## THE WESTON TURVILLE TIMES

March 2013

The Magazine for the Parish of Weston Turville



Weston Turville: Winners of the Best Kept Village 'DeFraine Cup' 2008

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#### **EDITORIAL**

Welcome to the second edition of The Weston Turville Times, which is delivered free to every house & business in the parish of Weston Turville. A number of copies are also available from the shops and other public places in Weston Turville.

We are pleased to say that the first edition has been well received. Thank you to all those people who contacted us to say how much you liked it and to all those people involved with enabling this Parish Magazine to happen.

We would also like to congratulate Pam Relph on her recent MBE.

The bulb planting in the village done by volunteers last autumn should, by now, be coming into flower and you should be able to see the flowers along the roadside and in green spaces throughout the Parish. To help you appreciate the end of winter we are pleased to announce that we will be running a photo competition, open to all, of 'Weston Turville in Spring'. The winning photo will be published in The Weston Turville Times. So please send your entry to me, (address and email at rear of magazine) with your details and age if under 16 years old. Closing date for entries: 1 June 2013.

Also, there is a reminder of the best kept village competition; please keep up the good work by ensuring the village, in particular the area near your home, looks the best it can.

Please get in touch if you would like to advertise in future editions, can write an article or are able to deliver, even if it is just to your road.

Any copy for the next edition, due out the first week in June, should be with us by the end of April. We would like to thank all our advertisers, sponsors and contributors.







Jill Todd. Editor in Chief

#### **OBITUARY: DOUGLAS LEONARD BURNHAM**

Parish Councillor to Weston Turville & past Chairman of some 25 years.

The Parish pay tribute to Douglas Burnham who was an exceptionally long serving parish council member with over 51 years' service as a councillor. Doug was the second longest serving Chairman of Weston Turville Parish Council from 1979 to 2004, and a council member since the early 1960's. He lived most of his life in Bates Lane with his wife Greta: where they raised their daughter and three Sons. Doug Burnham was a true countryman at heart, a very popular and a well-known person to many in the Parish and who immersed himself in community life.

Councillor Burnham was a stalwart for the Best Kept Village Competitions going back tens of years, with our entry into the De-Fraine Cup. He encouraged the village to make that extra effort which resulted in winning the cup no less than 6 times. It was his long and striving ambition to win one more time to which he said he would claim and keep the engraved silver cup. He was proud that Weston Turville was awarded the High Sherriff Sword of Excellence alongside another win in 2003, a special trophy accompanied by a £500 prize to spend. Various specimen trees were planted around the Parish with the winnings.

A builder by trade Doug Burnham helped the volunteers build our village hall in the 1970's. Doug was also instrumental in acquiring additional land at the rear of the Memorial Playing fields as an amenity area for parish use.

Douglas Burnham passed away peacefully in January after a very short illness. He was determined that illness would not impede his various interests or the parish council meetings and continued to contribute fully. He will be sadly missed.

Photo courtesy of Mandi Simons Taken at the Royal Hospital Chelsea where Doug found Someone who had not heard his Tales of Weston Turville!



#### **BEST KEPT VILLAGE**

Weston Turville will be entering the Best Kept Village competition again this year, an event which the late Cllr Douglas Burnham was very keen to see us win again as he was convinced we could then retain the cup!! Records show that Weston Turville has been a Best Kept Village six times winning the DeFraine Cup in 2008, 2003, 1996, 1994, 1977 and 1975. In 2003 the village was also awarded the Sword of Excellence for being the winner that year with the highest marks.

The Best Kept Village competition started in 1957 when there were just two categories, the Gurney and DeFraine Cups. The two winners were Weston Underwood and Prestwood respectively. Over the years the number of categories has grown and the DeFraine Cup is currently for those medium sized villages like Weston Turville with a population of 1500 – 3000.

The Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils has been associated with the competition since its inception as was the County Council which has always provided some funding for it.

There was no competition in 1974. Unfortunately we have been unable to find the reason for this, perhaps one of our readers will remember? It would be interesting to find out why. It may be that there was a change of secretariat due to local government re-organisation around that time.

The Association currently employs three staff (one full time, two part time). There are teams of judges drawn from a wide variety of backgrounds but most have experience of public life through parish, district and county councils and local charities and voluntary bodies. There are usually about 20 judges on the books who give their time to do the judging. Their only payment is to be reimbursed their mileage expenses!

A fictional fact: Ambridge, Borsetshire has been a winner of their local Best Kept Village competition in the radio soap opera The Archers!

Inkberrow, the village that **Ambridge** is based on



A little bit about the rules and categories:

The object of the competition is to encourage residents to improve their local environment by keeping their villages clean and well cared for and involving the whole of the community in taking a pride in the villages' upkeep. The judges' checklist includes:

- absence of litter
- condition of village greens, playing fields,
- condition of village halls and public buildings
- condition of churchyards, cemeteries and war memorials
- condition of hedges and verges
- condition of bus shelters, notice boards, toilets
- condition of areas surrounding pubs and shops
- evidence of community effort

The current categories for the Best kept Village competition are as follows, Weston Turville falls under the category Medium Village.

