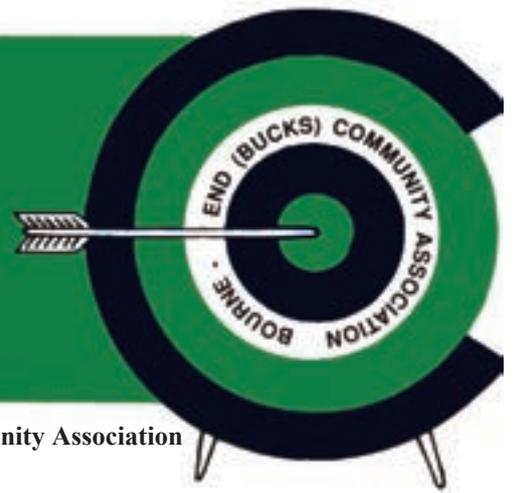


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SUPERSTAR GEORGE Fundraiser runs a mile a day

Little George Broude is a superstar. Despite having a life-changing heart condition, on January 31 this remarkable five-year-old completed a 31-day challenge of running a mile a day, in all weathers, to raise funds for the hospital that saved his life when he was a toddler.

George, who has had multiple surgeries and whose heart is constantly monitored by Great Ormond Street Hospital specialists, was inspired by his mum Alexa.

Back in the 2019 August/September issue of *Target* we did a story on Alexa, who ran an ultra marathon (56 miles) to raise funds for the hospital where George received life-saving treatment.

George, who goes to Claytons Primary School, asked his mum if he too could help raise funds for the hospital and thank the NHS for the wonderful work they do.

Together they came up with the mile a day challenge with the aim to raise £100. George actually raised more than £2,000 in the 31 days and will receive a medal from the hospital for his efforts.

"We're absolutely overwhelmed by the support he received from our little community and friends in Bourne End along his route," says Alexa.

"People shouted words of encouragement from the street, beeped and shouted from their cars.

"His friends and our neighbours made him banners that they put outside their homes. They clapped and cheered him all the way to the finish line. He even got post-race gifts of a homemade trophy, cards, sweets and a bottle of posh apple juice rather than bubbles (plus a post race banana).

"We didn't anticipate anything like this. It was



George with his proud big sister, Alice

emotionally overwhelming to see people of all ages standing outside their homes in the freezing cold to help him all the way to the very end of his challenge."

George was born with a rare congenital heart defect similar to a heart condition called Ebstein's Anomaly and he also had a hole in his heart (Atrial Septal Defect). His parents weren't aware of his heart condition until he was a few hours old and his wellbeing started to deteriorate rapidly.

He had lifesaving open heart surgery at Great Ormond Street Hospital in April 2018, aged two, and now the hospital is giving George continued support throughout the whole of his childhood for a secondary rare heart condition that he developed post-surgery.

He has had to have three further operations post open heart surgery to try and correct his condition. Despite the surgeons making huge improvements to his heart condition during each operation, George will require a lifetime of observations, medications and, potentially, further operations. He

has a loop recorder (a bit like a permanent ECG monitor) fitted under his armpit that sends heart rhythm information to the Cardiac Pacing team at the hospital overnight.

Alexa says: "The combination of the medications and constant monitoring means that we can leave the hospital environment and be at home. His heart will never be perfect, but each day research is making so many advancements in cardiac care that we feel George has a very bright future ahead of him."

Understandably Alexa and her husband, Daniel, said they "wanted to give something back to the hospital that gave our son his life back and our daughter, Alice, the comfort of seeing her baby brother recover in comfort."

She ran her ultra marathon along the Thames Path in June 2019. The money raised was to support the growing need for parents and families to have a place to go and rest away from the hospital. The accommodation allows them a sense of normality while their children are being treated for some of the rarest and most complex childhood illnesses and conditions.

The family has now raised around £17,000 and could soon hit their target of £20,000. If you can help them achieve this you can donate to George's fund at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/georgeb31miles

Read more about team Broude efforts and their total fundraising efforts at www.justgiving.com/teams/goshgeorgebroude



Taxi driver Steve Pulham has gone more than an extra mile for those needing his help during lockdowns. Read about him on page 14

Turn to page 32 to see why Jackie's front door is a world class award winner...



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to our readers



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TARGET COMPETITION (page 40)

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



WOOBURN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

By Margaret Amos
Secretary to the Association

We look forward to the day when the Government say we can resume our normal friendly meetings over a pint or a glass of wine.

Like most of our community organisations it has only been possible to meet on Zoom for far too long.

We have been able to support the possible Hollands Farm Development Consultation by spreading the word at our meetings and on our Facebook page.

We were also able to share information about the Coronavirus surge testing in Wooburn Green on Facebook.

As a result, we have seen more

followers as well as increased engagement – thank you.

Why not make a point of following us on Facebook to keep up to date with what is happening at

www.facebook.com/wooburnresidents

It is our hope to be in a position to hold our usual fête or some kind of event on Wooburn Green, the heart of our village, sometime later this summer if and when rules permit.

The fête has always involved our community groups including local primary schools, Scouts, Guides, WI, churches, choirs, local businesses and multiple fundraising activities for local charities (eg Help for Heroes, Revive the Wye etc). Keep your eyes open for the news. Meanwhile continue to keep safe and well.

WOOBURN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
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Come and have a drink and a chat with neighbours

Then why not attend the next Wooburn Residents' Association meeting?

Monday May 10th 8pm
 Bi-monthly meeting and AGM
 All meetings currently on Zoom
 Link can be found on the WRA Facebook page a few days before meeting

www.wooburnresidents.org

Rotary club sponsorship for one lucky local youngster

Cookham Bridge Rotary Club is looking for a young person who would be interested in being sponsored on a leadership training and skills development course for 18-25 year olds.

The aim is to enable the young persons to gain

a new found confidence which they will bring back into their community.

The club will sponsor a young person to stay for a week in an outdoor training centre in Snowdonia National park. The date for this year is 17 to 24 July

The course is aimed at young people who are at the start of their working life. People selected are from wide backgrounds of ability and social

levels. Accommodation is in an education centre run by talented leaders.

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UPDATE

by Stuart Wilson

Keep Bourne End Green has had a very busy start to 2021, rallying support from the local community to

respond to the Buckinghamshire Council public consultation on the draft Hollands Farm Development Brief, which ran for six weeks and closed on February 17.

Our own submission ran to 68 pages with a further 92 pages in appendices. At the time of writing, it is our understanding that the council received well over 500 responses from members of our community although they have not shared the details of those responses.

No sooner had that consultation closed than Catesby Estates plc launched a brief three week pre-planning public consultation for the majority of the site

(excluding Jackson's field which is under separate ownership) closing on March 11.

Once again, we prepared a detailed response and an extensive community survey to the promoter's consultation which was considered premature by both Buckinghamshire Council and ourselves. It was done without consideration given to responses to the council consultation and an adopted Development Brief.

Again, the community response and rejection of the proposals was overwhelming in the our survey.

We fully anticipate that the promoter(s) will be submitting an outline planning application with all matters reserved for the full amount of housing proposed in the Wycombe Local Plan which indicated up to 467 dwellings for Hollands Farm and up to 800 for Bourne End and Wooburn overall.

Taking all existing and proposed office to residential and in-fill development into account,

alongside the proposed 150 dwellings at Slate Meadow, it is clear that our area will be more likely to see an increase of more than 1,000 dwellings in the coming years. This is clearly unsustainable and unnecessary, particularly with levels of housing density proposed for Hollands Farm that are totally out of keeping with our community and the immediate areas.

Further public consultations will be held on the planning proposals and we will continue to campaign and rally support to save our communities from this excessive over-development and unsustainable pressure on our already-stretched infrastructure.

We encourage each and everyone one of you to use every opportunity to make Buckinghamshire Council, our local councillors and the land promoters listen and respect our community.

Please keep checking our website www.keepbourneendgreen.org and our Facebook group for latest information.

Local roadworks and traffic problems to continue

Every means of communication has been used to complain about the problems caused by road works.

Road closures, traffic lights and unattended roadworks are subjects that aggravate anyone who wants to get anywhere. Frequently there are no advance warnings just the 'Diverted Traffic' sign that sends the motorist off on unknown roads. The frustration is appreciated.

Sadly it hasn't ended. But this time we have been told about the proposed road works and their reasons.

Eventually it will benefit the internet-using community, but it does mean that major roads will be closed for these works during the spring and early summer months. So please make a note of the dates and plan journeys to avoid these major roads.

This time the road closure and works won't be for a short period – we are talking two or three weeks on end. Hopefully the works will be safely reduced so the road can be used at weekends. The aim is for minimum disruption, but with advance information people can work out their own diversions on routes they know.

The final result will be fibre cables transmitting broadband at incredible speeds.

Broadband is the mechanism for enabling transmission of data and messages between one computer and another. To most of us it is simply giving you access to the internet. The traditional method has been via telephone wires, but that is now too slow, and so Fibre cables are laid underground and transmit data at these incredible speeds.

Essentially Broadband Fibre Cable is the broadband motorway, carrying enormous volumes of data at fast speeds between hubs. Your home broadband comes, not from the cables, but directly from the hubs.

Currently there are plans for a number of roads being closed to allow installation of Dark Fibre between Didcot and Slough. These road disruptions will take place over the next few months and the schedule is below.

- * The Parade 22 April to 5 May for 13 days
- * Marlow Road 5 May to 14 July for 40 days (phase 1)

* Marlow Road 14 July to 11 August for 38 days (phase 2)

Buckinghamshire Council have plans to improve broadband delivery to homes that are in 'not spots' or have low speeds and poor transmission. Community Boards have been set up across the county and, among their responsibilities, is the need to identify broadband problems. Bourne End, Wooburn and the villages come under the South West Chilterns Community Board. If you are in a 'not spot', have low speed and poor transmission please email your details to swccb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Massive door-to-door Covid-19 testing across two villages

Wooburn Green and Flackwell Heath experienced a total test and trace operation after a case of the new variant came to light.

The figures are astonishing with 1,704 home testing kits delivered to 1,094 households in Flackwell Heath (96% of these sent off for testing). In Wooburn Green, 2,950 tests were delivered to 2,527 households (95% of these sent off for testing). In addition, 1,428 people were tested at the mobile testing unit at Wooburn Green.

Dr Jane O'Grady, Director of Public Health in Buckinghamshire said: "Firstly, I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who took the time out to do their tests. All positive Covid-19 tests from our targeted testing in Wooburn Green and Flackwell Heath will be sent for genomic sequencing. This will help us to understand the spread of Covid-19 variants locally."

Gareth Williams, Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Health said: "I would like to thank the residents of Wooburn Green and Flackwell Heath for their support and to everyone who has come forward to get tested. It was a huge effort by both local people and the team of volunteers who have been in the area to help get the testing done."

Great achievement, great support and great to have communities coming together and being so positive when there was a need to isolate one of these Covid-19 variants.



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with Sylvia Bourhill

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- VAT: 5% rate of VAT for hospitality and leisure is extended to end September then 12.5% from October and 20% from April 2022.
- Capital allowances: A new 'super deduction' of 130% First Year Allowance will apply to investment in qualifying plant and machinery.
- Business rates relief for retail, hospitality and leisure sectors: 100% until 30 June then 66% until 31 March 2022.
- Loss carry back: The trading loss carry back is temporarily increased from one to three years.
- Apprentices: Hiring new apprentices between 1 April 2021 and 30 September 2021 will benefit from a payment of £3,000 each apprentice.

Covid-19 support

- Recovery Loan Scheme: The scheme is open to all businesses including those that have already received Covid-19 guaranteed loans.
- Restart grants to support businesses as they re-open after the lockdown: Up to £6,000 non-essential retail premises then up to £18,000 hospitality, accommodation, leisure, personal care and gym businesses.
- Coronavirus Job Protection Scheme: Extended until end of September with employers required to contribute 10% from July.
- Self-Employment Income Support Scheme: A fourth grant will be available to self employed workers still affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Claims from April for grants up to 80% up to £7,500. A fifth grant will cover the period to end of September.
- Newly self employed can apply provided tax returns were submitted by midnight on 2 March.
- Help to Grow: Small Businesses can access free, online, business management training to upskill staff.
- Digital Voucher for half of the costs of approved software and free impartial advice up to £5,000.

Personal allowance: Basic rate will rise to £12,570 in 2021/22. Higher Rate will rise to £50,270 then frozen until 2026.

National Insurance: Thresholds will increase in 2021/22 then frozen until 2026.

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**:

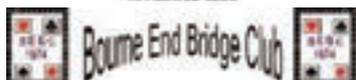
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♣ J 7 3				

¹weak

Julian Pottage gives his answer on page 28

English Bridge is published by the English Bridge Union.



Pensions: The lifetime allowance frozen at current level (£1,073,100) until April 2026.
Savings: ISA, Junior ISA and Child Trust Fund subscription limits remain unchanged in 2021/22. The nil-rate savings remains unchanged (£5,000).
Inheritance tax: Frozen until 2026.
Capital Gains tax: Current exemption (£12,300) frozen until 2026.
Contactless payments: Limit on contactless card for a single payment increased to £100 and £300 cumulatively in a single day.

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Sylvia Bourhill

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THANK YOU!

Thank you and thank you, again and again. In our last issue we asked for you to help financially to keep *Target* going and we are so grateful to everyone who has sent a donation.

We've also received so much affirmation from readers that your community magazine is appreciated with comments that it's been great we've kept the magazine going through lockdown. Actually that's all down to your interesting stories and what *Target* has been able to pack into each issue.

Now we are into the second issue of 2021 and already some of our usual events have passed by without the celebrations that make us feel better and help sales for a huge range of businesses.

