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June 2013

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to our summer issue of Weston Turville Times. Hopefully by the time you receive this edition, the sun will have been shining, warming our souls as well as our bodies.

Please bear in mind that the judging of the best kept village competition takes place in June and you are urged to continue to keep up the good work of ensuring the area near your home is as tidy as it can be.

A lovely plaque has been added to the gold post box, situated in Main Street, to commemorate our gold medal winner Pamela Relph, such a great reminder and inspiration for generations to come and continuing the pride we have in our village and its inhabitants. Pamela has recently been appointed as a new ambassador for Arthritis Research UK highlighting the fact that arthritis can affect people of any age. We would like to offer our congratulations to Pamela for this new role and wish her every success in all her activities. We also offer our congratulations to Monica Relph who, as a member of the GB crew, snatched a bronze medal at the European Rowing Championships in Varese, Italy, and has recently earned a World Cup call-up for Great Britain. What an inspirational pair!



Please get in touch if you would like to advertise in future editions, can write articles or are able to assist with deliveries, even if it is just to your road.

Any copy for the next edition, due out the first week in September, should be with us by the 2nd August. We would like to thank all our advertisers, sponsors and contributors.

Jill Todd. Editor in Chief

Weston Turville Reservoir

The land incorporating Weston Turville Reservoir covers some 70 acres; it is now a rich nature reserve home to numerous plants, birds and animals.

Owned by the British Waterways Board it is a great place for natural history, walking, fishing and sailing. When built however its intended use was not quite so recreational.

In the 1790's "canal mania" was in full swing and a canal was created from Wendover through Halton and along the southern boundary of Weston Turville as a transport route out to the large markets of London and the Midlands and supplies, such as coal could be brought in much more cheaply than the road alternative. The construction was quite swift from its beginnings in 1793 to its completion in 1797.

The reservoir was constructed to create a steady flow of water to mills in Weston Turville and Aylesbury as the main source of water used before, from the river in Wendover was being diverted into the canal. Its usefulness in this respect was short lived as the Industrial Revolution soon brought much more efficient methods of milling.

The idea to use the reservoir to top up the canal was put into action and a well, heading and pipes taking the water underground were installed by 1814. Water was pumped by a steam engine to the branch canal for almost 25 years. Constant leakage from the Wendover Arm between Aston Clinton and Tringford caused this navigable feeder to be largely abandoned as workable after 1840.

The reservoir having been constructed quite quickly, in turn quite quickly became of little practical use to the Grand Junction Canal Company and to local financial backers and land owners.

In 1812 The Weston Turville Fishing Club was formed although it would appear 'Fishery at the reservoir' was recorded as early as 1808. The club was made up from local aristocracy and gentry with a maximum of 24 members. Records show there was a Club House and Boat House built and in the former a stock of wine was kept up with a special subscription fee of 1 guinea each. Interest and presumably funds reduced over the coming years and the club seems to have had a serious lack of interest and members by 1830.

In the early 19th Century an inn named the 'The Golden Perch' was built in the south east corner of the reservoir for the use of bargees on the Wendover Arm presumably for their rest and refreshment and for the overnight stabling of horses. By the mid-19th century the Inn had disappeared and a sizable house, now Perch Cottage had been built in its place.

In the early 20th Century when the reservoir waters still came up to the banks and few trees or other obstructions were in place a series of cold winters enabled skating to take place on the formed ice. A Mr Paine would test the ice and skaters were only allowed on once its thickness had reached 3 inches. A painting by Alexander Jamieson shows just such a scene from 1929.

In the war years of 1914-1918 much of the surrounding land was offered for use as a camp for soldiers in waiting to go to France and a vast, muddy, tented complex was erected. The reservoir was used as a bathing place for soldiers and the stables at Perch Cottage used to home around a dozen soldiers who thereby managed to escape the mud and diseases suffered by their tented comrades.

In 1919, the current owner of the land having died the year before, the estate was sold to the Air Council very cheaply for £112,000. After the war the area used for training had been left in a somewhat poor state with fields still littered with barbed wire, trenches and sewage from the camps. Various sections of the land were sold off and became the airfield, playing fields for RAF trainees and housing for officers and their families, very much as it is today.

With grateful thanks to Tessa Taylor for allowing us to crib and reprint extracts from her book 'Weston Turville Reservoir: An Historical and Ecological study'





The Great Pace Tea Party

The 'Great British Bake Off' on BBC2 has seen the whole nation baking, so PACE is joining in the fun and we want you to join us too.

