

THE WESTON TURVILLE TIMES

June 2014

The Magazine for the Parish
of Weston Turville



Time & Percussion Fuses from The Great War

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Useful Information, School News, Church and Chapel News
for the residents of Weston Turville Parish



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EDITORIAL

Weston Turville Times 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 hostelrys in Weston Turville. We welcome contributions from advertisers (our existing advertisers will testify to the power of advertising) and articles of interest.

In response to the request for names to faces, the two gents in Church Lane have been identified as Will Griffin (with the bike) and Norman Mellor from School Lane, but sadly the little girl remains unidentified.

You are also keeping quiet about the location and availability of free food in the surrounding fields and hedgerows. It is not too late to submit your locations to the Editor!

Because of the damage caused by the storms and the floods this year and the ongoing clean-up and lack of volunteers, we will not be entering the Best Kept Village Competition. The village should be in a better state by next year but more volunteers are needed to enable us to enter next year with a reasonable chance of achievement. If you are able to spare some time please contact me and I'll forward your details to Cllr Dinah Sibley, who is coordinating the litter pick.

In 2014 as we remember the start of the Great War let us not forget those who gave their lives so we could live. For a deeper thought visit the war memorial in Worlds End Lane and remember the local fallen. If you wish to know more about these men listed visit the Great War Commemoration display at the Village Fete: More information inside this edition of our magazine.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Village fete on the 21st June.

Jill Todd. Editor in Chief

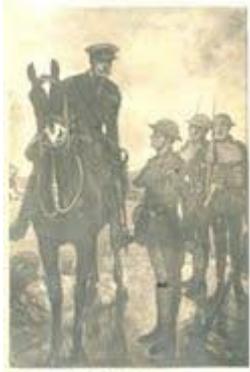
Great War Commemoration



Until the 1960s, The Royal British Legion Hall “Haig Hall” stood in Main Street, Weston Turville.

It is just visible in this postcard, the “A Frame” building behind the flag pole.

Prominently displayed in the hall was a painting of Field Marshal Earl Haig with three soldiers, entitled “An Incident in the Great War”, by Alexander Jamieson (local artist). This painting seems to have been forgotten about until recently when Bucks County Museum found a postcard of the painting and were eager to use it for an upcoming exhibition. They asked for help from the Historical Society and the painting was tracked down to what had been the British Legion Hall in Princes Risborough, where it had been stored in a cupboard probably for the last 20-30 years. The building now belongs to the Elim Church. Sadly the painting is very dirty and held together with Gaffer Tape. Find out more at the Great War Commemoration display on Saturday 21st June in the Village Hall.

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Many thanks to Mike Bean for his efforts to represent the current image in its best light.

Great War Commemoration Display **at the Village Fete (21st June)**

The 1918 Absent Voters List is now transcribed and available on the society website at www.wthsoc.org.uk/family-history together with the school admissions for the period, which clearly shows when children were evacuated to Weston Turville when bombs started falling elsewhere in the country.

After our appeal in the last issue for items relating to the Great War we have been offered a variety of artefacts including:

- British Flying Corps log book
- Prisoner of war correspondence
- 2 “death pennies” and Merchant Navy papers
- Transcribed Church Burial Records
- Cap Badge and War Medals and photos
- Postcards, Letters etc to/from the Front
- WW1 government issue cookbook
- WW1 shell cases
- Cigarette cards and silks
- Bucks relatives’ memorabilia – letters, diaries, a dog tag, interesting stories and other items.
- Items from a serviceman in the Royal Marines who died in WW1
- Princess Mary Tin
- First aid Blanket
- Trenching Tool
- Medals of soldier(s) on War Memorial

If you have anything suitable, please contact Glynn White
secretary@wtu3a.org.uk or Chris Gill secretary@WTHSoc.org.uk

Pavlova

- 6 Egg Whites
- 340 g (12 oz) caster sugar
- melted butter for greasing
- 1 tablespoon cornflour (plus a little for the tin)
- 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
- 20.3 cm (8in) loose bottom baking tin
- 300 ml (1/2 pint) double cream (I usually use a little more than this but that is up to you)
- fruits to fill – usually slightly tart fruits to counteract the sweet meringue



Heat the oven to 300 F (160 C, gas mark 2)

Whisk the egg whites to a stiff peak and fold in the caster sugar, a tablespoon at a time. Whisk continuously, counting to ten between each tablespoon, so that you don't lose too much air from the meringue. Sift the cornflour into the mixture and fold in with a metal spoon. Finally, add the white wine vinegar and fold again. Line the base of the baking tin with greaseproof paper, brush the paper and sides with melted butter and sprinkle with cornflour. Spoon the mixture into the prepared tin and arrange in the shape in which you want the meringue to set. Cook in the preheated oven for 2 hours, or until the outside is firm and the inside is soft. While it is still hot, transfer the pavlova to a serving dish. When it cools, the middle will subside. Set aside until ready to decorate.

