

THE WESTON TURVILLE TIMES

September 2015

The Magazine for the Parish
of Weston Turville



Some images taken of this year's village summer fete. Despite the rain, there was a good turnout and monies made have been donated to village charities. More pictures inside!

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EDITORIAL

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Welcome to latest edition of WTT, the end of our third year and the third issue this year, we hope you enjoy reading it; there is plenty to look forward to.

The start of a new school term for those beginning or changing schools is especially exciting and even if you return to the same school you will be in a new class. Future events include Halloween, Bonfire night and stir up Sunday - see inside for the recipe for a delicious, most voted for, Christmas pudding.

We hope for an Indian summer, seeing how a lot of the summer has been poor, and often worse if you have been visiting other parts of the UK. Despite the wet weather at the summer fete attendance and takings were up on last year. Thanks to all those involved.

Looking back we were thankful that the Hampden hall development was halted but plans are afoot to reinvigorate the planning and a new application is expected.

Please take the time to complete the questionnaire inside, we need to meet or even exceed the needs of our readers.

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

Weston Turville Times is the community magazine for the parish of Weston Turville. We appreciate your comments and are pleased that the magazine 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.

Jill Todd, Editor in Chief
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Synopsis of engagement with the enemy of 2nd Lieut C.E.Compton of the 2nd Battalion of the Bedfordshire Regiment Part 2:

The following has been submitted by Michael Foote, a long-time resident of Weston Turville. It has been written from information taken from Michael's Grand Father's War Diary:

Charles Compton, having reached B.H.Q.(Battalion Headquarters) was ordered to make his way to Ham (about 10km), as the enemy had advanced a great deal that day. On leaving H.Q, he had to cross 200 yards of open ground which was covered by enemy machine gun fire, before he could reach the railway. After experiencing a number of incidents on the way, he eventually reached his billet just beyond Ham at Verlaines. On March 23rd, he awoke to the news that Ham had been taken by the enemy. The 89th Brigade was able to move forward to a position just east of Verlaines. Grandfather was in an open position just behind a swamp, but about midday the enemy began shelling them with heavies, with little effect. Grandfather found a cottage which was intact, and made it his H.Q. He had no idea how secure they were on their right flank, as it was too foggy to investigate. They had a quiet night.

At dawn the following morning, my grandfather sent out a patrol to make contact with the division which was supposed to be on their right flank, only to discover the position was occupied by the enemy. He drew back his right flank in readiness to face the enemy, and at the same time ordered his left flank to make contact with the adjoining Company, so that the line formation would be better able to defend their position. At a convened commanders' conference at H.Q., he was given orders to take up a certain line which involved getting in touch with troops now on his right, but before he was able to do so, he noticed the enemy were advancing on his men in a V shape formation, and they were at the apex of the V. He hurried across to his Company and was fired on the whole time by enemy machine guns. His men were withdrawing along with other Companies. He gathered up his men in spite of the enemy closing in from both sides, so that he could carry out the orders he had been given. He managed to make contact with the Battalion on his right by crossing the swamps, but it was too late to take up the line, as the enemy were already there.

My grandfather then came across another regiment who were holding a line behind his own men, but its C.O. had no idea that the enemy had broken through, and that his right flank was exposed. He asked my grandfather's advice, which was to draw his right flank back a little to form a semi-circle around the village they were protecting. Instead, the C.O. began withdrawing all his men from the right flank, and the remainder of his battalion seeing this started withdrawing as well. My grandfather decided it was time to interfere and chased after the C.O. but he continued his retreat. So my grandfather took command of all the men he could gather. They withdrew in an orderly fashion – a straight line formation, until they came to a sunken road. This gave them cover to open up on the enemy, who were

forced to take cover in the village. However, the enemy were also working around on grandfather's left flank, and he had to withdraw his men to a Battery, but they were able to form a semi-circle around the guns, and with rapid fire not only prevented the Germans from coming out of the village, but saved the battery and the one behind it. Eventually, he brought the men up onto a new position as part of a line being drawn up by General Goodman. Here they saw the French divisions going forward to counter attack, who were able to hold the Germans off for some considerable time. My grandfather placed himself under the command of a colonel, who gave him orders to make contact with the division on their left, who were lining the west bank of the Nord Canal du Nord, under the command of General Stanley, formerly my grandfather's Brigadier. The message delivered to the General by my grandfather, prevented Boverchy Bridge over the canal from being blown up by the Royal Engineers. Grandfather then rejoined his own Battalion.