2013 will see the first 'Great Pace Tea Party' supported by Mary Berry and Edd Kimber. Mary Berry is the UK's best known and respected cookery writer and TV cook, Edd Kimber is the first *ever* winner from the Great British Bake Off series.

The Great PACE Tea Party is a fabulous opportunity for our supporters to get baking and raise vital funds for PACE. Holding your own tea party couldn't be easier, whether you have a few close friends over, host a grand garden party or even hold a 'Mad Hatters' tea party. PACE will be on hand to support you every step of the way.

Mary said, "It's a privilege to support PACE with their Great PACE Tea Party campaign. The money raised from this campaign will go a long way to supporting PACE's work, helping children find their own voice, walk their own steps and maybe even finding their own passion for baking."

To hold your own tea party and register for your *FREE* fundraising pack please call the fundraising office on 01296 616974 or email victoria.martin@thepacecentre.org

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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Rachel Blackmore 01296 614751 or 07792 475094

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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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By June and Peter Underwood of Weston Turville

As we gather around the village War Memorial each November, it is hard to appreciate the consequences of the appalling loss of life suffered on all sides during the Great War. In almost every village, in almost every street, husbands, sons, brothers volunteered for war with confident patriotism and the optimism of youth. Could they have ever imagined the horrors of the trenches, the deafening thunder of constant bombardment, the lung-tearing poison gas – and the grinding fear? With such thoughts in mind June embarked on a post-Millennium project to investigate the casualties inscribed on our village War Memorial ... and discovered six names which have since been added!

It was this relatively small exercise that enthused June and her husband Peter. If we can do this for Weston Turville, why not the whole county? We estimated that it might take us about two years. In fact so far it has taken us seven! We work as a partnership. June is our fountain of knowledge on military sources and family history matters while Peter has a useful experience of designing data-based websites and photography.

Our first task was to identify all the county's war memorials – so far we have investigated over 400. Memorials come in many shapes and sizes. They may take the form of a typical war memorial such as ours in Weston Turville, but they may be plaques, statues in churches, schools, clubs, and in works long since disappeared such as Hazel Watson and Viney. The number of names on War Memorials differs markedly. High Wycombe has over 500 and Eton College refers to 1157 scholars who lost their life in the Great War. Plaques in churches often describe a single casualty as do the enormous number of headstones in burial grounds.

All names are researched - their military and personal details and often their photograph are included in our website known as *Buckinghamshire Remembers*. So far we have recorded over 8000 names but it is important to emphasise that this is not the total number of individuals – many names are duplicated on more than one memorial. In Aylesbury, for example, one casualty was listed on no fewer than six Memorials.

Tracing War Memorials requires endless patience. The first task is to discover where they are located. Even when we find them, churches and chapels are often locked – often it takes several visits before someone can offer us access.

War Memorials, grave headstones and plaques are notoriously difficult to read. Is the sun in the right place? Has the stone mason/family given the correct name spelling? Names are often misspelled, forenames inverted, nicknames (such as Ted or Jim) may be substituted. It requires experience to identify one 'John Smith of High Wycombe' from another.

Who benefits from our work? We are so pleased that schools with imaginative history teachers are keen to use our website. Then there are libraries and family and military historians. So long as our work is useful to such groups then we have achieved our aim.

We have been much impressed by so many helpful experts and members of the public who have provided additional information, correction of errors in interpretation and particularly casualty portraits which are so welcome. Our exercise has modified our appreciation of what is rightly called the *sacrifice* of those who were killed. But some may say that those who suffered most are those who were *not* killed but were left with physical and mental injuries from which they suffered for the rest of their lives. We have only to consider the implications of more recent conflicts to realise how powerful this sentiment must be.





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Some of you have already been advised by Alan Maizels that he has stepped down as **The Bucks Herald Neighbourhood News** reporter for the village. I have taken over the role and I would welcome items of relevance to Weston Turville from all groups (and individuals) in any way associated with the village. If you belong to a village based group, please let them know. Any news items, or forthcoming events, should reach me, by email preferably, or by phone, at least six days before publication date. I look forward to hearing from you, and to presenting the diverse and vibrant community that Weston Turville is, through the Neighbourhood News section of The Bucks Herald, to the readership. Tony Fanthorpe 07773468651

afanthorpe@btinternet.com

MONDAY CLUB. We have only one more meeting before we break up for our 'summer holidays' and that will be our annual walk on the Monday 17th June. Stan Goss has kindly taken over the mantle from the dear Don Billing, and has planned our route, not too far we hope. Unless told otherwise, to meet in the village car park 7pm to await our instructions and hope for good weather. We do not have any meeting July and August, with so many people away so we resume in September refreshed bronzed and full of vigour. Ann Newell



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Cakes and Piglets!