Gurney Cup (very small villages) Morris Cup (small villages) DeFraine Cup (Medium villages) Pushman Cup (large villages) Michaelis Cup (small towns) Tindall Cup (past winners)

A Sword of Excellence for the highest scoring village The Dashwood Trophy for the best runner-up The Savills Community Award is awarded for showing the most evidence of community effort in achieving best kept village status

The competition is usually judged in the months of June or July and awards are for <u>BEST KEPT</u> villages, <u>NOT</u> beautiful villages. Care, cleanliness, maintenance and community effort are what the judges are looking for.

With grateful thanks to Bucks & Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils for delving into their records for us.



#### WESTON TURVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given of-

## The ANNUAL GENERAL PARISH MEETING OF WESTON TURVILLE PARISH COUNCIL 2013

To be held at the VILLAGE HALL <u>School Approach Weston Turville</u>
<u>HP22 5SE-</u>
Thursday 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL at 7.30pm

#### Also-

Chairman& Committee Reports from your Parish Council-CLP-Community Led Plan- Village Hall Committee Reports-Weston Turville Parish Council Accounts 2012-13 and Budget & Precept for 2013-14- Also Local Charities, Associations & Fellowships Reports- Widow Turpins Charity-funding report. Chair Cllr Gwilliams will give a report on Planning and new developments in and around the village and other issues. A Parish Web Site-In and around Weston Turville-Youth Café report & open forum to hear views & meet your councillors!

\*We plan to make a special effort on the <u>Best Kept Village</u> Competition-for 2013 can you help? Can you volunteer!

Followed by a Cheese & Wine at about 8.30pm to which you are cordially invited and meet your Councillors to discuss any issues informally you may have about the parish.

Note; -All Public and Press are very welcome to attend.

#### Doors open from 7pm

For further enquiries -Check http://www.wtpc.org.

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PACE held a special presentation ceremony of a Paralympic relay torch, on Monday 10 December. The ceremony was held at its Early Years Centre 'in the making' at 156 Wendover Road, Aylesbury in front a specially invited audience including Carolyn Cumming High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire and medal winning Paralympian Dan Bentley.

The charity received the torch as a gift from members of the original relay team who carried the torch on part of its journey from Stoke Mandeville to Stratford on 29 August. PACE was honoured, on this special occasion, to welcome back Paralympic medal winner Dan Bentley. Dan was last at PACE when he met many of the children at its Olympic themed 'Children's Challenge' event held at Stoke Mandeville Stadium on 24 May. The event, PACE's biggest fundraising event of the year, has reached its appeal target of £100,000.

Chief Executive Amanda Richardson said of the ceremony, "We were delighted to celebrate the presentation of this wonderful Paralympic torch, along with so many friends at the site of our new Early Years Centre." She added "Early intervention is critical in achieving the best possible outcomes for young children with disabilities. A new centre will mean that more children will be able to have the early input they need to help them achieve their full potential in life, maybe one day becoming Paralympic heroes".

#### **Weston Turville Youth Cafe**

Whatever you're into there's something for you at Weston Turville Youth Café: x-box kinect, nintendo wii, pool, table tennis, cooking, art and crafts, games indoors and out, smoothies and toast and places to relax and chat. It is all free, and we open:

Every Tuesday in term time.

4.00 - 6.00pm For 11 - 18 year olds (school years 7 - 13)

At: Weston Turville Village Hall
For more details contact

Rachel Blackmore 01296 614751 or 07792 475094

#### Savoury Roast

Serves 4

This simple recipe is made with staple ingredients often found in the kitchen. It is very easy to make, exceedingly popular and cheap!



#### Ingredients:

1 x 16oz tin baked beans in tomato sauce

4oz (125g) coarsely crumbled bread

8oz (250g) grated cheese

2 teaspoons mixed herbs

 $1 \times$  onion chopped and fried until transparent or pkt onion soup mix

1 egg or a little milk

1 tablespoon oil.

Mash the baked beans in tomato sauce with the bread and leave to stand for 10 mins.

Stir in cheese, herbs and onion. Add milk or egg if too stiff.

Pack into greased 1lb (500g) meat loaf tin or similar and brush top with oil.

Bake in preheated oven (180  $^{\circ}$ C/350  $^{\circ}$ F/gas mark 4) for about 1 hour. When it is done it looks brown, feels firm and shrinks from container sides.

Serve hot with grilled tomatoes or chips/new potatoes or cold with a salad.

Note: leftovers can be mashed with butter and used as a spread.

