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Guy (left) and David

IT'S A WORLD RECORD

Oldest ocean rowers success in a 3,000 mile challenge across the Atlantic

Back home in Little Marlow world record rower Guy Rigby, 66, is busy talking to businesses about his Atlantic challenge and encouraging fundraising for The Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs, which trades as UnLtd. In fact Guy is so enthusiastic about helping social entrepreneurs that he needs to be reminded about his 53-day world record challenge which took him and his rowing partner David Murray from the Canaries to Antigua over the equivalent of 3,283 land miles in a 24ft boat.

"We've raised £750,000 so far," he tells *Target*, delighting in the achievement and reckoning that their team were among the top fundraisers in this year's Talisker Whisky Atlantic challenge. "And money is still coming in as the word spreads."

Returning to their magnificent row, Guy remembers vividly that, when entering Antigua harbour, he and his rowing partner David achieved the world record for the oldest pair, to row any ocean, also taking eight days off the time taken by the previous holders.

"Our welcome in Antigua will be one of the best memories of my life as there were boat hooters, the quay was lined with cheering supporters, television cameras recording it all and everyone desperate to congratulate us."

Due to currents around Antigua their planned arrival date was delayed from Sunday to the following Thursday. "Then on the Wednesday night we saw a speed boat coming out of the dark to say 'well done' and welcoming us," Guy smiles, "we still had 20 miles to go but that was the best news ever."

Back in 2019 Guy talked to David about the challenge and the world record opportunity. They registered for the challenge in January 2020 and started on their training regime.



From then onwards the challenge filled both their lives as they learnt from other crews, found and adapted their boat, then trained themselves, and their brains, to cope with the 'eat-sleep-row' routine. "It worked really well and we never thought about the end. We knew we would do it," Guy remembers. "At the same time we were dealing with the fundraising. We were talking to businesses about sponsorship and we were both committed to helping communities to make the world a better place".

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ACTION UKRAINE

Please turn to page 3 to find out how you can help local efforts to support Ukrainian citizens

Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee

In the June/July issue of *Target* our groups and clubs will be organising events to be part of the great countryside royal celebration. Please make sure that *Target* has information about these so they can be part of this very special royal celebration issue of your community magazine. Copy date will be the beginning of May but you can let *Target* know well before then. It will be a shame if something special wasn't included because the details arrived late.



It was **Mexico** in Bourne End for one group of residents...
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Sixty years ago local people joined together in their need for a community meeting place where everyone could get together and socialise. Their determination resulted in the formation of Bourne End (Bucks) Community Association. To raise funds for that purpose a charity was formed.

From then on it became a major Bourne End charity with the objective of raising funds to build a community centre for local people. Times have changed but the purpose of that community association has remained constant. People and their needs might have changed, but in Bourne End the association and the community centre are still the living heart of the village.

Through six decades of achievements, and occasional disappointments, the community centre has seen countless events packed with smiles and ringing with the sound of applause. Many, many people have memories of events and even now there are those planning events in the future. Celebrating this anniversary is a definite way to say that the charity is still Bourne End (Bucks) Community Association – with plans for more future anniversaries.



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ACTION UKRAINE



Local people have been pledging support on many levels for the people of Ukraine – none more so than Keith and Brenda

Harris who live in Wharf Lane and have accommodation available that would be suitable for a small refugee family. Keith contacted Buckinghamshire Council and received the following reply from their Special Projects Officer, Stephanie Payne.

“It is with great appreciation I contact you to discuss potential sponsorship of Ukrainians within your property, as you will have heard information has now been released on this. Here is the link of how to register to support individual/s Homes for Ukraine – Homes for Ukraine – Local Sponsorship Scheme for Ukraine (campaign.gov.uk)

“We would like to offer support to you in supporting individuals personally and accessing public services, please keep me updated when you put your offer forward so we can monitor and step up where you/refugee requires any assistance.

“Many thanks for your generosity, it is tremendously admirable - we would warmly commend this practical/personal support and will keep your information on record as we move forward with next steps as our senior leaders are meeting regularly with Government for moving this forward promptly.

“Thank you for getting in touch, please pass my details to anyone else in Bucks area that have similar offers to assist the crisis.

www.buckscc.gov.uk

Direct line: 01296 383169. Buckinghamshire Council website is updating its information almost daily and should be your first point of contact.

Wooburn and Bourne End Parish council has said: “Thank you for reaching out to the parish council. We have discussed the issue and when things like this have come up in the past we have found they are best co-ordinated by Bucks who have protocols and departments, with links to others, already in place and more uniquely placed to be able to co-ordinate rehousing people.

“If *Target* wish to run something, people could offer their details regarding offering accommodation to *Target*

or to us at the parish and we could forward those details to Bucks.”

The Disasters Emergency Committee website quotes: "The Disasters Emergency Committee has stressed that monetary donations are needed as opposed to specific items, which are often challenging to transport and not always relevant".

A huge number of donations have been made and very sincere thanks go to those organisations making relief deliveries to Ukraine. The Red Cross has been swift in their response. Social media also has details of how and where donations can be made. Thanks to all of them as they take action to help Ukraine.

BRIDGE PLAYER'S BIDDING QUIZ

Bourne End Bridge Club has compiled some of the best quiz questions which have appeared in *English Bridge*. Try this one set by **Julian Pottage** You are sitting West. What should you bid on the given auction at matchpoint pairs, love all?

♠ 10 W N E S
♥ 9 7 5 3 1♠ Pass
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Julian Pottage gives his answer on page 4

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UPDATE

by Stuart Wilson

As spring approaches (at the time of writing in early March) there is limited news on the proposed developments at Slate Meadow and Hollands Farm, which is a good thing overall.

We maintain a close eye on the public access website for planning at Buckinghamshire Council and review any new information that relate to the planning applications.

On Slate Meadow, the statutory consultees, such as the utility companies and the council's various departments, are still responding to the revised plans in the Reserved Matters Application that were posted at the beginning of January. Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council raised a number of matters of concern.

The developer then needs to respond to any further issues that have been raised regarding the application. At this stage, it seems likely that there will be a review by the Strategic Sites Committee or other planning committee for a determination in April at the earliest.

The outline planning application for the majority of Hollands Farm by Catesby Estates is also progressing slowly with a further extension of time request until the end of March by the applicant. There are a number of reports still to be issued by the statutory consultees, including Highways, Ecology, Arboriculture, Education and Urban Design as well as any additional comments from others to be considered.

Again, the applicant will need to respond to any matters raised in these reports, so it seems unlikely that there will be a review by the Strategic Sites Committee before April at this stage.

As yet, there is still no formal planning application from Capreon for the remaining part of Hollands Farm (Jackson's Fields/Princes Road) - this is critical because the policy BE2 in the Local Plan requires the delivery of a link road through the site going through that land.

For those who saw *The Sunday Times* in February, you may be interested to note that Leopold Noé, the owner of Jackson's Field is one of the elite donors to the Conservative Party with privileged access to the Prime Minister and other Cabinet Members following donations in excess of £1m in recent years. If only our MP could persuade him to gift the land to the community.

Further to questions from Cllr Stuart Wilson to Buckinghamshire Council about the proposed removal of the Centenary Clock and Peace Garden at Penny's Corner as proposed by the developer and endorsed by Highways, the Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Council has written to the case officer to express their grave concern and is looking into the matter more closely with expert input.

Cllr Wilson has also been raising questions about the proposed s106 contributions of £1.5m from the developer towards improvements at Little Marlow Lakes Country Park to mitigate recreational impacts at Burnham Beeches from an expanded population, given other proposed developments in Little Marlow.

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| ♥ 9 7 5 3 | | | 1 ♠ | Pass |
| ♦ 10 3 2 | ? | | | |
| ♣ A K J 7 6 | | | | |

1NT. Some people use the rule of 14 (add points to length of longest suit) to decide whether the hand is worth a two-level response. Here, five clubs and eight points leaves you one short. You would also be rather stuck if you responded 2♣ and partner rebid 2♦ (forcing).



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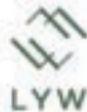
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Well there's no mistaking that view... Jenny and Graham Stacey, from Hedsor Road, made it to Australia just after Christmas and stayed for a month.

They had a fabulous time with daughter Joanna who has lived there for eight years.

Two-and-a-half year old Gulliver and three month old Georgia were the main reasons for the visit as the children had only seen their Bourne End grandparents via the magic of the internet.

Yes, the sun shone. Yes, the sky was blue. And these two little bundles of joy were a wonderful reward for all the forms and tests to make it onto the plane. Graham very kindly took the photo. Jenny is front left with Joanna behind.

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Open Letter to all residents, residents' associations, local organisations and businesses in Wooburn and Bourne End Parish.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



Please be advised that your parish council has formed a Working Party to facilitate, support and assist with the planning of Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebratory community activities.

We expect that there will be many organisations with plans to celebrate the event and we are ready to offer support where we can.

We attach below a useful link to Buckinghamshire Council's guide to the planning of events:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/the-queens-platinum-jubilee/>

Please be so kind as to let our clerk, Mike Balbini, know your tentative plans and how the parish council can help.

For example, we can coordinate with Buckinghamshire Council requests for road closures. Mike can be contacted at the parish council offices and by email at: clerk@wooburnparish.gov.uk

We have made funding available to support such community events.

Please note requests for road closures need to be communicated to Buckinghamshire Council by May 6, 2022.

We hope to see many events planned and wish everyone success with their celebratory events.

**Yours sincerely,
Tim Bingham, chair**

New clerk for the parish council

A little more about our new clerk, Mike Balbini. Mike was formerly a Wooburn & Bourne End Parish Councillor, but was tempted to jump the fence and became the clerk at Shinfield Parish Council, which has grown and is now similar in size to our parish.

Anyone who commutes along the M4 at peak times will be sympathetic with Mike's route to and from Bourne End with hours on the road in heavy traffic.

After three years in Shinfield, the appearance of the vacancy for a clerk in Wooburn was the light at the end of Mike's travel tunnel.

Besides being familiar with the area, with the

experience gained as Shinfield's clerk and holding the local government CiLCA qualification, Mike was the perfect candidate. We welcome him back onto home ground.

Mike started in his new role in February this year, succeeding Malcolm Silver who served our parish council first as deputy clerk and later as clerk and proper officer for 11 years.

Malcolm leaves behind him completion of many important projects, good systems and financial controls, which have been commended by our auditor. We will all miss Malcolm for his humour, dedication and wise counsel.



Once Upon a Time Book Bench is home – at last

When Bourne End WI members agreed to create a special book bench their intention was to see it in the children's library at Wakeman Road.

That was back in 2019 and since then it has become an itinerant book bench, a travelling book bench and a book bench without a home.

Everywhere it stopped it was loved. Fingers traced over the characters from literature that

were painted onto the bench.

There's the Famous Five, Gangsta Gran, Alice in Wonderland and the Three Bears, and many more. They leapt out at you as you wandered around the bench.

On its journey to the library in Bourne End there was a holiday at Juniper Hill School in Flackwell Heath where the children loved having it to stay. Then odd stopovers in garages where it snuggled under covers. Finally it needed to be varnished before being carried into the library. No

fanfares were needed because this would be a working bench where children could explore or sit and listen to the magic of a story.

At half term that's just what they did in a series of storytime sessions. Here's one of the groups who sat enthralled when Jane Clark told them stories about the characters on the bench. She started by saying that all good stories begin with the words 'Once Upon a Time ...'

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ROWERS RECORD CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Guy explained that their boat, Lily, would be known as 'The Entrepreneur Ship' and the talisman of their fund raising for UnLtd – the charity that finds, funds and supports those who plan to start new businesses, particularly in marginalised communities, and don't have the business funding needed.

Forgetting the still painful fingers and screaming calf muscles, as well as losing 10kgs, Guy sits happily in Little Marlow and enjoys looking back through the pictures and reliving the experience of taking on the challenge and just getting on with it.

He says he probably won't be doing that one again but he won't rule out doing something in the future – as yet unknown. He talks about the halfway point where they were able to see all the comments that had been posted on social media encouraging them 'to keep on rowing'. For Guy it was great to know that there was so much support cheering them on.

Villagers turned out on a cold morning in Little Marlow to welcome Guy back home and finally he remembered just what he had done. "We didn't see land for 53 days. We aimed for 50 nautical miles a day – that's just short of 60 land miles. In total we rowed 3,283 land miles. We had an amazing time, saw some exceptional sights created by sea, sun and cloud. And we rowed!"