Soon after, the Germans were seen approaching the canal, and once within rifle range, "were greeted with an awful fire, guns, machine guns and rifles all opened together, and the enemy scattered in all directions, and made for the cover of a wood nearby". This riled the Germans so much; they opened all their heavies, but did not venture to attack. However, their planes caused a great deal of trouble until darkness fell. My grandfather writes, "This ends the most enjoyable day I had since the offensive started, as we had some real open fighting, and the day was sunny and hot". The following morning, the 25th March, the Germans were massing and forming up for a major attack. At first they attacked on my grandfather's left, apparently without much success. They then turned their attention on the French, who were on the extreme right flank. In the early part of the afternoon, Charles Compton writes in his diary, 'our artillery began to fall short, inflicting casualties on our own men, which meant that that men had to be cleared from that flank'. Then came a surprise order to withdraw from the canal: which caused much confusion with orders and counter orders adding to the chaos. They learned that the enemy had broken through on their right flank and had part taken Moyencourt. Grandfather had no alternative but to gather up his men and withdraw through the French line, which had taken up position behind them.



By early evening they had been informed that the enemy had broken through in the morning both to the south and north of them, and were in possession of Nesle. By this time, my grandfather had become very ill and was no longer able to walk or take part in the action. I can only presume he was now between Moyencourt and Solente. As the battalion was in retreat, he was told they could not look after him and was ordered to give up. Somehow he made his way to where our guns were, and an Artillery Officer put him on a gun carriage, and he was removed from the scene of battle. This was the end of the fight as far as he was concerned. He returned to England, and held an administrative post for the rest of the war.

Michael Foote



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Weston Turville Parish Council



In the last issue I reported on the retirement of our Parish Clerk, John Dean. It is with regret that I have to announce that John died on Friday 10th July. Apart from being the Clerk for Weston Turville, he was the Vice Chairman of Sarrett Parish Council where he lived, as well as the Parish Clerk for Colney Heath. The funeral was attended by several Parish Councillors, past and present and our condolences were sent to his widow Trudie.



Weston Turville Parish Council has applied to Aylesbury Vale District Council to designate the parish as a neighbourhood area for the purposes of developing a Neighbourhood Plan. If the plan is adopted it will enable the residents and businesses within the Parish to have a say on the future development of the parish. It is a large undertaking for us to embark on and most plans take 2-3 years to complete. There is some funding available to assist us but help is required from residents or businesses who can assist us with project planning, distribution and collection of questionnaires, secretarial work, committee members for the steering group, or tea makers!

Would you like to get involved?

If you would like to help shape the Neighbourhood Plan for Weston Turville please contact the Clerk on 01296 531432 or Chairman on 01296 428507 or email clerk@westonturvilleparishcouncil.org.uk for further information.

The plans for the new children's play area on the Memorial Playing Fields behind the village hall have been progressing well and it is anticipated that construction work will start in autumn. The plans include an area for an outside gym for adults to use as well as a youth shelter and equipment for smaller children to use.

Some of you are aware of the increase in vandalism that has occurred around the village: the Parish Council have cleaned off some of it and arrangements are being made to replace the panels that cannot be cleaned. The police have requested that all incidents of anti-social behaviour be reported to them at the first opportunity. Call 101 and it will be passed to our local police. Please don't leave it for someone else to report.

Mandi Simons. Vice Chairman Weston Turville Parish Council.