So goodbye to the Chinese New Year (personally the Ox is preferable to the 2020 rat). Sorry Saint Valentine – love has to be more digital this year with orders online, click-and-collect (see story page 26) or you managed to find an appropriate bunch of flowers while doing your essential shop.

Mothers Day probably ended up being a day for Mums to initially direct the cooking and then stepping in to take over when the football took priority. Not that any of us minded. After the past year there's no doubt that Mums can redirect their talents to whatever is needed. And now there's Easter and who knows what we can or cannot expect. But hopefully there will still be bunnies, ducklings, chicks and eggs in abundance.

With the lack of so many events it's amazing what *Target* has found to feature in each 40 page issue. Is that why so many people responded to our appeal for support? For whatever reason it is wonderful. It makes those involved feel confident that there is a next issue.

The June/July magazine is already a folder on the editor's computer. It comes with the hope that the calendar of events may actually include some bookings at the community centre and through the villages. Something to enjoy with others – just as before Covid-19 reared its ugly head.

Over the years readers have always responded to appeals from local charities. It is something they do well. *Target* offers thanks and appreciation to anyone who has donated even a penny of their hard earned money to help keep us going. It is good to know that the community magazine is a means of getting information out to those who enjoy life in our villages. Social media is a wonderful modern innovation but it can be forgotten so quickly. The printed word can be filed for later, referred back to when seeking information or just be there when there's a need for reassurance that there will be a life outside of lockdown.

And keeping further good news until the final paragraph – *Target* has three new volunteers who will go on a list of supporters to be used when there are regulars on holiday or unable to do a delivery. Thank you so much for putting your name forward. Finally, thank you to the lady who agreed to take on a delivery when the previous volunteer found the walking too difficult. Thank you, you and you – *Target* is so grateful.

River Life

with Peter Osborne



Spring is here, the blossom is out, the wild fowl on the river are very noisy with all their mating calls and Chaos is, or will soon be, a father again. All the best wishes to Chaos and his partner Tamsyn. With two youngsters at home I expect we'll see a lot more Chaos down at Bourne End Marina.

With the new restaurant at the marina due to open in April and the lockdown rules beginning to be slackened, I hope it's the beginning of a new era after all the constraints that we have had to endure the last year or so.

There may still be some limitations on the overseas holiday front and combined with people's lack of confidence in booking a holiday abroad I am imagining that the river should have a busy year. I, for one, hope so in order that I can earn enough to visit my pad in the Bahamas.

The floods have been and gone, we hope, and the cautionary boards that dictate if the river is open or not are now reducing from red to yellow and hopefully shortly they will come off completely in time for the boating season to commence subject to Covid-19 guidance from the Environment Agency who ultimately decide the rules of the river.

The floods were higher than average this year, but was still some way off the record ones in recent memory and I am unaware of any catastrophes resulting from them.

The biggest inconvenience was that the waters broke the banks in places making the walks along the towpath extremely muddy, if not impassable.

Rocky was disappointed as he loves the river and having attempted to walk the banks in places had to give up when his undercarriage 'drag' was affecting his forward progress and he had to be extracted and thrown in the bath on his return home. That's just one unfortunate consequence of being a small dog.

I would like to give a special mention to a certain Phil Laybourne. For those of you who are unfamiliar with Phil, he takes extraordinary photographs along the river and its environs. His pictures can be of beautiful river scenes at different times of the day or fantastic close ups of the varied wildlife around the river.

His works can be viewed on Facebook where he contributes to the various Bourne End sites and on Instagram.

I find his work exceptional, showing the beauty of the river and lakes, locally, during the different seasons. It just makes me feel excited to get back out on the river. Thanks Phil, you should have an exhibition of your works at the community centre when time permits. If you do, don't forget my commission.

I first started working on the river in the early 70s in the holidays when I was home from school. In those days I believe that there were some 1,200 boats on the river available to hire for holidays or to charter. Over the years this figure diminished to maybe 160. This was basically the knock-on effect of cheap package holidays. I am unsure of the latest figures, however, it would appear to be increasing.

I have noticed that the demand for chartering a pampered skippered trip on the river for a day or so, is increasing.

As you may be aware, I skipper the blue barge, 'Magpies & Butterflies', out of the marina. We are currently fitting out another Dutch barge to get on stream this year due to unprecedented demand.

I am also aware of other boats that are being made available for charter. To be honest I'm not sure how I will be able to skipper two barges at the same time, I imagine if you see me on the river and wave I may only be able to wave back at you with one arm as my other arm maybe on the ships' wheel of the other barge.

With the increase in such activity it is helping to create jobs, a benefit to our local community, and probably benefiting the pubs too knowing river folk.

The lock at Cookham was closed for a few months while various maintenance works were carried out, but it should be open again by now. A lock closure effectively closes the river to traffic and is usually planned over the winter months. Although we are currently under Covid-19 restrictions there is commercial traffic that still travels over the winter, river conditions permitted, and a closure does cause inconvenience.

This traffic could be contractors moving

their tugs and barges to undertake works on the riverbanks, for example, or it could be the repositioning of boats for maintenance or to move onto a brokerage at a sales location away from their home berth. Also, there is a barge that plies its trade moving along the river selling coal and fuel to the boating community, house boats and the live-aboard barges, besides some riverside homes. This is a great service as, if you require these commodities, it saves you having to move to a marina.

I was working down at the marina the other day and was underneath a boat painting the antifoul. As you can imagine I was somewhat covered in paint. I then noticed that Chaos was approaching with a cup of coffee, I recall thinking that it was very kind of him to think about me.

Alas, as I stood up, he proceeded to take a sip and have a chat with no offer of a drink. I did have to have a chuckle as this was a complete role reversal from a year ago. It's good to see him asserting his authority. Next time chum, you know full well I take a white coffee with one sugar.

Here's hoping that we can open the river, the pub gardens, the marina restaurant etc in mid-April and slowly begin the long haul to normality. What is normality? I hope we have not forgotten what it is and that we haven't lost the skills of socialising or that the brewers have forgotten how to brew beer etc.

I'd hate to think that I had got so used to living in lockdown that it has become my new normal. I hope in my next missive I can inform you about how the river has burst into life and report on the mayhem caused by boatowners taking their craft for a spin, having forgotten how to navigate them after, in many cases, a year or so. It's so exciting.

Until the next time

Peter Osborne, River Thames correspondent

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Crafting is good for the soul...

Black Kite Crafts was born as a way to help manage my mental health during a long furlough period last year writes Andy Goodman.

Many hours of sitting inside watching craft TV programmes encouraged me to get out of the house and try similar things myself.

I had little equipment, no workshop to use and more enthusiasm than skill. I've always been creative though, in a fashion. When I was young I wanted to be an actor and did some film and TV work, I've been a chef for many years, and have self-published four young adult novels, so how hard could crafting be?

It started with artwork on re-claimed wood then moved to working with more natural materials such as dead and/or fallen wood, notably elder, to make outdoor candle and standing lamp holders. More elder cord wood from thinner branches became hinged ring boxes.

Pallets were stripped back to make bottle openers and beech rounds were turned into serving platters

using jute rope. Old chests of drawers became hanging shelves, with the frame becoming a dog bed and the drawer fronts the backdrop to more artwork, or hangers for night-light jars. An old bicycle wheel frame and strip of beech became a wall clock.

Glass drinks bottles became painted oil burners or night-light holders. Old Scrabble letters became a variety of message wall art pieces.

I crafted five-pointed wooden stars for the December market from old bed and futon slats, and cut oak stumps into rounds that could be used for stepping 'stones' or table platters.

I've spent many hours in the woods around the Wooburn Green/Bourne End area looking for dead wood that has an interesting or practical structure. Form is much more important than availability.

Does it have three good points of contact if I planned to turn it into a decorative piece? Is it wide enough for my purpose? Does it look good? Will it last? If I saw that for sale would I buy it?

Not everything has been a success, however, and the two multi-coloured heart paintings I made last



summer have never seen the light of day.

My partner, Sarah, has always been supportive of me spending many hours in the garden over last summer, often staying out until the very last light has gone, and has been with me at every market helping set-up/close and as a steward. She was even there for the December market when she was eight months pregnant with our new son Frankie, who was born on New

Year's Day.

Now back at work, and with a very young son, I have limited time to dedicate to making new items but with the days getting warmer and the evenings staying lighter for longer I plan to continue giving unwanted or discarded items a new lease of life.

2021 will see me offering more upcycled, repurposed or handmade items and we look forward to seeing you at the next community market on May 8 and every second Saturday of the month thereafter, 10am to 1pm at Wakeman Road, SL8 5SX – along with 50+ food, craft and community stall holders.

See you there!

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From our 40s we need to work on our muscle strength, joint mobility and muscle flexibility to reverse the natural weakening that occurs – we lose 3-5% of bone and muscle mass each decade. If a rigorous day in the garden, on the green or romping the Chilterns leaves you reaching for the Deep Heat and Epsom Salts it might be time to consider Pilates.

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Bourne End & District

Get Ready for u3a Day on June 2, celebrating learning, laughing and living...

With the end of the pandemic roadmap in place, and as we start to discard the shackles of lockdown, planning is already underway for u3a Day.

This will be the first national celebration of all things u3a and Bourne End and District u3a is getting ready to shout out about what we offer and how to get involved.

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Bourne End Station 65 years ago...

Paul Bambrick is in the process of reproducing a model of Bourne End Station, while also turning the clock back to the appearance of the 1950s.

Once it's done, it will be presented like a museum diorama, and it will include the surrounding village and landscape as well. Miniatures like this are known as 'prototypical', as they represent an actual location and it will eventually become a window into the past, seen from quite a high vantage point just to the south of the station yard.

All the original sidings that used to surround the station will reappear, along with all the related railway buildings and the village will also return to the way it looked 65 years ago.

The moving trains will play their part in reliving this period, demonstrating a much greater variety of traffic than the current simple passenger services seen on today's railway. In many ways, it's a detailed 3D study of the more interesting past life of the line and eventually we'll be able to see the ex Great Western Railway trains making their way



through Bourne End, just as they used to. Paul explains:

"The trains and the rails are made to the popular modelling scale of 7mm to 1 foot, which is commonly known as 'O' gauge. The main reason for this is the availability of the suitable period engines and rolling stock that would have commonly appeared from day to day.

"Some of the vehicles are made from very high quality kits supplied by trade specialists, and some are museum quality limited run models in finished form. The old tinplate days are far behind us, and the refinement and accuracy of today's modelling standards is very much higher.

Size

"The surroundings of the station are nearly level, with only a very slight slope down to the River Thames, which will appear to the left of the diorama. Of course, the trackbed is also levelled, so the whole model is built onto flat sturdy wooden baseboards, and like many of these professionally built working models, it is housed in its own dedicated building.

Typically, each aspect of a project like this has its

own specialist contractor to look after the various different elements, such as track, signals, locomotives, structures and landscape. Particularly with 'O' gauge, even small stations like this one, require far more surface area than most conventional residences could provide in one room or loft.

"This example measures 40 x 12 feet and even then, it still struggles to accommodate the model without making scale compromises. It's very much a work still in progress and will be for some time to come.

Railway Buildings

"All the buildings serving the railway are reproduced in fine detail using the modern method of finely laser cut brickwork referenced directly from the surviving structures, so essentially each brick is reproduced correctly along with roof tiles, window frames, panelled doors, canopies and everything else.

"The staircase of the covered timber clad footbridge, with period travel posters inviting passengers to take their holidays in the West Country, or even Wales.

Passenger traffic

"A through passenger train passes under Bourne End's footbridge, heading for the main line junction at Maidenhead, while a local stopping train waits to



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"The old branch line steam train, with its single carriage can be seen in the background, and the curved bay platform to the north side of the station accommodated it. This kept it clear of the two main line platforms, enabling through trains and connections, as well as allowing the uninterrupted passage of occasional goods trains plying their trade between Maidenhead and High Wycombe.

Goods traffic

"The yard was in decline in the mid to late fifties, but still in some use, because railways were still more efficient than road vehicles at bulk carrying, particularly over long distances. Coal and coke loads were still being shovelled off wagons by hand, and local merchants would then have their lorries and carts weighed on the weighbridge platform with its attendant hut. Other goods traffic had dwindled considerably by this time though and there was only a very limited amount compared to the much busier Victorian period.

Village Buildings

"The view over the station looking north above the



rooftops and into the distance will eventually show the village as it appeared in the mid fifties.

"Most of the structures will be private dwellings, but local civic buildings will appear, such as the bank, the cinema, parades of shops, the telephone exchange and even the lowly motor vehicle garages and electricity sub stations.

"As well as all the innumerable allotments, hedges, fences, back gardens and footpaths, we'll do the very best we can to include these from reference. Many railway modellers value the day to day view of a particular prototypical place without any need to add romance or glamour, as a good model presentation rests on a thorough historical study with a minimum of guesswork.

River

"To the left, the river can be seen, so we'll try to include as much of this as possible. Looking over the water to the west, the opposite bank will appear, with a view over the Quarry Hotel, Cockmarsh, and the skyline beyond.

"Dioramas usually require the use of a forced perspective in order to suggest a distance that is not physically present, and these kinds of display can often be seen depicting architectural views, famous battles, displays of taxidermy and so on.

"Even in this age of digital 3D, fortunately, a traditional museum diorama sometimes still has its place. As we look over the station, a visual continuity of landscape is required to complete the picture with a view to distance. The foliage will be

shown in late autumn.

"There will be a variety of colours, with some of the trees nearly bare, with the last few leaves of the year clinging onto the branches.

"If you do have any memories of the period, particularly of the area around the station and the locality, please do get in touch, as it's often the small details that help to bring a scene from the past to life. It might be a memory of a car in a driveway, or a rickety gate into the allotments. Who knows, sometimes even the colour of a front door, a flower bed or a rag & bone cart passing by can add interest and authenticity, so by all means drop us a line or send in a photograph.

