

# THE WESTON TURVILLE TIMES

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The Magazine for the Parish  
of Weston Turville



Pamela Relph. Paralympian Gold Medal Winner with her  
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## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first edition of Weston Turville Times, which is delivered free to every house and business within the Parish of Weston Turville, as well as being available from the shops, Hostelrys and other public places within the Parish. It will be available online and will host web links to those advertisers with websites and other sites of interest.

Weston Turville Times is a non-religious, non-political publication aimed at keeping everyone in the parish informed of local activities, which will also include public services and updates from various 'action groups' tasked with dealing with specific issues in the parish.

The cost of the magazine will be covered by advertising and the magazine will be delivered to you by volunteers. Initially it will be published quarterly with the next issue due out in March 2013.

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**Season's Greetings and a Very Happy New Year!**



## **A cup of tea, a chat, and a Gold Medal**

The phone rang...“Pams here now....I don’t know if you want to.....”

YES! We did, YES! We do, and there we were holding THAT medal. It was heavy!

Greeted by younger sister Eleanor we excitedly waited while Pam donned her GB kit and then all walked the short distance to THAT post box.

The light was fading and our photography skills were minimal but our subject was very patient with us. Having got ‘the one’ we then strolled casually across the road.

Arriving back at the house, mum Julie put the kettle on and we began our interview. Immediately we felt at ease as we chatted to Pam about her recent Paralympic Gold medal win. A stunning, amazing, incredible event which everyone seemed to be taking well in their stride.

Pam aged twenty two at the time of this interview has lived in the village since the age of thirteen having moved here from Buckland. She attended the John Colet School in Wendover and found she was very good at sports. At sixteen she went on to Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College, the beginnings of a career as an army officer. Her ambition was curtailed due to the progression of her arthritis which she told us she always remembers having. The physical responsibilities of being an officer with her painful condition and the need for regular medication was insurmountable and the decision was made that resulted in her being medically discharged just before the end of her final year of training. We could feel her disappointment as the story was relayed.

So, what to do next? How about go along with older sister Monica, herself an elite rower, for a look at that. Pam was ‘spotted’ by Coach Mary McLachlan and had the right level of disability to join the team to make up the mixed coxed four that won Paralympic Gold on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at Eton Dorney.

By her own admission the race on the day was not the best and the pre-race plan was forgotten about but they managed to pull it off by sheer determination and adrenalin and the amazing support from the spectators.

Pam is looking forward to the future and all that rowing has yet to offer her. Whilst undertaking the rigorous training regime for the games she also managed to squeeze in a Bachelor of Science in Physics!

Pam is enjoying her new found celebrity status whilst keeping her local upbringing very near to her heart and has recently paid a visit to the village school where Eleanor is a pupil. Since winning the gold medal, Pam has got involved with promoting a couple of charities which have a special meaning to her: Arthritis Care and Mission Motorsport: to aid in the recovery and rehabilitation of those affected by military operations by providing opportunities through Motorsport. Pam is also very keen to promote the 'legacy' of the games and to encourage participation in all sports. She has been kept very busy, doing what she can to help.

It was truly inspiring meeting: this young lady who could so easily have been disillusioned by the shattering of her first dream as an officer the Royal Engineers but who instead has persevered and proven herself, both mentally and physically, in such a spectacular way.

Our local Golden Girl who in the words of young sister Eleanor is “Just Fantastic!!”

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of  
Sporting Life

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Interview by  
Dinah Sibley





PACE is a charity inspired by the principles of Conductive Education, a system which emphasises that children develop as a whole. At PACE children with physical disabilities such as cerebral palsy find their own voice, walk their own steps and discover that they can fully enjoy everyday life and become active members of society. *Cerebral palsy is a physical condition affecting movement as*

*a result of damage to the brain.*

We believe in each child's ability to learn despite their disability. We provide a loving and inspirational environment, motivating children with physical disabilities to work hard at achieving their goals. Our focus is on 'educating for life' – developing a child's social, emotional, communication, academic and motor skills. Every child's achievement is a direct result of our unique staff team, all working together in one centre with the child at its heart.

