# THE WESTON TURVILLE TIMES

March 2014

The Magazine for the Parish of Weston Turville



Picture of a local resident hare supplied by Valerie Lapthorne

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#### **EDITORIAL**

Weston Turville Times is now into its second year and it continues to inform and entertain. It is currently published four times a year and is delivered to every house and business in Weston Turville. Extra copies are delivered to the shops, church and chapel and hostelries in Weston Turville and it is proving to be popular in surrounding parishes as well as our own!

We still welcome contributions from advertisers (our existing advertisers will testify to the power of advertising) and articles of interest. Just contact me if you wish to submit something or have any ideas about future articles.

In the December 2013 issue we asked for any photos you had of wildlife or fauna within the Parish. It is fair to say we were not inundated with submissions but we had several to choose from and the editorial team chose this handsome hare to grace our front cover. The photo was taken with a static 'trail camera' in the sheep field off Mill Lane. Hopefully hares are on the increase as I also saw one in Weston Turville at the end of last year. The foxes and squirrels were busy 'scrumping' the apples from the garden in December while the birds, including fieldfares and redwings ate the apples still on the tree. Other photos are published in the magazine.

For more nature why not take a walk up to reservoir in Weston Turville or the conservation area at the back of Brookside which takes you to the bridleway and to the canal. You never know what you may see.



Common Pheasant and Muntjac



Jill Todd, Editor in Chief

#### Weston Turville and the Apple



The Great British Garden Revival on BBC2 television highlighted the difficulty we all have buying British- grown fruit especially apples. It was reckoned that a mere 10% of sales were for native-grown apples. I have seen estimates of imports of apples varying from two thirds to ninety percent.

Why should this be? Local supermarkets and farmers' markets are not short of apples. Apart from the Cox and the Russet and a few others, most varieties are imported so that apples are available all year round. Indeed, apples are imported from almost anywhere one can think of, including China!

The apple like stiff upper lip, being laid back and quietly apologetic is peculiarly English. Yet our access to and enjoyment of it is extremely limited. That is regrettable. In the past, England was the land of the apple with hundreds if not thousands of varieties. Now about six can be purchased. There are venerable activities by a few growers to rectify the situation.

Weston Turville, where people say hello, is a place typified by dogs, cars, and apple trees. Here, we are overwhelmed by apple trees which we take for granted. There is a glorious example at Middle Field linking Main Street with

Brook End, just opposite the shop. This spindly tree changes from brown and green to a profusion of red, the apples are so densely packed on its branches. There are many more to be found on the public streets. In one corner of the allotments, where hard-working local people subvert nature with joy, there are several very productive apples trees. The byways and cul-de-sac of the village display many privately owned apple trees, in gardens and orchards.



From September the apples are ready for picking. What happens? Most fall to the ground where they are trampled underfoot, wasted, unwanted and unregarded. But a few are collected and used. 'An apple a day keeps the doctor away' is not an idle threat.

Some people pick the apples they own and leave them in a box or basket for others to take and use as they will. I came across a wheelbarrow in Wendover filled with magnificent rosy apples. A notice invited me to help myself. I did. They were wonderful to eat rich, sweet and firm. My one regret was that there was no-one to tell me its variety. Come next September I will be looking for the wheelbarrow of apples.



Apples are straightforward to deal with. What cannot be eaten can be cooked. I have yet to meet anyone who does not enjoy apple pies. I like stewed apple with natural unsweetened yoghurt – a kind of sweet and sour. Storage requires unblemished, bruise-free apples, individual wrapping in newspaper and somewhere dry to keep them. Properly done, they can last for months and in the past they were a winter staple.

Do we need to survey the location and incidence of public and private apple trees? Can we make decisions about using them for the good of the people of the parish rather than wasting them? Perhaps, we need a community apple press and store.

#### Michael Conolly

#### FROM THE EDITOR:

Several people have suggested we advertise where there is free 'food' in the fields, trees and hedgerows around the parish. If you have apples or other edibles or know of where they are that is not on private property and is easily accessible without causing damage, then please let the editor know and we will compile a map.

There are two local enterprises that create juice from your excess apples and pears. One at Chartridge takes windfalls and bruised apples and the other in Wilstone, likes them to be unbruised (so I have been informed). See local press and/or google for details.