"Thanks for having a look, I hope you found it interesting.

"There's still a lot to do, but we might revisit the model as it progresses, in the meantime I will try to update the progress and feature other, similar completed projects which can be viewed for interest at the website bambrickstudio.co.uk



Pictures l to r: This cab office stood near the station level crossing. Branch line steam train, with its single carriage is in the background on the curved bay platform to the north. There were two signal boxes at Bourne End – this one was sited at the High Wycombe end. Staircase of the covered timber clad footbridge, with appropriate travel posters

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Home from home art...

Emma Pelling and her dog, Flouncy, have become familiar figures around Bourne End.

During the Covid-19 lockdowns, artist Emma, discovered a new love, drawing eye-catching homes in the village.

Some of her work is pictured on this page. Maybe you recognise your house?

Emma, who has an MA in children's book illustration and is a published children's book illustrator in picture and activity books, is now taking commissions on house drawings which



she creates using a mix of ink, pastels, tinted charcoal and coloured pencils.

She told *Target*: "During the lockdowns I have been cycling around Bourne End and drawing each day, and I have loved it.

"I have taken my Cockerpool, Flouncy, with me too. When out walking local residents have stopped me to ask if I am the lady who cycles with the dog on the bike when I am out and about, so I have become a bit of a local eccentric too."

Emma, who lives in Cliffords Way, says she loves nothing more than finding interesting properties to draw. When the weather has been kind she sketches on the spot, other houses have been recreated from photographs. She's even worked from images on Google Maps.

"I really started out just drawing friends houses and they liked them so I am venturing to new projects," she says.

"I have been illustrating children's books for about 10 years and I am used to working digitally but I am really enjoying honing this new technique and feeling more confident with every one.

"All sorts of houses appeal to me. Not just older properties. I also like modern buildings. The one thing they must have though is some character."

If you'd like Emma to draw your home you can contact her on emma@smiling-art.co.uk or check out her work on www.emmapelling.uk



Award winning cabbie

The shocking reality of empty London streets during lockdown meant that cabbie Steve Pulham had no work. He had been a taxi driver for 20 years and, overnight work vanished. "It was far worse than the recession of 2008," he told *Target*.

Having lived in Wooburn Moor for 18 years Steve found he had time on his hands and there was only so much gardening and DIY he could do.

"I had the right vehicle as cabs have a screen between the driver and the passenger," he explained, "so what could I do to help?"

With no volunteer drivers there was plenty for Steve to do when people had NHS appointments and no means of getting there.

"People were so relieved that they had safe transport and, at the same time, they enjoyed a chat and contact with someone in complete safety."

Steve also delivered school meal boxes to homes in the Flackwell Heath area and earned himself the title of 'hero' although he just felt he was doing something to help. Beaconsfield MP Joy Morrissey decided that Steve should be put forward for a parliamentary award in recognition of his efforts.

In July 2020 the Parliamentary award ceremony was held virtually and within a few hours the certificate and trophy were delivered hotfoot by the MP for a photo shoot.

During the latest lockdown Steve delivered neighbours to vaccination centres and has plans to return to London and take a neighbour to a hospital appointment.

Steve will continue working as a cabbie, but hasn't seen the streets of London since March 2020. With no one working and the night time economy in tatters it hasn't been worth wasting the fuel money.

"I have been better off at home and doing my bit volunteering locally," Steve smiles, "that said, there is always hope so we follow the rules and stay safe and we will get there in the end."

Thanks Steve. You are a hero.



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local issues such as planning, infrastructure, transport, green spaces and community facilities.

The deadline for the submission of nomination papers is April 8. Please visit the website for further information – details below.

Meeting Dates 2021

Parish Council Meetings: April 20, May 18
All meetings are currently held remotely, starting at 8pm and are open to press and public. Details and the agenda can be found on the parish council website.

To keep up with parish council news and the introduction of the governmental roadmap please visit our website:

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ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

By Parish Councillor
Katie Lamb

I have been captivated by, and now follow, (as I know many of you do), Phil Laybourne's local photography on Facebook and on his website.

Recently I was excited to see his otter pictures. I have never seen otters in the wild and to get the news we have them so close is simply great. These tenacious little mammals are remarkably interesting. They have an acute sense of sight, smell and hearing. They have sensitive whiskers and they are accomplished hunters even in murky waters.

They dine on fish – mainly salmon, trout and invertebrates, but will also take water birds like coots and frogs. These are a favourite in April.

Their fur is worthy of note as it is milk chocolate brown to sometimes almost grey (although it looks much darker in water) with the belly and throat being pale in colour, a little like its land relative the weasel.

This fur is double layered; the longer outer 'guard' layer is waterproof and stops water getting to the inner layer, which is a very, very dense layer of fine, soft hair which traps air for insulation.

Unusually for a semi aquatic animal they do not have a layer of blubber to keep them warm in cold water, so this fur is vital.

With webbed feet and a long rudder-like tail they are powerful swimmers even being able to close their ears and nose to stop water entering. They can also hold their breath for 30 seconds when hunting prey underwater.

They can be hard to spot because of their broad snouts and the high

placement of the eyes on their head means they can stay mainly submerged and still see out of the water.

Otters can be seen, if you are lucky, throughout the country now but it wasn't always like that. Back in the 1950s their number started to decline rapidly to almost extinction (apart from a couple of small groups, or 'romps' in Scotland).

There were three main factors. Firstly, we had an appetite for fur back then and because it is so warm otter fur was a favourite. The destruction of habitat was also a factor. Back in the 40s and 50s we were not so understanding or mindful of the environment. But the main reason was DDT organochlorine pesticides, which leaked into the rivers and caused a host of problems for all river species not just fish and invertebrate but the mammals and birds too.

It, among other things, can affect the ability to reproduce and stays in an animal after death so then, if consumed, the effects can be passed onto the eater. DDT and similar chemicals were banned in the UK in the 90s and slowly the quality of any affected water started to improve.

Now numbers have started to increase with more understanding of habitats and conservation. Otters are now protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act and are a priority species under the 2020 biodiversity framework, which means they and their habitats cannot be harmed. It is even illegal to sell a taxidermy specimen without the correct paperwork.

This picture was taken by Phil Laybourne and a copy of this and all his photos are available to buy on his website with all proceeds going to Thames Hospice in memory of his late wife Gail. His photo, right is of an Eurasian Short Clawed Otter at Bourne End.



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Neil has lived in Bourne End for more than ten years providing massage therapy to residents and businesses in Bourne End, Wooburn Green, Flackwell Heath, Beaconsfield, Marlow, Cookham and surrounding areas, treating each client's individual needs.

Massage is not just for the keen sportsperson, Neil believes it's for everyone. It can be a powerful tool to help take charge of your health and wellbeing from the aches, pains, stresses and strains of everyday life.

Neil says: "Everything that the world has unfortunately endured since March has put extra stress on people's lives. Working more from home, sitting at the computer all day for another virtual work meeting, trying to entertain or educate the kids, eventually your body can't take it anymore, you feel your posture slumping, tense shoulders, lower back pain and intense headaches. This is when you need time out, one hour off just for you to relax and release all that tension."

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Lockdown Parties

As we reported in an earlier edition, during lockdown, Penny Heyes of Wooburn Green, has been running online wine tasting events from her study, travelling all over the world, virtually, to chat to winemakers, from Chile and Argentina, to New Zealand and closer to home, Spain, Italy and France.

These tastings and chats have proved so popular that Penny and her colleagues at GreatWineOnline have been running them every Thursday for anyone to join, and for a number of private parties.

"Before Christmas, we were running four or five per week, as people wanted a virtual staff party where they could get together online with their colleagues and have some fun," Penny told *Target*.

"We have run private events for house warming parties, birthdays for those who have now joined the Lockdown Birthday Club, and special occasions of all sorts. We include a quiz to generate a bit of team spirit and rivalry". They ran the virtual Christmas party for the Fitter Longer group from Bourne End.

One local couple from Bourne End have joined in and said: "It was so nice seeing other people enjoying the experience as much as us. It was a fantastic date night and I recommend it as a gift or a treat to anyone you know who likes wine and food. It was a special experience and from the comfort of our own home"

These events are very relaxed and conversational, with the winemaker joining in so tasters can ask questions of the people who actually make the wine being tried. Penny's colleague, Steve, said: "Our events aren't stuffy or pretentious as some wine tastings can be; we are coming into your home, albeit virtually, so the emphasis is on fun and entertainment".

Penny added "We have fun doing these and of

course, it is great to get feedback. Many customers have told us that during lockdown we have been able to bring them some diversion and laughter. One lady sent me a lovely card saying that our tastings had been 'the highlight of lockdown'. That is nice to hear."

For more information go to greatwineonline.co.uk

HOW DO THE TASTINGS WORK?

Participants order a tasting case of wine (three or six bottles) ahead of the event from Penny's website, GreatWineOnline.co.uk

These are delivered directly to their home from the warehouse in Wokingham, Berks.

On the night of the event, the customers and the winemakers all log into Zoom and taste three of the wines, meet the winemakers who join in live from whichever country they are in.

There is no cost to joining the tastings, just the cost of the case of wine which are all personally selected from wineries known to Penny and her colleagues, often smaller family run estates, with limited production of top quality wines.

Penny is joined at these events by her colleague Steve "The Cheese" Parker who is their resident food and wine matching guru.

Steve chooses a selection of cheeses to go with the wines of the week and these can also be ordered from and home delivered by their cheese supplier, Teddington Cheese.

Steve told us: "We are now adding charcuterie, made locally, but in the Italian style, and chocolate made by a British Chocolatier, to our tastings."

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Partners in fundraising football lottery

"Proud to be part of a fund raising lottery," is the message from Bourne End Community Association to Cookham Bridge Rotary Club who had just launched a scheme that will benefit local charities and will be in conjunction with partner organisations. The community association joined Bourne End Junior Sports Club as a lottery partner. And the rotary club would love to hear from other partner organisations keen to use their involvement as part of vital fund raising.

Every month during the football season there will be a chance to buy tickets for £2.50 with the money raised going to local community organisations and charities. The remainder goes to the fund and the cost of running the lottery. Everyone entering has a chance of winning that month's £500 prize.

So if you want to help local community organisations and charities please purchase tickets from the community association's website at www.bourneendcommunitycentre.org.uk and follow the links for the football lottery. The more tickets bought, the more you help local charities. Also the greater the chance of winning. The link also contains all the rules and conditions.

Community association chair, Dave Foster, said "The lottery is an excellent innovative way of raising funds, something which lots of local organisations need right now, while having a bit of fun along the way."

For every ticket you buy you'll be issued a ticket number with two randomly selected football teams associated with it. These teams consist of league clubs from the premier league, champions along with first and second divisions of the English Football Leagues. Every week the league goal scores of these clubs will be totalled and the ticket with the highest number of goals scored over the month is the winner.

Cookham Bridge Rotary Club is looking to expand the number of community partner organisations who could use the Football Lottery to raise funds for themselves and other local charities – if you wish to find out more please email lottery@cookhamrotary.co.uk

Good luck and many thanks for the support of everyone who wants to be part of the football lottery.

BAR QUIZ

We expect the Community Centre Bar Quiz to resume from Thursday 3 June in the May Woollerton Hall, assuming the roadmap out of lockdown progresses smoothly. Please arrive at 7.30 to 7.45pm for a prompt 8pm start. For more information and to book a table, please contact Diane on 07521 656413.

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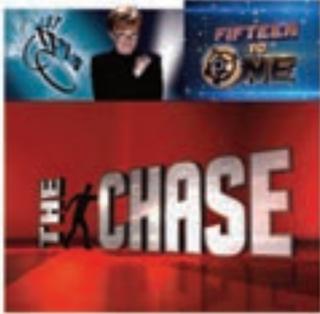
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Faith Powell

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John Vigar

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FORUM PLAYERS

Yes – we are planning. Yes – we have ideas for an autumn, one night only, show with supper. Yes – we are considering a short panto for 2022. Yes, yes and yes.

Forum is awaiting the finer details on what we can, and cannot, do on stage in the May Woollerton Hall at the community centre in front of a live audience. Yes – there's comedy. Yes – there are smiles. Yes – there will be audience participation.

Forum Players will be bringing amateur drama back to its home in Bourne End. These might be small steps to begin with in creating a 'new normal'. Yes – we have a plan. And if you have something to contribute please contact Forum chairman, Kerry Hudson, on kerryhudson1@yahoo.co.uk

ANGLING CLUB FROM THE WATER'S EDGE

Hello fellow anglers. Spring is almost here and hopefully you are all itching to be angling once again. We have been hibernating for January and February and we had hoped to continue our friendly matches in March but due to lockdown this has not been possible.

It looks like we will be able to resume in April and we are planning to go to Royal Berkshire Fishery, restrictions permitting. Rejoining will be in May. Existing members will be contacted closer to the time.

What a weird year but it has been a blessing that we have survived and have enjoyed the times we have been able to get together for our friendly matches.

There are plans to restart competitions again next season, as the vaccines will hopefully make all our lives better and safer. If you are interested in joining our club my number is below.

There is light at the end of the tunnel so hold fast and looking forward to better times and getting back to some kind of normality.

Michele Smith Secretary 07802 711141

Community Centre Opening

The government roadmap to ease lockdown restrictions means that the community centre can open as part of Step-2 for which the earliest date is Monday April 12. The government will not confirm the date until about a week beforehand.

The office remains closed until the centre reopens and, as explained in the last issue, will only be open part time after then so please phone before making a special trip. An easier route could be a phone message to 01628 522604 or an email to office@bebca.org.uk At this stage we must say that there might be a delay in receiving a reply.

