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## EDITORIAL

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Hello and welcome to the latest edition of WTT, the beginning of our fifth year. Where does the time go? But there is still plenty to look forward to, including Christmas and the New Year.

The Santa Sleigh, previously used by Rotary and pictured on the front page, will be in use this year by the Topsy Turvy Pre-School, making house to house collections around the village for the purchase of new equipment. The dates, times and locations will be available on their website - see the advertisement in this magazine.

Topsy Turvy Pre-School (a registered charity) is based in the village hall and open every day during term-time.

Please note that the parish council website (westonturvilleparishcouncil.org.uk) is also a gateway to the School, Church, Chapel, U3A, Planning, Weston Turville Times and other parish based organisations, with calendars of events and information.

We hope that the 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 hostelries in Weston Turville.

We welcome our new advertisers to/in this issue (our existing advertisers will testify to the power of its advertising). Please be sure to mention WTT if you use their services.

If you would like to be involved in the production or distribution or Weston Turville Times please do get in touch.

> Jill Todd, Editor www.wt-times.co.uk

Please note that the views expressed in articles are not necessarily the views of the editorial team.

## Night Garden

Autumn, has come. I smell earth's dampness. Hear worms turn underground As they burrow down. With hands upturned, I cup a quarter moon, Afloat, in ebony pool.

*My shadow's gone. Curled up; folded neatly. Tucked underneath my feet. While ankles, damp from grass, Connect me with reality. This unfamiliar world, Once known so well.* 

Inky black, drips, Slowly down each leaf, Releasing perfumes, Mixed with whiff of fox. Hedging rustles, giving way, To whiskey eyes, unblinking, As that Autumnal moon.

SUSAN CONOLLY 16/02/2010

## Weston Turville Historical Society



## **Meeting Logistics**

When: Last Friday in month, Sept – June; excluding December. Time: 20:00 - 22:00; Doors open at 19:30 for welcoming refreshments Venue: Weston Turville Village Hall; Cost: £2 for members, £3 for visitors

## **Upcoming events**

25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Dr. Catherine Grigg "A Tudor Christmas"
December	No Meeting
27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Will Phillips "Liberty: the Bucks man, the
	London shop, the global style"
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Keith Parry "Thames Valley Millionaires"

#### Contact

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

## Update 1 Weston Turville's Role in the Cold War

Since the last edition of Weston Turville Times, when we asked for information regarding the Nuclear Monitoring Post beside the Golf Club Carpark, we have heard from Colin Welch who was the Royal Observer Corps. chief observer for a period from 1959 to 1974.

The post was opened as a Visual Reporting Post in 1935, designated 4/R2 and called Stone Post (not really sure why). In 1940 it became 4/Z. In 1953 it became 5/G3 and renamed Weston Turville in June 1953. The underground Post was opened in September 1959 – it was closed in the re-organisation in 1968.

Colin informed us that the only connected utility was a telephone, and even that was unreliable. He also told us that in the time he was assigned to the post, there were no observers from Weston Turville.

For more details visit our website at www.wthsoc.org.uk/world-wars/cold-war



From Ordnance Survey Maps

#### **Update 2 Alexander Jamieson**



In 2014, we mentioned the painting of Field Marshal Earl Haig with three soldiers, entitled "An Incident in the Great War", by Alexander Jamieson. It was originally prominently displayed in "Haig Hall" on Main Street. Over the years it had become damaged and stored, possibly for 20-30 years, in the British Legion Hall in Princes Risborough which now belongs to the Elim Church.

The British Legion have now informed us that the painting is with the Trenchard Museum in Halton.

(maybe another update to come?)

#### More Alexander Jamieson news.



We came across an article and photograph (taken by Rohan Thomas") of "Winter Western Turville" by Alexander Jamieson in the Canberra Times! The photograph shows Senator, Zed Seselja, who has the picture on his wall at his office in the Parliament building in Canberra. Zed

admits to knowing nothing about art but likes the frame!

(see http://tinyurl.com/Colin-Welch)

#### From eBay



Henry Samuel Merritt, postcard sized watercolour, of Weston Turville in 1940s

Henry Samuel Merritt was a painter in oil and watercolours and was one of a number of artists commissioned to record the changing face of Britain by Sir Kenneth Clark.

When war broke out in 1939 there was great concern over the losses that might occur in Britain due to bombing, possible invasion and war-time operations. Britain was seeing the loss of rural industries, the growth of cities, roadways overtaking small towns and mass production practices displacing small businesses and farms.