#### **Easter Egg Nest Cake**

**Cake Ingredients:** 250g best-quality dark chocolate, chopped. 125g unsalted softened butter. 6 eggs: 2 whole, 4 separated. 175g caster sugar: 75g for the yolk mixture: 100g for the whites. 1 tsp real vanilla extract

For The Topping: 125g best-quality dark chocolate,



chopped. 250ml double cream. 1 tsp real vanilla extract. 1-2 packets little Easter eggs

Preheat oven to gas 4/180degrees C. Line bottom of a 23cm springform cake tin with baking parchment. Do not grease the sides of the tin.

Melt the 250g chocolate with the butter and set aside to cool slightly. Whisk the 4 egg whites until firm, then gradually add the 100g sugar and whisk until the whites are holding their shape and peak gleamingly but not stiff.

In another bowl whisk the two whole eggs and four yolks with the 75g sugar and the vanilla extract, then gently fold in the chocolate mixture. Then add the egg whites gently a spoonful at a time.

Pour into the prepared tin and bake for 35-40 minutes or until the cake is risen and cracked and the centre is no longer wobbly on the surface. Cool the cake in its tin on a wire rack, the middle will sink as it cools and the sides splinter. This is normal and makes the nest.

To finish the cake, carefully remove from the tin and place on a plate or cakestand, not worrying if bits fall off, put them back in a loose fashion.

Melt the chocolate for the topping and leave to cool a little. Whip the cream until it is firming up and aerated but still soft, and then add the vanilla and fold in the melted chocolate. Fill the crater of the cake with the chocolaty cream, easing it out gently towards the edges of the cake with a rubber spatula, and arrange the little Easter eggs on top.



Then Enjoy for Easter!

#### It's raining bubbles

Spring is just around the corner so what better time to enjoy a glass of Champagne; but which one? All Champagne comes from the one strictly defined area to the north-east of Paris.

Champagne has always been steeped in mystery with so many to choose from. The major Marques which are widely available continue to perform and offer reliability and quality but at an increasing price. On the other hand Supermarket own labels, which continue to win awards at most competitions, are probably priced at about £20.00 a bottle. Given the costs involved in the production of Champagne these offer good value and have, in recent times, been joined by other less well-known names that are often great bargains.

Non-Vintage Champagne is a blend of several vintages that have a minimum age of at least two years in bottle prior to sale. There are three permitted grapes – Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier - and three principal areas – Côtes des Blancs, Montagne de Reims and Vallee de Marne. Vintage Champagne comes from a single vintage.

Most Champagnes are a differing blend of the three grapes and regions. The couple of exceptions are Blanc de Blancs which only comes from Chardonnay generally within the Cotes des Blancs area and Blanc de Noir that is predominantly from Pinot Noir. Rose Champagne is made by blending a small amount of Bouzy (the only red wine made in the region) into the white must.

A good tip to help recognise the quality of the Champagne and other sparkling wine you are drinking is to look at the size of the bubbles and the length of time they rise in the glass. The smaller the bubbles and the longer they keep on rising the higher the quality of the wine.

If you want to learn more just take a three hour drive from Calais and visit Rheims or Epernay. Both towns are the home of many Champagne companies most of whom offer cellar visits which end with a tasting.

**Dionysus** 



# Weston Turville Historical Society The Great War





The Weston Turville Historical Society is interested in unravelling the story of the Parish both during the First World War and the subsequent Flu pandemic.

As a first step towards creating a snapshot of Weston Turville at the start of the Great War, the 1911 census has been transcribed and made available on the society website at <a href="https://www.wthsoc.org.uk/family-history">www.wthsoc.org.uk/family-history</a>.

In addition to researching those who fought in the conflict we are looking for volunteers to help tell the stories of the

- widows and subsequent single parent families
- The German baker in the village, what happened to him?
- The wounded and any prisoners of war
- The businesses
- All the servants, housemaids, kitchen maids and governesses
- etc.

This will be based upon local and national archives, the absent voter lists, parish records, transcribing the letters and postcards held by the society and Bucks CC archives etc.

Volunteers please email Webmaster@WTHSoc.org.uk.

The Parish intends to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the WW1 by having a display in the committee room of the village hall during the village fete on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2014. The information gleaned from the above research will be on display as well as detailed information about the persons listed on our war memorial. We are also asking for anyone with any artefacts, medals, uniforms, diaries or other things of interest relating to WW1, to contact the <a href="mailto:secretary@WTHSoc.org.uk">secretary@WTHSoc.org.uk</a> or call Chris Gill on 01296 613754 if you are prepared to loan the item to us for the day so we can add it to collections on display.