#### **Wendover NH policing team:**



The local Wendover and District

Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) are based at Wendover police station. We deal with local matters and support the 24 hour response policing in the area. Our role is to deal with local issues such as crimes, anti-social behaviour and speeding. We try to target issues that are important to the local communities and rely on feedback from the residents to ensure we are targeting the right things. Our current priorities are Burglaries, Speeding & theft from vehicles. We have regular contact with the Parish council and other local groups and hold regular "Have your Say" meetings in the area. If you wish to pass any information to us or highlight an area where speeding is occurring please contact us using the contact details below. Bryn Scott.

#### How to contact your local police

Visit us at Wendover police station in Aylesbury Road. Our opening hours are as follows:

Tuesday 10am to 2pm Wednesday 10am to 2pm Thursday 10am to 2pm

Contact your local team by phoning 101 and asked to be put through to the Wendover neighbourhood team or e-mail Wendover&AstonClintonNHPT@Thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

The new **non-emergency** contact number for Thames Valley Police is **101**.

999 is still to be used for emergency calls.

Receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by signing up to Thames Valley Alerts today at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk

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#### Sgt Bryn Scott.



## Stop Hate UK is a charity that provides independent and confidential support to people affected by Hate Crime.

- Patron Doreen Lawrence OBE

The Aylesbury Vale Police Area & your Neighborhood Team are supporting the work of Stop Hate UK to help reduce hate crime within our communities. If people feel uncomfortable reporting incidents to the police please notify Stop Hate UK who can then build up a picture of the true picture of these crimes and help direct police resources to deal with them.

Stop Hate UK has more than 17 years' experience in providing independent support to people who have been affected by Hate Crime. They provide 24 hour support to people who have been affected by Hate Crime. Victims and witnesses can contact us by phone, text, post or online to report Hate Crimes, access support, and get information.

Hate Crimes happen because of hostility, prejudice or hatred of:

- disability
- gender identity
- · race, ethnicity or nationality
- · religion or belief
- sexual orientation.

They include things like name calling and verbal abuse, bullying and harassment, spitting and physical attacks, damage to property, graffiti, and written notes, emails and text messages.

If you or anyone you know has experienced a Hate Crime, please report it. We are here 24 hours a day

If it's an emergency, call the Police on 999



The Fringe is the youth group of St Mary's in Weston Turville and is open to young people of secondary school age from the village and surrounding area. We meet on the first and third Sunday evenings during term time in the back room of the chapel on School Lane from 7.00 - 9.00pm.

If you are interested, speak to David Blackmore: tel: 01296 614751 or 07811 116152





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#### **Weston Turville Horticultural Society**



It's the time of year for us all to get into the garden or the allotment and "get going" again – weather permitting of course! The programme for our next few meetings is detailed below with the March meeting being of particular interest if you like to "grow your own" and you would welcome hearing about helpful hints.

Professor Sandy Primrose is returning by popular demand in April and our May talk will provide us with an interesting insight into a garden you may want to visit if you have not already done so.

We would be delighted to see you. Meetings at 8pm in the Village Hall.

14 March	John Branham – National Vegetable Society	
11 April	"The Flowers that drove Men to Murder."	
_	Prof. Sandy Primrose	
9 May	Luton Hoo Walled Garden by Oonagh Kennedy	

For more information do contact our Chairman Jo Spencer - 01296 612817 or <a href="mailto:andy.joanna@dsl.pipex.com">andy.joanna@dsl.pipex.com</a>

#### CHILTERN HILLS VINTAGE CAR RALLY SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013

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#### **Footpath and Environment Group**

Wouldn't it be great if we could win the De Fraine cup for Best Kept Village one more time! We are a group with about 12 members who have been volunteering to look after our Parish and clear litter from around the village. We last had a Litter Pick at the end of November and have planned another for the week 18th to 24th March. We all found our last foray very rewarding: it makes you feel good to be doing something for our beautiful village. And we had fun: one member found a wallet which was returned to its lawful owner, another found a safe which was reported to the Police.

We are entering the Best Kept Village Competition once again this summer. Think how we will all benefit if we could win! Please support us by helping to keep the village tidy- maybe clear the patch outside your own house and next door too, or contact me at <a href="mailto:annereid220@hotmail.com">annereid220@hotmail.com</a> or on 01296 612807 to help with our next organised litter pick in March.



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#### Have you a big heart, a teapot and a downstairs Loo?

Contact the Elderly is a Charity, which has recently been awarded The Queen's Diamond Jubilee award for Volunteering. It offers lonely elderly people a chance to meet up one Sunday afternoon per month for a tea party. The tea party is held in a Volunteer Host's house, which provides a lively environment enabling them to keep in touch with life, bring back conversation, friendship and laughter. I am Mary Duly and have been involved with this charity for the past 3 years. The group I am involved with are aged from 89 to 97 – they all have wicked senses of humour, have great stories and thoroughly enjoy themselves. I always come away with a big smile on my face.

To enable us to carry on we require volunteers who would be prepared to host a tea party (twice a year for around 10 people). We are also looking for people who would be happy to collect an elderly person and drive them to and from the tea party, as well as participating in the tea party itself. There are 3 Contact the Elderly Groups in Aylesbury and we have a waiting list of elderly people who would like to join in the tea parties.