Taking inspiration from America's Federal Arts Project Sir Kenneth Clark the director of the National Gallery initiated a programme titled, Recording the Changing Face of Britain. He also established "The War Artists' Scheme". Lists were made of sites that were to be documented with pen and ink and watercolour. The goal was to record those sites considered typically English."

This picture was originally listed at £150, but now £35. Tempted?

#### Also on eBay



Cover of Country Life Magazine September 22, 1955. Buy Now for £10.

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## News from Weston Turville Parish Council



There is still a vacancy for a Councillor to join the Parish Council: if you have an interest in joining us then please contact the Clerk for further information or join us at a PC meeting!

I am pleased to report that the dog bins have been ordered and we are awaiting their installation dates.

The requested fence extension in the village hall car park to protect children running from the school to the very popular play park has been agreed and quotes are being obtained. The

requested long slide for the play park has also been agreed and designs and prices are being sought. The tennis courts are due to be repaired in November and will be repainted in spring next year.



Two trees which had died have been replaced and more spring bulbs have been planted in four locations around the village. If you have an area near you that may benefit from additional planting please contact the parish clerk. Ongoing tree and hedgerow maintenance will be undertaken by Transport For Bucks during the winter months.

The replacement bench for the School Lane junction with Church Lane has been purchased and we are awaiting installation.

Further speed checks were carried out using the mobile vehicle activated sign and sadly it appears that all the village entrance roads Worlds End Lane, New Road, Marroway and Brook End are still having regular issues with speeding motorists.



We are currently working with Thames Valley Police and Transport for Bucks to reduce this problem. It is worth remembering that historical evidence shows that most of the people caught speeding live either in the area or close by. It is over familiarisation with an area that reduces concentration when driving resulting in less awareness of speed. Please consider this when out and about and lead by example!

## Weston Turville Neighbourhood Plan.



Not voting makes your opinion worthless 2013 Ce was returnincluded some younger persons under the age of 18.

Our Neighbourhood Plan is ongoing and some of you sent back the questionnaires that were delivered to each house and some businesses during October. Within the Parish there are approximately 1181 dwellings and 3127 people of which about 800 are children (figures from 2013 Census). The questionnaire

was returned by 240 people and this

From the information collected from the Public Consultations and questionnaires we have amended the draft objectives to reflect your views and these will be available to view along with the previous consultation and questionnaire responses, at a public consultation day to be held at the village hall on Sunday 27th November 11am to 3pm. This information will also be available via the Parish Council Website after 27th.

It is important that as many of you as possible voice your opinions about the future of our Parish and the priorities which are important to you. Without a neighbourhood plan we are likely to be subjected to the current level of housing development applications that we are currently experiencing for the next 20 years and the Parish Council will be disadvantaged in future negotiations with regards to traffic calming schemes, road layouts, new housing applications, applications for funding for improved or new leisure facilities etc.



## 🌲 Christmas Log (no cooking!) 🌲

**Ingredients** (imperial measures) Tin Condensed Milk 1 4ozs Glacé Cherries (chopped) 4ozs Sultanas 4ozs Ground Almonds 4/6ozs Chopped Nuts 2 pkts Marie Biscuits (approx. 7ozs each) 3 tbls. Brandy Large bar good quality milk chocolate to cover A little Icing Sugar to dust completed cake. Greaseproof paper

## Method

Crush biscuits in a plastic bag with rolling-pin or such like, (no big pieces left). Place crushed biscuits in a large bowl

Add: condensed milk, cherries, sultanas, almonds, nuts and brandy.

Mix everything together, using hands is best (although rather messy ... but lovely to lick fingers afterwards!

Place mixture when well mixed, onto greaseproof paper. (I divided mixture into two for smaller logs)

Shape it to form a log (then bring an end of greaseproof paper over to cover mixture and roll it to get a good shape).

Cut ends to straighten (may have to eat wasted ends!)

Wrap well in greaseproof paper and keep in cold place to dry out for a couple of days.

## Two Days Later ...

Melt chocolate

Place log on upturned plate and pour over melted chocolate.

With a fork make rough lines to give a log effect.

When chocolate hard, dust lightly with icing sugar.

Can be wrapped in greaseproof or cling film and kept in cool area until needed.