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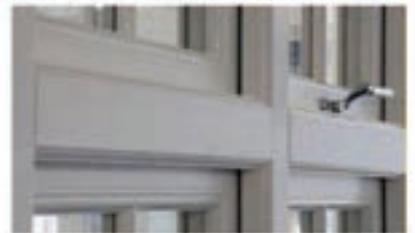


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Adrian was born in West London and has been playing violin and piano since the age of eight studying at the Hillingdon School of Music.

As well as enjoying being part of St Paul's worship band, Adrian plays at pubs, clubs and festivals with pop/covers bands Connected and Recollection.

He also plays keyboards in a five-piece acid jazz/funk band called Tunehead indulging his love of artists such as Stevie Wonder, Steely Dan, Miles Davis and Grover Washington.

If that isn't enough, Adrian has also played violin



Craig (left), Paul (St Paul's Church vicar), Adrian (right)

on a belly dancing CD for local composer Declan Flynn aka al-pha-x. In the spirit of public interest Adrian doesn't belly dance himself.

Craig was born in New Zealand many moons ago and has a music degree majoring in voice. He is a bass/baritone and sings in several choirs including the London Welsh Rugby Club Choir thus indulging both his love of singing and of rugby.

Craig only started playing bass guitar 10 years ago to fill a gap when St Paul's bass player went off to uni.

Despite his more advanced years, Craig gamely stepped up offering his services as a newbie bassist and hasn't looked back since. He often plays bass lines to his wife Linda — a regular market steward and also from New Zealand — asking her: "Can you guess what it is yet?" Only to receive a puzzled look and expression of "I have no idea - they all sound the same to me".

Come and hear us at the market April 9 and May 14. To know more or to book TJ Moods for your event, contact Adrian on 07970 575517 or email ADRIAN.MUSIC@JONES-ONLINE.CO.UK For info about the market call 07989 716635 or email rosieohagan@me.com

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The clubhouse and green is situated at the east of Flackwell Heath Recreation Ground. We will be holding an Open Day for all who want to give bowls a try on Monday May 2 from 1pm. There will be another Open Day on Thursday June 2 when Flackwell Heath will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee.

During the season there are league and friendly matches including mid week ladies and mixed team games. The club also runs internal competitions for all to enjoy.

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We are as excited as Claire about the future of the practice and we welcome her passion for ensuring high quality and compassionate care in our local community.

We are sure that all our patients will join us in wishing Claire every success in this role. SEE OUR INFORMATION POSTER PAGE 32.

UPPER THAMES SAILING CLUB

By Tony Ketley

At the time of writing, the visions and dreams of our Flag Officers' of creating a beautiful modern balcony on the clubhouse are becoming a reality. The first spade went into the ground shortly after Christmas.

A team of members, assisted by some professionals, got stuck in (not literally) and had soon dug the foundations for the steel work that would support the balcony.

The wet conditions didn't help, but sailors are used to a drop of water and soldiered on.

Concrete was mixed, poured, patted, and admired, all this hard work just to be hidden under the ground. Still, it had to be done and despite the cold windy weather the 'Balcony Bunch', as they have been christened, made good progress.



Once the local council building control department had given their approval to the foundations the steelmen could make a start.

A week later the structure was in place, bolted to the foundations, welded to the existing steels and ready for the carpenters to do their bit. Some of the joists have gone into place giving height and form to the floor of the balcony.

While all this is going on, the grounds surrounding the clubhouse are receiving a makeover, old cracked slabs are removed and the ground prepared for resurfacing.

New gates have been installed, for improved security. Back in the field, along the boundary with the boat park, a hedge has been planted, again a group of members who are prepared to get their hands dirty doing the work.

Some 300 saplings of various types, Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Bird Cherry, Hazel, Dogrose and Field Maple have been planted.

It will look amazing in a year or two once the wildflowers make an appearance. These were sown when the field was restored after Network Rail ended their temporary use of it as a compound for their plant and materials.

The plan is to have the balcony completed by the start of the season and be ready for

inspection by our guests on Open Day April 24 (11am to 4pm), when Tea By The Thames, our annual fundraiser for Sail4Cancer will take place (3pm to 4pm).

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The group has now been meeting weekly for the best part of four years, with some breaks.

They range from a sprightly 70 year old, the baby of the group, to an equally sprightly 91 (soon to be 92) year old, Sheila Hutchins.

They use dumbbells and exercise bands and do a solid hour of movement and stretching every Tuesday morning. And they do it all with the utmost level of concentration.

All the members told me how much they enjoyed the social side of the class as well as appreciating the health benefits of exercise that we all know are so good for us.

There are three married couples who attend most weeks, others who come with friends, and others who have made good friends by attending the group.

Some of them told me how they always walk home with an extra spring in their step after the class and feel physically and mentally invigorated.

This is just one of the many groups

running in your local u3a.

And as further proof that life only begins when you reach your third age, I was not allowed to leave the room without buying a jar of Seville orange marmalade made by two members of the group and sold to raise funds for Hedsor Church.



If you have any suggestions, would like to lead a new group, or join one of our many existing groups, do please get in touch with our membership secretary, Fritha Irwin, at members@bourneendu3a.org.uk

Report and photos by Vivienne Strayton



Left to right, Front row: Hilary Jackson, Lita Karva, Sandra Plummer, Valerie Clarke, Sheila Hutchins, Second row: Teresa Finn, Moey Charlesworth, Tina Duncan, Leah Thompson, Maureen Tolworthy, Trisha Daymond, Llweyla Cottingham. Back row: Brian Jackson, Alan Duncan, Nick Roy



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By Jo Murray, parish clerk

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Our parish council's vice chairman, Geoff Fitchew, stepped down from his role after more than 20 years as a councillor. We are grateful for Geoff's long-standing dedication to the parish, for his voice of calm and reason and assistance in many roles over the years. Geoff took great care of Abbotsbrook Hall in particular, often turning his hand to maintaining the historical building. Geoff will be missed by his fellow councillors and the clerk.

It is with great sadness that Little Marlow Parish Council has to inform residents that Richard Mash (right), one of our longstanding and dedicated councillors, passed away early in March.



Annual Parish Meeting: Our annual parish meeting will be held at Abbotsbrook Hall on Friday May 13 from 8pm. We have invited Joy Morrissey MP to attend as well as Thames Valley Police. Please come along and meet your parish councillors, district councillors, as well as your fellow parishioners.

View the parish council meeting calendar and access meeting agendas via the website. Sign up for our news alerts and hear about what's happening in the parish. To keep up with parish council news please visit our website: www.littlemarlowparishcouncil.org.uk

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Rupert Lunnon 1965 — 2021



Rupert Lunnon was brought up at Well End Farm and he went to St George's Boys School in Windsor with the idea

that he might become a chorister. However when he heard that he would have to be a boarder Rupert put on his worst voice at the audition and was not chosen.

From there to St David's College in Llandudno where he left with several GCSEs and an A Level. His greatest achievement was walking the 14 peaks over 3,000ft in Snowdonia taking just over 17 hours. Then to Rycotewood College at Thame to do Agricultural Engineering where he achieved his HND qualification.

In between times he had a highly sociable life with parties, enjoyed the river, boating, canoeing and all sorts of sport. He attempted wine making and was a prankster who enjoyed having fun at all times. There were various jobs before Rupert was struck down with Multiple Sclerosis.

In 1990 Rupert took a Foundation Course at the Open University to upgrade his qualifications then planned to study 'Soils and the

Environment' at Reading University, but MS stopped those plans.

Never defeated Rupert found an old washing machine, cut off the side panel and burnished it to make a metal rose. That was the beginning of his rose business.

Working with metal Rupert designed and patented copper and brass roses along with a candlestick. These were then enamelled in different colours or in gold and silver.

One day he approached the Princes Youth Trust and he was given a bursary and grant. Then in 1996 he won the Copisarow Bursary Award for a young disabled person in business.

Rupert and his family were thrilled to see National Trust shops and others selling his roses. He also sold to a department store in Japan. Rupert delighted in gifting his roses to friends and others so profit levels weren't high and eventually cheaper imports meant Rupert had to close the company.

For the last 15 years Rupert has lived quietly at home before the family moved out of Well End Farm to a house alongside the River Thames in Bourne End.

Rupert died at the end of 2021 and his funeral took place in St George's Chapel at Windsor where he attended Evensong regularly. **RIP**

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St Mark's Church needs urgent community support

St Mark's Church in Bourne End pledges action as the church's future is uncertain following the departure of the last vicar, low attendance and dwindling church finances.

At a recent meeting of the two Parochial Church Councils of Bourne End and Hedsor, the Wycombe Deanery Lay Chair reassured everyone that "no decision has been made as to the future of St Mark's Church, indeed it is not the responsibility of the Wycombe Deanery to decide if a church stays open or is closed. Closure is absolutely not what we want to see happen."

Graeme Slocombe said that it would be the last resort if the PCC of St Mark's decided to request closure, if all their efforts failed, but there is no denying the lack of community engagement and the precarious financial situation of St Mark's.

Their sister church, St Nicholas in Hedsor, is secure as the church works in conjunction with Hedsor House to provide a traditional church wedding venue with receptions at the main house. This income keeps them sustainable.

Over the past two years all churches have felt the effect of frequent lockdowns and are struggling to encourage worshippers back to enjoy services and all the regular church events that used to take

place. St Mark's has been particularly badly hit by this and also the departure of their Rector Janet Binns to another parish, leaving the two churches in vacancy.

Today St Mark's and St Nicholas' both rely on the goodwill of retired priests to take Eucharist services. Church warden June Grierson told *Target*: "I wish more people in the village would give the church a try, and I am sure the community would be devastated if St Mark's had to close."

A recent report by the National Churches Trust suggests that as many as 368 ecclesiastical buildings have been earmarked for closure within the next five years. A shortage of funding has been to blame, along with falling attendances.

St Mark's sits on Station Road at the heart of Bourne End. It was built in 1886 on land next door to a house called Claytons and occupied by a Dr Allwright. Claytons School was built next door to the church.

It was the Anglican church for the growing village due to the expansion of the local mills whose end products were meeting the needs of industry and commerce. Also there were large houses being built on the bank of the River Thames with access to London by a new railway that connected Maidenhead to High Wycombe and then on to the main line.

While the 'Stop Press' item in the last issue of *Target* might have given a mistaken impression of

imminent closure, the reality is that there needs to be drastic action if St Mark's is to survive in the long term.

Historically the church has had a very important place in the history and growth of the village. By highlighting its precarious financial situation the church hopes that a way forward can be found that will not only see more people attending new and existing church services but will allow the church to fulfil an important place in the community.

"While the Deanery will support St Mark's endeavours," Graeme Slocombe told *Target*, "there needs to be significant engagement with the Bourne End community. Perhaps the first action might be to ask them for their views, what type of service would encourage them to start attending, how they could help St Mark's to thrive, and move on from there."

With Easter in the middle of April former worshippers might consider adding St Mark's to the family list of 'things to do'. They will be made very welcome and there will be things for children to do. Others might like to see inside this delightful building and help the efforts being made to protect and return it to its position as a vitally important part of the community.

St Mark's has a dual purpose in the village – one is ecclesiastical and the other is as an important part of local heritage.

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Bright, colourful outfits were compulsory and everyone responded with great enthusiasm. A sombrero** was handed out to everyone as they came into the lounge and there were 'stick on' Viva Zapata moustaches*** for the gentlemen. Then spicy starters arrived along with guitar man John Dunsterville from Flackwell Heath.

Enchilada**** was the main course with a choice of fillings. Wine flowed and, when not eating or talking, there was applause for the music man. A special Mexican dessert finished the evening made especially by a local baker in Marlow.

Games continued through the evening until it was time to gently drift away to bed. No denying that Blyton House knows how to party and in many of the rooms a sombrero was laid to one side as a permanent reminder of a good evening. There were thanks to the organisers and everyone who helped.

