
Nostalgic Event Launches 50th Anniversary

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Now, fifty years on, Bourne End Community Association is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Through 2012 there will be a number of events to make the year extra special. The first one is a Blitz Ball on Sunday 11 March at 7.30pm. It will take place in the purpose built Community Centre off Wakeman Road in Bourne End which resulted from that original decision back in 1962.

Five Star Swing are a popular group of highly talented musicians and singers specialising in nostalgic music from the great days of swing. They've visited Bourne End before and played to enthusiastic audiences. At the Blitz Ball their feel-good programme will encourage foot tapping, taking to the dance floor and singing-along to timeless classics from the wartime years.

Those who can remember Dame Vera Lynn's Charity Gala Nights will experience the same nostalgia at the Blitz Ball. Vocalist Simone, from the latter days of the Ivy Benson Orchestra, will delight while Chris Smith (Jnr) has a musical background as composer and arranger for Glenn Miller's brother Herb as well as the BBC Radio Big Band. Band members will be dressed for the occasion and everyone is encouraged to dress 1940s style with a prize for the best costume.

Tickets are £11 from the Community Centre office - 01628 525415 - and you can bring your own picnic to enjoy on the candlelit tables. Local wartime memorabilia and a quiz will keep everyone challenged during the intervals. Raffle prizes will reflect the era. A great evening is promised with the band playing from 8 to 8.45pm then from 9 to 9.45pm and the last session from 10 to 10.30pm.