If you would like to make a difference and have enormous fun doing so please contact David Whittaker who is the Area Co-ordinator – tel 07831 669398 <a href="mailto:davidwhittaker@contact-the-elderly-org.uk">davidwhittaker@contact-the-elderly-org.uk</a>

#### PLEASE HELP.

Can you please spare two hours of your time to help with the annual

collection for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution in the two weeks commencing 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Please telephone me on 01296 613907 if you are able to assist.

Thank you for your help.

Josie Broadhurst.



#### **Weston Turville Historical Society**



We are interested in exploring the Archaeology of Weston Turville and have received the support of the Bucks County Archaeologist for our Project. The project will have the multiple aims of:-

- a) To determine the age and dimensions of the Village.
- b) To investigate any 'finds' within the Village to determine their origin and context.
- c) To investigate the medieval Manors and the 4 mills believed to have existed within the Village.
- d) To undertake training in archaeology and its techniques for Society members.
- e) To demonstrate Weston Turville archaeology to other local groups and schools etc.

The County has asked us to employ a professional Archaeologist to oversee the project and we have appointed Bob Zeepvat of Archaeological Services and Consultancy Ltd, We shall also need a tool box to equip our Diggers and other technical kit to record and analyse the project as it progresses. As the Society has limited funds we shall not be able to fund all this ourselves and would ask members of the Weston Turville Community to make a donation to this project. We need at least £1000.00 to get us started. We are also applying for funding to the Council for British Archaeology, the Lottery Fund and Bucks Archaeological Society.

The project will be based on Test pitting in Village gardens. A T/pit is a 1 metre square hole dug in volunteer gardens throughout the Parish. It should be possible to excavate each T/pit, record its details and back fill it in 1 day.

We shall follow this up with field walking – with Landowner permissionin the ploughing season at the end of this year.

This project will give everyone in the Village an opportunity to participate in uncovering Weston Turville origins and to find out a lot more about our local history.

We shall need Money, Volunteer Gardens and Diggers and would like to hear from anyone who is interested in joining in financially and/or wants to learn something about Archaeology, even if they don't know what they can contribute.



#### **Meeting Logistics**

When: Last Friday in month, Sept – June;

Time: 20:00 - 22:00

Venue: Weston Turville Village Hall; Cost: £2 for visitors, including refreshments

#### **Upcoming events 2013**

22nd Mar 26<sup>th</sup> Apr 24<sup>th</sup> May Prof Chris Stringer: 'The Origin of our Species' Julian Hunt. Bucks Favourite Churches Death from the Air – German airships attacks on Britain 1914-18

#### Request

Old photographs, maps, plans, documents, drawings - WANTED.

Note: We are restricted by copyright, and it's unlikely we can reproduce anything already published post WW2, so we are particularly interested in pre WW2 material, although your own unpublished photos can of course be reproduced with your permission.

Has anyone found old photographs of Hampden Hall, The reservoir, The Church Wall paintings that were discovered in the 1960s, old pub signs or the old Weston Turville Fire Service Crew or engine?

#### **Contact**

For further information on the Society, or the dig, visit <a href="www.WTHSoc.org.uk">www.WTHSoc.org.uk</a>, email: <a href="secretary@WTHSoc.org.uk">secretary@WTHSoc.org.uk</a> or call Chris Gill on 01296 613754. New members welcome.

#### **Comments from the Parish Council**

There has been a lot of recent press coverage about rises in council tax and how this will affect parishes. This parish council set out its precept at its December meeting and subsequently ratified these figures at the January meeting following the guidelines from AVDC. The annual precept was set for £66,000 an increase of £1,000 from last year figure. You may ask what we do with this annual sum:

We have the responsibility to service and maintain all of the street lighting within the village with the exception of the sodium lights, maintain the Village Hall building, maintain the village hall car park and road leading to the village primary school. The Memorial playing fields and some areas of open spaces around the parish are also the responsibility of the council to maintain.

Looking around the village this winter, several grass verges are looking very sad for wear, with cars parking on the grass and cutting up the sodden grass. Could we appeal to drivers to attempt to refrain from this practice?

We welcome the new owners of the Fish and Chip shop and hope that they are successful in their venture.

Planning Issues: Hampden Fields is still on going, with the developers appealing on non-determination grounds; in other words AVDC did not make a decision in time. In defence of AVDC, one has to say that AVDC has requested further document to be provided by Hampden Fields. Another planning application is in the pipeline for the farm land at the top of New Road near the junction with A41, which will close the gap at that point with Bedgrove. The parish council are in communication with the developers and will update the website with any news.

In this month's issue of the Weston Turville Times are details of the Annual Parish Meeting I do hope that as many of you as possible can attend.