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

- 25th Sep Mike Farley "Life and Death in Iron Age Buckinghamshire".
- 30th Oct Janet Dineen "High Days and Holidays – The Autumn Months"
- 27th Nov Colin Oakes "Christmas Celebrations"

Contact

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

Society Website

A series of memories of life in earlier times in Weston Turville, Bucks. Interviews and recordings conducted by Elaine Gibson and Linda Downey 2004-2008 supplemented by an interview with Tom Cauldrey by Sophie Laphorne as part of a school project in about 1988. Originally, these recordings were available on cassette tapes, then CDs. Now you can also find them at www.wthsoc.org.uk/gallery/recordings or on youtube.

Other Heritage Sources

From Bucks Archaeological Society

The on-line index to Records of Buckinghamshire is now complete across 160 years of continuous publication – thanks to the hard work of Diana Gulland, the society's former Librarian and Archivist.

So hitting that '[Search](#)' button will now find what you're searching for in articles published right across the society's history. Until now volumes of Records between 1854 and 1916 have not been searchable on-line, so Diana's work has brought a huge number of articles within much easier reach of researchers everywhere.

Other Heritage Happenings

Heritage Open Days this year are September 10th – 13th.

www.heritageopendays.org.uk

An opportunity to see Aylesbury's Mayor's Parlour or Society of Friends Meeting House; The Foundling Hospital in Berkhamsted, Pann Mill, see the model dam used by Barnes Wallis at the Building Research Establishment in Watford.....and much, much more.



The old ones are the best!

Christmas pudding taken from Eliza Acton 1845

1.2 litre or 2 smaller bowls, greaseproof paper, foil and string required

75gms each of plain flour & fresh white breadcrumbs

175gms suet (or vegetable substitute if necessary)

175gms each of raisins & sultanas

110gms large apple, peeled, cored & chopped small

150gms soft dark brown sugar

50gms candied peel

Teaspoon of mixed spice

Pinch of salt

Small glass brandy or liqueur

3 eggs lightly beaten



Mix everything together in the order given, adding each ingredient in turn.

Stir thoroughly, make a wish, and then pack firmly into the bowl/s but leave about half centimetre space at the top.

Cover with greaseproof paper then foil and tie with the string.

Put into a saucepan of boiling water that comes 2/3 of the way up the bowl.

Place lid on saucepan and simmer for 3 hours for the single, large, pudding and half that time for the small ones. Check the water level from time to time so the saucepan does not boil dry and that there is sufficient water to cook the pudding. The pudding will darken on cooking.

Store in a cool dark cupboard and feed pudding with brandy as necessary.

Cook, by boiling, for an hour when needed after replacing the foil.

Traditionally this pudding should be made on Stir-Up Sunday, the last Sunday in November so you've plenty of time to assemble the ingredients, or make earlier and allow it to mature for longer. If you can wait that long!

(Do you have a recipe that you think is worth sharing? Please email to the Editor at editor@WT-Times.co.uk or send to The Weston Turville Times, c/o 12 Worlds End Lane, Weston Turville. HP22 5SB)



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The cost of the day is only £62.50 per golfer, £250 per team, to include welcome coffee and bacon buttie, green fees, buffet dinner, and entertainment.

There are a number of prizes on both a team and individual basis, and auction following dinner. The day closes at around 6pm.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

The Weston Turville Times is now in its third year, and we would very much like to hear what our readers think of it, and if appropriate, how you believe it can be improved.

We have set out a short questionnaire, and ask if you would please spend a few moments on completing it (anonymously if you wish), and returning it to us via one of the following addresses:

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If you have any other comments to make please feel free to do so. You can email your responses to editor@WT-Times.co.uk or visit us at the website www.wt-times.co.uk and use the contact us button.