I read with interest the contributions, in the last issue, from Susan and Michael Connolly. It struck me that as one of the oldest inhabitants of Weston Turville, I could reminisce with newer neighbours about past glories.

I moved here in 1957 when the village was much smaller and very much more rural, tractors and bicycles and not enough cars to need traffic calming. Despite this Weston Turville has always been a very busy place with May Day celebrations, Jubilees, Church Fetes, Pantomimes, many exciting jumble sales and a visiting Fun fair that came for a week each summer and was set up on the playing fields. There was the Horticultural Society, Mother's Union, Young Wives, Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts.

In the 60's we had the first Playgroup in the area and the Voluntary Community Association, which is still going. The new school was built along with a new village hall. An enormous amount of fund raising was necessary, as villages did not get given amenities like towns did. As a village we raised money (cake stalls on every corner) to support the area protest against an airport at Wing. Several art exhibitions were staged, the first being held in the Tithe Barn at Pathacres. All were well supported and stocked by an amazing array of local talent. As I've said a busy village, which had four popular public houses, although I still yearn for the old days of ducks on the village pond, litters of piglets hurtling down Main Street, goats grazing on the verges and several belligerent geese. I do acknowledge that today's Weston Turville is a very vibrant place with more activities for the children, the local organisations are going strong and the phenomenal rise of the U3A has gathered all we Golden Oldies together. Just bring back the buses on the old routes – please.

Jean Palmer



WESTON TURVILLE VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Weston Turville Voluntary Community Service has now been operating in the village for over forty years but due to a lack of volunteers and indeed customers the service is in danger of disappearing completely.

We need someone willing to act as organiser for transport and drivers to organise please. If you can help, please contact Mrs Rosemary Eades on 01296 613587.

We also need volunteers to help Mrs Sheila Chamberlin collect prescriptions. If you can help with this please contact her on 01296 613234.

If we can get volunteer drivers we offer transport to and from local doctors, dentist, opticians, hospital and health centre. We can also collect prescriptions and have a wheelchair to borrow on short term loan.

Margaret Tattersall. Secretary. WTVCS

Wendover Celebrates!

Join us for the BIG event

The Wendover Celebrates Committee is starting to plan yet another great event for Wendover in 2014.

Now is your chance to become a part of the organising team and ensure that the legacy of 2012 continues.

All skills are needed to ensure another super day including a webmaster, site manager, fundraiser, and a volunteer coordinator.

For more information and latest details see our website
www.wendovercelebrates.org.uk

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Dear Teddies,

You are invited to a picnic at Weston Turville Village Hall on **Wednesday 14th August from 2 - 4.30pm**. Please bring along your owner, parents grand-parents and babies. If the weather is kind to us all you may choose to have a picnic on the field behind the hall. If the weather is horrible we will be able to use the hall.

There will be refreshments. And lots of games including Hoopla, Whack-a-Rat, Pin the Tail, and Welly Whanging. If the weather is kind there will be fun races at 3.30, but any of these activities will come inside if wet.

In the hall we will have a Colouring competition, a Best Dressed Ted, Face paints (perhaps) and other activities. An Entertainer for the very young will be in the Committee Room from 2.30pm

Rotary Club of Wendover and District is sure you bears and your friends will have a lovely afternoon.

Media Contact: Robert Steele Tel: 07801 441 924. wendoverrotary@gmail.com



Weston Turville Horticultural Society

The Annual Show - Saturday 10 August

at 2pm in the Village Hall

The Annual Show is a 50 year old village tradition. Anyone can participate and there is a wide range of classes to enter eg “1 single rose for scent,” or a “vase of mixed perennial flowers, 9 stems”; or if you grow potatoes then “5 potatoes coloured” or “5 potatoes white.”

As well as horticulture there are classes for floral art, domestic eg chutney, jam, Victoria sponge & more. Handicraft has a few classes and of course there are the junior classes so children can get involved too.

The full list of classes is published in our Show Schedule and these will be available from the Village Shop, Hare & Booty & Cathy's from the middle of July. Do join in!