Hugh Gwilliam Chairman Weston Turville Parish Council



#### 14th Vale of Aylesbury

#### Beavers Cubs & Scouts Sea Scout Group



The 1<sup>st</sup> Weston Turville Scout Group was registered in 1926. The scoutmaster was W.E.H. King, assistant scoutmaster Liet. O.D.W.Berry and the Chaplain was the Reverend G Kennedy Cooke and it was then in the Wendover and District area. The HQ was at the school, Weston Turville and there were 9 scouts.

In 1928 there were 15 scouts and 1 leader, Lieut Berry. The Group relocated at some stage to their own HQ which was a building at the rear of the Haigh Hall, Main Street, Weston Turville. The group closed in 1937 presumably due to lack of support.

In 1970 the Group was reformed by Douglas and Frances Inkley and was registered on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 1970. There were 24 wolf cubs and 24 scouts. The Group were given a timber building which was ideally suited as a Scout HQ but were unable to find a site in the village that could accommodate it.

In February 1973 the Group found out that the Hostel accommodation for County Farm was available as the students had a new building on the college campus.

We took over the building in November 1973. This building, although on the Wendover Road, is in the Parish of Weston Turville, therefore the village has had its own Scout Group for 40 years.

In 1974 the Group took the title of the 14<sup>th</sup> Vale of Aylesbury to reflect the District that they were in and became Sea Scouts.

In 2013 we now have 93 scouts, cubs and beavers and 10 leaders.

We cater for boys and girls from the age of 6 years to 14. Beavers age 6 to 8 meet on Tuesday and Wednesday Cubs age 8 to 10.1/2 meet on Thursdays Scouts age 10.1/2 to 14 meet on Wednesdays. We have vacancies in all sections.

Our leaders are all volunteers and we are always looking for more leaders. If you feel that you can help in any way please feel free to contact either Kevin Inkley 01296 429970 or D.R. Inkley 01296 670612 Email: inkleym@btinternet.com

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You will have the opportunity to make new friends or spend time with old friends having new experiences. There are already 28 groups ranging from Antiques/Collectables to Visiting Churches & Walking. If you are interested in Archery, Chess, bare-back riding or any other activity that is not yet a group we might be willing to support your ideas.

If you are no longer in full time employment this is your opportunity to make some decisions about your lifestyle whether it is to be sporty through badminton or table tennis; or calmer like bridge or book club, you can even learn how to use a computer or just improve your knowledge.

There is a meeting on the fourth Thursday of the Month held at Weston Turville Village Hall at 2.30pm open to all members. Here you can meet like-minded people, get the latest news on trips, garden and theatre visits and holidays. We usually have a guest speaker who must be both interesting and amusing. To learn more come along to one of our meetings and let the person you are sitting next to know that it is your first meeting or go to our web site at www.wtu3a.org.uk. We look forward to your company.

#### **Village Tales**

My daughters squealed with delight when I informed them of our move to the country "Ooooh! You'll be able to have a dog again", they both cooed enthusiastically. That was not on our list of 'Things to do', so I had to break the news gently.... "No bloody way! I had enough of that while you two were growing up, thank you". Funnily enough, being in the country, a dog seems to be a required accessory; but as we had both decided we were now footloose and fancy free, we were adamant in our decision.

Enter Alfie, the strong silent type, and very handsome; who happily comes with a pair of very loving owners!

He fills the gap in my life completely. As part time dog owner, I get the best of both worlds (a bit like being a grandparent). We go walking, meet other dog owners, and enjoy our commune with nature. I then drop him off at his house and we go our separate ways until the next time... perfect. The only thing I can't rely on is the weather, mud, snow and other dogs. So there have been a few hairy moments when my charge has taken a dislike to a passing fur ball, dug his heels in, and growled his distaste, much to the bewilderment of the well trained passer-by.

On the plus side he has kept me company exploring parts of Weston Turville I would not have ventured on my own; and waits patiently whilst I dig a few vegetables from my allotment. Sometimes he'll come for a sleepover. I thought at first we may have problems but not at all. He snuggles up on the settee in the evening, or pretends for a while he's a 'lap-dog'; then trots off to bed as good as gold.

Has this part-time dog changed our minds? Not a bit of it, we love his company and relish when we share his life; but to own another dog would be too much for us. We love our freedom, we are a child and pet free house.... well for the moment anyway!



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Aylesbury Vale District Council	01296 585 858
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Bucks County Council	0845 370 8090
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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Every Tuesday in Term time** Weston Turville Youth Café Village hall 4.00 – 6.00pm

**March 4<sup>th</sup> 2013** AGM Weston Turville Community Service Village Hall 8.00pm

March 9th 2013 Mobile Library Village Hall Carpark 11.35am to 12.20pm

**March 17<sup>th</sup> 2013** BBOWT Walk – Wildlife and history of Weston Turville Resevoir 10.00am to 12.00pm

March 18th - 24th Parish Litterpicking

March 21st 2013 Parish Council meeting Village Hall 7.00pm

March 21st 2013 "Souper Loo Lunch" St Marys 12.00 - 14.00

March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013 Mobile Library Village Hall Carpark 11.35am to 12.20pm

March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013 WT Historical Society: Prof Chris Stringer: 'The Origin of our Species'

March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013 Mobile Library Village Hall Carpark 11.35am to 12.20pm

March 28th 2013 School closes Easter Holidays

For Easter Church and Chapel Services please refer to Church page.