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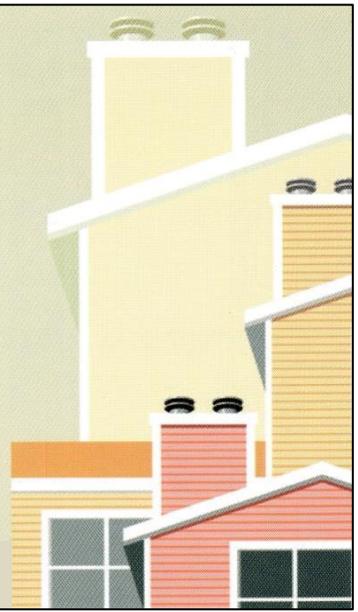
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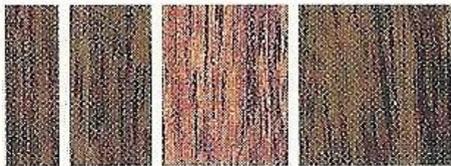
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There is a meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month held at Aylesbury Rugby Club, Weston Turville at 2.30pm open to all members. Here you can meet like-minded people, get the latest news on trips, garden and theatre visits and holidays. We usually 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.

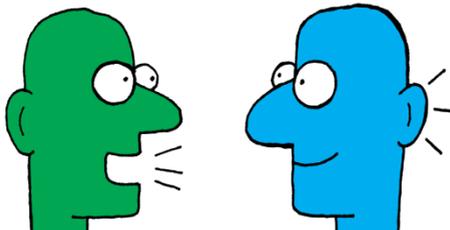
Modern People are Noisy!

Have you noticed how people cannot bear silence? They fidget with embarrassment, look sheepish, even guilty, gaze into space hoping to be spirited away from a baleful situation of nullity and non-action. Communication has been suspended. I know somebody so afflicted. Admittedly he speaks seven languages and perhaps that is the reason he cannot bear silence. He proceeds to fill it with words poured out in rapid succession, sometimes in multi-lingual sentences.

It seems to me that there are two ways with words. Words pregnant with meaning, delicate, nuanced and significant. And words used as silence fillers. Examine the latter and you find there is nothing behind them. They do not bear serious scrutiny. Such words are leached of meaning and have lost their history. Talking to a person who speaks this way is like talking to a cardboard cut-out. What does he mean? How am I supposed to reply? Should I interact? Should I even bother?

Some years ago I was invited to a wedding in Athens. My knowledge of the Orthodox rite is slim to say the least. While the general principles are easy to identify, the ritual was very different, sung by the three officiating priests. I was fascinated. Uniquely, I found. My interest was sabotaged by the constant talking of the congregation who paid more attention to themselves than to the marriage sacrament. Subsequent trips to Greece led me to believe that the people there are very noisy, confirmed by the sight of a solitary woman swimming in a tiny beautiful bay on a lesser known Greek island. She talked incessantly but to whom? Herself, I assumed, as I observed her from afar.

Nearer home, I travelled on the Aylesbury bus from Buckingham in the mid-afternoon. The school-children were polite but noisy. Rather than speak to one another they shouted and screamed. There is no doubt teenage years are lived emphatically but do we all need to know about it? I removed my hearing aids restoring comfort. Overly sensitive and deaf as well, at home I add to the general hullabaloo by having the television on so loud that my wife is pinned by the g-force to the back wall of the garden.



Pubs and restaurants are a bit of a problem too. Aren't the tables rather close together? There is much to be said for the old-fashioned cubicle. Does talking quietly and intimately to one's love have to be usurped by a loud conversation from the denizens of a neighbouring table? By their conversation they seek to absorb all nearby forms of life. Nevertheless, I welcome the social intercourse that thrives in these places. That is their function. But why does there have to be music as well? It pushes the sound level beyond tolerance. Are we there to enjoy the fruits of friendship and good food or are we attending a concert? And mobiles in general and especially at meals, a definite no-no.

Apart from unnecessary clamour, is there good noise? Some examples might include the chatter on an U3A coach trip or lunch, always positive and life-affirming; very small restaurants where food is cherished. For me, welcome noise is made by my Irish relatives chatting together incessantly, fascinating me but filling my wife with much consternation.

Michael Conolly



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Thursday Evening 7.30pm Bellringers St Marys Church

Every Tuesday in Term time W.T. Youth Café Village hall 4 – 6pm

Every Thursday Wendover Market, Manor Waste, Wendover

3rd September 2015 Weston Turville School opens

3rd September 2015 Parish Council planning meeting. Village Hall 6.30pm

6th September 2015 Wendover Arm Trust Restoration Open Day. 1230-4pm.