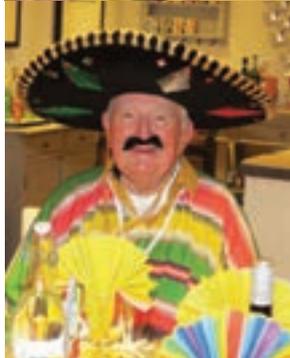
**Some say that the name came from Texas socialite Margaret Sames (aka Margarita) who mixed the first drink at a house party in Mexico during 1948. Or maybe it was named for actress Rita Hayworth (whose real name was Margarita Casino) during a gig in Tijuana in the 1940s.*

***The sombrero is an important part of the traditional Mexican Hat Dance which tells the story of a young man who gives up his most valuable possession—his sombrero. He does so to win the*

affection of the woman he loves.

****A type of moustache in which the two ends extend downwards to the chin, as worn by Marlon Brando in the film Viva Zapata! in 1952, about the Mexican revolutionary Emiliano Zapata (1879–1919).*

*****A corn tortilla rolled around a filling and covered with a savoury sauce – they can be filled with various ingredients, including meats, cheese, beans, potatoes, vegetables or combinations.*



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By Penny Heyes

Screwcap versus cork: the perennial debate

Our great friend Denzel, at the Simonsig Winery in South Africa, paints a lovely picture of opening a bottle of wine, while treating his wife to a picnic to celebrate their anniversary, how the theatre of opening the bottle and the pop of the cork is so satisfying and romantic; more so than unscrewing the 'stelvin closure' or metal screw cap.

He is right of course. But he also agrees that the screw cap has benefits. So which is the better; cork or screwcap?

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Cork oak trees are grown primarily in Portugal and much of the wine cork production takes place there.

However, in the wine bottle cork manufacturing process, a mould forms naturally over the cork. It is then treated and a by-product of this treatment is a compound called TCA (2,4,6-trichloroanisole) which affects the cork, causing wines to have a bad smell – known as cork taint.

You may have heard the expression 'corked wine': this is wine that has cork taint.

Taint can be attributed to other factors such as the barrels, transport and storage procedures, but it's usually the cork that takes the blame.

The worst corked bottles smell like a wet dog, mould or old damp. Drinking a corked wine is not going to cause you any physical harm but it is not very pleasant. Corked wines occur completely randomly and it is believed that up to 7% of wine can be affected with cork taint – so you may very well come across one.

This explains why so many wine producers started to use screw caps — and not just the lower priced ones. Winemakers were distraught at the thought that their carefully crafted wines were being ruined by bad cork.

Not only that, screw caps do keep white wine fresher longer, as they don't allow air to get into the bottle, which you don't really want with white wine.

The Portuguese cork producers have been working hard to eliminate TCA and we are now seeing a move back to cork. This is not only because it is a sustainable product, but also because, quite frankly, consumers prefer it: that delightful 'pop' does generate a good feeling.

My tips for Easter and Passover Food and Wine pairings

Chocolate: Viognier, Chardonnay (yes, trust me) and Shiraz.

Charoset: Oaked Chardonnay or a sherry.

Hot cross buns: Pudding wines like Vin Santo from Italy, Muscat de Baumes de Venise or a Noble Riesling.

Simmel Cake: Sherry or a pudding wine.

Matzo ball soup: Sparkling wine definitely, Viognier or Chardonnay.

Spring Lamb: Light red such as Rioja/Chianti/Pinot Noir.

Turkey: Light Pinot Noir/Chardonnay.

Beef (brisket): Low tannic red such as a Ribero del Duero, Syrah /Shiraz. Montepulciano.

Good Friday Fish: Riesling (dry) or Albariño.

Gifilte Fish: New Zealand Sauvignon or a fresh Chardonnay (even a Chablis).

Fish pie: Chardonnay/Chenin Blanc to complement the creaminess.

Anytime: Champagne, Cava or English sparkling would be delightful.

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ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

By Katie Lamb

I'm sure we are all familiar with the independent, kind and gentle Mole who opens Kenneth Grahame's adventures along a riverbank. *The Wind in the Willows*, helped by the illustrations of Arthur Rackham, paints the picture of a timid, home-loving creature. But the truth, as it turns out, is far from this.

Yes, it is true, the tiny dark velvety-clad creature looks very cute, not that many of us ever get to see one for real. So ok, yes, I will concede they appear shy and timid. But take another look at the velvety fur that helps the little hunter move easily through its tunnels.

It's sort of unique because it can either lay towards the front or back allowing for resistant free movement in either direction. The mole can run backwards almost as fast as it can run forward, and if in a tight spot they do this back flip/somersault move and suddenly are facing in the other direction. A skill the Cirque de Soleil cast would be proud of.

And as for digging — its whole body is designed to move as much soil as possible — these little critters literally do the breaststroke through the densest of soils.

The tough over-size claws which point back towards the body are the powerhouse of this little creature. It can dig out 20 metres of tunnel a day.

They work alone and an individual's network of tunnels can be more than 70 metres with a range of depths from nearly a metre to just below the surface – which is when we start to see 'mole hills' which is when greens keepers, avid gardeners and neat striped lawn lovers start to think of ways to stop these pesky animals.

As for temperament, these troglodytes keep themselves to themselves most of the time but, if two males meet in the breeding season a fierce battle can ensue and they will often fight to the death

over territory and/or the opposite sex. So not so cute and cuddly now maybe?

The breeding season is when they will come to the surface to collect leaves and matter to line the birthing chamber. Coming above ground is problematic for a creature with poor eyesight. Yes they can see, unlike the popular belief that they are completely blind. If you were looking for an entrepreneurial idea to make money, mole glasses could be a winner, if of course they could pay.

Moles have poor hearing and a poor sense of smell too, so it would appear they don't have much going for them in the senses department. But they have one ninja like sense - that is of touch and being able to feel vibrations.

They have sensitive whiskers, but the hairs on the long snout are super-charged with sensors that can feel the slightest movement. But the one thing I was blown away with was that the mole has a toxin in its saliva which can paralyse its prey, mostly earthworms. But this toxin only paralyses the worms, they are still alive and kept in special 'larder' chambers.

Hundreds of live but paralysed worms have been found in one single mole larder. So the idea of this friendly, little timid velvet glove of a mammal is best left to the books of fiction because in reality it is a very clever cleaver.



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Feelgood treats...

Feelgood movies all round for April and May at the New Royalty Cinema in the community centre (see posters left).

In April enjoy *Quartet*, a delightful film with a stellar cast, directed by Dustin Hoffman and filmed almost completely at our own Hedsor House.

Cissy (Pauline Collins), Reggie (Sir Tom Courtenay), and Wilf (Sir Billy Connolly) are in a home for retired musicians. Every year, there is a concert to celebrate composer Giuseppe Verdi's birthday and they take part. Jean (Dame Maggie Smith), arrives at the home and disrupts their equilibrium. She still acts like a diva, but she refuses to sing. Still, the show must go on...

Dream Horse, showing in May, is a charming tale based on the inspiring true story of Dream Alliance, an unlikely race horse bred by small town bartender, Jan Vokes (Toni Collette). With very little money and no experience, Jan convinces her neighbours to chip in their meagre earnings to help raise Dream and compete with the racing elites.

If you have mobility problems or use a wheelchair the community minibus, with an automatic lift, will provide transport for all the cinema showings. Wye Valley Volunteers are keen to get more people with mobility problems out of their homes for a great afternoon or evening at the movies. When you buy your ticket just say that transport is needed and supply your address and telephone number. It's as simple as that.

Turn over for more Community Centre News

Sunday 24 Apr
Doors open 15:00
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The New Royalty Cinema is a fund raising event for Bourne End Community Association

Sunday 15 May
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The race night is a fund raising event of Bourne End (Bucks) Community Association - a charity registered in England and Wales No. 300236.

Safety Evening

Are you a walker? Do you drive a mobility scooter? Do you ride a horse or are you a horse carriage driver? Maybe a cyclist or motorcyclist, perhaps you drive a car, lorry or bus. We all use the roads somewhere.

As many will be aware the Highway Code has had an update which came into force on January 29 and containing new clarifications regarding the hierarchy for road users.

So on Wednesday May 4 the British Horse Society is running an information evening at Bourne End Community Centre. There will be speakers followed by a question and answer session. Entrance is free and the car park is free after 7pm. The updated rules will be clarified and all road users should be aware of both the content of the Highway Code and these new rules.

To quote the Highway Code: "Rule H1 It is important that ALL road users are aware of the Highway Code, are considerate to other road users and understand their responsibility for the safety of others."

This should be a very interesting and informative evening and the organisers hope to see a variety of road users from the community. It starts at 7.30pm and for further information call the community centre office 01628 522604.

Friendly coffee and chat

Twice a week you can call into the community centre and enjoy a coffee and a chat with local friends. Wye Valley Volunteers organise two coffee mornings on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10 to 11.15am and everyone is welcome. Call in and enjoy good company, share a laugh and have a hot drink and a biscuit.

You don't need to be anything other than someone who would like to take a break from shopping, enjoy good company and to take the weight off your feet. It could be the perfect answer to make shopping trips more enjoyable. If you want to know more ring 01628 523739.

Vulnerable Road Users' Safety Evening

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ANGLING CLUB *FROM THE WATER'S EDGE*

Angling returned in March following a two month winter break. I do believe the fish go to the Bahamas in the winter. We went to Royal Berkshire fishery and 11 of us turned out on a cold, but pleasant sunny day.

First was John Taylor (suspect he is our ringer) with 14lb 2oz, second was Anthony Coleborn with 7lb 14oz and third was Henry Rimmer (ringer's mate). We also had Wayne Richardson guest with us for the first time and hopefully we will see him join us as a member in future. Anthony Coleborn also caught a large perch weighing 2lb 06oz.

I say ringers because yours truly didn't catch anything except the sun. It was good to see everyone there after the break; there is a great camaraderie among the members which makes our club special.

Our next match will be at Finch Farm in April which will be a new venue for the club for matches. Hopefully it will be warmer, as it will be lighter. Just need to remind Mother Nature that spring is here and to get her act together.

Good news, we hope to actually have an AGM, a real proper one in the Eghams Room at the community centre (next to the bar). Then it will be prize giving and rejoining night. It's been a while. The date will be Wednesday May 18. The AGM will be at 8pm so members please be prompt.

If new members would like to join you are welcome to come in after the AGM and enjoy seeing the guys receive their certificates and trophies for this season before you join and get your membership. We hope also that *Target* will kindly come after the AGM too and take some pictures. For those who really can't make the meeting I will still be doing postal membership.

If you have any questions about the club or wish to guest with us on a match, with a view to becoming a member do get in touch with me. Once you become a member you do not have to match fish, you can take advantage of the free waters as we are affiliated to Thames Valley Angling.

Until next time and thank you for following my fishy tales and tight lines!

Michele Smith
Secretary Bourne End Anglers
07802 711141.

old teenagers

"I'm going to eat this," is what Josie Gore might be saying at the station for her husband. What's surprising is that Josie had her week before and husband Gerry was celebrating his 90th birthday young at heart which is the perfect reason for a Mister Softee letter known as a 99.

Members of the community centre, you'll see them at bingo, music evenings having a drink in the bar. They've been part of the community centre from those early days of fund raising in the 1960s and have spent the years introducing children and grandchildren to follow in their footsteps.

Target bundles around the centre of Bourne End and has always been keen to help out with door-to-door delivery of the magazine if any contributors has problems. Many thanks Gerry – you're great. Thank you for your support and dedication.



Centre Bar Quiz

The next three dates for the bar quiz are 7 April, 5 May and 2 June, and it is continuing to take place in the May Woollerton Hall. Doors open at 7.30; please arrive by 7.45 for an 8.00 start.

For more information call Diane on 07521 656413.

Union Flag for Jubilee photo competition

June/July is the next issue of *Target* and as it also celebrates HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee it seemed like the right time for a photo competition featuring the Union Jack (or Union Flag). You with the flag – a group of friends with the flag – children with the flag – animals with the flag – local landscape with the flag – River Thames with the flag – the list is endless and *Target* would love to print them in the Jubilee issue. Please no sunglasses – we prefer to see eyes and if you want to fly another country's flag then that would be ok. Copy date is the first week of May and pictures should be sent as a full size jpeg to editor@targetmagazine.org.uk





Alcoholics Anonymous celebrates 75 years in GB

Do you sometime wish that alcohol was not quite so important in your life? Is having a drink becoming a more prominent part of your regular routine? Is alcohol costing you more than simply the price of a drink in terms of relationships or work?