April 15<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> RNLI Collection

April 6th 2013 Mobile Library Village Hall Carpark 11.35am to 12.20pm

April 16<sup>th</sup> 2013 School reopens

April 18th 2013 "Souper Loo Lunch" St Marys 12.00 - 14.00

April 20th 2013 Mobile Library Village Hall Carpark 11.35am to 12.20pm

**April 26<sup>th</sup> 2013** WT Historical Society: Julian Hunt: 'Bucks Favourite Churches'

**May 4<sup>th</sup> 2013** May Fayre St Mary's Church 2.00 – 5.00pm

May 4<sup>th</sup> 2013 Mobile Library Village Hall Carpark 11.35am to 12.20pm

May 16th 2013 "Souper Loo Lunch" St Marys 12.00 – 14.00

May 18th 2013 Mobile Library Village Hall Carpark 11.35am to 12.20pm

May 19th 2013 Chiltern Hills Vehicle Rally

May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013 School closes. Half term

**May 24<sup>th</sup> 2013** WT Historical Society: Death from the Air – German airships attacks on Britain 1914-18

June 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 Mobile Library Village Hall Carpark 11.35am to 12.20pm June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013 School reopens.

**May / June 2013** Best Kept Village competition judging (actual date is a closely guarded secret!)

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#### **PALM SUNDAY**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> St. Mary`s 08.00 Holy Communion 09.30 Procession from the Chandos "10.00 Parish Eucharist 18.00 **Music for Passion Tide** 

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Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March " 20.00 Eucharist
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> " 20.00 Eucharist
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> " 20.00 Eucharist
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> " 10.30 Eucharist
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> " 20.00 The Liturgy of
Maundy Thursday including The Washing of Feet
Followed by The Watch until Midnight

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March The Chapel 11.00 Good Friday Service followed by Hot Cross buns and coffee
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> St. Mary's 13.00 The Liturgy of Good Friday

#### **EASTER EVE**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March St. Mary `s 23.45 The Liturgy of Easter Eve

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March St. Mary `s 08.00 Holy Communion Sunday " 10.00 Parish Eucharist Sunday Chapel 10.30 Easter Communion

#### May Fayre, Saturday 4th May, 2pm to 5pm

We will be holding our annual May Fayre at the Church, inside if wet. The usual stalls will include cakes, jams and produce, plants, books, new/nearly new, tombolas and raffles, but this year we will NOT have the white elephant/bric-a-brac stall. Refreshments will be on sale throughout the afternoon and the bell-tower will be open for viewing, so bring your cameras. We will have some children's attractions but have not yet finalised details.

Please come along with all your friends and family for a fun afternoon in support of your Church in the village.

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We look forward to hearing from you!





#### **Wendover Evening Women's Institute**

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Wendover Evening WI was formed in 1971 and is a thriving, vibrant group. We meet at St. Anne's Church Hall, Aylesbury Road, Wendover, on the second Tuesday in the month. The meetings start at 7.45pm.

We have a very varied programme of activities and guest speakers throughout the year. Members organise "Interest groups"; at present these include, play reading, music, craft and films. The regular theatre trips and coach outings are always very popular.

The group is affiliated to the Bucks Federation of Women's Institutes which offers a wide range of activities from cultural, historical, multi craft, cuisine, sport – to name but a few. These are open to all members of all local WI's. Members also have access to a wide range of courses at Denman College, the National WI residential resource located near Oxford.

Wendover Evening W.I. welcomes new members and details of our meetings can be found in the Wendover News Diary Sheet or posted on the notice boards around the village.

For more information contact: Margaret Currell 01296 582318

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#### **MONDAY CLUB**

Let me introduce you to the Monday Club. We are a small group of ladies who meet every third Monday of the month, in the evenings 8pm-10pm in the Committee Room (which is to the side of the kitchen) We have a speaker, for about 45min - an hour on various subjects, a cup of tea/coffee a biscuit and a chat plus a raffle, all very friendly.

Below are the next 3 meetings, and the next month's one can always be found in the Horizons magazine.

March 18th.....Annual Dinner at The Shoulder of Mutton

April 15th..... Film evening with ice creams in the interval

May 20<sup>th</sup>...... A visit to The Pendley Court Theatre (depending on their program) or a country stroll

If you would like any more details please contact me: Ann Newell 01296 612947.