Rest assured that the work of the community association has continued through lockdown with online meetings of the trustees and management team as well as the supporting teams for maintenance, events, publicity, stage and Target.

With a sigh of relief our groups and organisations using the community centre can start to make plans for a return that will be as close to normal as possible. Details of restrictions are being studied in relation to indoor meetings and we appreciate that the Government's roadmap might change before Step-3 which has an earliest date of Monday May 17.

If there are queries please contact the office (see above) and the guidelines will be checked. By the time the June/July issue of Target is distributed we must hope that there really will be a removal of all restrictions at the earliest date of Monday June 21.

Details about the gradual restarting of our events in the centre, including the re-opening of the bar, will be posted on our website when we have them at www.bourneendcommunitycentre.org.uk



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NEWSLETTER

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FUNDRAISING

We are excited to announce our brand new lottery is now live and you can be a part of it.

In partnership with The Rotary Club of Cookham Bridge, Bourne End Junior Sports Club is now looking to raise much needed funds through a local charity lottery and you can help by simply buying a ticket (or even a few).

In return you'll be in with a great chance of winning £500 with fantastic odds as ticket numbers are limited.

For every ticket you buy, you'll be issued a number with two randomly selected football teams associated with it.

These teams consist of league clubs from the premiership, championship, first and second divisions of the English Football Leagues.

Every week the goal scores of these clubs is tallied up and the ticket with the highest number over the month is the winner.

All of the rules and conditions can be found here: <https://bejsc.co.uk/donate-shop/the-bejsc-lottery-ticket>

A single ticket costs only £ 2.50 and it all goes back into prize funds and local charities supported by the rotary club,

including the sports club. You can even buy a season pass for the remaining months of this year's football season if you like.

Your support is invaluable to allow us to continue the community work we provide, and we hope this is an affordable way to help, but we want you to hopefully be in with a chance of getting something as well.

Simply click the link <https://bejsc.co.uk/donate-shop/the-bejsc-lottery-ticket/>, what have you got to lose?

The trustees of the sports club and the Rotary Club of Cookham Bridge wish you good luck and give you a heartfelt thank you for supporting our amazing community.

REOPENING AT LAST

If the lockdown roadmap goes to plan we'll be back to swimming at the superb pool at Wycombe Leisure Centre from April 12. We've got room in most of our squads for new swimmers so come along for a trial swim.

Email us at swimming@bejsc.co.uk to arrange one.

Outdoor sports such as football and canoeing should also be opening soon after that date.

From April 19 indoor sports should be able to open, a welcome return to badminton, basketball, climbing, table tennis and indoor football training.

CLIMBING

We are delighted to welcome our new climbing instructor Sammy Jackson to

start the section as soon as we are permitted, with fresh ideas and new times for sessions. Please check the website for the latest information.

50th CELEBRATIONS

Our Gala Dinner which was deferred to June 2021 has now had to be moved again. Hopefully it will be third time lucky. The new date will be in the autumn but is yet to be confirmed - more details to follow.



JIM WRIGHT FORMER CLUB CHAIRMAN

It is with great sadness we report the loss of one of our club stalwarts.

Jim Wright was a lovely man, always with a smiling face and full of enthusiasm.

His association with the sports club goes back to when he was involved in the football section as a team coach.

All three of his children were active club members.

Jim is remembered with great fondness for the excellent way he chaired the club from 1983 to 1986. He was always very kind and caring to all of us.

Only recently Jim gave me all his detailed notes about plans for the visit of Princess Anne in 1982.

He has played a significant part in the success and history of the club, and will be remembered with gratitude and respect. Our thoughts are with his family.

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SAFELY STEPPING UP TO PROVIDE FOOD WITH FLAIR

One of the astounding achievements of lockdown has been the number of businesses who have done something different to keep everyone well fed and also keep staff busy when they haven't been furloughed *writes Barrie Penfold.*

By word-of-mouth, on social media, using email or delivering leaflets the news has spread and the joy of a meal out has become the delight of a meal indoors.

Let's start with pubs. They simply looked around for ways to help customers.

Target decided to take a look at two advertisers who had suffered through various lockdowns and tier restrictions.

So a phone call to The Falcon in Watery Lane was met with delight, a list of food that had become firm Falcon favourites and the only query was "When is it convenient for you to collect?"

No problem. With careful social distancing meals were ready to take away. There's no questioning by me with the claims that Falcon ribs are legendary. They are very meaty, very tender and a delight in a foil container – matched with the best chips and a generous pot of coleslaw.

The two meat pies from here (top right) were just as good. Ours were packed full of tender beef and the pastry was homemade. With a few vegetables this was another meal to enjoy – prepared by someone who cared about food. Both pies were beautifully packed in a specially

designed box and just needed to be reheated in the oven.

In Bourne End at the Walnut Tree in Hedsor Road there was a menu online, so it was just a question of placing our order and being given a time to collect. All the pub favourites were available and special dishes for events like Valentine's Day and Mother's Day.

Freddie and Malcolm Peake are *Target* distributors who live in Abney Court Drive and have the Walnut Tree as their local. So who better to ask about the food here?

They have enjoyed many takeaways from the pub and knew the collection would be organised and safe.

They chose the Sunday Valentine Day's special of roast ham hock coated with English mustard and breadcrumbs, with sauteed red cabbage, carrots, parsnips and roast potatoes (pictured bottom left). Freddie says: "It was delicious and there was so much left over we had the ham hock cold with bubble and squeak from the vegetables on the Monday evening."

Have a look at our pictures and you'll be reaching for the phone or going to the computer.

Their menu online has all the pub favourites and the specials are inspired. Freddie said the dessert of Espresso Martini Cheesecake (below) was delicious. And the Petit Fours (below right) made it really special. Now the

Walnut Tree is planning their opening schedule in line with the roadmap.

Bourne for Desserts on The Parade in Bourne End has continued to sell the best coffee-to-go by rearranging their ice cream parlour so you can order and take away. There's all the usual ices along with delicatessen delights to tantalise the taste buds and make food at home a little more interesting.

There are some hospitality companies who have successfully adapted from providing meals for large, celebratory, events. From a chance email *Target* met Melissa from Melissa Webb Catering and talked about what needed to be done – at very short notice – and the pleasure it has provided when customers say 'thank you' as a delivered meal is handed over.

Selecting the sticky chicken meal created for the Chinese New Year (top left) was a great choice and it was delivered to our door. Melissa was just happy to keep busy in the kitchen during lockdown while being prepared for a return to a more normal business of corporate events, weddings and special parties when allowed.

These are of course just a few of the restaurants and catering businesses who have kept kitchens busy with take away meals in our villages. Thank you to them all – and the ones we haven't mentioned. You have all done a great job and created feasts galore.



PROPERTY PROSPECTS IN OUR AREA



Two local experts share their views...

Bourne End, The Wooburns and our nearby villages are without a doubt attractive places to live, bring up a family and retire to. With London just a short train ride away, good schools, several attractive shopping towns on our doorstep, some of the country's most attractive countryside surrounding us and the River Thames adding the icing on the cake it's easy to see why property has always cost well above the national average here.

This does cause some concern for those with grown up children wanting to get on the property ladder here. But what effect has the last 12 months had on our local property market? Is there any good news for buyers or sellers?

Target asked two estate agents who advertise in the magazine for their opinions...



Angela Robinson of Ashington Page writes:

Writing this in February we still await confirmation of whether Rishi Sunak will bow to industry

pressure and extend the stamp duty holiday for home buyers set to end on March 31.

The chancellor will make his taxation and spending plans clear on March 3 in a budget speech that will be keenly watched by those looking to move home.

Since the introduction of the stamp duty saving in July last year the housing market has boomed with more mortgage approvals in 2020 than in 2019, despite the lengthy shutdown.

Nationwide recorded a 7.3 per cent average house price rise in the year to December 2020 despite a severe economic crash and financial hardship for millions of households.

Many industry experts say these price increases have been fuelled by the stamp duty cut, low mortgage interest rates and people seeking more outdoor space or another room for home working.

There are signs the growth has slowed in January with latest figures showing annual growth in average sold prices falling to 6.4 per cent.

As a local agency Ashington Page saw 2021 start with a record number of sales hoping to complete before the end of March.

Undoubtedly there is a shortage of new to the market properties as sellers wait to see how the market pans out post lockdown.

However, speaking to sellers and buyers, there is a good deal of optimism especially now that the vaccine programme is making such fantastic headway and people start to plan ahead again.

It is likely that 'greener homes' and homes with outside space will be in high demand.

As the way we all work has changed rapidly during the pandemic, Ashington Page has embraced technology and we now offer clients online tools including 360 degree tours, live streamed open houses and online auctions alongside traditional good customer service, to ensure a stress free sales process.

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Steve McClughen of Robinsons Estate Agents writes:



As the anniversary since last year's first lockdown looms it is interesting to reflect on the impact it has had on the local housing market over the last 12 months and what might lie ahead over the coming months.

Prior to last year's first lockdown the property market was fairly steady and generally performing well.

During the lockdown when agents – along with everyone else – were forced to cease operating effectively, the ability for home buyers to look for property became suppressed and thereby created a pent up demand during this period.

Once lockdown was eased and the property market could operate with some normality, in conjunction with the addition of the stamp duty holiday, the market became, somewhat distorted by circumstance, very hectic with multiple buyers for some homes creating bidding wars.

This extremely busy time effectively began to tail off in September as the schools were planning to reopen and Christmas loomed on the horizon.

2021 so far could be best described as a little subdued although properties are selling albeit to what currently appears to be a smaller pool of buyers and less new stock coming on to the market.

The local housing market I feel will remain steady with prices stable, fuelled by constant demand for homes in the area from people wishing to move locally and those moving from out of the area with the ability to work from home in a desirable semi rural environment.

The combination of popular schooling, great commuter links and a general lack of properties coming for sale will undoubtedly sustain property prices generally in a positive way and this year should be as good a time as any to move home.

There is also the possibly the stamp duty holiday might be extended which will no doubt stimulate the market further.

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Record numbers enter our quiz for takeaway solution

Wow – was the inspiration in the theme? Did readers have more time to sit and think over tea and biscuits? Or perhaps the hope of a free meal at The Falcon prompted the enthusiasm? Whatever it was there's a huge thank you to all who entered last issue's back page quiz. And there were a lot of you.

The editor's computer inbox was weighed down by the emails saying 'Falcon Quiz' and giving list after list of answers. No problem to check each entry against the 'answers' list, but it took a lot longer. There were lots of them.

So the challenge for this issue must be to do it all over again – including the winner – of course. The Falcon's landlady, Katie Lamb, has devised a special Easter and Springtime Falcon Quiz and it has the right mix of questions to keep you quizzing over the Bank Holiday. And now there's the added challenge of a record to break. Turn to the back page and have a go!

For the last two issues our quiz winners have had to put on hold their prize of a meal for two at the pub in Watery Lane. Now there's a solution. Katie is offering them a takeaway meal for two to be enjoyed at home. The winner of this issue's quiz can also have a takeaway meal to enjoy.

Thanks Katie – it's a great solution for quiz winners and another



Lockdown solution was Click and Collect

way to beat Covid-19 restrictions.

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When lockdown closed Daisy Gift Shop in Flackwell Heath they were faced with a dilemma. Christmas was five days away and it should have been their busiest time of the year. They knew that customers were planning last minute gifts and festive surprises so how could they make these available?

Linda Jacob who established the village gift shop told *Target*: "We were allowed to do click and collect in the November lockdown so we were thrilled that this was going to be possible this time". Then it was a case of numbering and pricing as many products as possible, putting them in the window and adding another shelf for more display.

Linda explained that this helped customers not on social media to browse the window when out for their daily exercise or shopping and then get in contact. Telephone details were on a big sign at the side of the window. Orders were placed and then it was just click and collect.

Daisy Gift Shop customers on Instagram and Facebook were able to view videos and posts of the products and then put a message on these platforms to click and collect. All the guidelines were followed to keep customers collecting at the shop door safe, wearing masks, having hand sanitizer available and keeping two metres apart.

So far click and collect has helped customers find something special for Valentines Day and Linda has plans for Mothers Day. Gifts for all occasions can be ordered for the click and collect days during the week. Linda has been grateful for the support from customers during this difficult time. "Hopefully we will soon be opening the doors again to them as soon as we're given the green light."

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Pictures: Linda Jacob has everything ready.

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Upper Thames Sailing Club By Tony Kettle

I had hoped to be writing some inspiring words about Upper Thames Sailing Club's Open Day, that may still be possible, but I can't exactly say when it will be, only that we are determined to have one.

The club welcomes new members at any time of the year, but our Open Day showcases what the club has to offer. Members lend their support to create a great atmosphere and take our visitors out on to the water and let them experience the thrill of playing with nature.

I think of it that way, because the river and the wind are constantly changing elements in the sport, and the challenge is to read them more accurately than the guys in the other boats.

On our Open Day members are available to answer questions, show folks around and try not to talk too much about our wonderful club. There is so much to tell.



It may be the excitement of feeling the wind blowing you along that will get you hooked on sailing, but it will be what our club has to offer that will convince you that Upper Thames is the place to indulge that excitement.

Let me tell you a little of the club's history, founded in 1884 by wealthy local businessmen, not all who wanted to be on the water but loved being involved with sailing and the folks it attracted.

It was once the preserve of the gentry, but now it's open to all.

Royalty gave their patronage to the club; the Duke of Connaught was president for many years.

While those toffs had a steward to rig their boats for them, we have facilities that are second to none. Not many clubs have such a long frontage, and, unless you were a sailor you wouldn't give it a second thought. However it has been developed with the requirements in mind of a wide range of craft and their different needs for launching and recovering.

