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**DISTAFF** are On Target Quiz winners. Read how they did it on page 3.

**GIRLS** play football – it's official – at Bourne End Junior Sports Club and they play very well. Read about their success in their first year of competition on page 6.

**TIME FOR MUSIC** is the theme of this year's concert which takes place on Sunday 5 October. The pieces chosen flow one after the other in date order – hence the title of the concert. Read all about it on Page 8.

**PRIZEWINNERS** of the Junior Sports Club were presented with their awards on Friday 27 June. Club boys and girls were presented with Clare Stridge, GB Ladies Wheelchair Basketball cap. See page 11.

**EDITOR** Richard Garford has something to say about 'getting value for money' on page 19. Do you agree with him?

**CRICKET** in Wootton has been going for a long time but it wouldn't have happened without the gift of land from a Wootton Green resident. Read Kim Toward's history on pages 26 and 27.

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## Molly's a life saver

On a glorious afternoon in Poole there was a magical moment at the National Headquarters of the RNLI when Don Rayner named a lifesaving hoverscraft after his wife Molly. In true seafaring tradition there was champagne and 'three cheers' for the newly named craft.

As family, friends and RNLI supporters from Bourne End gathered on the slipway for the official launch and christening ceremony, the famous RNLI flags on either bank flanked a Poole. Don Rayner beamed with pride and said that this was a special way to remember Molly.

Bourne End (Bucks) CB accepted the invitation on behalf of the RNLI and then the Mayor of Poole and the Honorary Captain of the RNLI, the Reverend Richard Mason, gave the traditional three cheers by reading out Molly and her a great support and helper of the silver and gold awards.

It was very nice 'family' in the support of Anneke Pressmore MBE, Chief Executive of the RNLI, and the first lady of the nation's ship – Emma Fisher, being so kind to be there.

Reading the letter Philip Morrison from the National Army in Poole wrote that he had visited Wootton Green for two years while teaching in Australia. Jack would be going for the dedication service which would see a life saving craft added to the RNLI fleet of life. Everyone was well as was the message one year on from the day these vessels will be used to save lives and return to sea. Thanks to the support groups like Bourne End (Bucks) CB for their support.

Thank you Molly Rayner for the name. Life at Wootton Green was a time of joy and a time of life, during the slipway and into the challenge years of the harbor. Tony Starklin and two other crew members shared the pains here and it earned through the years and now it could mean a life saving craft.

Back up the slipway, we, family and friends, the Molly Rayner had been set on course for a future of the working and rescue. Thank you, family, friends and RNLI supporters for Bourne End (Bucks) CB for their very special success. Molly would love you all.



The Molly Rayner is christened with the RNLI fleet in Poole.



Don Rayner makes a guest at the Molly Rayner.

## Bourne End signing makes it official



Official from October 2002. The new name given by the MP, Deborah Green, leader of Bourne End (Bucks) CB and the Wootton Green Parish Council for David Poole and representatives of the new working association for the charter signing and exchange of gifts on Saturday 26 June at the Community Centre. Full details on page 22.

## *Get details of the twinning association from 01 628 521 864*

### **Ceremony with fun and laughter.**

On Saturday 28 June history was made when dignitaries of Bourne End and Octeville sur Mer signed the final charters completing the formal twinning between the two communities. The first charters had been signed in Octeville sur Mer on 5 April. The village was alive with bunting, flags and flowers. Nearly all the shops displayed posters and several had put on special window displays with a French theme. Outside the Community Centre, the Union Jack and the Tricolour were flying from two large flagpoles, which had been installed by Michael Shanley Homes. Above the doorway flew flags with the emblems of the two twinning associations. In front of the door Bucks Discount Warehouse had laid a red carpet.

Inside the Community Centre large flags and bunting decorated the walls and magnificent flower arrangements, created by the Flower Club, brightened the stage and the top table. Gifts were ready for the guests and the scene was set.

At 3pm 25 visitors representing the Comité de Jumelage d'Octeville sur Mer arrived in Wakeman Road and were soon established in their host homes for a brief rest before the signing ceremony. The seats soon filled up as local people came along to see this historic moment. Claytons School Band played a variety of melodies including their version of 'Sur le pont D'Avignone' to make the guests feel at home.

Then it was time for the twinning association chairman, Mike Hill, to welcome the guests and Mike was followed by Philippe Marie, Mayor of Octeville sur Mer, David Paul from Wooburn Parish Council, CJO President, Alain Richard, Dennis Green, Chairman of Wycombe District Council and Dominic Grieve, MP for Beaconsfield.

A symbolic key was presented to the Mayor of Octeville sur Mer by six year old Fabrice Hammerlindl and BEBTA received a painting of Octeville sur Mer from the CJO painted by one of his member, Ghislaine MORCAMP.

Following the signing of the twinning charter eight year old Luisa Rose presented gifts to the guests from Octeville sur Mer. Dancers from Wye Valley School delighted everyone with their lively interpretation of some modern music. Then it was time to move out of the hall and into the foyer to unveil a commemorative panel which will be a permanent fixture.

The fingerpost and the road sign were unveiled before returning to the Community Centre for the celebration dinner. Entertainment was provided by 'Three's Company' and the Operatic Society. And the good news is that the whole celebration had been recorded by the Bourne End Video Camera Club who will be producing a video to remind everyone of a wonderful event and a copy will be sent to our French friends of Octeville sur Mer.

### **Twinning helped along the way**



*Wharf Lane now has a fingerpost which directs people both down to the river and to Octeville sur Mer - 242 kms.*



*Louise and Valerie Way set out superb windows at Chameleon and No 25 on The Parade for the Twinning celebrations.*

### ***Barbecue and twinning event in Octeville sur Mer on 27/28 september***