#### **Weston Turville Postcards**

An example of each of the cards held in the Society Archive is now available on our website at www.wthsoc.org.uk/gallery/postcards.



Although 170 different cards may sound like a lot, there are tantalising gaps in sequence numbers in some of the series implying we still haven't found them all. We



would be very pleased to hear from you if you have any not already accounted for or an example with an earlier postmark that would help to establish when the photograph was taken. There were cards of "The Perch", the reservoir and Hampden Hall we have still to find.

In the coming months we will add transcripts from the backs of the cards to our website to add social history and family history interest. There are cards to and from famous people, such as Brig. Gen Jamerson, and intriguingly to and from interesting places such a Holloway prison.



We have 6 cards published by W.J. Humphries of the Boot Warehouse, Weston Turville this example shows the Post Office and Boot Warehouse.

#### **Society Bookshop**

The Society is pleased to announce a new publication; the early memories of Mick Dubberley who moved to Weston Turville aged four in 1938 complete with illustrations and photographs.

This obviously includes his recollections of the village during and surrounding World War II. Copies are available at Society meetings and from <a href="mailto:Secretary@WTHSoc.org.uk">Secretary@WTHSoc.org.uk</a>



When: Last Friday in month, Sept - June;

Time: 20:00 - 22:00

**Venue:** Weston Turville Village Hall;

Cost: £2 for members, £3 for visitors, including refreshments

#### **Upcoming events**

28<sup>th</sup> Feb Michael Whitney: "Old Haddenham"

28<sup>th</sup> Mar Steve Fletcher: "A bit on the side: The History of the

Watercress-Growing Industry"

25<sup>th</sup> Apr Colin Oakes: "Local Workhouses and the Poor Law

Union"

30<sup>th</sup> May Ian Currie: "Weather Lore - Fact or Fiction"

#### 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.









#### Wendover Evening Women's Institute Registered Charity No: 284827

### Wendover Evening WI



Why not come along as our guest to the next meeting which is on Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm at St. Anne's Hall, Aylesbury Road, Wendover.

The speaker is Mrs. Verrall, her subject is "The Foundling Hospital" This London hospital for sick children was founded in 1741 by Thomas Coram, a philanthropic sea captain.

If you cannot make this meeting, you may like to consider coming to the next meeting on Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm to the same venue when the topic is - "Wistful Eye" – Tragedy of a Titanic Shipwright by Denise Kelly.

Visitors are always welcome. For more information contact: Margaret Currell on 01296 582318 or wendoverwi.weebly.com

# **Lotions and Potions:** A Hand Book of household Recipes for Medicine and Cosmetics.



Recipes from Women's Institute Members and their Ancestors.

#### **SNAIL COUGH MIXTURE:**

20 snails from crevices in walls. 1/2 Ib moist brown sugar

Leave snails in a bowl to clean themselves. Remove and place live snails in a muslin bag with sugar. Leave to drip overnight. Bottle liquid and use a tablespoon as required.

This recipe was used in Jersey. (We suspect there may be a law against making this now day!)

#### **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:

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The majority of Calibre's members listen to their books on MP3CDs and USB memory sticks. The stories on the sticks are wiped of their originals and new ones put on. Calibre is looking for people with some computer technology to help with this task too.

If you could give a couple of hours a week please call Jan Collings, our Volunteer Co-ordinator, a call on 01296 432 339.

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#### **Wendover Swimming Association**



Wendover Swimming Pool update

In December a new organisation Wendover Swimming was registered by the Charity Commission as an incorporated charity (a CIO). Wendover Swimming CIO has been formed to take over the pool and run it on a not for profit basis for the benefit of the local community. It is a voluntary run organisation whose aim is to promote swimming in the local community and this includes Weston Turville. Funded by annual membership and swimming charges, it is staffed by volunteers and relies upon the use by the local community. The pool is used by at least three Swim Schools who offer lessons for all ages and abilities. For further information visit the website <a href="https://www.wendoverswimmingassociation.co.uk">www.wendoverswimmingassociation.co.uk</a>

#### **Monday Club**

Small friendly club that meets every third Monday of the month, 8pm in the Committee Room (side of kitchen) we have a speaker on various topics with tea/coffee, book table and raffle. Our next three meetings are:

March 17th - Film evening in the Committee Room (as usual) with ice cream and popcorn,if you are good!

**April 21st** - There will be no meeting as it is Easter Monday.

May 19th: Jun 16<sup>th</sup> - These two meeting will be either a theatre trip to The Court, Tring, or a walk organised by Stan Goss. We are waiting for the release of forth coming events from The Court before any decisions are made.