We are planning to hold an 'Open House at 156 Wendover Road' (site of the old Toyota Garage) during the evening of Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012 between 6pm and 8pm for local residents to introduce you to PACE and show you our plans for the site. Please let us know if you wish to come along by calling PACE on 01296 392923 so your name can be put on the guest list. We look forward to meeting you!

### **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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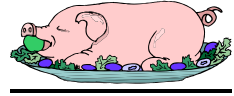
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For more details contact

Rachel Blackmore 01296 614751 or 07792 475094

## Pork Fillet with Cream



Serves 4

### Ingredients:

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb Pork Fillet	1 beef stock cube
2 tbl spns olive oil	5 tbl spns sherry
1 oz butter	1 level tspn tomato puree
1 chopped onion	salt & pepper
1 level tbl spn paprika	6 oz sml button mushrooms
1 level tbl spn flour	1 level tbl spn cornflour
$\frac{1}{2}$ pint water	5 oz double cream

Cut pork into 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch pieces. Heat oil in a pan, add butter, fry pork pieces quickly until just beginning to brown. Remove from pan and drain on kitchen paper.

Fry onion and paprika for 2 minutes. Blend in flour and cook for a further minute. Remove from heat and blend in stock. Add sherry and tomato puree, return to heat and simmer until it thickens. Season with salt and pepper, then add the meat. Cover and simmer for 30 to 40 minutes until the pork is tender.

At the end of cooking time add mushrooms to pan. Blend cornflour to a smooth paste with 2 tablespoons of cold water and add to pan. Bring back to heat and just before serving, blend in the cream.

Serve with rice or mashed potato and vegetables.



## **Wendover NH policing team:**

The local Wendover and District Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) are based at Wendover police station. We deal with local matters and support the 24 hour response policing in the area. The team consists of myself, I have responsibility for Wendover, Waddesdon and Haddenham Neighbourhoods, PC Jo Smith the NH specialist, PC Andy Smith & PC Paul O'Connell Neighbourhood officers and the three PCSOs Paul Evans, Mandy Aplin and Megan Harriett. Our role is to deal with local issues such as crimes, anti social behaviour and speeding. We try to target issues that are important to the local communities and rely on feedback from the residents to ensure we are targeting the right things. Our current priorities are Burglaries, Speeding & theft from vehicles. We have regular contact with the Parish council and other local groups and hold regular "Have your Say" meetings in the area. If you wish to pass any information to us or highlight an area where speeding is occurring please contact us using the contact details below.  
Bryn Scott.

## **How to contact your local police**

Visit us at Wendover police station in Aylesbury Road. Our opening hours are as follows:

Tuesday	10am to 2pm
Wednesday	10am to 2pm
Thursday	10am to 2pm

**Contact your local team by phoning 101** and asked to be put through to the Wendover neighbourhood team or e-mail [Wendover&AstonClintonNHPT@Thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Wendover&AstonClintonNHPT@Thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk).

The new **non-emergency** contact number for Thames Valley Police is **101**.  
**999** is still to be used for emergency calls.



## **Security Advice for the Winter Months.**

Now is the ideal time to look at your home security. If you're not at home during the hours of darkness, you may be at an increased risk of burglary.

If no light is on in your home, curtains are not drawn, and no car is in the drive, it's an obvious sign to an opportunist burglar that nobody is at home. At this time of year it pays to secure your home. There are a number of simple and free ways to do this, all of which will help reduce the chance of your home becoming a target.

- Visit a local retailer to pick up a 24-hour segment timer for under £5. The timer can be used with a lamp, radio or TV to give the impression that someone's home. Remember to use an energy efficient light bulb
- Register your valuables on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) it's free and takes just a few minutes and if your valuables are stolen, will allow you to tell the police, your insurer, and the second-hand trade to assist in recovering your property and catch the thief
- Keep valuables out of sight
- Lock your doors and windows, if you have a UPVC door, make sure you have double locked it.

Receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by signing up to Thames Valley Alerts today at [www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk)

You can also follow us on Twitter @ThamesVP, alternatively you can give us a 'like' on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/thamesvp>

For further crime reduction advice you can also visit our website [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk) or call and ask to speak to a Crime Reduction Adviser via the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre on 101

**Sgt Bryn Scott.**

# the fringe



Are you interested in London trips,  
night hikes, climbing walls, games,  
quizzes, video nights, foody evenings,  
singing, cycling, juggling and lots more?



Yes? Then the Fringe might be  
for you. Yes, you!



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

## Weston Turville Chapel Service Times

Morning Worship every Sunday at 10.30am.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the first Sunday of the Month.

A time of fellowship with coffee and biscuits after every Service.

Afternoon Bible Study and Prayers

Wednesday 3pm – 4.30pm, except for first  
Wednesday of the month.

### **Christmas Services.**

Sunday December 9th 10.30am Christmas Service with the Charles Pope Ladies Choir.

Sunday December 16th 10.30am Service of Carols led by Mr John Beer.

Sunday December 23rd 6pm Carols by Candlelight followed by refreshments in the hall.

# WESTON TURVILLE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Enjoy gardening? Then why not come along and join us? We are a friendly group always wanting to learn more gardening tips from our speakers. The next meeting is detailed below; then we have a winter break before resuming for our Spring – Summer season a flavour of which is below. We would be delighted to see you.

Meetings are on Thursday at 8pm in the Village Hall.

13 Dec	Christmas Quiz – come on your own or with a few friends to make a team
Jan - Feb	Winter Break
14 March	John Branham – National Vegetable Society
11 April	“The Flowers that drove Men to Murder.” Prof. Sandy Primrose

**For more information**

**Lindsay Smith – 613237 [lindsay7695@aol.com](mailto:lindsay7695@aol.com)**

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## **Medical Detection Dogs**

Many of you will have seen the sniffing power of dogs being used at airports and by the police to sniff out meat, fruit and drugs. Now those powerful noses are being used to help people with life threatening diseases by the charity Medical Detection Dogs, based at Great Horwood in Buckinghamshire.

### **Medical Alert Dogs**

The charity trains Medical Alert dogs for individuals managing day to day life threatening conditions by detecting minute changes in body odour. These include Blood Sugar Detection dogs for adults and children coping with severe Type 1 diabetes who receive no warning of dangerously low blood sugar and can simply collapse into a coma, hospitalisation can follow. The only sure prevention is to take regular blood tests, perhaps every hour (day and night) to check the sugar level, but now the charity has harnessed the sniffing power of dogs to prevent these medical emergencies. The dog warns the person when the blood sugar is dropping dangerously low. The dog lives with the person and becomes their monitoring system. These dogs can also detect and warn of high blood sugar, which, if left uncontrolled, causes chronic and debilitating health problems. Over 25 dogs are now operating in the UK and others are being trained.

The charity also train dogs for other debilitating conditions such as severe pain seizures, Addison`s Disease and life-threatening allergies. Alert dogs warn their owners, bring vital medical supplies and get assistance if required.

### **Cancer and Bio-detection Dogs**

The charity also trains Cancer Detection Dogs, this followed their study that was published in the British Medical Journal in 2004 which showed that dogs can be trained to identify the scent of bladder cancer within urine samples. This unknown finding indicated the potential for a new method of diagnosing and screening for cancer which would be simple, quick and non-invasive. They hope to identify the volatiles that the dogs are sniffing in co-operation with scientists to help in the development of an “electronic nose” and the charity is planning a further study looking at prostate cancer.

## **Volunteers**

The charity is still very small, receives no NHS funding and relies on the support of its volunteers. If you can volunteer to help with this valuable work, fundraising or events please contact the Volunteer Coordinator Pam Jones.