A few hours before serving, whisk the cream until it holds its peak and spoon it into the centre of the meringue. Decorate with the fruit of your choice.

I do not think it takes as long as this to cook so it is advisable to keep an eye on it after about an hour and twenty mins.

Home-made Lemonade

6 Large Lemons
5 oz (150g) granulated sugar

Scrub the lemons in warm water, then thinly pare the outer zest of three of them using a potato peeler or zester making sure that no white pith is attached, otherwise the lemonade will taste bitter. Put the zest into a large bowl and add the squeezed juice from all six lemons with the sugar.



Pour in 2 ½ pints (1.4 litres) of boiling water and stir well, cover and leave overnight in a cool place. Next day stir again and check the sweetness, adding a little more sugar if needed. Strain through a coarse sieve, chill and serve when it is cool with lots of ice!



Wendover Evening Women's Institute
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Wendover Evening WI



The meeting in June is Tuesday 10th 7.45pm at
St. Anne's Hall, Aylesbury Road, Wendover HP22 6JG

Mrs. Maureen Dennis will be talking about
"Health in our Senior Years"

Visitors are most welcome

Contact: Margaret Currell-01296 582318
www.wendoverwi.weebly.com

The Whitchurch Morris Men

I would like to introduce ourselves. We are the Whitchurch Morris Men and we are Weston Turville's nearest Morris side. To confuse matters, the side originates from Whitchurch but in actual fact, the side operates out of Wilstone for various historic reasons and has done for many years.

In 1948 some of the men who danced with the country dance group at Whitchurch and Princes Risborough became interested in Morris dancing. They had no instructor but they started to teach themselves using a book and records. The Whitchurch Six as they were known in the early days were the two Alderman, and four Hogston brothers. The first class recorded was held at the Queen's Park School, Aylesbury, on 5th November 1948 and they were then joined by (the late) Jack Newton with his wife at the piano and Dr. Lionel Bacon as instructor (who had just moved into the area). Jack later became the fiddler of the team. The first Whitchurch Day of Dance was Saturday 8th July 1950 when the Side was joined by clubs from Bedford, Headington, Oxford and St Albans. They danced all day round the villages north of Aylesbury, ending up with a massed show in the upper half of the Market Square in Aylesbury and an estimated 400 people watched this show. In our log it says "the cobbles were not ideal", over the years the Whitchurch men have got used to them and still continue to make this the main show of the day. Transport on that day was one coach and two cars, one of which was loaned by the Vicar of Whitchurch. We have only missed one day of dance when this clashed with a London Ring meeting which was lucky as it poured with rain all day. The side was admitted into the Morris Ring at the Thaxted Ring meeting on 27th to 29th May, 1949.

As members of the Morris Ring (<http://www.themorrisring.org/>), the Side is a male only side much like Chelsea and Arsenal but there are two other associations; The Open Federation (<http://www.open-morris.org/>) and the Morris Federation (www.morrisfed.org.uk), which allow mixed and single gender sides.

During the autumn and winter, the Whitchurch Morris Men meet every Tuesday at 8:15 p.m. at Wilstone Village Hall to practice and learn new dances. If you'd like to join in or would like some more information, you can contact us at info@whitchurchmorris.org.uk or visit our website www.whitchurchmorris.org.uk

There are other local sides that might interest you more which are:
www.towerseymorrismen.org.uk <http://www.aldburymorris.co.uk/>
<http://www.owlswickmorrismen.org.uk/> <http://www.wicketbrood.org.uk/>

With over 580 sides out there, there is something for everyone. As I type, the practice season is coming to an end and we'll have danced on May Day, May Day bank holiday, the late Spring bank holiday in the Yorkshire Dales and at the Thaxted Ring Meeting in Essex. We are continuing to dance out on Tuesday evenings and our programme is on the website. If you want to join in please note that we're working towards our Autumn Feast in November.