In addition there will be:

Refreshments

Plant Stall

Dog Show

Tombola

Bee display

Children's Games and more

A great family & village affair – do come along and join in the fun – look out for the posters nearer the time.

Any questions? – call Jo Spencer on 612817

Hope to see you there!



BUS ROUTES THROUGH THE PARISH OF WESTON TURVILLE

It is probably an understatement to say that Weston Turville is not well served by public transport. The recent Community Led Plan document for Weston Turville highlighted the lack of buses operating through the centre of the village, the village shops being one critical no-go area. The bus stops there are graced by school buses, but not much else for which they were intended. Talks have been held with Arriva by both Weston Turville and Halton representatives, but to date without much joy. However, we have not given up yet. I thought it might be helpful to recap on the services which do exist. I am very grateful to Lynne Maddocks, a Community Engagement Officer at Aylesbury Vale District Council, who has kindly got together a wealth of detailed information and maps, much more than we can reproduce here. The following is a précis of the routes which pass through our parish, but sadly only three of them dare to venture into its interior, the 50 (very tentatively), and the braver T8 and 164.

50 Arriva	Mon. to Sat.	Aylesbury → Wendover Rd → Chandos → Worlds End Lane → Wendover Clock Tower → Main Point Halton . Broadly, the service runs half-hourly during the day.
	Mon. to Frid.	The last bus of the day (18:15 from Aylesbury) continues on from Main Point to Ivinghoe, via Rose & Crown, Tring.
50 Redline	Sundays & Bank Hols.	Aylesbury → Wendover Rd → Chandos → Worlds End Lane → Wendover Clock Tower → Main Point Halton → Rose & Crown, Tring → College Lakes → Ivinghoe → Marsworth . There are 3 outward bound during the day, but only two returns.

55 Arriva	Mon. to Frid only	Aylesbury → Stoke Mand. Hosp. → Station Rd. Stoke Mand. → Wendover Rd. → Wendover → Gt. Missenden → Amersham → Chesham Broadway . There are six services a day, one of which goes only as far as Amersham
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61 Arriva	Mon. to Sat.	Aylesbury → The Bell, Aston Clint. → Rose & Crown, Tring → New Mill → Castlefield → Ivinghoe → Edlesborough → Eaton Bray → Totternhoe → Dunstable → Luton → Luton Airport . There are fourteen services a day, but none on Sundays.
		Some services only go as far as Ivinghoe; others miss out Aston Clinton, Edlesborough, Eaton Bray and Totternhoe.

500 Arriva	Mon. to Sat.	Aylesbury → The Bell, Aston Clint. → Rose & Crown, Tring → Northchurch → Berkhamsted → Hemel Hempstead → Apsley → King's Langley → Hunton Bridge → Watford Junction and Town Centre . They run approx. half-hourly through the day. There is no Sunday service.
		The early evening services go only as far as Hemel Hempstead.

164 Redline	Mon. to Sat.	Leighton Buzzard → Various villages, incl. Cheddington → Rose & Crown, Tring → The Bell, Aston Clint. → Aylesbury . There are six services during the week, and five on Saturdays, and none on Sundays. Mondays to Friday's two services divert through Brook End / New Rd. en route to Aylesbury in the morning, and one in the afternoon. On Saturdays there is only one diversion in the morning and one in the afternoon.
		Some services start from Cheddington or Ledburn, rather than Leighton Buzzard.
164 Redline	Mon. to Sat.	Aylesbury → The Bell, Aston Clint. → Rose & Crown, Tring → Various villages, incl. Cheddington → Leighton Buzzard . There are four services per day, but none on Sundays. One service per day diverts via New Rd. / Brook End en route to Leighton Buzzard in the early afternoon.
164 Red Kite	Mon. to Sat.	Leighton Buzzard → Various villages, incl. Cheddington → Rose & Crown, Tring → The Bell, Aston Clint. → Aylesbury . There is only one service per day, leaving Leighton Buzzard at 16:30 and arriving in Aylesbury at 17:42.
164 Red Kite	Mon. to Sat.	Aylesbury → New Rd. / Brook End → The Bell, Aston Clint. → Rose & Crown, Tring → Various villages → Cheddington . There is only one service per day, leaving Aylesbury at 17:45.
T8 Redline Tesco free bus	Wednes. only	Prestwood → Gt. Missenden → Wendover → W.T. Chandos → W.T. Shops → Tesco, Tring Rd. Aylesbury → Tesco, Broadfields, Aylesbury . One service only reaching Weston Turville Chandos at 9:42 in the morning, and leaving Broadfields, Aylesbury at 12:10 mid-day on its return journey via Weston Turville .