## **Puppy Socialisers Needed**

The charity needs caring homes in this area to look after and socialise their puppies and young adult dogs up to around 16 months old .We are looking for people with time and commitment to provide the puppy with basic training, exercise and socialisation. The puppies need to visit lots of different environments and become familiar with children, animals and various forms of travel. They will also need to be taken to puppy training classes. You would need to be at home for most of the day and not leave the puppy for more than 3-4 hours so we cannot consider people who work full time. If you have your own animals or children this does not preclude you and can be discussed at application. Puppy socialisers receive regular support from one of the charity trainers and all veterinary costs, insurance, food and equipment is provided by the charity. In return there is the general rewards and enjoyment of looking after a special dog.

Contact Volunteer Coordinator:

Pam Jones

[pam.jones@medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk](mailto:pam.jones@medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk).

Tel 01296 655888



[www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk](http://www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk)

## Footpath and Environment Group

We are delighted to be able to reach everyone in the Parish in this new way, and wish the new magazine well.

We are a group of volunteers who have been in existence for just over a year. Our aims are to look after the environment in our Parish, even improve it, if we can.



We have focused on several areas.

- We are in the process of walking all the Parish footpaths for the second year, reporting back to the Parish and County Councils on the condition of the paths and stiles etc.
- We pick litter in and around the Parish as we go out walking.
- We have replanted a flower border outside the village shops.

We meet a few times a year in the Five Bells to plan and have a chat. If you would be interested in joining us, or helping in any way, please contact me by email: [annereid220@hotmail.com](mailto:annereid220@hotmail.com)



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Throughout the year we have a varied programme which includes regular competitions, outside speakers, and practical evenings using models and studio lighting.

We are a friendly bunch with a wide range of ages and skills all willing to share our knowledge and expertise and welcome new members. The latest in photographic equipment is not a requirement, and courses are run for beginners to show them how to get the best from their existing cameras.

Imagez meets every Tuesday evening between September and May in the Village Hall from 8pm and regularly through the summer months at outdoor venues.

For more information please visit our website:

[www.imagezcameraclub.co.uk](http://www.imagezcameraclub.co.uk)

## Weston Turville Historical Society

WTHS was founded in 1999. It aims to promote an active interest in local history by holding lively monthly meetings with a variety of speakers on topics of local or wider historical interest, summer outings, and a growing range of publications recording the people, places and history of Weston Turville.



Lottery funding was used to create a village map, embellished with sketches by David Blackmore, which may be seen at strategic locations in the Village. There is also an associated 'Millennium Trail' leaflet which guides visitors along a 1-hour route around the heart of the village, describing a range of historical topics of interest.



The Society has put together a village archive which is housed at the John Colet School in Wendover, and available for public viewing during term time on request.

### **Meeting Logistics**

**When:** Last Friday in month, September – June; **Time:** 20:00 - 22:00

**Venue:** Weston Turville Village Hall; **Cost:** £2 for visitors, including refreshments

### **Upcoming events 2013**

25th Jan	Patrick Tooms: 'Quainton Windmill'
22nd Feb	Tim Amsden: 'Tring History'
22nd Mar	Prof. Chris Stringer: 'Early Occupation of Britain'

(for further information, visit our new website [www.WTHSoc.org.uk](http://www.WTHSoc.org.uk))

### **Request**

**Old photographs, maps, plans, documents, drawings - WANTED.**

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Has anyone found old photographs of Hampden Hall, The Church Wall paintings that were discovered in the 1960s, old pub signs or the old Weston Turville Fire Service Crew or engine?



## Local History Fact

There is nothing new in the government looking for resourceful ways of funding infrastructure projects and their subsequent maintenance.

In 1762, the **Sparrows Herne Turnpike Trust** was established with a toll road which linked London with Aylesbury (the Northern end was at Walton). Its route followed today's A41/A4251 (A41's route in pre-bypass days, which itself follows the route of the Roman Akeman Street) and hence through the parish of Weston Turville. There were initially four Toll gates (a fifth was added at Tring Hill in 1860) and between 1810 and 1827 there was a toll gate known as "Weston Gate" near the roundabout on the route between Weston Turville with Birtton and Broughton on the A41. Luckily, in 1873, the Tolls were abolished.