## Weston Turville Youth Cafe

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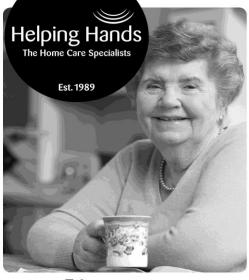
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## December 2016

- 01-12-16 Parish Council Planning Committee meeting. Village Hall. 6pm
- 03-12-16 Grand Christmas and Craft Fayre. Village Hall. 11am to 4pm
- 04-12-16 Let's Celebrate. St. Mary's Church. 10am
- 07-12-16 Explorers. St. Mary's Church. 3.30pm
- 04-12-16 Sunday 4th Dec. at 10.30am Morning worship WT Chapel
- 07-12-16 Wendover Christmas Lights switch on. 4pm to 7pm
- 08-12-16 Holy Painting 10.30am Contact Revd Susan Fellows
- 11-12-16 Christmas Service Charles Pope Choir WT Chapel. 10.30am
- 13-12-16 Mobile Library. School Approach 12.40pm to 1pm
- 15-12-16 Parish Council Meeting. Village Hall 7pm
- 18-12-16 A Service of favourite carols WT Chapel. 10.30
- 18-12-16 Christingle Service. St Mary's Church 11.30am
- 20-12-16 Weston Turville C of E School Term Ends
- 24-12-16 Carols by Candlelight at 6pm WT Chapel
- 25-12-16 Sunday 25th Dec. Short Christmas Day Service at 10,30am

## January 2017

- 01-01-17 Let's Celebrate. St. Mary's Church. 10am
- 04-01-17 Weston Turville C of E School Teacher Training Day
- 05-01-17 Weston Turville C of E School Term begins
- 27-01-17 W.T. Historical Society. Village Hall 7.30pm

## February 2017

- 05-02-17 Let's Celebrate. St. Mary's Church. 10am
- 10-02-17 Weston Turville C of E School Term Ends
- 20-02-17 Weston Turville C of E School Term begins
- 24-02-17 W.T. Historical Society. Village Hall 7.30pm





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Christmas and birthdays are a real problem for those who have been close for a considerable period of time. We have been together a mere ten years having met rather late in life - and are at a stage when tastes and inclinations are well-formed. As Mrs C. says to me, "what do I buy the man who has got everything? " To which I reply, " What do I buy the woman who has everything?" I do not mean that we have everything or want everything. Indeed our tastes are rather ordinary and straight-forward, complementary if not similar. I like books and CDs; my wife has a preference for jewellery and perfume. To buy them requires profound knowledge of what we already have as well as our taste in these matters. It takes experience to buy with sensitivity for the beloved. So Mrs C. buys the jewellery and perfume; I buy the books and CDs. We keep a list of possible presents to be kept in mind, to be looked out for, not merely for her and me but for our children and friends. The idea is that this may prevent that dreadful last-minute rush before the 25th December. The strategy has been successful with items acquired over the course of the year.

You are out and about when suddenly you see it. You know that your partner has been looking for that particular antique pottery sugar bowl for years. Her birthday is just a few weeks away. You have already spent much time scratching your head wondering which present would give her much joy. Of course, you buy it and the price is very fair and reasonable. You take it home and hide it to prevent discovery.

So we each buy our own Christmas presents. Some weeks beforehand, I wrap my presents to me from her while Mrs C. wraps her presents from me. I confess that we enjoy the full the ritual of Christmas morning. Getting up lazily on Christmas morning, having a gentle breakfast in our dressing gowns, we will eventually reach the tree in the sitting room. There displayed underneath are the presents in their bright wrappings. We each derive so much joy and pleasure from carefully unwrapping a beautifully dressed gift with its card of attribution and festive ribbon. So much so that

we dance around the room. The fact that we know what the other wants, what we have bought and what to expect does nothing to curtail our cries of excitement and satisfied expectation. Could it be our satisfaction and noisy, homely delight trumps previous knowledge?

A few months after Christmas, Mrs C. approached me with a parcel, "do you remember that shocking pink cycle helmet that you bought me for Christmas?" Mortified, my hand went to my mouth. I had bought it, hidden it in a secret place to elude detection (and how successful that was). I had forgotten about it and what's worse where it was hidden. On seeing my look of total despondency. Mrs. C. "Don't worry. I had completely forgotten about it too," and burst out laughing.

Talk about an absent present!

Michael Conolly



## Church of St Mary the Virgin, Weston Turville

#### Concerts, FUNdraising FUNctions and events, 2016/17

The immensely popular Dung Beatles, who delighted a large audience in April this year, have expressed the wish to return in 2017, as



have the Aylesbury Consort of Voices and the Flanders and Swann revival duo. If you enjoyed these concerts this year or if you missed any of them, look out for advertisements of the dates next year when there will be another opportunity to see them.