Free parking at St Mary's Church, Drayton Beauchamp. Canoe demos.

8th September 2015 Wendover Evening W.I. St Annes Hall, Wendover.

“Painting the War” 7.45pm

10th – 13th September Heritage Open Days

11th September 2015 B.B.O.W.T. Bat discovery walk & talk around W.T.

Reservoir BOOKING REQUIRED 7.30pm – 9.30pm

13th September 2015 Halton Village Festival:

www.haltonvillagefestival.co.uk/ 11.00am – 17.00pm

17th September 2015 Holy Painting W.T. Village Hall 8.00pm – 9.30pm

19th September 2015 Aylesbury Canal Society Open Day + Crafts, BBQ &

Boat Trips. Circus Field Basin. Stocklake. 10.30am

19th September 2015 Trad. Jazz. Concert St Marys Church 7.30pm

20th September 2015 St Marys Church 3rd Sunday Special 16th Birthday

BBQ 11.30 – 12.30

22nd September 2015 Mobile Library W.T. Village Hall, 12.40 – 1pm

24th September 2015 W.T. Parish Council meeting. Village Hall 7.00pm

25th September 2015 W.T. Historical Society. Village Hall. Mike Farley

“Life and Death in Iron Age Buckinghamshire”. 8pm

27th September 2015 Cream Tea St Marys Church 3.00pm – 5.00pm

27th September 2015 Choral Evensong St Marys Church 6.00pm

1st October 2015 W.T. PC planning meeting. Village Hall 6.30pm

3rd October 2015 Harvest Supper W.T. Village Hall

10th October 2015 W.I. Quiz Night. Memorial Hall, Wharf Road 7.00 pm

15th October 2015 2015 Holy Painting W.T. Village Hall 8.00pm – 9.30pm

20th October 2015 Mobile Library W.T. Village Hall, 12.40 – 1pm

22nd October 2015 W.T. Parish Council meeting. Village Hall 7.00pm

23rd October 2015 Weston Turville School Closes

24th October 2015 Concert. St Marys Church 7.30pm

28th November 2015 Concert. St Marys Church 7.30pm

30th October 2015 W.T. Historical Society. Village Hall. Janet Dineen "High

Days and Holidays –The Autumn Months” 8pm

3rd November 2015 Weston Turville School opens
5th November 2015 W.T. PC planning meeting. Village Hall 6.30pm
8th November 2015 Remembrance Sunday
17th November 2015 Mobile Library W.T. Village Hall, 12.40 – 1pm
19th November 2015 Holy Painting W.T. Village Hall 8.00pm – 9.30pm
21st November 2015 WI Christmas Fair: Library Room, Wendover. 10.00
26th November 2015 W.T. Parish Council meeting. Village Hall 7.00pm
27th November 2015 W.T. Historical Society. Village Hall. Colin Oakes
"Christmas Celebrations" 8pm

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The next meeting is on Tuesday 8th September Edward Dixon's subject is "Painting the War", renowned to be a fascinating talk about artists who were inspired by, or affected by war.

On Saturday 10 October at 7.00 for 7.30pm Wendover WI are holding a Quiz Night in the Memorial Hall, Wharf Road, Wendover. Tickets cost £12.50 which includes a generous cheese platter. All the proceeds from this event will be given to Lindengate.

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November 10th	Annual Meeting
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Cream Teas

St. Mary's Cream Teas Summer 2015

Church walk, Weston Turville

Sunday 27th September

Our very popular cream teas here so put these dates in your diary 3-5pm:

Liz Arnold and Jan Potter



Church of St Mary the Virgin, Weston Turville

The Reverend David Wales, our Rector, has now returned from his sabbatical and is available as usual. He has been joined by the Reverend Sue Smith, recently ordained Deacon at Christchurch Cathedral, Oxford, who will be with us for further training and experience. Reverend Susan Fellows, who has held the fort during Father David's absence, will also continue as Assistant priest and Director of Music.