*This photograph was taken in Tring, there is another near Wicks in Watford.*

On 23rd November 1822, Edward and Rebecca Needle were murdered at the Weston Turnpike Gatehouse. The murderers were Joseph Crocker and Thos Randall (actually an alias his name was really John Bryan) who were committed to Aylesbury gaol and hanged on 6th March 1823. Their bodies were sent to London for dissection).

Though sometimes referred to as "The Aston Clinton Turnpike Murder" the event was actually in the parish of Weston Turville.

For further information, or membership form visit [www.WTHSoc.org.uk](http://www.WTHSoc.org.uk), email: [secretary@WTHSoc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@WTHSoc.org.uk) or call Chris Gill on 01296 613754. New members always welcome.

## **Weston Turville Parish Council**

I have been asked to write a short brief on the work of the parish council for this first edition of the Parish Magazine. It is perhaps best if I give an indication of the council and committees and the work that they do.

**Councillors**, The parish council has been under manned since the start of this elected year, this has meant that the work of running the parish council falls on a few shoulders, however we have now managed to find three new members. Please see our parish website:

[www.westonturvilleparishcouncil.org.uk/councillor\\_contacts.html](http://www.westonturvilleparishcouncil.org.uk/councillor_contacts.html) for details of each member. Of course we could not operate without our parish clerk John Dean.

### **Committees:**

**Finance**, Chaired by Michael Foote will be working with all council members on the compilation of the budget/precept for next year as well as ensuring the auditors remain satisfied.

**Planning**, Chaired by Hugh Gwilliams but run by Martin Jarvis and a small committee who meet on the first Thursday of every month to discuss current plans presented to the parish council. This year a lot of time has been spent on putting together the parish council objections to the Hampden Fields planning application.

**Village Hall**, Chaired by Mandi Simons with responsibility for managing the day to day running of the village hall. The hall has recently undergone extensive refurbishment and the installation of the central heating system.

**Recreational fields**, Aston Clinton Junior and Colts Football Club as well as Weston Turville Football club regularly use the Memorial playing fields.

We have a very dedicated team on the parish council who give up a lot of their own time to complete meetings both within the parish council and other organisation we have dealings with.

I hope, in future editions to be able to give detailed reports from different areas of the parish council.

Hugh Gwilliam Chairman

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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 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 Weston Turville Village Hall 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](http://www.wtu3a.org.uk). We look forward to your company.

## **Village Tales**

It has been two years since our move from London to Weston Turville. We were both under the sad misapprehension that country life would allow us the peace and tranquillity needed to write. Life in its contrary fashion has become more hectic, showing no sign as yet, of slowing down.

As a keen conservationist, I volunteered to help at the Weston Turville Reservoir cutting back reed beds. This was in the early days of our move here, so seems such a long time ago so I'll start off with a Thursday, when I sallied forth with the National Trust volunteers to do my bit. In my naivety, I thought (as I had been told) we would be clearing reed beds. Well, to put you more in the picture, the ranger picked me up at 10am, and we met the others at a layby near Halton village, about a mile away. Alarm bells started ringing immediately. Everyone was already wearing wellies and working gloves. I, on the other hand, had opted for cute red boots and matching gloves.

There were about ten of us, so after introductions, we set off at a race through the forest path, which gradually sank under my weight, into a marshy quagmire. As my own wellies had sprung a leak, I had to take my husband's; the best I could manage at short notice, and only three sizes too big. I changed as quickly as possible, trying not to lose sight of the others, who by this time were disappearing into the undergrowth. However, eventually I caught up as we reached a small clearing, banked by reeds and willow trees. Great, I thought, now to start the jolly work of cutting down grasses..... wrong, WRONG, WRONG!! I was handed a bow saw and branch cutters, then told to go and saw down as many willow trees as possible. I cut and cut and cut. I dragged branches, the size of small trees, to where a bonfire had been started. I sawed my trees into small enough pieces to go on the fire, along with everyone else's (so it seemed). Smoke went into my eyes; I smelled like a kipper, my gloves melted. I fell flat on my face in the mud, because my eyes were watering so badly and after three hours of non-stop lumber jacking, I'd given up the will to live.

