre of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

We arrived on August 1, the Swiss National Day, and experienced local celebrations that included yodelling and alphorn music.

Day one we explored Adelboden and enjoyed





its 50-metre open-air swimming pool and diving boards. Day two, we travelled to Kandersteg, home to a World Scout Centre, then took a cable car and hiked to the crystal-blue waters of Lake Oeschinen.

On day three we visited Our Chalet meeting fellow Guides from Ontario, Canada, and Ayrshire, Scotland. This special visit brought Bourne End Guides connection to the international Girlguiding community to life.

Other highlights included Adelboden Adventure Park, where the Guides soared through the air on zip lines and tested their courage and teamwork while rock climbing, and a journey to Jungfrauoch, the highest railway station in Europe.

From Grindelwald, the Glacier Express cable car and the famous red mountain train took us through the Eiger mountain to the station, 3454 metres above sea level. Sledging and tubing on the mountain slopes was a huge highlight, along with the Ice Palace sculptures and the Lindt chocolate shop in the visitor centre.

The Guides returned home with new skills, stronger friendships and exciting stories to share.

Our thanks to the parents of girls within Bourne End District Girlguiding and everyone else who supported our fundraising events for this fantastic trip. Special thanks to Wooburn and Bourne End Parish Council and Marlow Division Girlguiding for their generous donations towards the group's striking hoodies, T-shirts and International neckers.

Bourne End Horticultural Society

We are a friendly, long-established society who meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30 for 8pm at St Dunstons Church hall.

We offer interesting speakers, plant sales, social evenings, quizzes and regular visits to wonderful gardens. Our next trip will be on Sunday October 11 to RHS Hyde Hall.

November 19, 7.30 for 8pm, our speaker is Dr Sandy Primrose with 'The Frankincense trail'

As an affiliated member of the RHS we are able to offer members and their guests a free annual visit to a RHS garden- you only need to pay for the coach. For more details email behorticultural@gmail.com or visit our website sites.google.com/view/bourneendhorticulturalsoc

CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 1 Thurs (and every Thursday) Fitsteps at the community centre 11.15am to midday
- 1 Thurs Centre Quiz at the community centre. Doors open at 7.30pm; please arrive by 7.45pm for an 8pm start. For more information call Diane on 07521 656413
- 2 Fri Bingo in the community centre. Every Friday. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 3 Sat Bourne End Junior Craft Show at the library. Viewing from 12.30pm, prizegiving at 1pm. See page 12
- 3 Sat Repair Café (and then every first Saturday) at Flackwell Heath Community Centre 10am to midday. See poster page 6
- 4 Sun Tea Dance at the community centre 2pm to 4.15pm. See page 5
- 5 Mon Short Mat Bowls in the community centre 7.15pm – and every Monday and Tuesday (except first Tuesday of each month)
- 6 Tues Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society welcomes Marion Mathaur with the theme 'Floral Fiesta' at 8pm in the community centre. See their report page 34
- 8 Thurs Open Mic Night in the bar at Bourne End Community Centre 8pm to 10.30pm. See poster page 6
- 8 Thurs The Hedsor Jazz Club, start time 8pm (until 10.30pm), admission £12 (cash only), The Hedsor Club, Hedsor Road, Bourne End (held on the second and fourth Thursday each month)
- 10 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am to 2pm in and around the community centre. See ad page 31
- 10 Sat Bollywood Night at the community centre from 7pm. See poster page 5
- 11 Sun A social with a great mix of salsa, cha cha cha, Cuban and other Latin rhythms at the community centre, £12. Call 07595 397184 or 07956 122505 info@dance2salsa.co.uk www.dance2salsa.co.uk
- 13 Tues Short Mat Bowls in the community centre 7.15pm – and every Monday and Tuesday (except first Tuesday of each month)
- 16 Fri Cancer Connect meet-up at Flowerland café 10.30am to 12.30pm. See page 11
- 17 Sat Repair Café (& every third Saturday) at Bourne End Community Centre 11am to 1pm. See page 6
- 18 Sun Afternoon movie at the New Royalty Cinema in the community centre at 2pm F1. See page 3
- 19 Mon Archaeology at Slate Meadow. A free talk at the Wooburn Club 8pm. See page 7
- 23 Friday Friends of the Library quiz night, 7pm for 7.30pm. See page 14
- 29 Thurs Craft session in the library 10.30am, please book early. See page 14
- 29 Thurs Centre Talk at 7.30pm in the community centre, 'Morris Minors in the Media'. See page 5