School bus services which operate through Weston Turville have not been included above.

Further information available: Arriva 0871 200 22 33; Redline 01296 426786
Michael Foote, Vice Chair of Weston Turville Community Led Plan Group.





The Outer Aylesbury Ring - the O.A.R. - is a new 53 mile ring route which will provide walkers with some of the most panoramic views in Buckinghamshire. In addition to the walks of the actual Ring there are circular walks from it. These vary between 4 and 14 miles

Aylesbury & District Ramblers have now published 14 Walk Guides detailing each section of the Ring, each with its own detailed map. All the information relating to the routes is available on the Aylesbury Ramblers' website – www.aylesbury-ramblers.org.uk. and is available to the general public. The entire route has been waymarked

In addition display stands with full sets of the Guides have been placed in Tourist Offices – Aylesbury, Wendover, Princes Risborough & Buckingham as well as in Aylesbury Public Library. In addition more limited sets of the Guides can be found in the following libraries – Wendover, Leighton Buzzard and Wing.

If you enjoy walking the footpaths of the Vale then do go to one of these venues to obtain your set of Guides.

We will be making every effort to ensure the Guide locations are kept well stocked but in the event of there being a shortfall anywhere we would appreciate your letting us know so we can “top up” supplies. Just contact Lindsay Smith – 613237.

Aylesbury Ramblers hope you will enjoy walking the Ring as much as we have enjoyed producing this wonderful resource for you all.

www.aylesbury-ramblers.org.uk



Weston Turville Community Led Plan.

You will all by now, hopefully, have read the Parish Plan for Weston Turville. The Plan is not set in stone and will be altered, amended, updated and probably rewritten over the coming years. The work carried out by the Steering Group was considerable, initially there were twelve members, and there are now only eight. We would like some new members to become involved and assist with new ideas which could be implemented within Weston Turville Parish.

With the comments mentioned above in mind the Community Led Plan Steering Group are organising a Social Evening at 7.0pm on Thursday 20 June. There will be cheese and wine, and other refreshments. It is hoped the group will be able to enrol some new members and get more volunteers for the groups dealing with the matters mentioned in the Parish Plan.

Jim Paterson

Chairman.

Email: jimp@tersonhome.com

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Aylesbury CTC Group

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The Easy Paced rides are 25-30 miles and the Moderate rides are 40 or more. They are for adults or accompanied teenagers but are not suitable for families. Distances always tend to put people off, but the Easy Paced rides are 3 hours of steady cycling with a 30-40 minute café stop to relax and chat. We welcome new riders, who do not have to be CTC members at first, but we recommend that newcomers try an Easy Paced ride first unless they are experienced cyclists.

We are a small friendly group who use our bikes to get fresh air and exercise and enjoy the countryside. You don't need a fancy bike and ladies are welcome. To see the latest programme visit www.southbuckscycling.org.uk or contact Peter Robinson 01296 425015 peter-robinson@hp217ag.freemove.co.uk



Weston Turville U3A

You won't get a degree from us.

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 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.



Wendover Swimming Association

Wendover Swimming Association is a voluntary community organisation whose aim is to provide recreational swimming for the local community and this includes Weston Turville. Annual membership fees, swimming charges and grants contribute towards the costs of the pool but all the services are provided by unpaid volunteers.

Originally an open-air pool on the Wendover schools campus, swimming was restricted to the summer. In 1997 funding from local sponsorship, the Wendover Trust and The Lottery Fund enabled a retractable cover to be fitted and changing rooms were added to allow swimming all year round.

The boilers which heat the water at the Wendover Pool failed last summer which meant the John Colet School had to close the pool in autumn 2012 due to the low water temperature. The immediate cost to make the pool usable is approximately £20,000 and the anticipated repairs needed over the next five years are estimated to cost £90,000. The running costs of the pool are around £40,000 per year in addition to this. A grant from the County Council, which has subsidised the running costs of the pool in previous years, will be withdrawn this year. This will make the pool unaffordable to repair and run as it stands, The WSA Committee are currently undertaking a survey of the community to understand what people want to happen to the Wendover Pool. So, we are asking the members of the WSA and the wider community what you would like to see happen now.

Please contact us with your views, comments, suggestions and any offers of support as soon as possible, by email to:

membership@wendoverswimmingassociation.co.uk.