The club will open up as the Covid-19 rules allow in time for the Easter weekend; come and say hello.



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Nancy met her future husband at a fete when they were reporters on rival weekly newspapers in Cheshire. Eventually they were married and moved to Kenya. On one occasion she interviewed Lady Baden Powell leading to Nancy's passion for Girl Guiding.

Nancy's journalistic experience provided good job opportunities and her acting skills secured her key roles. She enjoyed news reading and progressed until she had her own women's magazine show. Nancy extended her talents when she compered fashion shows but was as happy being a Wise Owl in the Brownie Pack she founded.

When the family returned to England Nancy worked for Sylvia Anderson, of Thunderbirds fame, at Pinewood. In Kenya she had set up a Brownie Pack and back home through local Guiding contacts she was asked to teach the youngsters a song in Swahili. This led to her first role in Bucks Guiding as County Commonwealth Advisor. Later she became Thames Division Commissioner. Her last role was as chair of the Wooburn and Bourne End Trefoil Guild when she was aged 80!

Nancy said that with husband Michael they had a wonderful 65 years of companionable marriage. Nancy will be sadly missed by all the family, especially her grandchildren who were inspired by her imagination and ability to create fun. RIP

More local people remembered on page 35

Answer to quiz on page 6

BRIDGE PLAYER'S BIDDING QUIZ

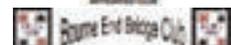
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Julian Pottage.

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Bourne End and Cookham Probus Club by Bill Leftwich

We are looking ahead to a time when we can finally all get together and enjoy a delicious lunch, an entertaining speaker and, most important of all, each other's company.

We have discussed with Grovefield Hotel in Burnham the possibilities of our next meeting which, depending on the decisions from on high, appear to be settling on a Wednesday in late June. The club is preparing for normal Probos business resuming from that date and our incoming chairman, Terry Scott, is making plans for an interesting second half of the year. We already have speakers reserved, with topics from crop circles and a butler to the famous to wildlife around the world.

In addition, the long-awaited Ladies Lunch, where spouses join their husbands, is inked in for December and should be a final hurrah and goodbye to a torrid year.

The hotel is keen to warmly welcome the club back for our regular monthly meetings and to return to their normal excellent hospitality and delicious lunches.

If you are interested in joining our marvellous club then contact Bill Leftwich on 01628 529647.

Cookham Bridge Rotary Club By Terry Whall



Suitably masked up to protect themselves and people waiting to be vaccinated, Cookham Bridge Rotary members are pictured here volunteering at the Adams Park Vaccination Centre.

This is part of an initiative coordinated by Marlow Thames Rotary Club locally that allows Rotary members to help the NHS and other organisations that are leading vaccination efforts in our area.

It feels really good to be helping in this nationwide initiative to protect us from Covid-19 and return to normal. As this is a programme that will be lasting months, our volunteers are looking forward to the better weather.

Bourne End & Cookham Rotary Club By John Dunsterville

The good news is that Bourne End and Cookham Rotary Club is growing with more active new members. We have invited corporate membership from local schools and the business world to lend their expertise and forge working links with us.

You may have noticed the purple crocuses in Bourne End and Flackwell Heath, which are part of our End Polio Now project.

This dreadful disease is all but eliminated worldwide, but the vaccination programme started by Rotary International has provided the expertise to vaccinate against Covid -19 as well.

Locally we have helped to fund the Litter Blitz

campaign, keeping Wooburn, Flackwell and Bourne End clear of rubbish and restoring a bit of pride.

We continue to help out with Forest Schools and the formation of Rotakids Clubs which will become more vital and exciting when the lockdown eases.

Not only have we helped with computer laptops for students in our schools, we are also maintaining our aid to schools abroad in Zambia and Nepal.

The 60+ Rotary clubs in the Thames Valley district are increasing in membership and in effectiveness in providing what we call Service Above Self.

Come along to one of our talks (by Zoom) and experience the positive and fun side of what we do. It's been a long time since Rotary could be accused of being an old man's supper club. Contact John on 07811 702853, www.beac-rotary.org.uk, or www.facebook.com/beacrotary and see what we do.

Little Marlow & Well End WI By Pauline Clitheroe

Once again we appreciated the opportunity to gather for our monthly meeting during this pandemic via Zoom. Tom Way showed us a wonderful selection of photographs of *Wildlife On Your Doorstep*. He explained that he owes his success to large amounts of both patience and good luck.

President, Carole Kirkland, appealed for volunteers to form a sub-committee to organise the Summer Show on August 3, which will probably be a virtual event.

Jane Statham demonstrated how to make paper pom-pom flowers during the Craft & Chat Zoom meeting. Members were able to hold up their attractive designs for everyone to see.

A new feature of the WI meeting was the introduction of 'Inheritance Tracks', which proved popular. Kate Bradford introduced the prologue to *West Side Story* which brought back memories of attending the premiere at her father's cinema in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Pauline Clitheroe's track, *Reach Out* sung by Diana Ross, reminded her of hearing it performed at the Royal Albert Hall in 1986, and more recently in Las Vegas.

In March we had an entertaining virtual journey of author Catherine Jones's career, entitled *From Guns & Roses to Hearts & Flowers*. Her first books based on her life in the Army were followed by romantic fiction as Kate Lace.

Carole Kirkland displayed two types of Easter bunny that she will demonstrate how to make from socks during the Craft & Chat workshop later in the month.

Two members described their Inheritance Tracks. Judy Wilson chose Elgar's *Nimrod* which she used to play on the organ for Evensong services. Niki Ralf recalled singing along to a Johnny Horton tape of *Honky Tonk Man* and *The Battle of New Orleans* while driving along the M40 with her eight-year-old son. These tracks also revived memories among members.

Bourne End WI By Chrissy Hayes

All of our meetings are still on Zoom. In March Jenny Mallin talked about the British in India during

the days of the Raj, using the story of her own family from 1844 until they left India in the 1950s.

Our April meeting will feature Catherine Jones, writer of some 20 romantic novels, published under her maiden name of Kate Lace.

The monthly book club has lively evening meetings, fuelled by tea or the tippie of your choice. We will next be reading Jeffrey Archer's *Nothing Ventured*.

At our monthly Craft & Chat we will be completing our Easter display with pretty fabric ducks to match our earlier eggs and bunnies.

On Friday afternoons we meet for chat over coffee and cake. Still good fun, even from our own kitchens.

For any information on the WI please email Wendy on bourneendwi@yahoo.com or call 01628 526309.

Inner Wheel Club of Bourne End & Cookham By Liz Yeeles

We are looking forward to getting together in person in the coming months and some outings to venues such as Adam Henson's Farm and Waterperry Gardens are in the pipeline.

Naturally eating and drinking have to feature in our plans, and we hope to book a couple of lunchtime meals, including our Charter Lunch postponed from February.



We continue our commitment to fundraising for national and local charities. Our latest plan is to 'Double Your Money' so the challenge is to use £5 to create or produce something we can then sell to friends and family for at least £10.

Out came the thinking caps, and there have been many good ideas already – jam and marmalade, seedlings planted, Easter and greeting cards to name but a few. All profits will go to our charity fund for the MS Society and the NHS. In July local charities will be selected for the distribution of the remainder of the funds.

According to UNICEF, 262 million children are unable to access effective education. A charity in Somerset called School in a Bag provides backpacks for such children filled with exercise books, pencils, geometry sets and water bottles. This means that these children can go to school with the necessary equipment to start their education. Imagine trying to learn to write with no paper or pencil.

Covid-19 brought the need for face masks to be included in the bags, so some of our members responded to a request to make them. See the photo above for the wonderful array of masks they produced.



Welcome to St Paul's new vicar

St Paul's with St Mary's Church in Wooburn welcomes a new vicar to the parish. Rev Paul Cudby says he's delighted to write an introduction for Target as he and his wife, Alison, have moved to Wooburn Green just in time for Easter. He writes:

Although it'll be the spring by the time you read this and we'll hopefully be unpacked and settled in, right now I am sitting surrounded by boxes, in a vicarage right up at the other end of the M40 near Birmingham, looking out to a very snowy back garden, with a growing sense of excitement at coming to join you, while wondering how we're going to get ourselves ready in time for the removal company.

It was suggested to me that readers might appreciate a bit of my backstory so here's a very short potted history. I met Alison in the late 1980's when I became her drummer in the heavy rock band that she led.

We had somewhat of a whirlwind romance and were married nine months later. Although the style of music has changed somewhat, having added a fiddle player and discovered all kinds of folk influences over the years, we're still with the same band, and with the rest of the musicians living in High Wycombe we're excited about living close to each other for the first time in years.

When we first met I was developing a career in science (I used to run an electron microscope laboratory for the Malaysian Civil Service in this country; long story)... Alison was working part time in a book shop while beginning to build her singing teaching practice. It's been a rather unexpected journey which neither of us would have seen coming that would lead Alison to becoming a professional weddings and events harpist while I would be a vicar.

Those two strands, music and science, have really shaped my approach to working for the church, wanting to be someone who could be both creative and undogmatic.

Having had a career in science, that attitude of never being afraid to ask questions and wanting to encourage others to do the same has become a core part of my approach.

I've found that what comes most naturally is trying to hold in balance the knowable and the unknowable, while not shying away from the difficult issues.

I thoroughly enjoy engaging with the big questions, but my experience has been that they rarely have simple answers, and we should allow ourselves to be at ease with that. Having that approach has allowed me to learn a huge amount from friends on other spiritual paths while enlarging my own understanding of God from a Christian perspective.

My wife and I are both from the north (of) London area so in many ways this feels like a bit of a homecoming for us after nearly 15 years in the West Midlands.

Despite being in Birmingham Diocese, the parish we felt called to was in a rural area which came as a bit of a shock to the system to the two of us as former city dwellers. Yet the love of the countryside that swiftly grew through our immersion in village culture led us into being part of the small core group that founded 'Forest Church', a network of groups around the country for people who feel spiritually more engaged in the natural world than in a church building.

I continue to find the presence of God in the green spaces so don't be too surprised if you find me outside working, thinking or writing. Please come over and say hello; I really don't mind and would love to hear your stories.

My suspicion, at the time of writing, is that there will be Covid restrictions for meetings on and off for some time, but chatting outside looks to be one way we can still say hello.

Paul sent us the photo of him and Alison leading a seminar at the Christian 'Greenbelt' Arts festival a couple of years ago. He says: "Excuse the hat – it was very hot".

HOW HEADWAY COPED WITH LOCKDOWN

2020 was certainly an odd year for everyone and it saw life change entirely. Unfortunately, we had to temporarily close the doors of our centre at Headway South Bucks in the community centre.

June saw the launch of our online programme, where we initially began to run activities such as bingo, quizzes, memory games and social slots. These activities were an instant hit but we wanted to expand and offer our wonderful clients more. Since then we have steadily added to our programme with the focus being that there should be something for everyone.

Our lovely Zumba instructor, who used to come

to the centre, now runs an online session for us every Tuesday. It's been really great at keeping us active for the past year. With upbeat tracks and inclusive routines Mareda never fails to put smiles on our faces.

Our dedicated cooking group log on every Thursday morning and together cook up a real storm with a lot of laughter. We have made a huge variety of dishes, both sweet and savoury. Some of the favourite recipes so far have been potato latkes at Hanukkah, mince pie pinwheels at Christmas and some delicious San Choy Bao, or Chinese lettuce wraps. It's been really great to see the group become more adventurous and confident in the kitchen.

Music therapy has also proven to be a popular session running monthly. Singing along to classics and making homemade percussion instruments to play 'guess that rhythm' has really helped alleviate some of the extra anxiety created by the virus.

Aside from our core sessions each week we have invited a variety of guest speakers and providers in for some really unique experiences.

In December we met Oliver Parker 'The Fun Provider', who wowed us with a virtual magic show and some

unbelievable mind-reading. In January we had a local history talk from Amersham Museum about the Weller family and brewery. February has been especially exciting, as we took a live Zoom tour around a farm in Devon, where we met some adorable piglets.

A week later we then met musician Adrian who played a one-man, twelve instrument (including homemade instruments) music show.

In the future we will be beginning art classes, running a taster yoga session and meeting a team of alpacas. Our picture shows Headway celebrating a client's birthday in our Monday Coffee Club



Drinking in the dry – outdoors

At the Falcon pub in Watery Lane, Wooburn Green there's a new arrangement to

keep outdoor drinkers dry – should it rain.

Katie Lamb is delighted to report that the new undercover area in the garden has been created especially to protect their returning customers from 12 April – and an easing in lockdown restrictions. She said "We have been waiting for this day and just want to see life return to our traditional pub".





Headway South Bucks... Calling for trustees

Even though we aren't yet able to welcome our members back to our Resource Centre – we are offering support virtually through our activity sessions and 'keeping in touch' via zoom, in addition to our welfare telephone calls.

Equally, the 'behind the scenes' work of keeping the charity running, still goes on: making sure we are going to be ready to open up again as soon as it is safe; ensuring we have enough money coming in; having the most up to date processes in place, and planning what to provide for our members when they return.

As the 'behind the scene' team, we recognise that we might not have all the skills such work needs to help us come back fitter and stronger and even more resilient.

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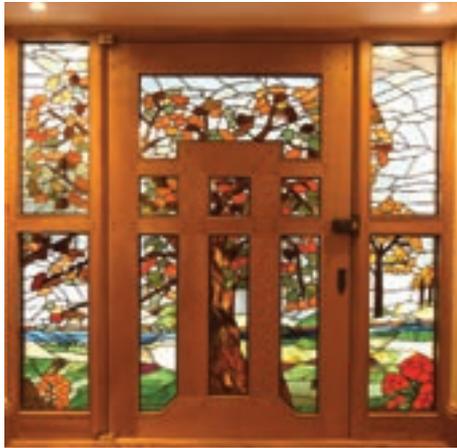
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A glass act...