Wassail,

John King
WMM.



Power to the People

We all know energy prices have rocketed in the last few years but how many of us have bothered to switch to a cheaper tariff? Apparently 7 in 10 of us never switch but wouldn't we all like a cheaper deal? Could we, as a village, do something to bring this about?

Collective buying schemes such as Which's Big Switch and The Big Deal are attempting to force down energy prices by organising the switch-over of a large number of households to a new supplier en masse.

What if the 1200 households in Weston Turville were to switch energy supplier at the same time – could substantial savings be made? Of course the first step would be to see what you think. If there is enough positive feedback the next step might be to set up a website to register interest. We would then know our bargaining power. The suppliers would be contacted and asked to bid for our custom. The household would then be given the option to switch or not. The more people on board, the lower the bills.

Two drawbacks would be those with no access to the internet but hopefully we could find a way to overcome this and those on fixed term contracts who would have to pay a penalty to leave early and therefore switching might not be cost effective.

Even if we can get the scheme off the ground and you decide not to switch supplier, you would be able to use the cheaper tariff offered as a bargaining tool with your existing supplier. Surely this would be a win, win situation.



Help with oil costs

Many people in the Vale use oil to heat their homes. You may well be interested in the county wide scheme to provide lower cost oil. Community Impact Bucks (www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk/index.php) is a charity which supports other charities, community groups and social enterprises in Buckinghamshire. They have organised an oil bulk buying scheme. You can access details here: <http://www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk/pages/work-with-commu-bulk-oil-buying-scheme-159.html>

Green Deal:



The **Green Deal** scheme allows people to have energy efficiency work done without paying upfront and then paying off the cost in instalments through the utility bill. The savings in energy bills will offset the payments for the works. If the property is sold, because the payment is taken from the utility bill it is transferred with the house to the new owner. At a cabinet meeting on 13 November 2012, district councillors gave the go ahead for AVDC to become a partner, along with other councils, in a Community Interest Company (CIC), that will provide the Green Deal locally. For more information on Green Deal, visit the Department of Energy and Climate Change website: www.decc.gov.uk

The Green Deal may or may not be right for you. The DECC website can help you decide. You may also find this 'myth buster' website from MoneySavingExpert.com of interest too.

(Shortcut: <http://tinyurl.com/msegreendead>) You need to be sure that any Green Deal loan will save you more than it costs.

If you are interested in participating in a 'Big Switch' or would just like to know more please contact the Editor Jill Todd.



Weston Turville Historical Society



Weston Turville Postcards

Since the last edition of Weston Turville Times, when we boasted of 170 postcards of Weston Turville, a further 20 have been discovered and included in the online gallery www.wthsoc.org.uk/gallery/postcards.

13 of the new discoveries are postcards of “The Chilterns School”, which even included a Museum. This example is from Keith Robinson’s collection.



Obviously, we’d be very interested in finding more examples of Weston Turville Postcards. Currently our activities are focused upon the social history recorded on the backs of these cards.

Another surprise find is a poster of the “Golden Perch Inn”, discovered by Mike Bass of the Tring Museum and smartened up by Mike Bean

www.wthsoc.org.uk/gallery/posters .



Meeting Logistics

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

27th June AGM & Chris Gill "The Weston Turville Dig"

30th July Outing to Haddenham

Contact

For further information on the Society, or the dig, visit www.WTHSoc.org.uk, or email: secretary@WTHSoc.org.uk. New members welcome.



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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For more details contact

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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.

VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 21st June



12-5pm: Memorial Playing Fields

Free Fun Dog Show

TEAS

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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