On December 3rd, we have our annual Christmas and Craft Fayre at the Village Hall, 11am to 4pm. There will be the usual wide range of stalls, including games, raffle and tombola, cakes, books and refreshments throughout the day, as well as local craft stalls selling a range of seasonal goods. If you would like to have your own stall please contact Roger Fellows, 01296 424982.

Finally, on Sunday 18th December we have the annual Carol Service, featuring the Church Choir and the Weston Turville School Friday Choir. This is always a great favourite and the church will be packed. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards.

This will be the beginning of Christmas at St Mary's, followed as always by the Midnight Mass at 11.45pm on Christmas Eve, 24th December and Family Eucharist on Christmas Day at 10am.

We wish you a Holy and joyful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

#### **Dates for your diary:**

Saturday 3rd December 11am to 4pm, in the village hall, Christmas and Craft Fayre

Sunday December 18th, 6pm, in the Church. Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

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## St Mary's Weston Turville Improving Facilities Team, SWIFT

**SWIFT** was formed in 2011 to look into ways of improving accessibility to and within the Church for those with any sort of disability.

## **BIG NEWS!** WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED PLANNING CONSENT FOR OUR EXTENSION!

This will house a meeting room available for use by small groups (up to about 30 seated) from the village community, complete with wheelchair-accessible toilet and baby-changing facilities. The church will thus be better able to cater for children, the elderly and less able members of the community.

We await the granting of a faculty, by the Chancellor of the Diocese of Oxford and hope to have received this by the time you read this article.

We will shortly be announcing a serious fundraising campaign and we would welcome any ideas or offers of help in this major task which will benefit all age groups within the village community.

This is advance notice of the annual Bring and Buy Sale of unwanted Christmas presents on Saturday 14th January from 2pm to 4pm. Every year this is a popular event enjoyed by many, with light refreshments during the afternoon and a chance to meet, chat and laugh about your Christmas experience. Please come and bring friends and family.

For information about SWIFT or how you can help by donating or raising funds for the project please contact us as below:

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We have a varied programme of activities and guest speakers throughout the year.

Members organise "Interest groups" and at present these include play reading, music, craft and films. We also arrange regular theatre trips and coach outings which are always popular.

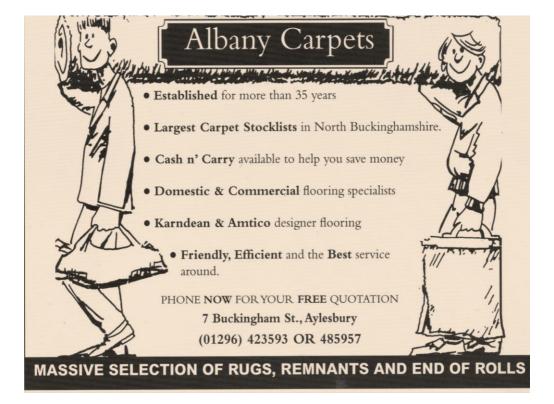
#### Dates for your WI diary:

December 13 <sup>th</sup>	"Make a Christmas Box"	Linda Gransby		
January 10 <sup>th</sup>	"Memories of Blackpool"	Brenda Usherwood		
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	"Saris with Practice"	Ranjula Takodra		
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Visitors are always most welcome to come to our meetings.

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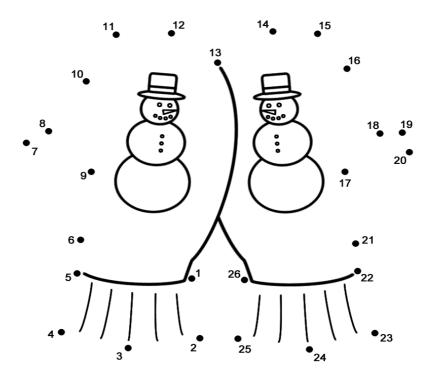
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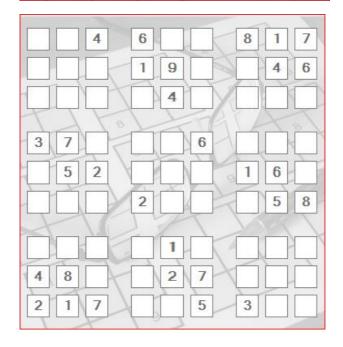


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