Bourne End artist, Jackie Callingham, has beaten talent from around the world to win a prestigious design award for her front door.

Of course, this is isn't any ordinary door. It's an incredible artistic creation with a structure made from English oak by master wood carver Colin Mantripp of Lillyfee Woodcarving Studio Ltd and decorated by Jackie with 11 panels of handcrafted stained glass depicting a magnificent autumn tree design.



The stunning door gives a cheery welcome to visitors and creates delightful patterns in the hallway on sunny days. It measures an impressive 2.4 metres by 2.4 metres and is now, quite rightly, officially recognised as a world class creation, scooping the award for the best cabinetry and joinery product at the Society of British and International Interior Design Awards 2020.

According to the society's announcement: "Using traditional materials and methods throughout, the resulting English oak and stained glass entrance is designed to delight."

Their International Design Awards showcase the world's best interior designers and projects celebrating the finest design, innovation and functionality for products within the interior design sector with entries hailing from 49 countries across the world.

Jackie says: "When we were planning and designing our major home refurbishment [in 2016], one of the items we needed was a wider front door as I use a wheelchair a lot. We wanted something different and the idea came to create a door using stained glass panels.

"The hardest thing in the project was to come up with the idea itself.



After a lot of research and thinking, I came up with the idea of a tree in autumn as the main design, spread over the entire width of the doorway. "It certainly wasn't easy. It took me about 400 hours over four and a half months to make the 11 panels, which had to be inserted in a double-glazed unit to make the door fully insulated."

Jackie, who runs her Boathouse Studio stained glass art business from a Victorian boathouse in the garden of her Riversdale home, has been creating stained glass art pieces since 2012.

Her garden will be familiar to many readers as, for several years, Jackie and her husband, Paul, have generously opened up their grounds for the annual Hedsor Fete.

If Jackie needs any inspiration for her work she only has to look out of her window at the perfect riparian scene. She can watch the mallards (one of her favourite subjects), gaze at the changing colours of the seasons and generally be 'at one' with the nature all around her.

Her work, mainly commissions, is finding its way into homes and businesses throughout the Home Counties and London. Quite an achievement for someone who only stepped into the art world eight years ago.

She explains: "I've always been good at making things. I made a lot of toys for my four children when they were little, and I have turned my hand to many DIY jobs around the house. But when my children had all grown and had flown the nest, I decided I would go back to college and train at something.

"I enrolled at Amersham College and did a BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Art & Design. And I came top of the class.

"For our final part of the course we had to choose to make a piece in either graphics, textiles or 3D. I thought the 3D would play to my hands-on approach to art and I made a fire screen. I bought a book to teach myself how to do stained glass."

Jackie loved working with the coloured glass and signed up to do a two-year City and Guilds course in creative glass techniques.

"It seemed to suit my practical mind. I was working with materials which could change as you are working with them – the metal and the glass – and I was able to adapt to it and with it. I must also have good spacial awareness as I found I could design pieces which I was able to recreate in glass."



Jackie's talents may have never come to the fore if she'd continued in her first career, nursing. She was a district nurse when she had an accident at work in 1981, badly breaking her leg. Several surgeries followed, but her leg couldn't be saved and today she uses a prosthetic leg or a wheelchair.

"I can do my glasswork from my wheelchair and my studio is all set up for me to work sitting down."

The little studio, which in non Covid-19 days is open to the public during the annual Bucks Arts Weeks throughout June, is packed with incredible coloured glass sheets, lead came, which holds the stained glass creations together and copper piping for current projects, "I'm a dab hand at soldering copper piping, says Jackie.

She's also got a stock of empty wine, beer and spirit bottles which she melts to make slumped bottle art which she plans to start selling online.

Her work has brought considerable attention from the art world. In 2018 she was made a Freeman of The Worshipful Company of Master Glaziers and Painters of Glass.

She has completed several large commissions, including for Hampton by Hilton hotel group who commissioned her to make five huge art deco-style pieces for a London hotel.

She certainly isn't fazed by large scale pieces and says: "Glass in its all infinite glories cries out to be made into wonderful pieces of art and in my opinion, the larger the better."

The mallard (left) and other bird-decorated panels on her patio can be seen by the many boats passing Jackie's house on the Bourne End stretch of the river.

Read more about Jackie and see her work at www.theboathousestudio.net

STAR WARS SET BATTLES THE ELEMENTS...

In our last issue we mentioned the vast Star Wars series set spreading across a site in Little Marlow. Despite some negative national press quoting objections from local nature groups, most people we have spoken to are in favour of the filming and quite excited about it. However, it does look as if the site may have a battle of the elements on its hands...

Dear Editor,

The Force is indeed with us, however, so is the mud!

While delighted that we should have the film site locally providing employment for many to build and staff the sets and the site overall, we local walkers have been particularly inconvenienced by the way in which the storage and parking areas have been paved with plastic panels and fenced – adjacent to the public footpath between Coldmoorholme Lane and Little Marlow.

We don't mind being kept out, but all rainfall runs off this decking and has flooded the path, resulting in a continuous quagmire (currently a glacier), the fencing forces all walkers into the same corridor which makes things worse.

This situation occurred at the outset of the storage area development and, despite the article and photos my wife and I submitted highlighting the problem last autumn in the Bucks Free (and Marlow) Press, this is still ignored by the site operators and is, of course, now much worse.

At the entrance to the storage area, gravel and hardcore have since been laid for their use, but they have not had the wit or decency to extend this to benefit those who are actually inconvenienced – an easy operation that would have helped keep local support! It's not too late.

John and Anne Collins
Station Road

Other local comments on the film set

* Although I have only seen photos of the film set, I am in favour of it. I think it will be good for the local economy and is on the site of old gravel pits so I don't see much environmental damage, plus it is a temporary structure.

* I am in favour of the film set, providing that it is a temporary structure. It is making good use of a piece of land that had no particular merit and has very little impact on the Nature Park; indeed there may well be money to spend on the environment once they have gone.

* It employs people at a time when redundancies are frequent; it is good to support the British film industry.

* It gives us something to talk about in this time of lockdown.

* It is a pity that there are unlikely to be tours of the set once filming has finished because of Covid-19 regulations.

* I have one negative comment; it would have been helpful if they could have put down a good surface on the footpath going past the marquees, either wood chips or plastic sheets as in the car park, so that we are not ankle deep in mud as we walk past.

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Writer wows the WI

So what was the reaction when author Robert Thorogood talked to Bourne End WI via Zoom? Here's one bloggers view:

The advent of Zoom has given us a window into other people's lives, a peep into their homes – no more so than on a cold winter's evening in early February when we were welcomed into the study of writer Robert Thorogood. Sitting against deep red walls, lined with bookshelves, his two whippets in situ, Robert led us through the ups and downs of his writing career. Aimable and self-effacing, Robert is the creator of the hit TV series *Death in Paradise* and author of *The Marlow Murder Club*, his latest novel set in our very own Thameside town.

From the start, a theme emerged – Robert was the perpetual late-bloomer who managed to claw his way up the pecking order. This was a boy who 'worked his socks off' to get into Cambridge after messing up his GCSEs.

Similarly, he didn't get his big break in television drama – the BBC series *Death in Paradise* – until his late thirties. Now 49, he is establishing himself as a novelist with this new book about three Marlow housewives and a female detective on the trail of a serial killer.

Inspired by his mother's 'coterie' of friends back in Suffolk, Robert wanted to write a novel about a new kind of femme fatale – the skinny-dipping widow in her arts-and-crafts mansion, an uptight vicar's wife and a single mum. Not your typical heroes of the murder-mystery genre, but this is cosy crime, which is having a bit of a moment in

the book world. He also wanted to pay tribute to Marlow, the town where he now lives, although he admits to changing the houses around All Saints Church to make them nicer!

In common with Richard Osman and his similarly titled, *The Thursday Murder Club*, Robert is honouring the spirit of Agatha Christie, the doyenne of cosy crime, whom he has idealised since he was a boy.

After years of writing TV scripts, where the episodic format restricted him to a single murder investigation, Robert has enjoyed the freedom of devising multiple murders for his novel. He also felt more in control of his material, without the need for input from actors and directors.

Robert is a natural raconteur – taking us behind the scenes on the *Death in Paradise* shoots in St Lucia where actors battle hot and sweaty conditions, as well as telling amusing tales of his mother's friends cackling together and doing the crossword.

Although he joked about his 'messianic self-belief', some steely determination has surely driven his success. Straight after leaving the Zoom meeting, I purchased a copy of *The Marlow Murder Club* and am looking forward to getting stuck in.

By Emma Clark Lam who joined as a visitor, she is the daughter of the WI's programme organiser, lives in Marlow and is a journalist, novelist and blogger.



WI member Chrissy Hayes

Here are some more comments from WI members...
• Excellent meeting and a really

enjoyable speaker. Nice to have someone just talking to you and sounding almost spontaneous with his reminiscences.

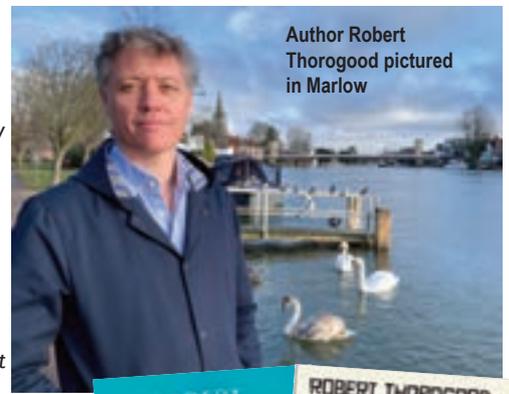
• I thoroughly enjoyed the talk. Nice to be spoken to, not at. Good banter. Looking forward to getting his book.

• A very entertaining and informative talk. Robert was very interesting and upfront about his career. His enthusiasm shone through and it is not a surprise his book is doing so well. Can't wait to read it now.

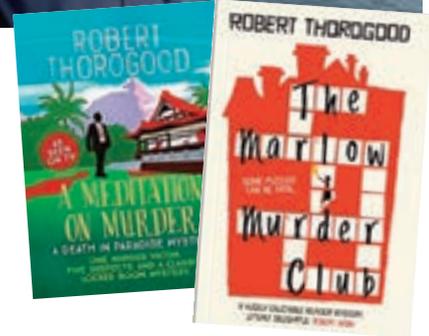
• Robert's talk to the WI was thoroughly entertaining and informative. His easy manner and conversational style made for a relaxed atmosphere; we had fun.

When Robert was talking about the *Death in Paradise* series, what came across was his genuine affection for the programme and the characters in it. Who knew that the conditions of work caused by the heat and humidity on Guadeloupe would be so demanding? It all looks so idyllic on the island of St Marie on television. It never occurred to me that the reason the plots work is because of the lack of forensic technology on the island, so that while samples are sent off for analysis the police have time to solve the mystery the old-fashioned way. The talk left me smiling.

• I'm probably the only one with this view but I found Robert's talk disappointing if I'm honest. This may have been because I was expecting a lot and I left the meeting before Robert had finished his talk.



Author Robert Thorogood pictured in Marlow



• I attended last night's meeting and thought the talk by Robert Thorogood was excellent. I had never seen any of the *Death in Paradise* TV programmes and hadn't read *The Marlow Murder Club* book but I went and watched the first programme of series one of *Death in Paradise* and thoroughly enjoyed it. I have a lot of catching up to do. I shall get my daughter to get the book from Maidenhead Library which is still operating (unlike the Bucks libraries) and look forward to reading it.

• Robert Thorogood talked to around 50 members having kindly stepped in at short notice, he gave a highly amusing talk about his hit T V show *Death in Paradise*. Who knew the beach hut was dismantled and put in a crate every winter?

• A keen admirer of Agatha Christie, Robert prefers the older style of murder mystery which he tries to bring into all of his writing, albeit giving it a modern twist.

And what about Robert's book *The Marlow Murder Club*? here are some of the WI reviews:

* In this book Robert deftly blends a sleepy, riverside town with the arrival of a serial killer. Stand by for naked River Thames swimming, whisky drinking ladies and one very heroic dog. Tremendous fun!

* I am about 70% of the way through it. Having already read Richard Osman's book, Robert's is not as good and is too twee for my liking. It feels like it's written by a script writer rather than an author. It lacks charm compared to the Osman book.

* There are a few criteria against which I judge a book. One is do I look forward to going back to reading it and make time to do so? In the case of *The Marlow Murder Club* the answer was 'yes'.

* It is fun to recognise the setting of the story, the locations are all in this area, but not necessarily in the right places! Robert Thorogood would probably be the first to admit that his latest book is not intellectually challenging, but I liked the traditional Agatha Christie style plot. Some of the action is a little improbable, but it is fiction and it makes for a good read.

Next issue Inka D'Agostino, former Bourne End Library manager, reviews *The Marlow Murder Club*.

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Mollie Smith
1918 – 2021

Mollie Smith died aged 103 and she will be missed by family,

friends and residents of Orchard House in Bourne End where she spent many happy years.

On her 100th birthday Mollie played bridge at the Lane End Bridge Club as she had done for the past 16 years.

Originally from Wolverhampton, Mollie was born in 1918 at the end of the First World War. She left school at 15 and married at 20. She worked hard bringing up her three children and nursing her sick husband. When he retired they spent a holiday on the Island of Sark. From that they took on the management of a boarding house and served three meals a day to 16 people for 10 years.

Finally settling in Orchard House Mollie did her own shopping and walked the length of the Bourne End Parade two or three times a week. She attended the Contact the Elderly tea parties and enjoyed the outings to her bridge club. Mollie had an active brain and was an avid reader. She regularly entered the *Target* Quiz and came up with the right answers. She won the quiz on three occasions.