At one o'clock we stopped for lunch. Alison (another first timer and retired teacher) set solid on the stump she was sitting on for lunch; embarrassingly for her, she had to be hauled upright by myself and another volunteer. I'm ashamed to say Alison and I sneaked off early; she dropped me off before heading home. My husband was, I think, a little nonplussed by my quiet, vacant expression, as I wobbled past him, and unsurprisingly I've never been back.

These stalwarts have been keeping the willow at bay for years, quietly going about their business of keeping the reservoir tidy for us also creating a suitable habitat for wild life. After reading of my adventure, please don't be put off, as the company was great and the workout better than any gym. All this fresh air and exercise for free can't be bad. Diccon Proctor is the new warden. His contact details are [dicconp@hotmail.com](mailto:dicconp@hotmail.com) and he will give you all the dates for future work parties.

Susan Conolly



— Christopher —  
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Bedgrove Surgery	<b>01296 330330</b>
Blue Badge	<b>01296 382902</b>
Brownies	<b>01296 612632</b>
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Gas Emergency	<b>0800 111 999</b>
GP Out of Hours	<b>0300 130 3035</b>
High Wycombe Hospital	<b>01494 526161</b>
Highways on Call (9am-5pm)	<b>0845 230 2882</b>
Highways on Call (out of hours)	<b>01296 486630</b>
Historical Society	<b>01296 613754</b>
Horticultural Society	<b>01296 612817</b>
John Radcliffe Hospital	<b>01865 741 166</b>
Libraries	<b>0845 230 3232</b>

Meals on Wheels	<b>01296 383204</b>
Monday Club	<b>01296 612947</b>
Neighbourhood disputes	<b>01494 520821</b>
NHS Direct	<b>0845 4647</b>
Pest Control A.V.D.C.	<b>0844 482 8348</b>
Police non emergency (National number	<b>101</b>
RAF Halton (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)	<b>01296 656367</b>
RAF HALTON (out of hours)	<b>01296 656211</b>
Registrars	<b>0845 370 8090</b>
Samaritans	<b>08457 909090</b>
School Weston Turville	<b>01296 613436</b>
Stoke Mandeville Hospital	<b>01296 315000</b>
Trading Standards	<b>0845 404 0506</b>
U3A Weston Turville	<b>01296 614579</b>
Village Hall Bookings (Weston Turville)	<b>01296 613587</b>
Volunteering	<b>0845 370 8090</b>
Wendover Community Car	<b>01296 317769</b>
Wendover Heath Centre	<b>01296 623452</b>
Womens Aid and refuge	<b>0808 2000 247</b>
WTVCS: Prescription collection	<b>01296 613234</b>
WTVCS: Transport to local health care	<b>01296 612778</b>
WTVCS: Wheelchair for emergency use	<b>01296 614751</b>
Youth Café	<b>01296 614751</b>
<i>Local Councillors:</i>	
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Carole Paternoster (AVDC)	<b>01296 630710/585717</b>
David Thompson (AVDC)	<b>01296 425656</b>
Phil Yerby (AVDC)	<b>07769 621507</b>
David Lidington MP for Aylesbury	<b>020 7219 3432</b>

## Upcoming Events

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012** Monday Club Quiz

**December 8<sup>th</sup> 2012** Festive Quiz Night Village Hall 7.30pm

**December 11<sup>th</sup> 2012** Open House at PACE Centre. 6-8pm

**December 13<sup>th</sup> 2012** WT Horticultural Society Meeting 8pm

**December 14<sup>th</sup> 2012** Mobile Library Village Hall Carpark 11.35am to 12.20pm

**December 16<sup>th</sup> 2012** Last day of Autumn term WT School

**December 20<sup>th</sup> 2012** (third Thursday of each month) Souper Loo Lunch, Soup and a roll St Mary's Church 12.00pm to 2.00pm