USEFUL NUMBERS:

Allotment Association	01296 613998
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Aston Clinton Surgery	01296 630241
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

June 1st 2013 Mobile Library Village Hall Car park 11.35am to 12.20pm

June 3rd 2013 School reopens.

June 13th 2013 Horticultural Society Village Hall 8pm

June 14th 2013 Mobile Library Village Hall Car park 11.35am to 12.20pm

June 15th 2013 PTA Summer Fair Weston Turville School

June 20th 2013 Ploughman's St Mary's Church 12 -1.30pm

June 20th 2013 Community Led Plan Social evening Village Hall + cheese & wine 7pm

June 22nd 2013 Go over the edge for poverty, St Mary's Church abseil

June 22nd 2013 Charity Quiz Night Village Hall 7pm

June 23rd 2013 NGS Open garden scheme WENDOVER

June 28th 2013 Mobile Library Village Hall Car park 11.35am to 12.20pm

June 28th 2013 Historical Society 8pm

June 29th 2013 Armed Forces Day Aylesbury Rugby Club 1pm to 9pm

June 30th 2013 St Mary's Church Tea 3-5pm

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

July 6th 2013 Relay for Life Aylesbury Rugby Club 12.30pm to 11pm

July 7th 2013 Relay for Life Aylesbury Rugby Club 9am to 11am

July 12th 2013 Mobile Library Village Hall Car park 11.35am to 12.20pm

July 14th 2013 Concert – Lumina St Mary's Church 7.30pm

July 17th 2013 Thames Valley Police 'Have your say' Outside shops 3pm

July 18th 2013 Ploughman's St Mary's Church 12-1.30pm

July 24th 2013 School Closes

July 26th 2013 Mobile Library Village Hall Car park 11.35am to 12.20pm

July 28th 2013 St Mary's Church Tea 3-5pm

July 29th to Aug 2nd 2013 JIGSAW Village Hall 10am to 1.30pm

August 9th 2013 Mobile Library Village Hall Car park 11.35am to 12.20pm
August 10th 2013 Horticultural Society Annual Show Village Hall 2-4pm
August 14th 2013 Teddy Bear's Picnic Village Hall and Memorial Playing Field 2-4pm
August 23rd 2013 Mobile Library Village Hall Car park 11.35am to 12.20pm
August 25th 2013 St Mary's Church Tea 3-5pm
August 26th 2013 St Mary's Church Tea 3-5pm
August 27th 2013 Craft Fair Village hall 10am to 5pm

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

September 7th 2013 Weston Turville Village Fete Village Hall and Memorial Playing Field

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Weston Turville Union Chapel

The Early Years:

Weston Turville Union Chapel was erected in the year 1839 on farmland in School Lane, given by Mr John Munger who farmed the nearby Manor Farm. He placed the building in the hands of 'twelve good men and true' as trustees. The chairman was his own brother Robert who farmed at Butlers Cross. It was recorded that in 1840, the Deeds were enrolled in Aylesbury's Court of Chancery. There are no minutes to tell us of the first years of work, and sixteen years were to pass before fourteen members formed themselves into a church on 4th February 1856.



The trust Deed laid down that the Chapel was for the use of Baptists and Independents. This was interpreted to mean that applicants for membership could state whether they wished to join by the way of baptism or by verbal confession of their faith. The Deeds also stated that if any time the work of the Chapel should cease, the proceeds of the sale of the property should be shared between the Baptist Union and the Congregational Union. This stipulation explains the term 'Union Chapel'. Beyond this legal stipulation, the Congregationalists never seemed to have any official connection to the Chapel.

In 1856 the Chapel was in the Pastoral care of Reverend E Edwards. To accommodate the growing congregation, the Reverend Edwards arranged for the installation of the gallery which was added in 1856 and following requests from the congregation, a Baptistry was added which was opened on 29th April 1864.

In 1865 the first elders of the Chapel were appointed; they were John Bunce and John Clark.

A licence to conduct marriages was granted in 1881.

In the early days of the Chapel, transport and communication was limited. Preachers without a horse were required to walk to Weston Turville and it was not unusual for a Preacher to walk from Quainton to deliver his sermon.

By 1905 the Chapel required renovation at a cost of £18. It was decided to undertake the renovation work and to build a schoolroom which incorporated a Ministers Vestry, at the rear. A boundary wall and iron fence was also erected to surround the burial ground. The opening ceremony for the new schoolroom and building works was conducted by Mr John Munger, a descendent of the benefactor who originally gave the land for the Chapel to be built on.