#### **Town and Country**

I have not lived in Weston Turville long. Before arriving I was very much a denizen of cities. Apart from evacuation during the war to a north-facing seaside cum fishing village, my experience of villages is impoverished . I do remember it had a wonderful strand of pale yellow sand which stretched for several miles, dotted with dunes and coarse grass tussocks. In three years there was one really warm sunny day. That is the problem of north-facing seaside towns. Growing up in Belfast was an experience. What more can I say? For many young Ulster people, Northern Ireland was deeply problematic. Dealing with partisan histories sweeping up and blighting the behaviour of its inhabitants drove me out. My parents in their different ways were having none of it either and acted accordingly, encouraging my departure to London where I lived for almost fifty years.

London is a place to be exploited. If you don't exploit what it has to offer, you are wasting opportunities unavailable elsewhere. And weren't the girls fabulous, coming as they did from everywhere? It was as cosmopolitan then as it is today. In London so much is in one's face. It is brash, impersonal, driven and very, very fast. Fine to walk around if you don't mind constant traffic and bustling, hurtling people.

I arrived to discover a glorious network of adult education colleges which offered everything from Aardvark studies to zoology, including a roster of languages, many of them unknown to me. Most colleges had extensive programmes of musical activities including orchestras, some of which were sufficiently good to play the difficult twentieth century orchestral repertoire. Once I had joined an orchestra, others beckoned. Chamber music and wind bands too.

A city with 160 spoken languages reflects an astonishing variety of restaurants. I recall a wonderful date mousse in a tiny Sudanese restaurant near Westbourne Grove. Very much a young people's city, London's disadvantage is a hard edge which discourages familiarity. In the tube nobody looks at others much less talk to them. Community is a very abstract notion in a giant city. And it is at work and play where one connects.

And what of Weston Turville where the saying of 'good morning' was the first thing that greeted me when I first arrived? It was re-assuring and the promise of something that London could not offer, a community of people who relate in all sorts of ways and fairly easily. Encouraged by the arrival of U3A some years ago, we can attend a wide range of activities. And there are other organisations, too. Word of mouth and the internet dangles community cohesion. May I remind you how we lit the way of the Paralympic torch with tea lights? The excitement of that evening waiting communicated community neighbourliness and good will.

We do not have restaurants without number. There are three pubs which serve food for varying tastes and pockets. In our small way, we have an excellent range of music provided by the local parish church, from vocal groups and saxophone quartets to jazz and silver bands. After all those years living in cities, I do not regret for one moment living in Weston Turville. It may be small but I keep discovering parts of it where I have never been. The cul-de-sacs are very much a feature of the village as are the houses which range from the very old and often beautiful to more recent buildings. I enjoy walking around it, in an unhurried way, unharried by grotesque amounts of traffic and hurtling pedestrians. Somehow a harmonious whole results which continues to attract new comers, not least me. I am all the better for it

Michael Conolly







#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The inaugural meeting of the Parish Council took place at 7 pm on  $4^{th}$  December 1894 in the schoolroom. There were 71 electors present. Early issues included:

- Provision of allotments (arable and pastures up to 3 acres per applicant) for renting to villagers. These were at:

  Hills Field (30 acres), Worlds End Lane.
  - Big Field (22 acres) at Simons Farm, New Road.
- Providing services of a bull and boar. An agreement was reached with Charles Edwin Axtell to provide the services of a bull to villagers for an annual fee of £5; and sixpence from each user on each occasion the animal was used.
- Application to the County Council for a resident policeman in Weston Turville, which was turned down.
- 29/9/1898 Screen around yard where parish bull kept was defective, as bull could be seen from outside, (presumably performing his duties).

## <u>Church of St Mary the Virgin, Weston Turville</u>

#### **SWIFT**



<u>St</u> Mary's <u>Weston Turville Improving <u>Facilities Team</u> was formed in 2011 to look into ways of providing accessibility within the Church for those with any sort of disability. Since then we have appointed an architect and have explored all possible improvements to the Church, both inside and outside. We have visited a number of other Churches to see what they have achieved.</u>

We have started a limited level of fund raising through the monthly "souper-loo lunches" (soup and a roll, every third Thursday in the month, 12 noon to 1.30pm - all welcome!) designed to raise awareness as well as cash, and through some donations and one-off events. So far we have raised over £8,000 and have paid for an initial digital survey and architect's fees.

The main improvement is intended to be new toilets, accessible by wheelchair users from inside the Church and with baby-changing facilities for our growing number of young families. We hope also to add a small meeting room for Sunday School and other groups such as mother and baby/toddler groups, and some internal improvements. All of these facilities will be available to groups within the village.

A new central heating boiler will be installed in the kitchen area, probably by the time you read this, making access to the new toilets possible through the south door of the Church in the future.

We have given presentations to the Parochial Church Council and also to the entire congregation, of our thoughts and suggestions so far. Following the feed-back from these two meetings we now intend to present more detailed and amended plans to the whole of the Parish on Sunday 21st April and will obviously need to launch an appeal in the near future for help with fund-raising for this important project which will benefit the whole village. Please come and support this event. Please note that this is YOUR Church. Even if you are not a regular worshipper you have the right, as a resident of the Parish of Weston

Turville, to baptism, marriage and burial at the Church. It is a historic and beautiful building and must be maintained and adapted to serve the

entire village to the best possible extent.