Our east window is now complete and fully installed after the re-leading and the re-design of the central figure of Mary and the baby Jesus. The window will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Buckingham at our 10am service on Sunday 13th September. This is also our Patronal Festival, the day on which we celebrate our Patron Saint, Mary, to whom the Church is dedicated. Please come and join us for this very important and joyful occasion. All are welcome!

The other building repairs referred to in the June issue, including windows, stonework and internal plasterwork, are now the subject of an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. We await the verdict with anticipation.

On Sunday, 27th September at 6pm the Church Choir will once again be singing Choral Evensong. Music will include the first chorus of Vivaldi's Gloria and a setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Brewer, with well-known hymns for the congregation to join in. All are welcome to this beautiful service.

Thank you for supporting our Summer Fayre on July 19th. This raised almost £500 for general funds and was enjoyed by a large number of visitors.

Our new Church website has gone live and can be found at

www.stmaryswt.org

You can find full details of all services, special events and who does what!

Diary dates:

Sunday 13th September, 10am at Church. Patronal Festival. Family Eucharist with rededication of the restored east window by the Bishop of Buckingham.

Saturday 19th September 7.30pm. Concert at Church. Trad Jazz with The Dixieland Swing Kings. Entry £10, including wine and refreshments.

Sunday 27th September at 6pm, Choral Evensong at the Church.

Saturday 3rd October. Harvest supper at the village hall, with food and entertainment. Entry by ticket, £10, available from Roger Fellows. All welcome.

Saturday 24th October, 7.30. Concert at Church. Details to be announced.

Saturday 28th November 7.30. Concert at Church with senior pupils from the world-famous Purcell School. Entry £10, including wine and refreshments.

Saturday 5th December, 11am to 4pm. Christmas and Craft Fayre at the village Hall.

Church of St Mary the Virgin, Weston Turville

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.

In 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 a meeting room available for use by small groups (up to about 30) from the village community, complete with wheelchair-accessible toilets and baby-changing facilities.

We will be meeting our architect in August with a view to discussing details for the planning application for the extension. Hopefully, this will also result in a better representation of the exterior design and finish of the building. The modular appearance of the architect's computer-generated views has, I know, been a cause of concern to some of you. Rest assured, we are determined to come up with a design that is attractive and which uses materials of a very high quality.

Once we have planning permission we will be in a strong position to start applying for grants and we hope that the financial situation will progress from then onwards. We hope that we will then be able to encourage support from you, the people of Weston Turville, who will benefit from the community facilities we are planning to provide.

One idea that we are about to launch is a "buy-a-brick" campaign. The extension will not, in the main, be built of bricks so we are planning a scale model to be built from LEGO bricks, which we hope people will buy for £5 each. Names of donors can be recorded if you wish.

To achieve this, we are asking that anybody who has collections of Lego gathering dust in the loft or elsewhere might be willing to donate them for this campaign. Some were offered at the SWIFT stall at the Village Fete in July but my contact number may have been mislaid as not all have materialised.

Possibly the grandchildren vetoed the idea! If you are able to offer Lego bricks please contact me, Roger Fellows, or other SWIFT members.

Other fundraising ideas, including coffee mornings, dinner parties, BBQs, etc could be held, on our behalf, by anybody in the village. If you would be willing to do this please contact us.

The SWIFT FUN DAY in June was enjoyed by a large number of visitors and we thank you all for coming to support us. Together with the village fete this raised £400 and we were encouraged by the number of you who showed interest and enthusiasm for our project.