In 1906 the Baptist Union of Great Britain became Trustees by Resolution of the Members.

Through the following 30 years the work of God at the Chapel never faltered and despite many difficulties, it survived through the efforts and commitment of a loyal group of dedicated members, including Mr G Bowker, who was Secretary for 30 years and an honorary Pastor; Miss Kempster who was the Sunday School Superintendent for 60 years and Miss Holt the Sunday School teacher and organist.

By Mrs Heather Mayall, Secretary of Weston Turville Union Chapel.



Bucks DA of the National Vegetable Society



Vegetable-growing and eating enthusiasts recently joined forces to set up a local group with the title "Bucks District Association of the National Vegetable Society". We now have 200 members and 34 affiliated horticultural societies.

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New members are very welcome (singles £17 and couples just £19). Our aims are very simple - to promote the eating and growing of vegetables whilst obtaining the most enjoyment and pleasure from doing so from a very rewarding hobby.

Our talks are all held at "Pitstone Memorial Hall". Do join us for one of them - you will be made very welcome.

For more information contact David Elkins, the secretary on 01296 630659 or email sec-nvs-bucks-da@hotmail.co.uk and the NVS website www.nvsuk.org.uk.





Bucks DA of the National Vegetable Society
Programme of events

Tuesday 18th June from 6.00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join us in John & Jill Branham's garden at Chiltern Place, Nup End Lane, Wingrave, HP22 4PX for a completely informal evening, with freedom to enjoy the views over the Vale of Aylesbury whilst enjoying a glass of wine, cup of tea or coffee.

No charge. Free to all.

Tuesday 15th or 22nd October (to be confirmed)

7.30 p.m. Pitstone Memorial Hall

A talk by Rob Tasker on Growing in Greenhouses and Poly-tunnels.

Tuesday 12th November

7.30 p.m. Pitstone Memorial Hall

A talk by Roger Umpelby (The Ashton Bugman) on
"The Kitchen Garden".

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**Further details from David G Elkins,
Secretary to NVS Bucks DA on 01296 630659**



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Many Thanks: Amanda, Dave, Mark, Siuyee, Sue and Phil.



Church of St Mary the Virgin, Weston Turville

A CONCERT for Church funds will be held on Sunday 14th July at 7.30pm in the Church. It will be performed by Lumina, a group who perform music on early instruments, in medieval costume. Instruments may include dulcimer, rebec, recorders, bowed psaltery, drum, guittern and harp alongside close vocal harmony. Their music spans eight centuries and may include stately court dances, tavern songs or haunting ballads.

Lumina perform regularly at National Trust Properties, for the Aylesbury Vale District Council on Civic occasions such as St George's Day and at other historic venues.

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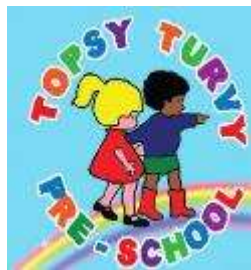


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SWIFT

St Mary's **W**eston Turville **I**mproving **F**acilities **T**eam was formed in 2011 to look into ways of providing accessibility within the Church for those with any sort of disability.

A public meeting was held in the Church on Sunday 21st April. It was attended by about 50 people, who heard presentations from the members of the SWIFT team about the progress that has been made in the planning of an extension to the Church, including new toilets, accessible by wheelchair users from inside and outside 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. Attendees were invited to ask questions and make their own suggestions, which the team answered as far as possible. There was also the opportunity to write likes and dislikes and suggestions on a card which was to be posted in a box before leaving.

The team will analyse all of the points raised and publish the results in the near future. If you were there and would like to see the results of this exercise, or if you could not attend but would like the information, please send your e-mail address to roger@rwfellows.co.uk The analysed returns will help the Parochial Church Council to decide exactly what facilities the village needs and would support and to draw up our plans accordingly.

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, completed the London Marathon this year and generously offered to allow SWIFT to be one of his charities. The cash raised for SWIFT was in excess of £500. Thank you if you were one of the donors. More on this and other fund-raising efforts for SWIFT in the next issue of Weston Turville Times.