One of our Church members, Bob Chevin, will be running in the London Marathon this year and has generously offered to allow SWIFT to be one of his charities. If you would like to sponsor Bob, by guessing how long it will take him, please contact me, Roger Fellows, on 01296 424982.

Bob is also organising a Grand Charity Dinner at The Chequers, Weston Turville on Saturday 25th May. Details are not fully available as I write but will be by the time you read this. The cost will be £35 per head and will include a cheese and wine-tasting, enabling you to choose your wine for the dinner. There will also be entertainment and a raffle with substantial prizes. This will be a very high-profile event to get our fundraising started for the proposed improvements to the Church. There will be room for only 100 diners and tickets are expected to sell quickly. Tickets will be available from me (see above), Bob Chevin and at The Chequers.

#### INVITATION

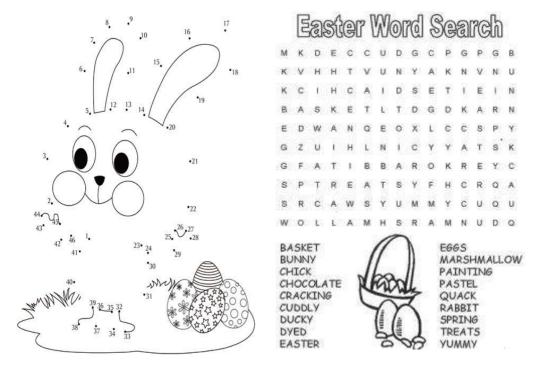
### AN INVITATION TO ALL RESIDENT WITHIN THE PARISH OF WESTON TURVILLE

You are warmly invited to attend a presentation of the proposed refurbishment and improvements to facilities at St Mary the Virgin, Weston Turville, by SWIFT, on Sunday 21st April at 3pm in the Church.

The presentation will be followed by refreshments and a chance for you to ask questions.

The SWIFT team is me, Roger Fellows (01296 424982), Joan Bridges (01296 612303), Ruth Jenkins (01296 612769) and Jan Potter (01296 580686) and we will be pleased to answer any questions you may have and discuss your ideas and offers of help with funds.





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Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke? It might crack up!

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<u>Update on Hampton Fields Planning Application</u> (12/00605/AOP)

Well did you ever wonder how much space 4379 objection letters took up? That's the equivalent of 300 family sized cars parked end to end!!

The Hampden Fields consortium submitted a revised planning application to AVDC on 22 Nov 2012, the revised planning application reduced the housing numbers by a mere 200 houses, marginally increased the amount of green space around the development and in doing so increased the density of the housing on the site. The amended plans meant that AVDC have had to go back out to public consultation again, this was published on 30 Nov 2012 giving residents a period of 43 calendars days to make comments.

Only <u>13</u> Days into this consultation period the Hampden Fields consortium decide to raise an appeal based on the grounds of 'non determination' by AVDC and ask the Appeal inspector of Fleet Marston to hear both appeal cases together. The planning inspectorate has now agreed to hear both cases together on a date to be determined. This means that AVDC will no longer be able to determine a decision on this but a central government inspector will.

You may have noticed that Hampden Fields Action Group members have again been out and about with the support of many kind volunteers delivering and collecting signed objection letters in all weathers. Well the good news is that HFAG has again galvanised local views on this development and the overwhelming response of the residents of Wendover, Weston Turville, Stoke Mandeville, Aston Clinton, Fairford Leys and other surrounding areas of Aylesbury 'do not want nor do we need' this development.

AVDC now has in excess of 4500+ letters of objections once again to log, scan and digest and hopefully listen to their local residents before making a recommendation to the inspectorate on behalf of the local authority,

let's hope they listen to us and localism works, the government tells us repeatedly that it is localism first!

Thank you to all the people that helped, pack, deliver and knock on doors, without the community spirit we couldn't have achieve the results we have. And most of all thank you too all those people who signed an objection letter.

Hampden Fields Action Group



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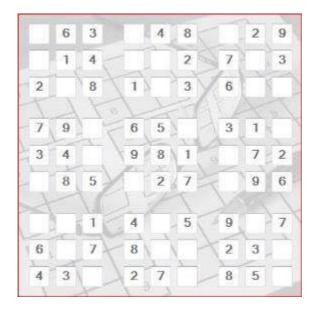
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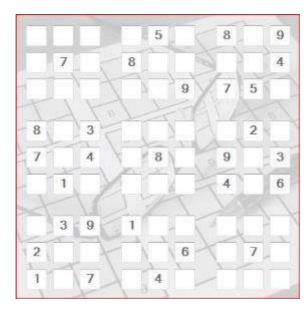
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We hope you enjoyed this edition of

#### THE WESTON TURVILLE TIMES

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