Alcoholism is recognised as a disease just like any other and it needs treatment. Alcohol-related issues have risen dramatically during the significant turbulence of recent years. Sometimes, an individual may get medical or rehabilitation support first, but very often they come straight to AA. It is now widely recognised by healthcare professionals as a leading programme to support long-term sobriety and recovery for those with alcohol-related issues.

As a result, we have seen an increasing number of new people coming to AA. In the Chiltern & Thames Area alone, we hold more than 50 meetings a week, either in-person or on Zoom. There are meetings in Bourne End (Wednesday, 8pm, St Dunstan's Hall), Loudwater, Marlow, Cookham, Maidenhead, Wycombe and Beaconsfield throughout the week, 365 days a year.

AA meetings are nothing like you see in films or TV. They are full of happy, content individuals meeting together to support anyone who wants to live a fulfilling life without the burden of alcohol affecting them or those close to them.

If this sounds like a life you might want for yourself, please get in touch: Call our local helpline on 01628 530055 (open 24/7, 365 days a year). Find meetings on aachilternthames.org.uk

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) was founded in the USA in 1935 by Bill Wilson and Dr Robert Smith. This year it celebrates its 75th Anniversary in Great Britain with a major convention in Leeds in June. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organisation or institution. The primary purpose of an AA member is to stay sober and to help others achieve sobriety. We are very willing to help professionals in health, education, employment, justice and any other organisations in the area wishing to know more about our work; please email publicinformation@aachilternthames.org.uk



Is alcohol costing you more than the price of a drink?

Then help is at hand.

Alcoholics Anonymous has nearly 60 meetings a week in the Chiltern Thames area.

To speak to someone 24/7, please call **01628 530055** or to find a local meeting, visit www.aachilternthames.org.uk



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BOURNE END JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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

CAN YOU HELP US?

Bring new light to our sports hall and climbing wall?



Many of you will have seen our sports hall and you or your children may have used our premises for a variety of sports and activities.

Good lighting is essential, but sadly we find we cannot replace bulbs that go out with the same make – they are now obsolete. This means we must replace the whole system.

Our main hall has 20 light fittings and 80 bulbs – it is a large area. The climbing wall requires 32 bulbs and 2 strips. If all our users were to purchase a bulb each – that's 112 bulbs costing £10.81 each that would total £1,210.72, that would be a huge help.

Some of you may be able to do a little sponsored event to purchase a light fitting? We need:

20 x light fittings for main hall

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80 x LED bulbs for main hall

@£10.81 each

8 x light fittings for climbing wall

@ £152.00 each

32 x LED bulbs for climbing wall

@ £10.81 each

2 x LED strips for climbing wall

@ £ 255.12 each

That's £10,700 for just the materials. On top of that we need to raise the money to have the new equipment fitted which will be another £9,000. Like many charities, the pandemic has hit us hard.

We value your support and hope you will be able to bring light for all our users. To make a donation please go to <https://bejsc.co.uk/donate-shop/donations/>

SWIMMING SECTION

Chiltern League - Round One - Wow! - What a fantastic performance by our club at Banbury Leisure Centre, achieving a comfortable second place and a good points total to build on for the next rounds. What stood out though was 'the team'.

Not only was the swimming excellent — showcasing everything learned in training — the poolside conduct was impeccable and the support (and noise) for their teammates infectious. All swimmers did themselves and the club proud.

The Oxford and North Buckinghamshire County Championships 2022

drew to a close on February 13 after seven days (over five weekends) and 18 galas of incredible swimming.

We would like to CONGRATULATE the six swimmers who proudly represented Bourne End Swimming Club at the Championships: William Armstrong, Lydia Barson-Cain, Jacob Cooke, Emily Grainger, Ruby Millard, and Caitlin Valentine (pictured top right).

There were 19 personal bests, three finalist medals and four club records (to be ratified). We're very proud of our swimmers.



50th ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER

The trustees have reluctantly agreed that the dinner will not go ahead now. September 2022 was such a long wait, and it was a concern we would not sell sufficient tickets that far on to cover all the costs – we couldn't take that risk in light of our current financial state. We will keep you informed if any other event is planned.

PLEASE SUPPORT US

We were chosen for the current round of the Co-op Local Community Fund which will run until October 2022. Co-op members will be able to select us as their cause and donate to the club. Become a member of the Co-op and choose our cause to add 2p for every £1 you spend in any Co-op store you use.

TABLE TENNIS

The section continues to expand but Saturdays have spaces for beginners. All other groups are at full capacity both Saturday and Tuesday.

We are represented in the National Cadet League Under 13s with 4 teams. We are currently top of Division 1 and well supported in the other divisions.



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Peter with another, lesser known, royal carriage he has modelled



Peter's carriages de

that his dad started things when he bought a set of plans for a farm cart and handed them to his son.

At 11 years old Peter was on television with his models of a cottage and some military figures.

While schooling was a struggle, the young Peter found he had a skill for making models from plans.

That same skill for working with wood gained him an apprenticeship with a builder where he attained a first class pass in City and Guilds Craft.

Then he progressed to the Advanced Craft and later became a member of the British Institute of Certified Carpenters.

Peter worked with the builder until retirement – 50 years later.

Winning prizes for his models continued until, approaching middle age, Peter visited Windsor Castle and saw the 1838 State Landau in the Royal Mews Museum and thought how good it would be to make a model of that.

Needing to take measurements Peter asked and was told that he should contact the Crown Equerry.

After five weeks Peter was granted permission to measure the landau – a job that took two days – then it took him a year to create the model.

When they saw the end result there was an invitation to visit the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace. Since then Peter has created ten models of royal coaches from the Royal Mews.

It would be easy to drop names, but Peter talks quietly about high ranking personnel as well as members of the Royal family who have, over the years, seen his models.

Peter has shown his collection to Her Majesty the Queen twice in private audiences, one of which was also attended by Prince Phillip. "The Queen couldn't believe them," Peter said proudly, "she was very knowledgeable about the actual carriages and she opened the door of the Irish State Coach to have a look inside."

With his passion for detail there are final touches from cushion tassels to door handles that make these models so special.

Each one has been a labour of love for Peter and he's justifiably proud when they receive awards at major exhibitions.

He loves to hear people say: "look at the painting of the Royal Standard," or simply, "those are beautiful cushions".

And then he's happy to talk in detail about a particular item and what he had to do to achieve it. Even down to the Connolly Leather seating finish – exactly like the full size carriages.

"Everything is as close as possible to the

Peter Smith has delighted many people over the years with his talks about his hobby that became a passion for model making. In particular his fabulous models of royal carriages.

From being written off by his careers teacher to doing 'nothing more than dig holes on a building site' Peter has created an exceptional record that has the royal seal of approval.

And he knows that his creations, in all their glory, will eventually have a royal location and provide an historic and on-going record of royal carriages.

"This is the only collection of models ever made directly from Buckingham Palace coaches and they're up to the international gold medal standard at the International Model Engineering Exhibition which took place in Olympia," Peter explained.

What an achievement for someone who was born, and has lived, in the family home all his life.

Now he looks back with pride at a hobby that has taken him to royal palaces, working with pencil, tape measure and paper, to create miniature models of the beautiful carriages seen on state occasions carrying members of the Royal family. And he's still the same Well End man who worked for a local builder for more than 50 years, has local friends and who still walks the roads of his very familiar village.

Looking back Peter is no longer surprised by what he has achieved, but he'll happily admit



destined for royal location by Barrie Penfold

detail on the full-sized coach," Peter says, and he explains that each carriage took about two years to complete and he works from around 50 photos and 40-odd pages of measurements taken from the originals.

People cannot believe that they're handmade. "They just stand open-mouthed and they love to hear about the lengthy process that I had to go through before I even start work on them."

Each model has its own handmade wooden box to be used when the Royal Collection goes out to exhibitions.

Unfortunately Peter can no longer work with such precision and is disappointed that there are many more coaches in the Royal Mews but he won't be modelling them. But his satisfaction lies with these models which are some of the most widely used Royal carriages.

Peter has won every competition he has entered from 1991 to 2017. There have been television appearances and press reports to go into his scrapbook.

And over the years with talks to different groups Peter has raised money for the RNLI –

his favourite charity.

But Peter is that same man he was in those early days. He delights in seeing royal carriages being used and then smiles as he glances over at his models.

Eventually his models will make their way back to the Royal Mews. They are a record for future generations and they will go with their paperwork, drawings and notes.

Somewhere, in small print, each one will say Peter Smith (modelmaker) which will suit Peter just fine.



Trefoil Guild celebrate 50 years

Trefoil Guild members made it a double celebration when they combined getting together for their AGM while acknowledging that they had been going for 50 years.

All wore their red Guide badge to identify them and most had been involved with guide groups for many years.

They are a supportive group and will always be there for each other when needed. In between times they raise funds for charity, go walking, hold barbecues and invite speakers on a range of subjects.

Trefoil is a branch of Girlguiding that offers its members the chance to make new friends, serve the community and help guiding thrive across the country and the world.



During the formal part of the evening everyone remembered very special people who had died especially Nancy Roe and John Lugg. Then at the end of their AGM they discussed the current crisis in the Ukraine and pledged support.

When it came to photos, one had to be of Beryl Britt who was the longest serving and original member with Rosie Kimber who was the most recent recruit.

Beryl's fabulous cake for the occasion incorporated their badge. Then there was the member's group picture including chairman Rosemary Lewis and secretary Ethne Hawkins. Outside it was wet and cold but nothing deterred these cheerful ladies who had something to celebrate.

If you want to know more visit www.trefoilguild.co.uk

**BREAKING NEWS: Trefoil Guild member Sue Weston has been awarded her Gold Voyage Award which is based on various achievements in different areas including service to others. It is fairly rare for people to undertake this award and even rarer to complete it.*



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'A modicum of bile'

Dear Editor

I regularly read *Target* and enjoy it for what it is. 'Past times' being a particular favourite of mine, having lived in the parish of Wooburn and Bourne End for almost all of my 62 years.

With reference to the February/March issue, I found an article on page 32 so irksome that it has festered in my mind to the point where I feel a need to comment on it.

I am referring to the overly flattering article titled 'Wooburn's New Apartments'.

Pardon me for asking, but was this flowery and rather partisan propaganda, a paid-for insertion?

I will not miss the crane when it goes, and the sight of this construction, which is out of character and proportion with existing buildings, offends my eye

when viewed from the surrounding hills mentioned in the article.

However, I do agree that *Target* readers are aware of how highly desirable our local villages are. Particularly to developers, who would probably be quite happy to consign them to a covering of bricks and mortar, due to the potential for high returns on investments. Not averse to shoe-horning in buildings where possible.

'The Sidings' next to the railway line at Bourne End station springs to mind.

Now on to the article on page 34 regarding Marlow Film Studio. Well done! Some local passion and a modicum of bile.

However, I fear that Save Marlow's Greenbelt will have the same success as Keep Bourne End Green. A sterling effort but little to show for it.

I read somewhere that advocates of the film studio consider the proposed build will be on land that has been neglected, rather than land reclaimed by nature as suggested by opponents.

What about the government's 'Local Nature Recovery Scheme' to encourage farmers to set

aside land for nature? Is this really going to increase the amount of wild habitat when land already occupied by nature is being bulldozed to obliterate it?

Perhaps the plan is actually to convert farmland to natural habitat, then later deem the land neglected, potentially creating more development opportunities.

Further to the above, the quality of the vista from the local hills may be somewhat diminished in the future since the greenbelt is no longer sacrosanct with green spaces already offered for sacrifice by the council.

Slate Meadow... At the very start of the process, allegations of faux democracy and of councillors showing insufficient intestinal fortitude and integrity, were reported in the local press.

Hollands Farm...An utterly inappropriate site for the proposed scale of development. Inappropriate to the extent that should current plans proceed, public health and safety issues are likely to result.

Apologies for the tirade, but the older I get the more cynical I become.

My best regards

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In response to "The Trouble with Marlow Film Studio"

Dear Editor

I'd like to respond to 'The Trouble with Marlow Film Studio' by Verity West published in the last issue of *Target* Magazine.

I work as a concept artist and my career in the British film industry spans nearly three decades.

I speak as someone who has a good handle on the daily operation of British film studios, having worked at all of the major studios in the South East and beyond on many occasions. I'd also like to point out that I personally have nothing to gain from the building of the Marlow Film Studios. I primarily now work from home and have had more than enough work from the other studios.