NOVEMBER

- 1 Sun Tea Dance at the community centre 2pm to 4.15pm. See page 5
- 2 Mon Short Mat Bowls in the community centre 7.15pm – And every Monday and Tuesday (except first Tuesday of each month)
- 3 Tues Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society welcomes Caroline Golding with the theme 'From the Bookshelf' at 8pm in the community centre. See their report page 34
- 5 Thurs (and every Thursday) Fitsteps at the community centre 11.15am to midday
- 5 Thurs Community Centre Quiz. Doors open at 7.30pm; please arrive by 7.45pm for an 8pm start. For more info call Diane on 07521 656413
- 5 Thurs Centre Talk at the community centre 7.30pm, 'The Vatican' by Philippa Hitchen. See page 4
- 6 Fri Bingo in the community centre. Every Friday. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 7 Sat Repair Café (and then every first Saturday) at Flackwell Heath Community Centre 10am to midday. See poster page 6
- 8 Sun Remembrance Sunday on The Green, Wooburn, 10.30am. See page 8
- 8 Sun A social with a great mix of salsa, cha cha cha, Cuban and other Latin rhythms. See details Oct 11
- 9 Mon Wooburn Residents' Association meeting, open to the public, 8pm. See their report page 7
- 10 Tues Short Mat Bowls in the community centre 7.15pm – And every Monday and Tuesday (except first Tuesday of each month)
- 12 Thurs Open Mic Night in the bar at the community centre 8pm to 10.30pm. See poster page 4
- 12 Thurs Hedsor Jazz Club, start time 8pm (until 10.30pm), admission £12 (cash only please), The Hedsor Club, Hedsor Road, Bourne End (held on the second and fourth Thursday each month)
- 14 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am to 2pm in and around the community centre. See ad page 31
- 15 Sun Afternoon movie at the New Royalty Cinema in the community centre at 4pm, *Arrival*. See page 3
- 19 Thurs Christmas workshop with the flower club in St Paul's Church hall. Details page 34
- 19 Thurs The Beatle and Buddy live tribute show in the community centre at 7pm. See page 6
- 20 Fri Friends of Bourne End Library present author of 'Via Garibaldi' Jim Holden. See page 14
- 20 Fri Cancer Connect meet-up at Flowerland café 10.30am to 12.30pm. Meet up for coffee, chat, community and connection. See page 11
- 21 Sat Repair Café (and then every third Saturday) at the Bourne End Community Centre 11am to 1pm. See poster page 6
- 21 Sat Thr3wind tribute act at the community centre 7.30pm. See poster page 5
- 28 Sat Coffee morning at the community centre from 11am to 1pm in aid of Swan Support. See poster page 4
- 28 Sat Santa Claus comes to Wooburn. From 3pm to 6pm at the Wooburn Club. See the Wooburn Residents' Association report page 7
- Sun 29 Dementia Friendly Carers Café 2pm to 4pm at the community centre. See page 4

WOOBURN FESTIVAL RUNS THROUGHOUT OCTOBER & NOVEMBER.
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The next issue of *Target* will cover December and January 2027.
Email editor@targetmagazine.org.uk by Friday November 6
to get your event included in the issue and/or in the calendar.

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THE FALCON QUIZ

Set and sponsored by The Falcon Pub, Wooburn Moor

Quizmaster Steve set this quiz and landlady, Katie Lamb, generously offers a meal for two at the pub (or a takeaway) as a prize for the winner. For your chance to win, send in your answers to the questions below by email to 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 November 2. Have a go... if nobody gets all the answers the winner will be the person with the most correct answers. This quiz tests your cryptic bands and singers knowledge.

- 1) Wear one season?
- 2) Throw small fruit?
- 3) Russia or Canada maybe?
- 4) Shivering Rachel?
- 5) Several raincoats found in a cemetery?
- 6) Picture house tune?
- 7) Centre line on street?
- 8) Reverse male revolving in top gear?
- 9) Back to normal?
- 10) Smooth baby carnivores?
- 11) Scrounge a baby cooing?
- 12) Not a good firm?
- 13) Tissue shoe tie?
- 14) Nosey dead pussy?
- 15) Unglossy cinzano
- 16) Man Fridays partner smouldering
- 17) Very warm galaxy?
- 18) Valance is friend?
- 19) Put up Steve and Ricky?
- 20) The basics they teach you in school?

Answers to the August/September 2026 Quiz: 1) Chilli con carne 2) Brisket 3) Fortune cookie 4) Pomegranate 5) Knickerbocker glory 6) Gorgonzola 7) Prawn cocktail 8) Hotpot 9) Lobster 10) Fishcake 11) Peanut butter 12) Tuna fish 13) Golden syrup 14) Bubble and squeak 15) Polo 16) Olive 17) Lentil 18) Ploughman's lunch 19) Jam 20) Mango chutney The winner is Lynne Steed of The Chase, Wooburn Green.

Terms and conditions: Entrants must be aged 18 or over, only one entry per person, no cash alternative to the prize, our decision is final, no correspondence can be entered into. The meal must be booked in advance and is subject to availability. Drinks not included.



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