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|-------------------------|--------|---|
| 31 | May | Plant sale plus teas, WT Union Chapel 11-3pm |
| 2nd | June | Weston Turville C of E School opens |
| 3rd | June | Mobile Library Village Hall Car Park 12.40 - 1.00 pm |
| 7 th | June | St Mary's Church Fun Day 11-4pm |
| 8th | June | Rotary Rounders Tournament. Rugby Club. 1.30 - 6pm |
| 16th | June | Monday Club Outing or Walk |
| 19th | June | Souper Loo Lunches St Mary's Church 12 - 2pm |
| 21st | June | Weston Turville Village Fete. Village Hall and Memorial Fields |
| 26th | June | Weston Turville Parish Council meeting. Village Hall 7pm |
| 27th | June | WT Historical Soc. AGM and Weston Turville Dig Update |
| 28th | June | Weston Turville Union Chapel open day and Bar-b-q |
| 29th | June | Cream Teas St Mary's Church 3-5pm |
| 1st | July | Mobile Library Village Hall Car Park 12.40 - 1.00 pm |
| 5 th and 6th | July | Relay for Life. Rugby Club |
| 12th | July | St Mary's Church Summer Fayre |
| 17th | July | Souper Loo Lunches St Mary's Church 12 - 2pm |
| 20th | July | LUMINA - Early music, Instruments and costume.
St Mary's Church 7.30pm |
| 23rd | July | Weston Turville C of E School Closes for summer |
| 24th | July | Weston Turville Parish Council meeting. Village Hall 7pm |
| 27th | July | Cream Teas St Mary's Church 3-5pm |
| 28 th -1st | July | JIGSAW Village Hall 10am |
| 29th | July | Mobile Library Village Hall Car Park 12.40 - 13.00 |
| 30th | July | WT Historical Soc. Outing to Haddenham |
| 9th | August | WT Horticultural Society Annual Show |
| 10th | August | Run Britain. WT. Rugby Club. 9.30am start |
| 10th | August | WT. Horticultural Soc. Annual Show. Village Hall 2-4pm |
| 21st | August | Souper Loo Lunches St Mary's Church 12 - 2pm |
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Weston Turville Horticultural Society

Saturday 9 August 2 – 4pm
Weston Turville Village Hall

ANNUAL SHOW



The Annual Show is a 50 year old village tradition.

Let's keep it alive!!

Please take part whether you grow in your garden or an allotment.

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."

So – how about having a go??

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

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.

The Schedule can also be accessed via this link

<http://tinyurl.com/mlz5lod>

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 Show Secretary Jo Spencer on 612817 or email andy.joanna@dsl.pipex.com

Internal Flight



Last summer I planned to visit the Highlands, somewhere I had never been before. With an airport almost on the doorstep and planes which flew there, the opportunity was too good to miss. It was some years since I had travelled by air. I suffer neither fear of speed nor anxiety about being compressed in a sardine can 35,000 feet up with no visible means of support. I even enjoy taking off and landing. Does anybody remember the old Tristar planes that took off so steeply that gravitational force pinned one to the seat, grinning from ear to ear? That, I found exhilarating. Nevertheless, the interminable boredom and confinement of flying are not appealing. There is little peace to quietly tuck yourself away with a good book. The amount of activity in the passenger lounge is breath-taking. Passengers seem to delight in investigating closely the contents of over-head lockers into which they have put enormous bits of hand luggage. The plane's narrow corridor is a mere conduit between front and back. Where are these people going? There is nowhere to go! We are suspended in lower space at the mercy of a maniac pilot! And you can be sure that your "plane-buddy" sitting at the window is so nervous that he wants to lock himself permanently in the toilet.

A whole set of conventions and rituals have grown up around preparing to fly. By contrast there is much to be said for "beaming up!" The supposed British love of queuing is indulged to the full beginning with proving your right to exist and then fly. I have never headed the queue, invariably finding myself behind angry squalling babies outraged by their lack of world control. Having deposited luggage and been given a boarding card, you now head for security control for intensive scrutiny.

Weston Turville Union Chapel

2014 is a special year for us being the 175th Anniversary of our little Chapel.

It hardly seems possible that it was 25 years ago that we celebrated our 150th anniversary, an event which still lives happily in the memories of many of our members.

At that time we had the pleasure of inviting the residents of Weston Turville to share that special day with us and we would like to repeat the invitation to all of you, to join us during our weekend celebrations.

Our celebrations commence on Saturday 28th June when we will have a B-B-Q in the Chapel Garden. This feast will be accompanied by various demonstrations and items of interest in the Chapel and Chapel Hall.

We will be getting a visit from the Chiltern Handbell Ringers who have regaled and delighted us with their ringing on several previous occasions and are always a welcome entertainment.

Full details of the events will be advertised nearer the time.

On Sunday 29th June our morning anniversary service will be conducted by Rev. Colin Pye, a member of the Central Baptist Association. Everyone is welcome to attend this service.