I write today, in the hope that your readers don't decide upon the future of the planned studios based on half-truths.

Firstly, Verity talks about studios in general. She says: "They're just like any large industrial facility where

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workers arrive in the morning and leave in the evening with little time to make use of local shops pubs and businesses."

I wholeheartedly disagree. Any of the pubs and restaurants close to the studios I have worked at are positively rammed at lunchtime. It's categorically film crew dining because I know them and am one of them. Quite often, if crew haven't pre-booked a table, they don't eat.

Local supermarkets, post offices and other services are all frequented by studio staff. There are also local motor mechanics that offer a pick up and drop off service for people working at the studios who need their cars fixed. There are mobile valeting services, laundry services, and even dog walkers who offer services to the studio workers.

Film studios are absolutely a positive opportunity for local businesses. Supporting artists and visiting crew regularly frequent hotels close to studios. The Briggittine Convent Guest Houses at Pinewood have made a business of it and have become almost legendary among British film makers.

Next, Verity goes on to say: "So why build a studio here? It's cheap land and an easy drive from London where most film production/staff live. But that drive won't be easy anymore. Over 2,000 staff will arrive and leave each day, jamming the A404 roundabout and causing queues that stretch from Bourne End to Marlow as studio workers and lorries wait to get past the security gates. Local commutes and school-runs will become a nightmare..."

As Robert Laycock pointed out in his article (*Target Dec/Jan*), film workers typically arrive an hour before and leave an hour after most commuters. I can personally confirm that the roads are generally clear on my commutes to and from most of the studios because call times for cast and crew are generally outside the usual hours of heavy traffic. The shooting crew, which includes all of the lorries and larger vehicles arrive even earlier and leave even later than office staff like myself.

Verity continues: "Robert Laycock says he wants the staff to use shuttle services, but that sounds like a fantasy movie. It's hard to imagine busy professionals queuing for a bus at Handy Cross every morning when they could simply dump their cars in nearby residential roads and walk to the studio. That's what happens at Pinewood Studios."

While I'd agree that heads of department and executives with named parking spaces do park at the studios themselves, crew are regularly expected to use a shuttle bus to get to site if no on-site parking is available.

This is quite often the case at many of the studios I have worked at. For example, there is a free shuttle bus running from Uxbridge to Pinewood that is filled with crew daily. I'd also need to see documented evidence of crew dumping cars in residential streets around Pinewood. The studios are very hot on this and I've certainly never heard of it happening.

Finally, Verity goes on to say: "Unless you're already in the movie business the only openings will be for a few admin and maintenance jobs. And there's no shortage of them in the area already."

Among some of the service jobs at film studios are catering, security, maintenance, cleaning, tech support, printing and retail (general supplies, timber, stationary, film supplies). There are swathes of workers at studios who aren't directly involved in filmmaking, but many locals do end up working on the films themselves.

The building of Marlow Film Studios will ultimately be decided upon by the local community, and in light

of Verity's article, I felt it necessary to give your readers some small insight into how studios really operate.

I do understand that the studio will be situated on green belt and make the area a busier place, but it will also provide opportunities to locals, and boost business to existing local services, especially

amidst the British filmmaking gold rush that has been happening for the last decade.

Film studios can be a vibrant part of a community and become an important part of a town's identity.

Max Berman
Wooburn Green



MARLOW FILM STUDIOS

FURTHER PUBLIC FEEDBACK PUBLISHED

A summary of feedback gathered in two public exhibitions held before Christmas from the team behind the Marlow Film Studios, has been published on its website www.marlow.film

More than 440 people attended the 27 events which ran locally across November and December, and a further 2000 engaged online to have their say

about the proposed new film and television studios on the former landfill site next to the A404 at Westhorpe Junction in Little Marlow.

The events revealed draft architectural designs for the first time, as well as draft masterplans, early stage transport strategy and information relating to biodiversity and ecology strategies.

All stages of the public engagement and their results will be documented in the Statement of Community Involvement which will accompany the planning application expected later this year.

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Cookham Bridge Rotary Club By Terry Whall

We recently welcomed 12-year-old Charlie and Sarah from Young Carers at our partners' evening at Winter Hill. Our 50 guests were charmed by Charlie's appreciation of being able to experience outdoor activities provided by Longridge. He especially enjoyed the kayaking and was interested in doing more in the future. He was interviewed by Sarah and answered her questions with confidence. He also dealt admirably with a variety of questions from the floor.



Rotary International President-elect, Jennifer Jones, took the stage at the Global Citizen Live concert in Paris last September, and pledged \$97 million in grant funding from the organisation for sustainable, Rotary Club-led projects.

Rotary has decided that the environment should be an area of focus. At Cookham Bridge, we have started in a small way with litter picking and are now expanding our activities which include considerations of home insulation in the area.

Our Rotary Foundation Grant-supported project at the Prithvi Rupa School in Kaski, Pokhara, Nepal is now complete. The physical works of installing site security fencing and a drinking water supply and storage and supplying furniture to the school were officially handed over in January this year when three Rotarians and their wives visited. The wives also launched the Days For Girls programme which provides sanitary education and products to the adolescent girls, enabling them to maximise their school attendance time. More advanced teacher training is now an on-going project.

Charity Quiz and Bridge suppers were held in March, in support of Ukraine.

Bourne End & Wooburn WI By Sally Fawell

Our speaker wasn't able to come to the January meeting, but instead we had an impromptu 'Getting to know you', when members stood up and talked about something special that had happened to them. It turned out to be a very interesting meeting.

In February Mike Payne talked about *'The History of Pinewood Studios'*. The studios are on the estate of Heatherden Hall which was converted into a country club in 1934. In 1936 J Arthur Rank went into partnership with the owner and transformed the estate into a group of film studios. Mike Payne had a huge collection of memorabilia, and it was amazing to discover how many of the great hits were filmed there.

For our meeting in March Edwin Rye was booked to talk about *'Seasonal Colour in Your Garden'*.

In April, at our Easter meeting, members are encouraged to wear an Easter bonnet. There will also be an Easter tasting and a quiz.

All our meetings are held in St Dunstan's Church Hall on the second Monday of the month at 2pm. Why not come along and join us? Contact beandw.wi@gmail.com

Bourne End WI By Chrissy Hayes

At our March meeting we were thoroughly entertained by eclectic magician Clive Peacock. In April we will have a talk from embroidery expert Ann Stainton. Ann will look at work shown at the Festival of Britain in 1951.

March was also our annual meeting and we returned Wendy Farmer as our president. Anyone who wishes to join the committee can be assured of a warm welcome. We meet in The Black Lion for coffee, cake and occasional wine, and much laughter ensues.

Our Craft and Chat Club is working on some super sewing at the moment. Heidi is also happy if people turn up with their own project, or just pop in for a chat.

We are still currently reading crime novels in our book club: Nordic Noir, cosy British murder clubs, and everything in between.

The Ladies Who Lunch are busy as ever. Sue tells me almost 20 ladies descend on local restaurants on a monthly basis. Sounds like a fun time.

Janet has led the walking club on some predictably muddy walks recently, but we have soldiered on regardless.

Walking Netball is still extremely popular but they are always happy to see new faces. Goal attack, anyone?

For more information contact Wendy on bourneendwi@yahoo.com or call 01628 526309

Bourne End & Cookham Probus Club By Bill Leftwich

In January after the club lunch, Tony Eaton gave one of his stellar talks on *'Windsor and the Nazis – Dupe or Traitor?'*

Most of the audience would have had some knowledge of the activities of Prince Edward, his short reign as Edward VII and subsequent abdication. Nevertheless, we were certainly not prepared for this level of highly researched revelations.

Tony took us back to the 1930s when Edward, Prince of Wales was the prince charming of his day but, increasingly, taking right-wing and pro-German views which were of much concern to his father, the King. He covered the death of George V, Edward's marriage to Wallace Simpson leading to his abdication, and the outbreak of the Second World War. During this period Edward developed a growing relationship with Hitler, visiting him in Germany and providing information on Allied war plans. Churchill was appalled, but the couple continued their public support for Nazism and tried to persuade America to stay out of the war. They were followed and their hotel rooms bugged in an increasingly covert operation by the Americans who were in contact with the British Government.

Tony revealed that Edward's personal files and other documents were locked away in 1945 in Windsor, not to be opened for 40

years. But in 1995 when all the documents were opened they were found to be empty.

The talk concluded by Tony posing two questions: Was Edward a Dupe or a Traitor? And what happened to the documents?

Our February AGM was, inevitably, more subdued. A new team was elected to take the club through what we all hope is a more 'normal' 2022.

If you are interested in joining a club where you can enjoy a friendly drink, a pleasant lunch and an entertaining talk, please contact Bill Leftwich on 01628 529647.

Little Marlow & Well End WI By Veronica Kay

In January Jeremy Holmes talked on the life of Andrew Carnegie who, in 1901, was considered the richest man in the world, having amassed a fortune of \$300 billion in today's money. He married at the age of 51 and signed a pre-nup agreement with his 23-year-old wife, Louise, stating that their wealth would be used for educational and charitable causes. He financed some 3,000 libraries around the world.

Members were reminded about the Zoom talk on ovarian cancer and the Green Hearts initiative to raise awareness of climate change.

The March meeting took place on St David's Day and the speaker was, appropriately, David Duxbury, who explained the work of The Ark Cafe at Marlow Methodist Church which provides a safe and welcoming environment for various groups to meet and enjoy the refreshments and amenities provided by the two full-time staff and volunteers.

President, Pauline Clitheroe, reported on the current popular interest groups: The Cover to Cover Girls, Ramblers and Craft and Chat where members are encouraged to come and play Rummikub if they are not inclined to be crafty.



ROW THE ATLANTIC

TV's Lorraine Kelly, who lives in Bourne End, is supporting Row the Atlantic on the River Thames event taking place from April 22 to 24.

It's 3,240 miles from Marlow to Boston Harbour. Longridge Activity Centre is looking to get 500 people to paddle a kayak, a 6.5 mile course from their base just below Marlow Lock to cover the transatlantic distance over that April weekend.

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Anyone interested can find out more by visiting www.longridge.org.uk/row-the-atlantic where full details of the event can be found and bookings can be made.

Treasure discovered in loft clearout

'Let's have a clearout' was a constant cry as people were confined to their homes for long periods. No doubt some valuable items were uncovered to the delight of the owners while others simply got rid of heaps of junk.

One local family expected to find rubbish, but were delighted when they found a treasure from 1969 that had even more significance after reading about the community association's 60th anniversary in *Target*.

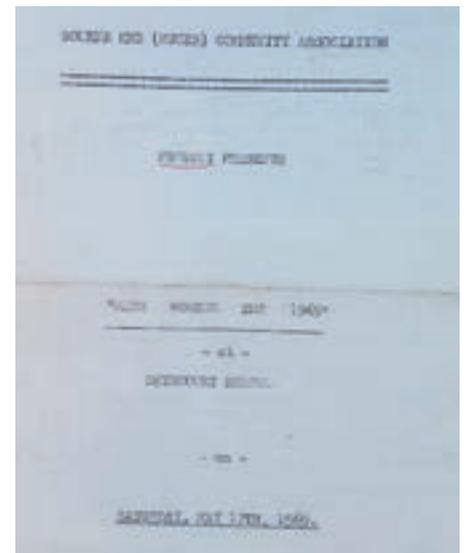
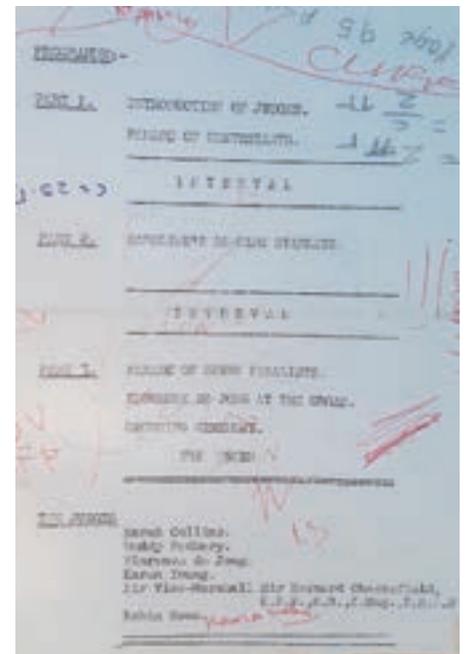
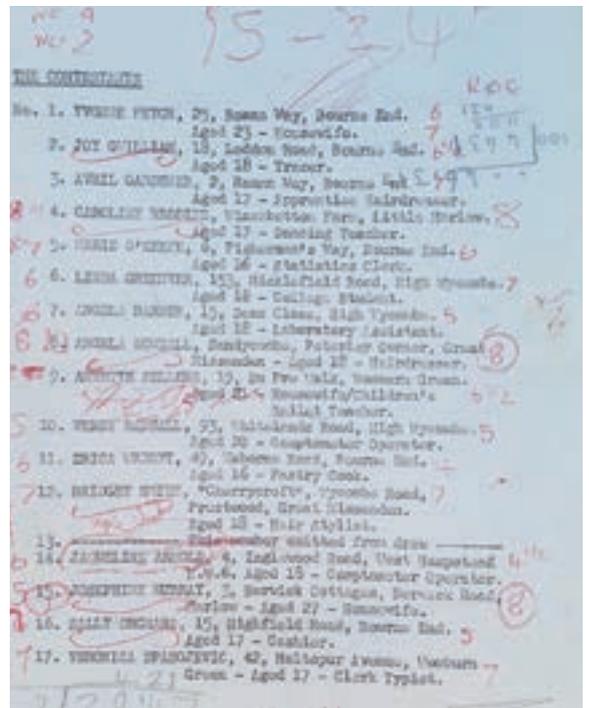
"I had just been reading about the special anniversary this year and everything that was done to raise funds," was Rosie's comment, "then I found this programme for 'Miss Bourne End' in 1969 and the memories came flooding back."