**December 28<sup>th</sup> 2012** Mobile Library Village Hall Carpark 11.35am to 12.20pm

**January 4<sup>th</sup> 2013 to February 10<sup>th</sup> 2013** Spring Term WT School

**January 11<sup>th</sup> 2013** Mobile Library Village Hall Carpark 11.35am to 12.20pm

**January 21<sup>st</sup> 2013** Monday Club talk on Samaritans

**January 24<sup>th</sup> 2013** Parish Council meeting Village Hall 7.00pm

**January 25<sup>th</sup> 2013** Mobile Library Village Hall Carpark 11.35am to 12.20pm

**January 25<sup>th</sup> 2013** WT Historical Society. Patrick Tooms: 'Quainton Windmill'

**February 8<sup>th</sup> 2013** Mobile Library Village Hall Carpark 11.35am to 12.20pm

**February 18<sup>th</sup>** Monday Club musical evening with Rod Puddifoot

**February 20<sup>th</sup> 2013 to March 30<sup>th</sup> 2013** Spring Term WT School

**February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013** Mobile Library Village Hall Carpark 11.35am to 12.20pm

**February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013** WT Historical Society. Tim Amsden: 'Tring History'

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013** Barn Dance for WTWT at village hall. Ticket only.

**March 8<sup>th</sup> 2013** Mobile Library Village Hall Carpark 11.35am to 12.20pm



**March 14<sup>th</sup> 2013** WT Horticultural Society Meeting 8pm. John Branham National Vegetable Society

**March 18<sup>th</sup> 2013** Monday Club Annual Dinner

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013** Mobile Library Village Hall Carpark 11.35am to 12.20pm

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013** WT Historical Society. Prof. Chris Stringer: 'Early Occupation of Britain'

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## *“Congratulations on your 1<sup>st</sup> Edition!” – Jill Currie Pilates*

I think it is wonderful to have a local magazine to promote local businesses and events. I have lived in Weston Turville for 18 years now and have often used the school newsletter or door to door flyers to let the community know about my Pilates classes. To be able to advertise in the “Weston Turville Times” and to perhaps write some articles will make it easier for the community to know what’s out there and what is going on.

Pilates can increase your flexibility; improve your posture and your core strength which can also help reduce back pain. I currently run 10 Pilates mat classes each week at the Guide Hall in Aston Clinton, including a class for the Weston Turville U3A every Tuesday and often teach workshops on Sunday mornings. Details of any impending workshops (beginners workshops, Pilates and osteoporosis, fit ball sessions etc.), and my regular timetable can be found on my website [www.jillcurriepilates.co.uk](http://www.jillcurriepilates.co.uk). All necessary equipment is provided for the mat classes and free trial classes are offered to new clients. It is also possible to book a one to one session with me at the hall on Fridays mornings for Pilates or for a back pain management session. Contact me if you want to find out more about my business and how it can benefit you on 01296 612081 or 07752 209286 or drop me a mail at [jillpilates@btinternet.com](mailto:jillpilates@btinternet.com).

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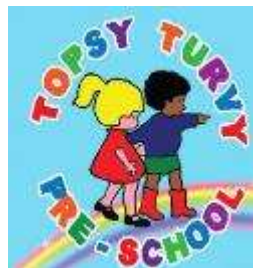


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**MONDAY CLUB**

Let me introduce you to the Monday Club. We are a small group of ladies who meet every third Monday of the month, in the evenings 8pm-10pm in the Committee Room( which is to the side of the kitchen) We have a speaker, for about 45min - an hour on various subjects, a cup of tea/coffee a biscuit and a chat plus a raffle, all very friendly.

Below are the next 4 meetings, and the next month's one can always be found in the Horizons magazine.

December 3rd.....A Festive Quiz , with nibbles, this is early because of Christmas.

January 21st.....A presentation about the Samaritans by Dinah Latham.

February 18th.....A Musical Evening, folk songs and ditties by Rod Puddifoot and Friends

March 18th.....Annual Dinner at The Shoulder of Mutton

If you would like any more details please contact me:  
Ann Newell 01296 612947.