It was an amazingly long life and at Christmas Mollie's wish, said with a smile "was to get her youth back." Mollie will be missed by family, friends and the clubs she supported. **RIP**



Dorothy Atkins
1934 – 2021

Dorothy was born and grew up in Uxbridge but moved to Wooburn Green in 1966 when

she married Brian and lived for the rest of her life in their home in Grange Drive.

Shortly after moving in, Dorothy found the second love of her life when they acquired the first of her many Labradors. Dorothy was never without a dog from then on. In addition to their own dogs she regularly looked after a succession of friends and neighbours' 'four legged treasures' (Dorothy's own words.)

Dorothy supported many charitable causes and became involved in raising money for the Thames Valley Hospice. She was also a member of Cores End United Reformed Church and worked tirelessly to raise funds for the church. Her door was always open to everyone for a warm welcome, a cup of coffee and a slice of cake.

Dorothy's lasting legacy will be Cores End Churchyard. Dorothy instigated The Friends of Cores End Churchyard to raise funds for the upkeep of the churchyard and restore it to a place of peace and tranquillity for everyone to enjoy.

There will be a memorial service later in the year when all who knew Dorothy will be invited to come and share happy memories of this special lady. **RIP**



John Pheby
1934 – 2021

Target will miss John Pheby who delivered the community magazine for many years all around the Chalklands estate.

John traced his family back to 1790 in Little Marlow and his grandfather worked as coachman to Haden Tebb – the inspiration behind the construction of the Abbotsbrook estate.

When made redundant John found his dream job with the National Trust in their countryside department. He loved caring for the land and watching the wildlife.

John had the support of his daughters and grandchildren who live in Wooburn Green and Maidenhead. **RIP**



Jim Wright

Moving to Bourne End gave Jim Wright the chance to be involved in a football team and Bourne End Junior Sports Club. Sports

were one of his passions so as a football team manager he was in his element. As one of life's great organisers and motivators it wasn't surprising that he became chairman of the club and was instrumental in getting a new sports hall built. When Princess Anne opened it Jim was so proud.

In retirement Jim continued his love of music, sport and travel. He joined Middlesex Cricket Club, and watched cricket at Lords. As soon as the children left home, Jim and Nora were free to travel to far-flung places, visiting a McDonald's restaurant in as many countries as possible.

In December 2020 they downsized and moved to their new flat. Jim loved it, probably because there would be no DIY. They had five grandchildren and Jim loved being involved with the family. He did not have a bad word to say about anyone.

Right to the end Jim remained dignified, never complained and somehow found the strength to charm the doctors and nurses in hospital. He was compassionate, but also interested in everybody and his genuine warmth won him so many friends. Jim gave so much and he will be sorely missed. **RIP**



Eric Horner
1925 – 2021

Eric Horner's family life changed when his mother died. He knew the agony of life without a mother and a family split apart. Leaving school Eric became apprenticed as

a cabinet maker and it was a skill he enjoyed. But war was threatening so young Eric decided to join the RAF and this move would eventually create his future life.

Eric met Pat and they married in 1952 before moving down south for Eric's new job with British European Airways as a Flight Engineer. They lived in Ruislip for a few years before moving to Chalklands in Bourne End. Theirs was a happy home and while Pat looked after the home and children Eric was flying around the world. Back home Eric was never happier than making furniture in his workshop.

Together they were part of the village and its community. It was a time of change. More houses were being built and more families were creating something special. Eric and Pat signed up to support plans for a community centre in Wakeman Road. Like so many they 'bought a brick' as part of the fundraising and were delighted when they could go into the newly constructed centre.

Eric retrained to become an Air Traffic Controller at Heathrow Airport and worked his way up to Senior Controller. Then he made another move which took him to West Drayton. Flying and aeroplanes were in his blood. And to relax there was nothing better than taking son Stephen to watch Arsenal.

Daughter Gill remembers that he was a good Dad who taught them all to swim, taught them how to drive and how to mend their cars. Great friendships were made in the village and the Horner Christmas Eve parties were legendary – never ending before four in the morning.

Retirement in 1985 gave Eric more time in his workshop or playing golf. He played his last round at the tender age of 89. There were holidays in Spain or cruising with family and friends. However, every Saturday, dead on 11.30am, Eric would join his mates at the community centre bar for a few pints.

Sadly in 1990 son Stephen died. He had been born with Cystic Fibrosis and Dad was by his side every step of the way through his life. Pat's sudden death in 2009 meant more sad times for Eric but he amazed everyone by his attitude to life and kept on doing what he loved to do.

Eric battled bowel cancer but the years were taking their toll. After several falls Eric moved to a lovely care home close to his daughter. And being Eric he carried on loving life and throwing himself into the home's activities.

At Eric's funeral the final music was from Acker Bilk with the haunting strains of 'Strangers on the shore' – the track Eric played every night before going to bed. **RIP**

Past times by Barrie Penfold

Lower Mill

At the junction of Ferry Lane and Hedsor Road stand decorative stone gateposts and ever-open ageing cast iron gates. There's no sign to say that this spot has a significant place in the history of Bourne End. If you stop for a moment the sound of rushing water might make you think paper mill. Well done. So let's take a closer look at this historic treasure.

For centuries there was probably a mill at the point where the River Wye met the River Thames. The fall on the River Wye was good and this was the final place for a mill to operate before the little river met the mighty River Thames. In fact the River Wye was renowned for its mills having the fast flowing water needed to provide power.

But if we start about the middle of the 1700s Thomas Wildman was listed as the tenant of that Lower Mill to the owner – James du Pre. In fact there were two mills – each with its own waterwheel – one making paper and the other millboard. The Wildman family were Bourne End papermakers and they continued that way through to the 1800s.

The interesting fact about Lower Mill was the involvement of women in the running of the mill during the later period. Records show that Mrs Eady Wildman, the widow of Thomas, bought the freehold of Lower Mill from James du Pre and she continued to run the business – along with raising four girls. The youngest, Caroline, married Mr Angell and when Eady died in 1821 she left the mill to Caroline.

As papermaking grew and became more profitable the Government decided it was time for their cut. The mill owners had no intention of helping so the duties on paper production were difficult to assess and collect. In 1815 a group descended on Lower Mill, checked the mill output and quality, taxed it and took the money to London where financing the Napoleonic

Wars was top of the list.

Eady Wildman was one of the few mill owners who kept a detailed record of the taxes and for the year 1815 she had to pay a tax of £3,670 13s 6d. Duty was levied at 3d (that's three old pence) per pound weight and so her output that year would have been more than 120 tons with a current value of well over a quarter of a million pounds sterling. A great achievement for a widow with a family to support.

In selecting Caroline to continue the business Eady made a wise decision. Just two years after inheriting Lower Mill Caroline borrowed the money to buy land alongside the mill. But by 1832 the paper mill was not in use probably because the water in the River Wye wasn't pure enough to make acceptable paper and so they concentrated on making millboard.

By 1830 Caroline was so aggravated by the actions of the Commissioners of the Thames Navigation that she instructed her solicitors to prepare a case against them for causing her a loss of earnings due to the construction of Cookham Lock. Circumstances relating to the towing path for barge horses started as far back at 1772, followed in 1808 by proposals to build a lock that would bypass Hedsor Wharf.

Cookham Lock became operational in 1830 and the effect was to raise the water level at Lower Mill and submerge the water mills. Sadly no amount of research has found any records of the case so maybe it was settled out of court. In 1853 Caroline retired and sold the mills to her niece's husband, William Wilson Morley.

William had money as in 1861 he commissioned an artesian well to be sunk at Lower Mill to provide a purer quality of water for papermaking. Around 60 people were employed while his house and



grounds were pleasantly situated on the banks of the River Thames. When he sold Lower Mill in 1873 for £11,500 he retained the house and the right to draw water from the artesian well.

Slowly and steadily the productive and profitable days of papermaking at Lower Mill were over. The inventory and plan produced for William Morley's sale in 1874 shows that the main output was millboard. A coal burning boiler and chimney had been added along with a gasometer.

Owner followed owner – none really successful – as Lower Mill, like others further upstream, were either running down or being taken over for other purposes.

After one sale Lower Mill and the surrounding land was cleared away before a huge project of landscaping took place. It included changing the flow of the River Wye below Hedsor Corner to provide a more scenic aspect with a rustic bridge and waterfall. In 1926 Andrews Boatyard was built on the meadow upstream and in 1930 Mill House was sold.

Storm clouds were building across Europe and they marked the next chapter in what was to be the wartime significance of this former mill site. It had already moved from water mill to paper and millboard manufacture then idyllic rural backwater. Now Mill House was to be used to aid the war effort, house senior military personnel and provide a quiet spot for planning military strategy. Past Times in the June/July issue will move the story forward.

Far left: Lower Mill was demolished to make way for extensive landscaping where the River Wye meets the River Thames. Left: The mills along the River Wye and their 18th and 19th century names. Top: Lower Mill was powered by the River Wye – now just the river remains



OUR LOCAL CHURCHES KEEP IN TOUCH

Cores End United Reformed Church

The church building has been closed for much of the year so far, apart from hosting the Montessori Wise Owl Nursery School. We hope to be able to open the church for worship at Easter if possible; please contact the church minister Terry Hinks for more information on 01628 525076 or email minister.trinity.coresend@gmail.com Weekly worship can be watched online at the church's joint YouTube channel bit.ly/coresendurc



The church marked Lent in a whole variety of ways with worship online, discussion groups online, prayer times and Lent packs delivered to people unable to access online worship. One of the members has been busy knitting and we hope to deliver little Easter gifts to isolated people over the Easter period.

A number of friends linked to the church have died this year and we give thanks especially for the lives of Daphne M McFarlane, Dorothy Aikens and John Pheby. We are very aware of the many who have lost loved ones over this last year and continue to pray comfort, strength and hope for all.

Our prayer ribbons continue to be added to at the front of church as part of people's prayers. The church has a 'Prayer Chain' and prayer requests are always welcome; again contact the minister or look at the church website.

The church grounds have been a place of refuge and reflection for many over this last year. Members have worked hard both to beautify the gardens and grounds. We are seeking permission to make a gateway through to the meadow area, so this can be enjoyed by all. Volunteers are very welcome to help make this a special green space for people and creatures alike.

The Community Church

This Easter we are joining with all our local churches in wishing you a very Happy Easter, along with an invitation to 'Trypraying'. For all these details why not visit a local church online this Easter?



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St Dunstan's Church

Throughout Lent, we have been observing the traditional disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to not only reflect on and deepen our faith, but also to put it into practice.

Many parishioners attended our Lent study group and this year we reflected on Henri Nouwen's book, *The Return of the Prodigal – a story of homecoming*.

With the usual annual events for Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD – www.cafod.org.uk) being suspended, parishioners were very generous in their cash donations.

This year CAFOD is highlighting the need for water

among some of the poorest people in the world. From their website you can read the story of Abdella from Ethiopia who daily walks 10 hours to collect water for his family.



The number of children who registered for the First Sacraments as well as Confirmation is similar to recent years which has been encouraging. While those attending are now quite familiar with the Zoom lessons, we are planning to resume classroom sessions again as soon we have permission and it is safe to do so.

The numbers of parishioners returning to live Mass have increased.

We celebrate the Feast of Saint Dunstan on May 19 and preparations for a parish barbecue to celebrate the feast have already started even though these celebrations will be postponed to a little later when, hopefully, all parishioners can be invited to attend safely.

Father Seán, Father Shyju, Deacon Brent and Sister Winifred would like to wish all *Target* readers a joyful and peaceful Easter and we extend an invitation to join us at Sunday Mass which we celebrate each Sunday at 10am.

St Paul's and St Mary's Church Wooburn

We very much hope to be back in our church building by the time you are reading this. However, we have learnt over the last year that we have no idea what is around the corner.

We are very excited that the Rev Paul Cudby has joined us as vicar at St Paul's with St Mary's (see page 30). We are currently working through plans for Easter this year, more details available online.

We continue to hold weekly services on Sunday at 9.15am and Wednesday at 8pm (both currently online). Please go to our website and Facebook pages for the latest information and contact details, as well as links to resources for children.

www.stpaulswooburn.org
www.facebook.com/St-Pauls-with-St-Marys-Wooburn-1775248109470046



St John the Baptist, Little Marlow

By the time you read this our church will be open for public worship at the 11am Sunday services. These will also be streamed and available on YouTube for those who do not feel able to come back as yet.

Although planning ahead is proving a challenge at the moment, we have a pattern of Holy Communion on the first Sunday, lay led service of Morning Prayer on the second and fourth Sundays and Evensong at 6pm on the third. Please keep checking on the website as this will change.

However, we do have a Celebration for Easter arranged with Holy Communion at 11am. This will require booking to enable us to ensure all safety measures are in place and the wearing of a face mask will be required. Please go to our website www.4u-team.org, scroll down to St John the Baptist and click on the link; or ring Peter Rodger on 07985619780 to book.

From 2pm to 4pm join us in an Easter egg trail, follow the Easter Story, prayer activity, bring a small flower to decorate the Easter Garden and why not come in your Easter bonnet or cap. Everyone is very welcome to join in as they wish.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Rev Sarah Fitzgerald or one of our church wardens if you need help.



Parishes of Hedsor and Bourne End

As a benefice of two churches we are concerned for the community at large and the Hedsor and Bourne End community are prayed for regularly.

In the weeks leading up to Easter we will be joining with the other churches in the area to draw our community together through the Trypraying initiative – you will see banners outside our churches.

This is open to everyone, please get in touch or connect with our Facebook or website for more information.