Here were the names of all the contestants and they were a reminder of people she and her husband had known over the years. Then there were the judges with Air Vice Marshall Sir Bernard Chacksfield among them. And who was Robin Hood?

Flimsy sheets of paper, but with the magic of a mobile phone these pages were sent off to *Target* with apologies for all the scribbles. Rosie remembers that she was 13 at the time and when she attended the event at the school, which is now Bourne End Academy, she wanted to be part of the judging panel so did her own assessment on who should be the winner and runners-up. And she reckons she was spot on with the eventual winner.

Typing on an old manual typewriter done with great care. Names that today are either unknown or maybe local gannies?

The find provided Rosie and husband Dave with a trip back in time to their teenage years. "It was lovely," Rosie smiled, "because it brought back lots of other memories from those days." But who was Robin Hood?



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EDITOR: Do you recognise the names of any of the Miss Bourne End contestants? Were you among them? Do you have any photos from the event? Were you Robin Hood? Do get in touch if you can take this story further!

News from the Library

We welcomed Julie as a new member of our library staff in October 2021. Julie works in the mornings and Chris in the afternoons and Micheline supports us as our area manager.

We are also pleased to have some new library volunteers who are supporting us in a range of tasks, including shelving books, creating displays, story-telling and working behind the counter.

During December and January, we enjoyed hosting our parish councillors during their Neighbourhood Development Plan Consultation.

We would like to thank them all for their kind donation of plants and beautiful pots which have brightened up the library (see photo). We must now remember to water them regularly.

During half-term, we were excited to celebrate the arrival of the WI Story Bench in the children's library (see page 8). Storytime sessions held during the week were well-attended and activity sheets were provided by the WI, with a prize for every child who took part. The bench is already very popular with our younger customers and with some of our older customers too.

The new, online booking system for our meeting rooms is now well-established and we are seeing an increasing number of regular and one-off bookings.

Customers are now able to submit an online Expression of Interest form, without commitment, and will receive a direct email response from the Bourne End Library staff. We are also very



happy to show customers our meeting rooms and discuss options with them in person.

Customers are now able to register online for some of our regular events, such as Bounce & Rhyme. On that note, thank you to Christine for coming forward to run our Bounce & Rhyme group, which is going from strength to strength.

It runs every Wednesday from 10.30am to 11am, except for school holidays. We will be adding new events to the online system soon, including an Easter craft activity for children.

We currently have a weekly Scrabble Club in the library on Thursdays, from 2pm to 4pm, and a monthly Discussion Group on the third Friday of the month, from 10.30am to 11.30am. We also host the Bourne End Reading Group on the first Tuesday afternoon of the month and NHS Social Prescribers hold a Talking Cafe in the library on the second Thursday morning of the month.

We would like to add to the list of library clubs so, if anyone has a hobby that they would like to share, please do contact us. For example, is there a knitter out there who would like to start a Knit & Natter Club? If so, we would be happy to provide the space for you to meet in the library.

Our four public computers were replaced and are now in regular use again. We have not yet needed to reinstate timed sessions for computer use but are keeping this under review as demand increases.

Finally, we would like to thank all our customers for continuing to visit and support the library.

Chris, Julie and Micheline

Simply Walk

A happy band of walkers are putting sedentary days behind them, with the Bourne End area's Simply Walk group now up and running (or rather, gently walking) again.

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We know there is a lot of upset about roadworks and delays lately. In February Cllr Wilson took the matter to cabinet and asked why our streets have been so badly hit by works and if there could be more joined-up thinking to avoid this.

Although the cabinet member could not promise a solution it was good to raise it and let the council know the problems affecting our local residents and to ask for action.

Those on Facebook can see the question and full answer on our page (Bucks Councillors for The Wooburns, Bourne End and Hedsor). Also follow our page for regular updates and announcements about road closures and other matters.

Also raised at cabinet level recently was the question of the future of Little Marlow Country Park and what the council envisages this to be.

This was fundamental in the Wycombe Local Plan as an offset for leisure and green space once Hollands Farm gets developed. Cllr Wilson asked where the council saw this, especially with the pending threat of various planning applications. We will continue to ask questions on this until we know some answers.

Have you been to visit us at one of our open surgeries yet? We hold a drop in every month at the Bourne End Community Market (second Saturday of the month 10am to 1pm) so people always know where to find us to bring us their (council related) concerns. You can also contact us anytime on the following email addresses;

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River Life

with Peter Osborne



In these very uncertain days that we are currently living in, one thing is for certain; the river will continue to flow, the only variables are how fast it will flow or how high will the levels be.

I think we can live with these fluctuations. If one is stressed about the wider world a visit to the river should slowly wash away this stress and leave you feeling more relaxed.

This is why people who work on the river are always looking fit and are so laid back. Dr Osborne prescribes that you visit the river more often to improve your wellbeing during these unsettled times, just try it.

Thankfully we have been spared any floods so far this year and as it has been quite mild, works have been underway preparing for the new season and with the locks maintenance programme due to be completed the river should be fully open and available to accept the river traffic.

The marina has had the front carpark/boat maintenance area tarmacked and I have to say it does look good. Rocky happened to be down there when the barriers were removed and he rushed onto it looking like he was going to christen it, however, he didn't and in any case if he had I was reliably advised that it had already been christened by a duck. I guess that means good luck?

There was a delay in the completion of this operation and so, as I am scribing this missive, there are not any boats out of the water, other than the few winter storage boats, so I guess the crane will be working overtime to catch up on their workload.

It's not only the marina that has had a freshen up. The Upper Thames Sailing Club are modifying their clubhouse by having an extended balcony around two sides of the building. It looks great and it should allow more people to view whatever is happening on the river, or just to admire the amazing view. It's ideal to watch the racing from, with a G & T in one's hand, no doubt. I look

forward to visiting the club and to experience the improvements. I think Rocky will have to stay at home that day. With all these local improvements going on there must be something in the water, not sewage, I hope.

I guess that we are all noticing the increase in the cost of fuel; I am certainly spending a lot more that I used to without increasing the mileage I do. This will obviously influence the cost of boating, other than unpowered craft.

I can recall when diesel for the boats cost in the region of 37p a litre and if the cost went up by one penny there was an outcry from river users about profiteering by the marinas and there would be massive debates on the internet forums and the like.

Well, in recent years the cost rose substantially, and people didn't seem to grumble to the same degree. However, with the current prices skyrocketing into previously unknown territory I wonder how this will affect people's usage of their boats?

I am almost certain that in some instances the value of a full tank of fuel may well exceed that of the boat itself.

Obviously, the price of oils and lubricants is also increasing which adds to the servicing costs of engines, heaters and generators etc.

I very much hope that in the not too far distant that the world settles down and we return to a more reasonable pricing policy.

I am not trying to promote my business on this medium, but I have a new string to my bow. I can convert motor cruisers to oar power by cutting holes on the hull to allow oars to protrude from the sides.

The number of oars per side depends on the length of the boat, I can also supply the manpower and a drummer to the customer's specification.

A month or so back we had some rather strong winds, reputedly the strongest that we have had for 20 plus years.

This can be a cause of worry where boats are concerned as substantial damage can be caused. When the wind arrives the points of concern can be canopies that aren't fastened

correctly, debris blowing into the craft and badly tied ropes.

Strong winds don't usually come out of the blue these days and once there are storm warnings issued one of your immediate action drills, as a boat owner, should be to visit your boat and check its arrangements.

If a canopy is not secured correctly and there is some loose fabric the wind can get underneath it and due to the force of the wind it can start flapping resulting in the failing of the fastenings and ultimately blowing the hood off the boat, never to be seen again.

If a boat is not secured well enough by it's ropes the constant rocking of the boat can result in the ropes becoming unattached and your boat can then be launched into the river at the mercy of the wind.

To the best of my knowledge, most unusually, I did not hear of any storm damage to boats around Bourne End.

I have made mutterings about the overgrown trees on the river that are beginning to impede navigation in previous articles, however; I have not heard of any such trees being blown over; this is very unfortunate. I do have the feeling that if the trees were in leaf at the time of the gales many would have succumbed to the power of the wind and therefore saving the Environmental Agency having to get their saws out.

I am aware of the strength of the gales as when I was walking Rocky it was rather like flying a kite due to him being blown up into the air, straining on the lead, with a look of abject horror on his face and all his fur sticking out resembling a hedgehog.

Here's hoping that we have a great boating season this year and that the river is a peaceful haven amidst this stressful world that we are living in.

Until the next time
Peter Osborne,
River Thames correspondent



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Past times by Barrie Penfold

The year 1962 marked the start of an amazing period for local people with Bourne End (Bucks) Community Association established as the means to achieve a place where they could meet and socialise. That was their goal – all they had to do was raise the money.

They were motivated and there were plans for a whole range of money-raising events that eventually saw the building and opening of their own community centre at the heart of the village. Then moving forward there was a need for further fundraising to finance a much-needed extension.

Members of the new community association learnt quickly about fundraising, organising events that would attract the maximum number of people, and then watching the funds move upward.

In the background there were discussions with the county council, architects and with the many groups who had pledged their support as and when a community centre became a reality. Initially they were meeting in small church halls and school halls dotted around the villages.

And these were people who had full time jobs, families and with children at local schools.

Memories of meetings that went late into the night as a Miss Bourne End contest was organised, getting family members cutting up and delivering flyers, then flooding the villages with colourful posters that advertised Carnival Week.

They were able to sit back as a local hotel organised the dinner dance, but raffle tickets needed to be sold so 'any volunteers?' was the familiar cry.

Looking back at black and white photographs from those days in the 1960s the smiles were on all the faces. The community was united in one aim – to build a community centre.

Somehow, personalities were asked to attend, judge a beauty contest or open the carnival event on Jacksons Sports Field. There's no note of anyone saying 'no' – the aim was a good one and they were happy to help. And surprisingly in all the photographs the sun is shining and there's not even a spot of rain.

Cine Club members filmed each event and created a short feature film that was screened for people to look back at the events.

There were hiccoughs – between 1965 and 1966 the Government demanded a standstill on all council expenditure – so everything came to a stop as the grant from the council had not been received.

By then work on the site had started and local people watched in despair as it was halted. But fundraising continued at a regular pace and now they had a magazine to tell everyone about what was happening. The first issue of *Target* was published in 1965.

A fashion show at Cliveden added to funds as well as a Christmas Draw when a spade guinea (a gold, late 18th century coin) was donated by life member and actor Finlay Currie. All they could do was wait and hope that the grant from the county council would eventually be released.

Music being played at the annual dinner dance was changing as the influence of rock'n'roll was making waves on the popular music scene with groups like the Beatles.

Bourne End was put on the map with a full-page feature in the *Bucks Free Press* and directors at Jacksons Millboard and Paper Company pledged their financial support. In 1966 the county council grant became a reality and work recommenced.