If you have any question regarding any of the above, or just a question about Monday Club please contact me Ann Newell (01296 612947)



This photograph was taken by Barry Keen (retired Bucks Herald Photographer) in the early 1970's of two gents near the allotments in Weston Turville. They were reticent about giving their names at the time as they did not want to be in the paper! If you know who they are can you please contact the editor on editor@ WT-Times.co.uk or 01296 613188 so we can let Barry know.

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Our regular events are still going strong and we serve a pensioner's lunch every lunch time from 12-3pm. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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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 walking or table tennis; or calmer like bridge or book club, you can even learn how to use a computer or just improve your general knowledge.

There is a meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month held at Aylesbury Rugby Club, Weston Turville 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.

#### **USEFUL NUMBERS:**

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Aylesbury Vale District Council	01296 585 858
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Blue Badge	01296 382902
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Environmental Health Helpline	01296 585605
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Gas Emergency	0800 111 999
GP Out of Hours	0300 130 3035
High Wycombe Hospital	01494 526161
Highways on Call (9am-5pm)	0845 230 2882
Highways on Call (out of hours)	01296 486630
Historical Society	01296 613754
Horticultural Society	01296 613965
John Radcliffe Hospital	01865 741 166
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Samaritans	08457 909090
School Weston Turville	01296 613436
Stoke Mandeville Hospital	01296 315000
Trading Standards	0845 404 0506
U3A Weston Turville	01296 613556
Village Hall Bookings (Weston Turville)	07909 485369
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Wendover Heath Centre	01296 623452
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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### TO ADVERTISE YOUR EVENT PLEASE CONTACT

#### Jill Todd on 01296 613188

Every Tuesday in Term time Weston Turville Youth Café Village hall 4.00-6.00pm Every Thursday Wendover Market, Manor Waste, Wendover

1st	March	WTWT: Barn Dance. Weston Turville Village Hall. 7pm. Tickets £15 from Rachel Blackmore 01296 614 751
6th	March	Parish Council Planning meeting. Open to members of the public. Village Hall committee room 6.30pm
6th	March	Monthly Quiz night at The Hub, Aston Clinton. First Thursday evening of the month. New quiz teams welcome.
11th	March	Mobile Library Village Hall Car Park 11.35 – 12.00
11th	March	WI: Mrs Verrall "The Foundling Hospital" St. Anne's Hall, Aylesbury Road, Wendover 7.45pm
13th	March	WT. Horticultural; Flower Power: how plants control animals. An illustrated talk by Dr Brenda Harold. Village Hall 8.pm
15th	March	Wendover Farmers' Market
17th	March	Monday Club. Film evening. Village Hall Committee room with ice cream and popcorn, if you are good!
20th	March	Parish Council Meeting. Open to members of the public. Village Hall 7.00pm.
23rd	March	Super Loo Lunches 12.00-13.30. St Mary's Church
27th	March	WT. U3A Meeting open to all members. Aylesbury Rugby Club, Weston Turville at 2.30pm.
28th	March	WT. Historical: Steve Fletcher- A bit on the side: The history of the watercress growing industry.
3rd	April	Parish Council Planning meeting. Open to members of the public. Village Hall committee room 6.30pm
3rd	April	Monthly Quiz night at The Hub, Aston Clinton. First Thursday evening of the month. New quiz teams welcome.
4th	April	Weston Turville C of E School Spring term ends
8th	April	WI "Wistful Eye" Tragedy of a Titanic Shipwright by Denise Kelly. St. Anne's Hall, Aylesbury Road, Wendover 7.45pm
10th	April	WT. Horticultural: "Grow your own Roses." Talk & practical demonstration by Dr John Cornwall
17th	April	Super Loo Lunches 12.00-13.30. St Mary's Church