Please join us for what promises to be a happy weekend when we will have the opportunity to celebrate and share our work at the Chapel, with the wider community.

Heather Myall

The logo features the number '175' in a large, bold, yellow font. The number '1' is positioned to the left of the '75'. The word 'Celebrating' is written in a black, cursive script across the middle of the '75'. Below the '175' and 'Celebrating' is the word 'YEARS' in a black, sans-serif, all-caps font.



PACE celebrates opening of new Centre on Wendover Road

Having laid the inaugural brick almost one year ago 7-year old Sonny Pikett from Aston Clinton led the celebrations at the opening of PACE's new Early Year's Centre on Thursday 20th March. The new facility at 156 Wendover Road, will transform the lives of many children with disabilities, and is the first phase of a continuing development.

Sonny was joined by Amanda Richardson PACE CEO First Steps Appeal committee chair and PACE Patron Milly Soames DL, and Sonny's parents Adrian and Louise. The ongoing "First Steps Appeal" has successfully raised the £1.2 million set for phase one and fundraising continues, with £2.4 million raised to date. The completion of the whole project at the Early Years Centre is expected by 2015 with an eventual target of £4.5 million.

In recognition and appreciation of the leading grant made by the Garfield Weston Foundation towards the building, it has been named the Weston Centre. The site is also being named the Bradbury Campus in acknowledgement of a further significant grant made by the Bradbury Foundation. The generous support of many other individual donors, companies and foundations is recognised within the building and commemorated on a specially commissioned donor board made by local craftsman Ben Clayton. The new centre provides PACE with an opportunity to consolidate its existing Early Years services onto a single site and provide expansion space in response to the continuing growth in demand for its services. It will also provide training facilities to allow PACE staff to develop and extend their skills and disseminate the now widely-respected PACE approach to similar organisations around the country.

Chief Executive Amanda Richardson said "Early intervention is critical in achieving the best possible outcomes for young children with disabilities. Our 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".

Church of St Mary the Virgin, Weston Turville

SWIFT - FUN DAY, Saturday 7th June,
11am to 4pm



St Mary's Weston Turville Improving Facilities Team was formed in 2011 to look into ways of providing accessibility to and within the Church for those with any sort of disability.

At their 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 direct access from the Church 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.

Awareness and enthusiasm for our plans has been spread by the successful beard-growing competition which has now raised over £4,000. I still have mine and find it is a good talking point.

Our **FUN DAY** on June 7th is for all the family and is aimed to inform you, in detail, of the plans and the project timetable.

For your **information** our architect will be there with his detailed plans and will be happy to talk to you and answer your questions. We will mark out and display information about all the areas to be developed. There will be a continuous audio-visual presentation of the project. There will also be displays of the activities of various Church groups and organisations.

For **entertainment**, we have the Weston Turville School Friday Choir, the Church Choir and the Tom Ridout Jazz Trio. I am still trying to book morris dancers but have not yet had confirmation. The bell tower will be open for viewing FREE.

For **children**, there will be FREE face-painting and a FREE bouncy castle, plus other activities.

For your **refreshment**, we will be serving teas and coffees all day, with cream teas in the afternoon. There will also be a barbecue selling burgers and hot dogs and an ice-cream van, so we hope you will stay all day.

In the event of rain all activities will be under cover.

Car parking will be available in the field behind the Rectory.

We are grateful to Perrys Peugeot, Aylesbury for financial support towards this event and they will be present, with a display of new and motability vehicles.

Members of the SWIFT team will be on hand, wearing their distinctive blue t-shirts to guide you around and answer any queries.

This will be the starting point for an exciting and formative year for this project and for the future mission of our Church to serve the village community. This is for everybody!

Please come and support us, find out more about us and what we are doing and enjoy a day out for the whole family.

If you have any enquiries or offers of help please contact Roger Fellows on 01296 424982.

Please note, we now have a website which is currently in the early stages but will be developed over the coming weeks. Keep up with our progress on "swift-wt.co.uk".

Find us also on "make-a-donation.org".

Roger Fellows

Church of St Mary the Virgin, Weston Turville

Forthcoming events:

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**.

Saturday 12th July, at the Church will be a **Summer Fayre** for Church general funds, replacing our traditional May Fayre. Time to be confirmed so please look out for the posters.