October 1967 and the first show in the community centre was organised by the Cine Club and they proudly screened their own films to a packed audience.

Later in the month everyone shared in the joy when the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire arrived to officially open Bourne End's own community centre.

Spirits were high and couldn't be deflated by the drenching rain. Inspired by a dream, people raised funds, had fun and could now enjoy a place to meet, socialise, have club meetings and know that their efforts had made it possible.

At last the flower arrangers were able to move into their own space at the community centre and, even better, they are still going 60 years on.



Clubs and sports were soon establishing themselves as part of this wonderful new social facility that had taken years to organise and build, but was now firmly part of the community. Already there were plans for an extension which would provide a small hall and backstage facilities. But more of that in the next ten years.

While this was happening in Bourne End how was the rest of the world progressing and what monumental events were taking place?

In 1962 there was the Cuban Missile Crisis that very nearly erupted into war. The first manned orbital flight took place from the United States and London was encased in smog. A year later there was the assassination of John F Kennedy. Beatlemania began and the Great Train Robbery took place.

Then in 1964 the Channel Tunnel project was agreed to link Great Britain and France. Boxer Cassius Clay changed his name to Muhammad Ali.

Winston Churchill died in 1965 and there was a state funeral and in 1966 England won the World Cup beating Germany 4-2. The appalling disaster at Aberfan in South Wales claimed the lives of 109 schoolchildren and five teachers and will never be forgotten.

In 1967 Donald Campbell died attempting the water speed world record in Bluebird and Milton Keynes was created. Concorde flew for the first time. In 1969 there was the first moon landing. Jumbo jets arrived in 1970 and in 1971 the first chat show started with Michael Parkinson.

Amazing events worldwide took place alongside some equally exciting events in our villages.

Here are a few pictures taken at one of the carnivals on Jacksons Sports Field to bring back memories.



OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

St Nicholas' Church Hedsor

During the interregnum, our Sunday services continue at 9am and we are grateful to our visiting vicars. Our Pathway family service is on the second Sunday and our choral service on the third Sunday. All are welcome.

There will be a Service of Light on Easter Saturday at 7pm and a sunrise service when we light

our beacon at 6am on Easter Sunday. We hope to have an Easter Egg Hunt for the children following our 9am service on that day.

We look forward to celebrating HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June when we will again light the beacon to be seen across the valley. Hedsor Fair will return on June 25.

The church is open for meditation at 1.30pm on Wednesdays.

For details: www.parishesofhedsorandbourneendandwww.achurchnearyou.com See also our Facebook page. For information on weddings contact jenny@inyanga.co.uk. For baptisms and funerals contact mauracarr300@gmail.com.



Cores End United Reformed Church

The horrific situation in Ukraine has been uppermost in members' minds, with the weekly lighting of the peace candle and prayer particularly poignant. Some of the shoeboxes that church members fill each year go to communities in Ukraine through the charity Link to Hope and members have donated to this and to the Disasters Emergency Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

Work continues in our peaceful meadow with cherry trees planted and some clearing work done after the recent storms. Further native hedging is being planted. A group meets on Saturday mornings to help with clearing and planting. Everyone is welcome.

During Lent the church has been holding an online discussion group on following Jesus in our complex world today. Members have been collecting 'jars for change' for Water Aid's amazing work across the world. The church marks Holy Week with prayer 'stations' around the grounds for people to stop and reflect.

A Good Friday service is at 11am on April 15 and Easter Communion on April 17.

Special events will mark the Queen's Jubilee and also celebrate the 50th anniversary of the formation of the United Reformed Churches in 1972.



St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

For the next two months our services will be BCP Communion at 8.30am and Matins at 11am on the first Sunday and 8.30am BCP Communion and Evensong at 6pm on the third Sunday. The 11am Communion service will be on the second and fourth Sunday.

From June we will be offering an informal service alongside the traditional services, which we hope will be attractive to families.

During the week leading up to Easter Sunday there will be a Maundy Thursday 8pm service at St Mary's Marlow Bottom. A Good Friday service is at St John the Baptist, 12-3pm, with natural breaks to allow people to come for a period as it suits.

On Easter Sunday there will be Family Communion at 11am and an Easter Egg Hunt and outdoor activities, weather permitting, but no Evensong.

A pet service is planned for May. In the past we have welcomed dogs, a tortoise and gerbils, or bring a photograph of your pet. We are planning a Spring Walk, a World Food Evening and are hoping to revive Music in the Manor.

There will be a spring clean (in the church) and Working Party (outside) when coffee/tea will be available - and possibly music while we work - on April 9, 9.30-midday.

We are hoping to link a celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with our Patronal Festival in June. We are still actively working towards establishing a Friends of St John the Baptist Association and would be grateful for help from anyone with communication, marketing or fundraising experience. Please contact jeffreysmith@gmail.com or call 07775957090, or peter@prcrodger.com or call 07985 619780.

We will no longer be streaming our services, but hand sanitiser and masks are available at the church door, and lifts to church can be arranged. Visit 4u-team.org/St John the Baptist.



St Mark's Church, Bourne End

Worshippers are coming back to St Mark's Church and we have very exciting events coming up. All are welcome. Please read the article about St Mark's on page 14.

On Good Friday the church will be open 2pm to 3pm for reflection and prayer.

Then on Easter Sunday every child who attends will receive a chocolate egg under a homemade duck. We hope it will be great fun for families on the first Easter after two years of restrictions.

Our AGM takes place on Sunday April 24 at midday when we hope to welcome back those who used to enjoy being part of the St Mark's community.

Our Platinum Jubilee Party will be on Wednesday June 1 from 10.15am to 11.40am, when all children under school age are welcome at the Puffins Party.

Our in-house Sunday School has many different activities each week including Brio, finger painting, glass painting, playdoh. All are fully supervised to give parents a chance to relax while being only a 'shout' away.



St Dunstan's Church

Every third Sunday we celebrate a Children's Mass where the little ones partake by doing the readings, bidding prayers and offertory. Tea and coffee plus treats are available after mass on these mornings.

During the Lenten season, we held Stations of the Cross every Friday evening, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday mornings and soup lunches. Our CAFOD group raised funds with a cake sale, soup lunches and a family day of fasting. Two confirmation candidates baked cakes for a children's hospice in Maidenhead.

There are plans for a family barbecue day and youth initiatives. Visit www.saintdunstans.co.uk or pop into the parish for a newsletter.



The Community Church

With the beauty and freshness of spring comes the beauty of Easter. With this in mind, we would love to invite you to join us.

Good Friday Communion Service 8am to 9am is at the Chapel on the Green.

Good Friday Community Treasure Hunt for all the

family runs from 10am to midday at the Chapel on the Green with refreshments afterwards. The hunt around Wooburn Green takes up to an hour to complete. Easter Sunday Service at 10.30am is at the chapel.

An Evening of Extraordinary Stories is at the chapel on Wednesday April 20, 7.30-9pm. You are invited to hear three stories from ordinary people who have had their lives impacted in an extraordinary way. Refreshments are included.

An Alpha Course starts in the week beginning April 25. Enjoy a meal, meet other people, explore faith and life in a relaxed environment — do come along. For details visit thecommunitychurch.online



St Paul's Church, Wooburn

Our regular Sunday 9.30am services have a new flavour. The first and third Sundays are a new shaped communion service, with Sunday club for children aged 0-12 in the hall on the first Sunday and at the back of church on the third Sunday.

The second Sunday is an all-age informal non-communion service (Prayer Book Communion at 8am), and the fourth Sunday begins with communion before the children go to Sunday Club while the adults delve deep in a discussion based sermon. A Friday lunchbox service takes place at St Mary's at midday.

Forest Church is a new way of engaging with God by meeting outside, usually on a Sunday afternoon, in a reflective space. We follow the cycle of the seasons, meeting eight times a year. Full details can be found by searching Wooburn Forest Church on Facebook or the church website. Next one is on Saturday April 16 (Easter Eve), with an 8pm service starting in the vicarage garden then walking to St Paul's church.

Our Youth Group for ages 10 to 16 meets monthly on a Sunday afternoon. Special services and events are as follows: Sunday April 10 (Palm Sunday), 8am Book of Common Prayer Communion 9.30am all-age non-communion service.

Mon-Wed April 11-14, 8pm evening reflection. Thursday April 14, 8pm Maundy Thursday communion and stripping of the altars.

Good Friday April 15, 2pm Good Friday — The Hour at the Cross. Easter Sunday April 17, 9.30am Easter Celebration Communion.

Friday May 20, Quiz Night in the Church Hall (Town Lane).

Save the date: June 18, Café Concert TBC. Community events include Men's Night Out (once a month), Family Breakfast at St Mary's (April 2, May 7), Coffee and Cake (third Tuesdays), Cake and FairTrade sales and Prayer Book at the community market (April 9 and May 14).

Visit <http://www.stpaulswooburn.org> or Facebook: St-Pauls Wooburn (profile) and St Paul's with St Mary's Wooburn (page). Office: stpaulswooburnparishoffice@gmail.com, tel 01628 525512.

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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



OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

1st Wooburn Scout Group

Summer is our favourite season for scouting. While we can still work towards most of the badges through the winter, what we really love is the great outdoors.

Summer for us usually means more camping. This year the Beavers (our youngest section) will be outside in tents around Easter time. The Cubs (ages 8 to 10) are planning a go-kart camp; they build their own go-karts and then ride them. The Scouts are hoping to have a week-long camp this summer with a trip to Brownsea Island. This is where Lord Baden-Powell hosted the very first Scout camp in 1907. We are very excited.

Want to know more or want to get involved? Email wooburngreenstl@gmail.com

Bourne End & Wooburn Girl Guides

Our local Rainbow, Brownies and Guides have been enjoying this term and getting back to doing the normal things they love. Our Guides undertook a chopstick challenge for Chinese New Year, had a Thinking Day tea party, made pancakes and will be making something for Mother's Day, as well as litter picking in time for Easter.

The Brownies have been studying the night sky, working on their Express Myself award, celebrating their promise and making pancakes. The Rainbows have done a sponsored obstacle course, visited the library for World Book Day, explored Madagascar, and made model lemurs, armpit fudge and Chinese lanterns.

As a district we have helped the One Can Trust and spent a day at Tesco Loudwater helping to promote and collect donations.

All our girls are really looking forward to the summer and our camp planning is well underway. The Brownies are going to learn circus skills at Magic and Mayhem in June, sleeping in the big top, the Guides are going to Paccar in June for lots of outdoor activities and cooking on fires, and then to the Wellies and Wristbands music festival in August.

We have so many plans and girls with great ideas, but we really are struggling with too few leaders to do everything we'd like. We've had to temporarily close a Brownie pack and our Guide unit is overflowing, so if you feel the time is right to volunteer, to give something back to your community and our youngsters, then please consider volunteering with us. Just register on the Girlguiding website or email us on bourneenddistrictguides@gmail.com

Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association

There was news and lively discussion from both sides of the Channel when Margaret hosted our Zoom meeting on February 16. Well done to the language class who managed to get four members on the screen at once.

As I write, we are looking forward to our AGM when we intend to review the year, expand our committee and share a meal with friends of who we have seen much too little in recent times.

All being well, in May (Wednesday 25-Sunday 29) we shall welcome our friends from Octeville for a long weekend of excursions and social activities. If you want to host someone or join in, do give us a ring urgently to discuss how we could help to fit it in with your life (see contact details at the end).

You don't have to be on hand all the time. It is such a special pleasure to get to know people from a culture so like ours, yet so different. You don't need to speak French, but a spirit of adventure and a sense of humour are always useful. In 2023 it will be our turn to visit Octeville.

Anyone from our area can join our association, which fosters links and friendships between the Bourne End area and Octeville-sur-Mer (near Le Havre, Normandy - the CJO). We run our own events and also organise visits to and from France in alternate years. New members can sign up for just £5 per year (with a postage supplement if you need letters rather than emails) or £10 for a family. For existing members there will be no charge this year.

For any information, contact Chairman Wilma Johnston Ball on 01628 473872, will6j@virginmedia.com or Wendy Langford 01628 520065 day/ 07428 004417 evening. Our website is www.bebta.co.uk and Octeville's is www.cjo.fr.