19th	April	Wendover Farmers' Market
23rd	April	Weston Turville C of E School Summer term begins
24th	April	WT. U3A Meeting open to all members. Aylesbury Rugby Club, Weston Turville at 2.30pm.
24th	April	Parish Council (Annual Parish) Meeting inc. refreshments. Open to members of the public. Village Hall 7.30pm.
25th	April	WT. Historical: Colin Oakes: "Local Workhouses and the Poor Law Union" Village Hall 8pm
30th	April	Wills & Trusts Free Public Education seminars. Holiday Inn, New Road, Weston Turville.
1st	May	Parish Council Planning meeting. Open to members of the public. Village Hall committee room 6.30pm
1st	May	Monthly Quiz night at The Hub, Aston Clinton. First Thursday evening of the month. New quiz teams welcome.
5th	May	Cream Teas St Mary's Church 3-5pm
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26th	May	Cream Teas St Mary's Church 3-5pm
30th	May	WT. Historical: Ian Currie: "Weather Lore - Fact or Fiction" Village hall. 8pm
31st	May	WT. Chapel plant sale.
3rd	June	Mobile Library Village Hall Car Park 11.35 – 12.00
16th	June	Monday Club: Either a theatre trip to The Court, Tring, or a walk organised by Stan Goss.
21st	June	Weston Turville Village Fete. Village Hall & Memorial Field



#### IS THIS YOU?

This photograph was taken by Barry Keen (retired Bucks Herald Photographer) in the early 1970's at The annual flower show in the old Haig Hall, Weston Turville.

The little girl was obviously impressed by the gladioli but we do not know who she is!

If you know please contact the editor on editor@ WT-Times.co.uk or 01296 613188 so we can let Barry know.

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Spring 2014

Hopefully you have been able to get into the garden or allotment on the "better winter days" to start the preparations for the coming growing season. It's never too early to get going!

The Society is coming to the end of its winter break and we are looking forward to our next few meetings and speakers as detailed below.

We have also started out preparations for the Annual Show – it is not until Saturday 9th August but even now the committee has to be thinking about the Show Schedule and its classes so we can get it out to everyone who is interested and who would like to participate. We are hoping for bumper entries this year whether it be in the junior or senior classes – there is a wide choice of possible entry classes e.g. jams and chutneys as well as vegetables, flowers and fruits, floral art and handicraft but we will be keeping you informed about these in the next edition.

13 March	"Flower Power" – how plants control animals. An
	illustrated talk by Dr Brenda Harold
10 April	"Grow your own Roses." Talk & practical
	demonstration by Dr John Cornwall
8 May	"College Lake" by Rodney Sims
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Why not come along and join us? We are a friendly group and would be very pleased to see you.

For more information please Pat Rutherford on 613965 or contact Lindsay Smith at lindsay7695@aol.com

#### **Church of St Mary the Virgin, Weston Turville**

#### **SWIFT**



 $\underline{\mathbf{S}}$ t Mary's  $\underline{\mathbf{W}}$ eston Turville  $\underline{\mathbf{I}}$ mproving  $\underline{\mathbf{F}}$ acilities  $\underline{\mathbf{T}}$ eam was formed in 2011 to look into ways of providing accessibility to and within the Church for those with any sort of disability.

At the Parochial Church Council meeting on 16th July 2013, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) voted overwhelmingly to accept the SWIFT proposal to proceed with the project to provide an extension on the south side of the Church. This will house wheelchair-accessible toilets with baby-changing facilities, a meeting room available for use by small groups (up to about 30) from the village community, facilities for cleaners and flower-arrangers, and some storage, all with access through the refurbished south porch as well as independently from outside. Improvements to the clergy and choir vestries, the kitchen and the reception and font area will also be included.

Our most recent fund-raising activity for this project was the Beard-growing competition which was widely advertised and supported throughout the village. This raised a total of £3,500, far exceeding the target of £1,000. The figure was boosted by the offer by Father David Wales to have his beard, which he has sported since his teens, publicly shaven provided that £1,000 was promised for this. In the event this contributed over £1,300 to the total. The result can be seen daily in the village as Father David has not re-grown the beard. Can you recognise him? He was also featured in the Bucks Herald in December. Thank you, Father David and all who took part in this and supported us. Thanks also to Nicky from the Barbershop Group, Wendover, who judged the competition and performed the public shaving.

After an eventful year of planning and making other arrangements we are now in a position to hold a major launch of the SWIFT project and the inevitable fund-raising appeal. This will take the form of a Fun Day for Weston Turville at the Church on Saturday 7th June from 11am to 4pm. All ages will be catered for

with entertainment including performances by the Weston Turville School Friday Choir, the Church Choir, a Jazz Trio and hopefully morris dancers. Activities for children will also be arranged, including face-painting. Inside the Church will be displays including the architect's plans of the proposed work and information to indicate the site and scope of each improvement. There will be a continuous slide show with commentary to make the plans come alive. Advisers from the SWIFT team will be on hand to give you further information and answer your questions.

Refreshments and lunches will be available throughout the day.