The SWIFT team is me, Roger Fellows (01296 424982), Joan Bridges (01296 612303), 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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- 2 Cups plain flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 1 cup corn (vegetable oil)
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup dark brown sugar
- Quarter cup walnut pieces
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 1.5 cups tinned carrots pureed

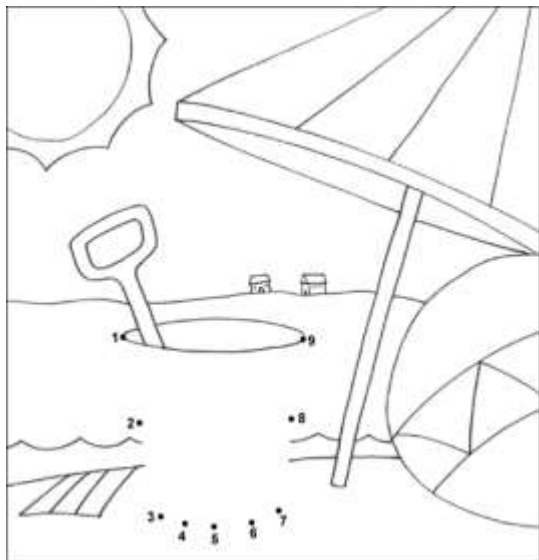
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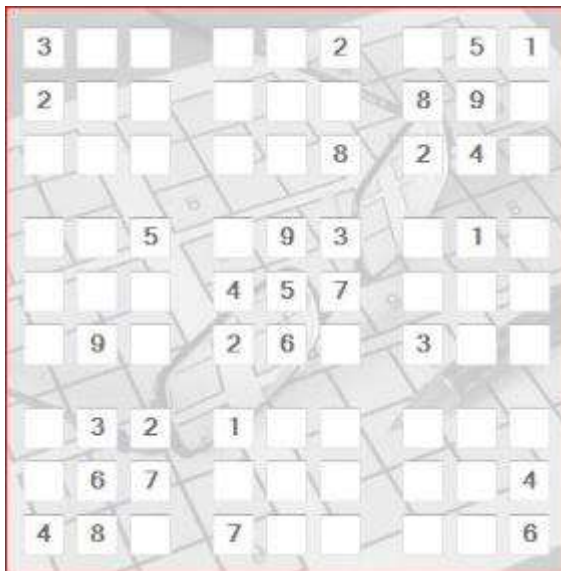
Coffee Break Time: Sudoku

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DID YOU KNOW?

Continuing the ‘History of Weston Turville’ with excerpts taken from Parish Council Minutes 1894-1938

Much of the Council’s business between 1894 and 1938 was taken up with maintenance and problems connected with footpaths and roads – defective stiles, overgrown hedges, dangerous corners and ditches, flooding and so on. Complaints to the County Council seemed so often to produce little or slow results. One can almost hear them prophetically saying, “We shall still be complaining about this in 100 years’ time at this rate”. From time to time there were comments on the foul state of the village pond (where the bus shelter opposite the shops now is). The pond frequently overflowed and flooded the road. There are frequent references to the Scavenger, who it seems was a pretty inefficient fellow. He was employed by the District Council to keep the roads and ditches clean. Whether or not the same gentleman collected the sewerage and rubbish from households is not clear, but this became such a bone of contention, with spillages on the road and infrequent collections, that the villages got up a petition in 1930.

5/2/1897 Letter from the Queen’s (Victoria) Commemoration Society suggesting the Council celebrates the Queen’s 60th year of her reign.

5/3/1897 Request made for fast train each day without stops between Chalfont Road and Baker Street.

4/12/1897 Mr T. Rickard writes complaining about the pond in Main Street – some query over whose responsibility to clear it out.

5/8/1898 District Council was asked, followed by Mr Burnham whose property adjoined the pond. Finally, the Parish Council accepts responsibility and puts the job out for tender.

7/9/1898 Further letters of complaint received about pollution of pond by ducks and geese being in it all day. Parish Council decided the birds were to be in it for part of the day only, and to seek assistance from sanitary inspector of the District Council.

17/11/1899 Various problems with allotment holders not paying rents, and not keeping allotments cultivated in ‘husbandlike’ manner. Allotment committee formed.

17/5/1901 Letter received from Mr Young about state of village green. Notices ordered to be put up, warning people not to drive across it.

17/11/1906 References were made to possible reopening of the Wendover Arm Canal.

28/9/1909 Mr C. Burnham was asked if he would agree to have muck from the pond taken into his orchard. He agreed, but wished to have the opportunity of gathering his fruit first!

28/9/1909 References made to the poor state of the road in Marroway and Main Street.

16/11/1909 County Surveyor pointed out in reply to above that the roads were cleaned after heavy carting. Presumably this was as much to do with clearing horse manure as muck.



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