Private prayer with a time to pray on your own is offered at St Mark's at 10.30am each Monday and St Nicholas at 1pm each Wednesday.

At the time of writing plans are afoot to re-open the church building for worship on Palm Sunday, March 28, subject to guidelines.

As we emerge from lockdown our plan is to start with a few low-key services, prayer times and reflective worship.

We will be offering a Taize service on Maundy Thursday in the church at St Mark's at 7pm, an Hour at the Cross on Good Friday at 2pm, and a Sunrise service at 6am at St Nicholas on Easter morning.

Easter day services will be at 9am at St Nicholas and 10.30am at St Mark's, all services at St Mark's will be live streamed to our YouTube channel, *Parishes of Hedsor and Bourne End*.

You are asked to pre-book if you are planning to attend any of our services in person, contact our administrator at the email address below.

Our midweek Holy Communion service is at 12.30pm every Thursday in the church at St Mark's and on Zoom. Puffins, our parent and toddler group, returns after Easter for our usual Wednesday session at 10am to 11.30am; see our Facebook page and website for dates for this group.

We continue to explore faith through small group study on Zoom, a lovely time of fellowship while learning together. For further information contact the Rev Janet Binns 01628 523046 or rector@parishesofhedsorandbourneend.co.uk or our administrator admin@parishesofhedsorandbourneend.co.uk

For hall hire contact Glen Binns 01628 523046, hallhire@parishesofhedsorandbourneend.co.uk

Bourne End Quaker Meeting

A Quaker Meeting for Worship usually 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 hope to be here in April but check our website www.caqm.org.uk

Volunteer treasurer needed

St Nicholas, Hedsor, needs a volunteer treasurer who will be able to provide a periodic financial report and forecast to ensure they maintain a sound financial position.

Payments will need to be authorised and recorded. Six monthly report on revenue and expenditure will have to be done. An annual forecast will be necessary at the start of each financial year.

Annual accounts will be submitted to the parochial church council and AGM before independent examination. Then the annual return of parish finances has to be submitted to the diocese. The treasurer will encourage actions to ensure the church finances continue to be maintained on a sound financial basis.

Initially contact Henry Hulme - the current treasurer henry.hulme@btinternet.com

Please call into the centre and pay £1 for your copy of Target

OUR GROUP MEMBERS KEEP IN TOUCH

Ist Wooburn Scout Group

Following the easing of lockdown restrictions, Ist Wooburn Scouts will be able to restart weekly meetings of Beavers (6-8 years old), Cubs (8-10½ years old) and Scouts (10½-14 years old) from Monday April 19.

We'd love to have you come and join our group at the Watery Lane Scout Hall (HP10 0NE). All our sections are open to both boys and girls. We get up to all the things you'd expect (camping, hiking, outdoor cooking etc) and some that you wouldn't (snake petting, axe throwing, paddle boarding and water weekends to name a few).

It is a great place to meet new friends, hone new skills, develop leadership qualities and grow your potential. If you've grown bored of being stuck inside, join us.

Anyone who is interested in joining our group, in any of the age groups, should contact the Group Scout Leader at the following email address wooburngreengsl@gmail.com for more information. We look forward to meeting you.

Ist Bourne End Scouts

During lockdown, we may have stopped face-to-face scouting, but we have been able to continue meeting over Zoom. That is thanks to our amazing and dedicated leaders and supportive parents.

With more than 140 children in our group, we have been remarkably busy; virtual activities have included virtual camping, escape rooms and cooking. Pancake Day was especially fun.

Hopefully, it will not be long until we are all back to normal.

We are really pleased to announce that we are one of Co-op's local causes for this year. Please support us while you shop at your local Co-op.

If you are interested in joining us as a volunteer or leader, find us on Facebook or email Sam on besg.groupscoutleader@gmail.com

We would love to hear from you.

Bourne End Film Makers

Club members continue to meet regularly online twice a month and look forward to being able to meet in person when the planned lifting of restrictions allows. In the meantime, tentative plans are being made to recommence film making during the summer months.

If you are interested in any aspect of film production such as script writing, make-up, planning, storyboarding, editing, please contact Geoff Bourne 07943 350 398 or Vidas Kalibatas 07521 408 161.

We would love to hear from you.

Soroptimist International of Thames Valley

Founded in 1921, Soroptimist International is a global volunteer movement with a network of around 72,000 club members in 121 countries.

Advocating for human rights and gender equality is at the heart of Soroptimist International's advocacy. Its work spreads out across eight UN centres, where our UN representatives ensure that the voices of women and girls are heard.

Our members work on grassroots projects that help women and girls achieve their individual and collective potential, realise aspirations and have an equal voice in communities worldwide.

Soroptimist International of Thames Valley meets virtually at the moment via Zoom, but in normal times we are to be found at Bourne End Library at 7pm on the third Tuesday of the month (except August).

Our organisation celebrates our 100 years of existence this year. One of our celebration projects is our Tree Planting Project. This is following in the footsteps of our founders in California who lobbied to save the giant redwood forests there.

At the time of writing we have already planted 7,334 trees in Great Britain and Ireland and we are just at the beginning. We are hoping to be able to plant trees on our local patch here in Bourne End. We also partner with schools and charities to further enhance our impact on this issue. Together we can reduce our carbon impact and do our bit to counteract the effects of global deforestation.

This is just one of our many projects. For example, even if it is still virtually, listen to our speaker from Greenpeace on May 18.

To find out more about who we are, what we do and where we do it, go to our local website: www.sigbi.org/thames-valley or email us at: sitv@gmail.com. We'll be delighted to hear from you.

Marlow & Maidenhead Passenger Association

We continue to hold regular committee meetings by Zoom. The main issue is still trying to push Network Rail for the long promised replacement of the Bourne End chord to allow two trains an hour throughout the day between Marlow and Maidenhead.

This work is now held up by signalling and track alignment issues.

We seek a new Membership Secretary to look after our 100 or so members. If this interests anyone please contact us through our website www.mmpa.org.uk

Bourne End Horticultural Society

We are delighted to inform you that we are now in a position to invite members and visitors to our first meeting this year on Thursday July 15 at 8pm in St Dunstan's Hall.

Our speaker will be Andrew Mikolajski who will be telling us how to put the right

plant in the right place. We look forward to seeing all our members again and will be delighted to welcome prospective new members too.

Please contact Penny Hampson at pennyhampson@hotmail.com for further details.

Wye Valley Volunteers

As we move into the 'sunny uplands' we are delighted to report that our transport service is fully re-established after a period of disruption last year due to Covid-19.

We are very grateful to our colleagues at SOS for their support with services during this time and congratulate them on their first anniversary.

Many thanks must go to our volunteer drivers who have willingly transported vulnerable clients, despite having to jump through hoops to ensure Covid-19 compliance, and to our office team who soldiered on uncomplainingly without running water or loos.

The roll-out of vaccines greatly increased the workload of our voluntary transport service. The number of trips to the vaccine centres peaked in mid-February with a dozen or more requests daily; since then numbers have also been climbing for regular requests, hospitals, GP surgeries etc.

We look forward to home visiting, coffee mornings, shopping trips and lunch club as soon as allowed – we know how much this social involvement means to our clients (volunteers have kept in touch by doorstep chats and phone.)

We will let everyone know but in the meantime do contact us if you require help, particularly with transport, via enquiries@wyevalleyvolunteers.com or ring 01628 521027.

SOS

One year on and SOS looks back at a year of frantic activity as the spread of Covid-19 affected all our lives.

When Wye Valley Volunteers were forced to close their office, SOS stepped in to help and deal with calls for assistance. These included prescription requests, shopping and a range of transport requests where clients had booked hospital and doctor appointments.

With support every need was satisfied. It has been a long road and the needs have changed as SOS transported many 'buddy' clients to vaccination centres in the first few weeks of their opening. We are on standby to support Wye Valley Volunteers when required.

A number of our volunteers responded and have signed up as Wye Valley Volunteer drivers. SOS continues to work closely with a number of mental health experts on behalf of their clients in the villages. Another local initiative is planned leading up to Easter. We have secured and delivered, free of charge, a number of good quality reclining chairs to clients to make outdoor life easier. Contact SOS Monday to Friday, 10am to noon, 01628 524919.

'Long and low' practice church arrangement by Sherry Smith



Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society

At the moment our club is still unsure about re-opening arrangements, but we are so looking forward to a return to normality. You can be sure that you will hear when we know more.

Friday May 7 is National Flower Arranging Day and our association has asked flower club members to make it something really special this year. If you can, please put a floral display at the entrance to your home for everyone to see. You can add a photo of a local or national hero. Remember to add why you are doing this and the name of Bourne End Flower Arrangement Society.

Then, when you are out and about, look out for other floral displays. We really want to make sure that everyone knows that it is National Flower Arranging Day.

In April the National Association of Flower Arranging Societies is holding an online virtual Spring Flower Show which promises to be most interesting and entertaining with talks and demonstrations. Do log on to www.nafas.org.uk

Our area website is bbandoflowers.org for local club information.

RNLI South Bucks & Thames Branch

We remember with much gratitude and affection Edith Smith, endearingly known as Molly, who celebrated her 100th birthday a couple of years ago and kindly donated part of her birthday money received as gifts to us.

Regarding the Row the Atlantic on the Thames, because of the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions it has proved impossible to run this event this year as we had previously announced. We have reluctantly taken the decision to postpone it until next year.

Bucks Family History Society

In April and May we continue with our successful online talks. On April 23 Lady Mary Teviot will talk about Civil Registration and on May 28 Dr Penny Walters will discuss the 1939 (WWII) Census.

These talks are free for members and our online membership is only £6pa.

Membership details at bucksfhs.org.uk

Currently talks are on-line only and we look to move back to the community centre hopefully sometime soon.

Bourne End (Bucks) Twinning Association

Did anyone cook a Galette in January? Well done.

We have been fostering links and friendships between the Bourne End area and Octeville-sur-Mer (a little town near Le Havre in Normandy) since 2003 and now we stand by them through the tough times of Covid-19.

All contacts are greatly appreciated, by email, card, or phone call. The Comité de Jumelage would also love you to join their Facebook page www.facebook.com/jumelageocteville

As I write (early March), the French are hotly debating whether to be vaccinated, availability of vaccine is still patchy, and restrictions may come back in some areas. Don't forget you can look at French newspapers such as Le Figaro or Le Monde in English online at the click of a button, to see for yourself what is going on.

Our committee 'Zoomed' into action in January. In view of our long-standing happy use of their hall, we agreed to give £100 to St Dunstan's to help offset their losses of the past months. We also discussed future events to brighten our lives. For the present we have to meet online, with

apologies to those who do not use computers.

Our AGM took place by Zoom in March. Longstanding committee members Liz and Peter Yeeles and Pauline Clitheroe have stood down, though they will still offer welcome help. We thank them for their wonderful contribution to our success and our enjoyment.

We trust others have come forward to help – an infusion of new ideas will get us back on our feet after this crazy year.

We have around 70 members, a great pool of useful people. Don't leave it all to someone else.

The Octevillais' visit to Bourne End is still put off till 2022; but we plan to hold an online social on April 15, either afternoon or evening (details later). If you use computers at all, it really is easy to join a Zoom session – even I can do it. Phone a friend and get yourself ready now.

For those who are not online, we look forward so much to seeing you again as soon as possible.

For information contact chairman Wilma Johnston Ball on 01628 473872, will6j@virginmedia.com or Wendy Langford 01628 520065, langford@thamesinternet.com.

Our £5pa membership (£10 for a family) covers information on all events. Our website is www.bebta.co.uk and our twin is Octeville-sur-Mer, Normandy, at www.cjo.fr

BOURNE END (BUCKS) COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Membership costs and application form

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP husband/wife/children of school age	£60
SINGLE LIFE MEMBERSHIP	£30

Annual subscriptions are payable on or after 1 January each year. Family membership carries one vote. Associate and Junior Membership carry no vote. Area of Benefit – includes Bourne End, Cores End, Hedsor, Northern Woods, Little Marlow, Well End, The Wooburns.

APPLICATION FORM

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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 Monday 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 Easter. Good Luck!

- 1 Which, now traditional, Easter animal started out as the Osterhase from German folk lore?
- 2 What happened between 17 February and 28 March this year?
- 3 What is another name for Palm Sunday?
- 4 Which meat do we traditionally roast at Easter?
- 5 What do we hunt for on Easter Sunday?
- 6 What is the name of the cake eaten at Easter?
- 7 Which country owns Easter Island?
- 8 Who was the male star in the musical film Easter Parade?
- 9 What does the Queen do on Maundy Thursday?
- 10 What happened to Jesus on Good Friday?
- 11 What was the first Easter basket supposed to represent?
- 12 For how long does Lent last?
- 13 Pysanka is the traditional name for doing what at Easter?
- 14 The Easter Bilby is the Australian version of our what?
- 15 Who is the jeweller famous for making ornate eggs for the Russian royal family?
- 16 What do we call the small, round, spiced tea bread eaten at Easter?
- 17 The date of Easter Sunday is after the first what on or after 21 March every year.
- 18 The egg symbolises what?
- 19 What do we traditionally eat on Shrove Tuesday?
- 20 Which flower is sometimes called the Lent Lily?

ANSWERS TO THE FEBRUARY/MARCH QUIZ

1 Rich Tea 2 Hob Nob 3 Nice 4 Bourbon 5 Garibaldi 6 Chocolate Fingers 7 Penguin 8 Ginger Nuts 9 Iced Gems 10 Fig rolls 11 Shortbread 12 Viennese whirl 13 Digestives 14 Jamie Dodgers 15 Wagon Wheels 16 Cookies 17 Party Rings 18 Custard Creams 19 Pink Wafers 20 Lincoln.
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