We have an appeal for help. If anybody has any photographs or drawings of the south side of the Church from the days when the south porch was used as an entrance we would very much value sight of these as it will help us to restore this ancient porch, which was converted to house the heating boiler and outside toilet in the 1960's, to its original state. Any other suggestions or offers of help would be gratefully received. Please contact Roger Fellows on 01296 424982.

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#### **Church of St Mary the Virgin, Weston Turville**

Forthcoming events:

On Palm Sunday, 13th April, at 6pm, the Church Choir will be singing Music for Passiontide. This will include choruses from Handel's Messiah, Pie Jesu by Faure and many other beautiful works, including Palestrina, Gibbons and Schubert. Well-known hymns for the congregation to join in and appropriate readings will also be included. Please join us for this special service.

**Saturday 7th June, 11am to 4pm** at the Church will be a **Fun Day** to launch the **SWIFT** project for the Church extension, including wheelchair-accessible toilets, baby-changing facilities and a meeting room for community use. There will be music and entertainment for all ages, lunches and refreshments and detailed information about the project. See the separate article headed **SWIFT**.

#### EASTER SERVICES IN WESTON TURVILLE

You are warmly invited to the services to celebrate Easter at St. Mary the Virgin Church and at the Chapel



#### **PALM SUNDAY**

Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	St. Mary`s	08.00	Holy Communion
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	"	09.30	Procession from the Shops
Sunday 13th	"	10.00	Davish Eucharist

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> " 10.00 Parish Eucharist

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> " 18.00 Music for Passion Tide

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#### **HOLY WEEK**

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	"	20.00 Eucharist
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	"	20.00 Eucharist
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	"	20.00 Eucharist
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	"	10.30 Eucharist

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>** " 20.00 The Liturgy of Maundy

Thursday including The Washing of Feet; Followed by **The Watch until Midnight** 

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	The Chapel 11.00	Good Friday Service followed
by Hot Cross buns a	and coffee	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	St. Mary's 13.00	The Liturgy of <b>Good Friday</b>

#### EASTER EVE

Saturday 19th April St. Mary's 23.45 The Liturgy of Easter Eve

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	St. Mary`s	08.00	Holy Communion
Sunday	"	10.00	Parish Eucharist
Sunday	Chapel	10.30	Easter Communion

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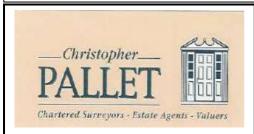
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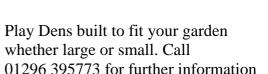
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As we have started to look forward to and plan our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary which we celebrate in June 2014 we briefly reflect on the past year.

We have had many happy times to look back on including visits from the Charles Pope Ladies Choir and the Chiltern Hand bell Ringers which were particularly memorable. We have also had the opportunity to join together to sing favourite hymns and carols chosen by our congregation. This has proved very popular and had given us the chance to explore our new Mission Praise Hymn Books.

Our plant sales took place at the end of May and October and despite the difficulty Monty Myall had in getting the seeds to germinate and grow because of the bad weather we experienced, we had two very successful days. Our next plant sale will be at the end of May. Our Christmas Sale in November was also well attended despite various other events being held the same weekend.

It gives us great pleasure every November to host refreshments, a warming beverage and biscuits, to all those who attended the Remembrance Parade around the War Memorial.

The Christmas Services were well received especially the Carols by Candle Light on Christmas Eve when we welcome visitors old and new to the Chapel.

On a more personal note we were able to celebrate a 90th birthday with one of our members and diamond wedding anniversary with two others.

In addition to our special services we have had a supply of visiting preachers and some services have been conducted by members of the Chapel. Our Prayer and Bible Study Group continues to meet on a Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 pm.

We have much to look back on over the past year and much to thank God

for including his ongoing goodness to us at the Chapel.

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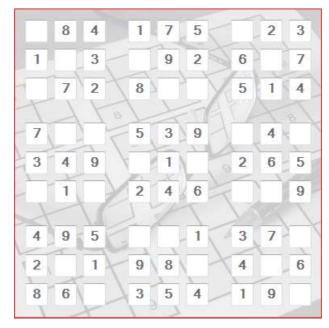
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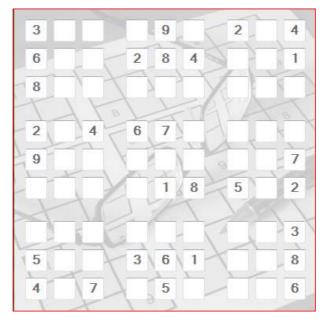
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