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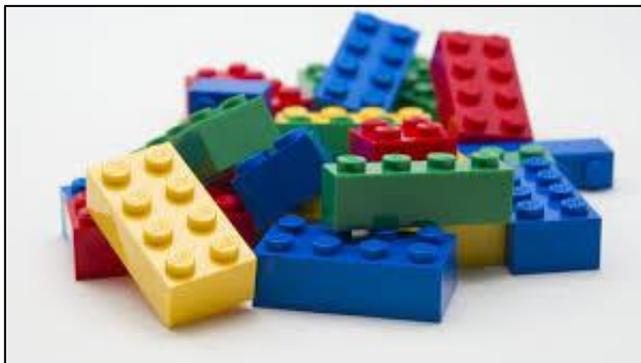
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'Holy Painting'

I find painting really therapeutic, so I wondered if anybody would like to join me once a month, having fun painting and exploring Bible stories at the same time? I am absolutely no good, so this is not threatening! We are lucky to have use of the Village Hall meeting room one Thursday evening a month.

Bring paper, paints and brushes if you have them (borrow your children's paints while they are asleep!), and I will bring some with me to start us off. I will also bring crayons and coloured pencils in case anyone would prefer to use those. I will tell a Bible story and then we can all paint! I will also bring tea, coffee and biscuits (I am sure painting makes you thirsty) and we can also have a nice chat. We will finish by 9.30 p.m. but you can come and go when it suits you. This is definitely for fun – I cannot teach you!

We are having a lovely time. After all, why should children have all the fun!

We have had five sessions so far and we have found the time really relaxing and therapeutic, in fact, hardly long enough!

The dates and times are as follows:

17th September, 15th October and 19th November, 8pm to 9.30pm.

Let me know or just turn up on the day.

Revd. Susan

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....and afterwards we will be having a barbecue where there'll be face painting, a bouncy castle and more crafts!

Bring along something to throw on the barbecue!

If you can't make it, these are our following 4 dates:



18th October

15th November

20th December

17th January

Coffee Break Time: Sudoku

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Trophallaxis and your summertime picnic

Common Wasps and summer picnics are not a good mix. Armed, sugar-fixated and capable of hurting and potentially harming us they can turn the pleasure of the al fresco family idyll of a lazy summer picnic to chaos in moments!

The life cycle of the wasp is quite complicated involving a hierarchy of roles and functions based on sex and age in a community initially just a single queen to ultimately nest sizes of 4-5,000 workers that further develop the nest and food collection for the still growing grubs as summer progresses and by late summer this may have reached 10-15,000. The later grubs will grow into reproductive male and queen wasps that will later fly off to create next year's nests. The nests are made in hollow logs, in stumps, under bark, in leaf litter, in soil cavities – often near where we like to sit in the sun. The stage is set ...



During the early summer, where worker wasps fly out to find food to feed the grubs (and, incidentally, munch at our sheds and fences to create the wood pulp to build further chambers in the nest) they catch small insects and spiders, chew them up a bit and return to the nest where they feed the grubs with their 'insect pate'. When fed on this diet, the grubs exude a sugary substance that is relished by the workers. This symbiosis or, specifically Trophallaxis, keeps the grubs growing with the necessary proteins and the workers 'happy' with the fine sugary diet.

During this period we see many wasps about but they seldom bother us as that are out after insects and nest building material so, even if we have picnic and open jam-jars very few wasps take any interest and are usually on an insect hunting trip.

However ...

The grubs that were being fed in this way during the early summer eventually develop into the next generation of the nest and no longer need feeding and, to the 'dismay' of the worker wasps, no longer exude the sugary stuff. This is a game-changer. Now, in serious need of sugar and carbohydrates, they seek out flowers and fruits AND find our aromatic picnics to be a particular draw and the invasion begins! If that wasn't bad enough our reaction to one or two wasps appearing to sample our food is often to try to beat them off – and doing it aggressively due to our experience of wasp stings. The latter exacerbates the situation as if a wasp is killed or injured, it will release an 'alarm pheromone', a 999-style chemical signal that will cause other wasps from the nest – remember now containing several thousand individuals - to come buzzing to the rescue.

So, accept that as the summer progresses and the little grubs grow up there will be an increased number of sugar-hungry wasps about BUT, all they are after is sweetness, NOT to attack you and they really don't eat a lot of jam when it comes down to it!

Be calm, set a place away from you with a splodge of jam on a plate and admire their elegant form and colouration, and with any luck they'll leave you alone and not call in the troops to defend them!

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