Soroptimists International Thames Valley

Four new recruits officially joined the club at a special tea party this month at Bourne End Library. Two were completely new to Soroptimism and had been attracted to it by the club's Kori Project in Sierra Leone. As to the third member, SI Thames Valley offers a welcome back to a former member and a keen Girl Guider with who we hope to organise a Programme Action partnership.

The fourth member is a recently retired accountant who already deals expertly with the Kori Project's accounts. The club's hard-working membership officer already has a healthy total of recruits for this year. For more information go to www.sigbi.org/thames-valley

Marlow & District Railway Society

After a long gap of nearly two years it was very pleasing to resume 'live' meetings at the community centre in February. The formalities of our AGM were completed quickly allowing us to enjoy a talk by our treasurer, Peter Robins, entitled '*A Late Christmas Turkey*'.

No, this had nothing to do with food, but rather was a presentation of excellent photographs taken by Peter of steam locomotives hard at work in Turkey during the 1970s and 1980s. Some of the background scenery was stunning too.

When we were all locked down we trialed having meetings on Zoom. While you can't beat getting together, Zoom does mean people who might have lived here years ago, but have now moved away, can join in too, as well as anyone who is housebound. So meetings in future will be hybrid, meaning if you cannot get to the community centre you can still join in from home.

Forthcoming meetings are: April 21 '*Living with the West Somerset Railway in Challenging Times*' by Tim Edmonds; May 19, '*A Ninth Colour Rail Journey*' by Paul Chancellor, in which Paul will trace the history of the nation's passenger trains from named main line trains to trains like the humble Marlow Donkey.

Society members get in free, but visitors are always welcome for £3, payable on the door. Please do join us afterwards in the community centre bar if you wish. Meetings are at 7.15 for 7.30pm, and more information can be found on the society's website www.mdrs.org.uk.

Wye Valley Volunteers

We are sometimes a little disconcerted when we come across a local person who has no knowledge of Wye Valley Volunteers. If it is through insufficient publicity we are about to amend this with a whole new range of leaflets and posters in the pipeline.

We are there to help people in need in our area — it might be transport for a hospital appointment, a home visit by an empathetic volunteer, a friendly lunch, a chat at a coffee morning or a jolly shopping outing to a local store. All of these services make life easier and more enjoyable particularly for those who may feel isolated or are frail.

Client numbers are still low; this is probably because of fewer hospital appointments and more GP consultations taking place by phone or online.

With other services there is still some lingering anxiety.

Coffee mornings (Tuesday and Thursday 10 to 11.15am in the community centre) are picking up with extra volunteers ensuring everyone has a warm welcome. Transport is now available on Thursdays as well as Tuesdays. Sadly the Wednesday coffee morning organised by local churches has had to close. We welcome any of their regulars who would like to join in on the other days.

We would be pleased to see new volunteers, particularly drivers. Although we have a goodly number on paper, most of our drivers enjoy their retirement with frequent holidays.

Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering or if you would like to ask about any of our services. Phone 01628 521027; visit Community Volunteer Office (Portakabin to the right of the community centre); or email enquiries@wyevalleyvolunteers.org.uk

Bourne End Horticultural Society

We are pleased to welcome back Andrew Babicz on April 21. He will be sharing his knowledge about The Edinburgh Botanic Garden.

Another return visitor, Carolyn Foster, is sure to offer us lots of tips and planting ideas when she comes to speak to us about successional planting on May 19. All our meetings are held at St Dunstan's Hall from 7.30 for 8pm start on the third Thursday of the month.

Please follow our Facebook page or our website behorticultural@gmail.com for further information, or contact Penny Hampson on 01628 521482 or 07947 318447. Email: pennyhampson@hotmail.com

Bourne Flower Arrangement Society

On Tuesday March 1 at our in-house evening five members, Sherry Smith, Louise Gittos-Ward, Thelma Robinson, Tracey Ricci and Pat Hannam, entertained the audience with interpretations of '*This Sporting Life*'.

Flowers were used to represent tennis, rugby, croquet, table tennis and cycling.

As they worked our demonstrators talked about the sport they had chosen and then created a variety of floral designs.

It was also the evening for paying subscriptions, visiting a revamped sales table and launching our exciting programme for the year.

On Tuesday April 5 Tracey Ricci has organised national demonstrator Nick Grounds with a most intriguing title of '*A Gentle Plea for Chaos*' as his floral presentation. It is sure to be a wonderful evening and we look forward to seeing members and non-members (who have to pay an entrance fee).

We meet on the first Tuesday in the month at the community centre in the May Woollerton Hall at 7.45 for an 8pm start. Raffle winners take home the displays created during the evening. For more information contact our secretary via liz790@btinternet.com.

Bucks Family History Society

We restart our monthly meetings at the community centre on Tuesday April 12 with a talk on *House Histories* by Cathy Soughton. If you've been inspired by the BBC's '*A House Through Time*', come and find out how to uncover the history of a property. Free for members and just £2 for non-members and doors open at 7.30pm. Please check bucksfhs.org.uk or bourneendcommunitycentre.org.uk for details of our May meeting.



L to R: Jackie Olcot, Amiee Olcot and Carol Bailey



DIABETES UK fundraiser SATURDAY MAY 28 at 10am

When a Flackwell Heath woman learned her three-year-old granddaughter, Aimee, had been diagnosed with diabetes she sprung into action to help Diabetes UK raising funds through what became an annual event at her home.

Aimee is now 18 and, over the years, Carol Bailey's annual table top sales and tombolas have raised almost £30,000 for the charity. She's currently just £232 away from hitting that fantastic amount and this year's event should see her smash it.

So, on Saturday May 28, pop along to 227 Blind Lane in Flackwell Heath from 10am and support Carol and her team of family helpers; daughter Jackie, husband Fred, sister Lindy, brother-in-law Steve and not forgetting dad Reg... who is 90 this year and will be helping out on the day as usual.

Carol told *Target*: "Because of the different circumstances this year I've not planned for a big draw. I didn't think it was fair to approach local companies for donations as everyone has had it so tough. But there will be plenty of other things on offer as well as teas, coffees and cakes.

"Most stalls will be set out in the garden – people are still cautious about entering homes – including my Dad who does a spinning wheel thingy with prizes of wine."

Carol's fundraising continued even through lockdowns when she sold Christmas decorations from her bay window.

If you would like to help Carol with her fundraising in any way (donations of time, money, prizes or sellable goods) call her on 07851 402764.



Magnolia House Open Garden in aid of Scannapeal

Open by appointment during the summer months. Email or phone to arrange a convenient date. Families and groups welcome. Magnolia House, Grange Drive, Wooburn HP10 0QD. Alan Ford sales@lanford.co.uk 01628 525818 or 07836 224855

CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

APRIL

- 1 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 3 Sun Maggie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm
- 5 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the community centre. Admission £7 includes raffle. See poster p21
- 7 Thurs Community Centre Bar Quiz. Doors open at 7.30pm; please arrive by 7.45pm for an 8pm start. For more information call Diane on 07521 656413
- 8 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 9 Sat Bourne End Community Market 10am – 1pm in and around the community centre
- 10 Sun A social with a great mix of salsa, cha cha cha, Cuban and other Latin rhythms. The evening at the community centre costs £10, starts at 7.15pm with three levels of salsa classes for improvers and intermediate/advanced level dancers delivered by Basil, Chunky and the Dance2Gether team followed by a great social with DJs Basil and Chunky until 11pm. Contact Basil on 07595 397184 or Chunky on 07956 122505 info@dance2salsa.co.uk www.dance2salsa.co.uk
- 14 Thurs Centre Talk 19.45 at community centre. See poster page 20
- 15 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 22 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 24 Sun Afternoon movie at the New Royalty Cinema at the community centre Quartet. See poster p19
- 26 Tue Rock 'n' Roll Evening in the Centre Bar. Tickets £7. Book online at www.bourneendcommunitycentre.org.uk
- 29 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm

MAY

- 1 Sun Maggie's Nest antiques fair 9.30am to 3.30pm
- 3 Tues CentreJazz: live music from 8pm in the community centre. Admission £7 includes raffle. See poster p21
- 4 Wed Safety Evening at the community centre organised by the British Horse Society, sharing useful information for ALL road users. See info and poster page 20
- 5 Thurs Community Centre Bar Quiz. Doors open at 7.30pm; please arrive by 7.45pm for an 8pm start. For more information call Diane on 07521 656413
- 6 Fri Until May 22 Cookham Festival. Billed as 'A celebration of the arts by the village', there will be around 50 events taking place over the fortnight from talks to music, poetry to art workshops. The event kicks off with 'An Evening with Sir Michael Parkinson'. The full event calendar can be found at (www.cookhamfestival.co.uk).
- 6 Fri Bingo in the community centre. The fun starts at 1.30pm and 8pm
- 7 Sat Spring Fayre at Alfred Court, entrance off Furlong Road at 10.45am. Selection of stalls including home made cakes and savouries, tombola, children's tombola, various games of chance, bumper raffle and refreshments
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Email editor@targetmagazine.org.uk by Wednesday May 4 to get your
event included in the calendar.*

CORONATION MEMORIES PLEASE FOR JUNE/JULY ISSUE

Only the over 70s should read on. *Target* needs your memories of the Coronation of HM Queen Elizabeth II in June 1953. Where you lived and went to school? Did you watch the Coronation on the new novelty called television? Were you given a mug, or a book or anything else? Did you see Princess Elizabeth before she became Queen? Anything you can recall about that time when she was declared Queen and a year later when she was crowned. Memories, with your name and brief address, to editor@targetmagazine.org.uk



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

THE FALCON QUIZ

Set and sponsored by *The Falcon Pub, Wooburn Moor*

Landlady, Katie Lamb, set this quiz and 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 **Tuesday May 3**. Have a go... if nobody gets all the answers the winner will be the person with the most correct answers. All these clues relate to spring. Good luck!

- 1 The Japanese welcome spring by organising viewings of which flower?
- 2 On which date this year did spring start?
- 3 In Roman mythology what is the name of the Goddess of spring?
- 4 According to the saying 'April showers bring what'?
- 5 Which type of warm bun is eaten on Good Friday?
- 6 Which musical features the song 'Springtime for Hitler'?
- 7 The Americans call them scallions – what do we in the UK call them?
- 8 What is the official name for the first day of spring?
- 9 Which spring flower is sometimes called the Lent Lily?
- 10 How long does Lent last?
- 11 Associated with Easter the name for a baby bunny is?
- 12 What does the term 'spring chicken' mean?
- 13 Who wrote the poem 'Daffodils'?
- 14 March is named after which Roman god of war?
- 15 Which spice do we get from the crocus?
- 16 On the 1987 hit 'What have I done to deserve this?' who collaborated with Dusty Springfield?
- 17 The pipistrelle, which hibernates until spring, is the UK's most common what?
- 18 Which animal is described as Mad in spring time?
- 19 A car's leaf spring does what?
- 20 Which blue flower carpets our woodlands in late spring?



The Falcon Pub

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To join our small kitchen team. Full training can be given, but an interest in food is a must. If you are interested please call 01628 522752 for more details.

Sunday Roast

Freshly cooked and a vegan option. Best to pre-book
Midday to 3.30pm

Monday quiz from 8pm

Tuesday every other week is
Open Jam Night

Fishy Fridays

A light lunch of fresh fish and chips with free tea or coffee.
Midday to 2pm

Saturday meat raffle is back

Join us on Twitter or Facebook for latest news and menu info.
www.thefalconpub.co.uk

01628 521403

THE FRUIT MARKET

Providing our community with seasonal produce, fresh cut flowers and garden plants

The Fruit Market's story began over 60 years ago. Starting as barrow boys in High Wycombe before setting our roots in Bourne End over two decades ago. Throughout the years we have been GRAPEful to welcome customers both local and from afar who have become friends. We are renowned for the quality of produce and always source with taste as a top priority. Our shop staff and florists are one in a MELON, always offering a personal service, which has been recognised through becoming double award winners of 'Independent Retailer of the Year.'



Last BUD not least....

Currently we have a large array of summer bedding plants at sensible prices. A vast majority of our plants are sourced within a 20 mile radius, supporting local growers.

(We cannot think of any vegetable puns so if you think of one LETTUCE know!)

We have top florists on hand to make up anything you desire... from beautiful blooms to embrace spring, to wedding and funeral arrangements.

We welcome all customers, both old and new, so why not come along and discover for yourself why so many of our valued regulars travel out of their way to buy from The Fruit Market.