Sunday 20th July, 7.30pm in Church a **Concert** by LUMINA. This group perform early music on ancient instruments wearing period costume. They perform for National Trust and for AVDC functions and are a great entertainment. Tickets at £10 (u18 free) include wine and refreshments.

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Update from Weston Turville Parish Council Youth Representative Helen Backus

In the village we are lucky enough to have a play park for the use of our younger residents, tennis courts for the use of all residents and a good sized recreational green playing area that is well used. In Weston Turville and the near surrounding areas, we have had a growing number of young people and teenagers who have requested a skate-park. The skate-parks in Aston Clinton, Wendover and Stoke Mandeville are all well used by their local communities but are too far away for our young people to easily access. As we serve all members of the village, we are more than happy to take these requests forward. However, there is quite a bit of work to do beforehand:-

1. We will consult with the village on your views
2. Dependent on the outcome of the above consultation, apply for and hopefully gain funding to build the skate-park
3. Agreement via the consultation majority vote, the location and design of the facility.

A short consultation will be delivered to you within the next few months. You can feedback either by post, email or in person at the parish council meeting in which the project will be discussed.

Parish Council Meetings are held every month except August and December. The public are invited to attend. We are in the process of updating our website to ensure that you get access to information pertaining to this Parish.

You may have noticed the grass verges are longer than we would normally expect at this time of year. This is because Bucks County Council Highways has reduced the amount of cuts undertaken through the year as part of the cost cutting measures.

A dog mess bin will soon be installed in Hampden Fields. Tree works continue to ensure the safety of persons and property. High Speed broad band should be available by mid June!

If you wish to report something to the Parish Council you can email mail@westonturvilleparishcouncil.org.uk or contact the Parish Clerk on 01923 260011

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Wendover Swimming Association

We're another step along the way!

Wendover Swimming CIO (the organisation picking up from where the WSA leaves off) has entered into a management with the John Colet School to manage the pool. The management agreement is a temporary arrangement until we are able to take on a proper lease.

We're now responsible for the day-to-day running of the pool, and we'll start to take all of the income - including membership and entry fees - but also all the fees from the various swim schools that we've introduced. At the same time though, we'll also be taking on all of the costs - including chemicals, gas, electricity and water.

We've not increased our prices for several years, and we've extended membership for free for almost a year as we've been working to take over the pool. We've worked very hard to keep price rises to a minimum - and to make it fair and reasonable to all - but they will need to increase a little.

We're increasing the cost of membership - but we're keeping the cost of swimming for members exactly the same. Additionally, we're changing the rules slightly so that you don't need to be a member to swim (but it will cost you a little more). Check out all our prices on our website.

As an added bonus, we're extending existing memberships for free again! - all the way to the 31st of May! If you're already a member you do not need to renew until then. If you're not a member, you can join now.

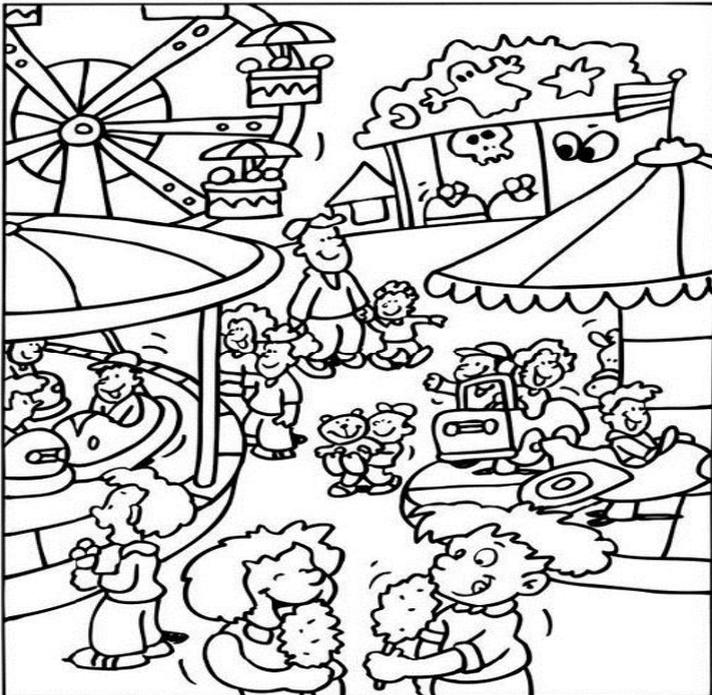
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See you at the pool!

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