## Taking The Bus: A local Perspective.

Unlike many people in the parish, I do not own a car. This is a conscious choice on my part, partly informed by many years living in London where a car cannot compete with an extensive transport system and the magnificent Freedom Pass. Of course in Buckinghamshire those of us who have reached the age of serenity and wisdom have a bus pass too. I use mine all the time but then I use buses all the time. The bus station in Aylesbury, though congested and badly in need of people- friendly reconstruction, does permit the bus traveller to go almost anywhere in the county and beyond. Moreover, the bus station is part of Aylesbury's central shopping complex and within a few minutes' walk of the railway station where there is a useful half-hourly service to London. In my attempt to get to know my new county a little better, I have taken the bus to Princes Risborough, Buckingham, Amersham, and Great Missenden among others. And one can go much further afield to Oxford, Hemel Hempstead, Watford, Milton Keynes, Luton and indeed pretty much anywhere.

The buses themselves are a weird and wonderful collection, some seemingly dating from the earlier history of the omnibus. One can only assume that a job lot was available to the bus company. Both the double and single deckers come in a variety of styles, in spite of numerous modifications required by law. One might suppose that the newest buses would be the most passenger-friendly. Not so. Recently, I travelled in a recent design suitable for deep urban living and standing. The few seats permitted were clearly an afterthought. And even if one had a seat, one had to hang on with some vigour or risk being flung ignominiously into a stranger's lap on the other side of the bus as we went round corners. Elm Park Estate becomes a nightmare.

The vagaries of bus design are offset by the politeness of the drivers who greet one with sympathy and understanding, refusing to move off until one has gained one's seat. By the same token the passenger is exhorted not to rise for the exit until the bus is stationary. Passengers are regularly to be heard thanking the driver for an uneventful but safe journey. Such a contrast to the ill-fated London W5 bus, which has to compete with a constant barrage of parked cars and narrow streets on its voyage from Green Lanes to Archway. This route renders the drivers extremely bad-tempered. It is not unknown for verbal fisticuffs to break

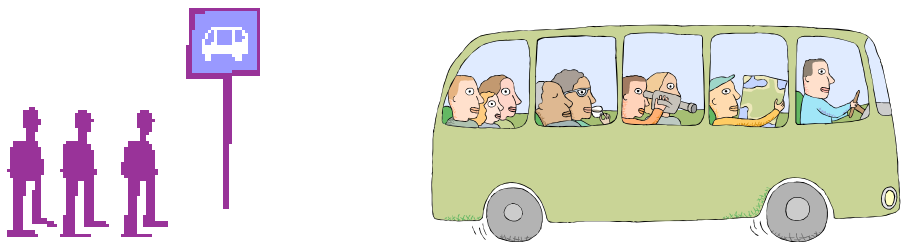
out between driver and the hapless passenger who has unknowingly committed some infraction of bus etiquette.

Buses of various kinds are to be seen in the village. There is the Tesco Bus on Tuesdays and during term time a large red double-decker full of school children flies along Main Street twice a day. The rarely encountered 61 between Aylesbury and Luton Airport occasionally comes to Weston Turville, for but a moment, only to disappear down New Road. The North Buckinghamshire bus guide fails to explain this deviant behaviour. Our local Weston Turville bus is the No. 50 which travels from Aylesbury to RAF Halton via Wendover and back every half hour or so from quite early in the morning (first bus before seven) to about 6.00 in the evening when its final journey is extended to Ivinghoe and Molesworth. The 50 runs twice on Sunday morning on this extended route. What is it about these places that require such an infrequent service?

I have found the 50 for the most part reliable, though morning travel is to be preferred to afternoons in term time when school buses usurp the time table. After a few flakes of snow the redoubtable 50 can be withdrawn from service without rhyme or reason. This is more than a mite disconcerting for the frozen traveller who cannot rely on the solar electronic message boards to convey the cessation of service.

A few minutes before the half hour and the hour near the Chandos will take you to Wendover and Halton; just after the quarter and three quarters to Aylesbury. If you have not used the 50, do give it a go. It provides pleasant journeys encouraging everyday reflection.

Michael Conolly



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



## **Concerts and FUNdraising FUNctions.**

Since 2007, we have been running an annual programme of concerts and FUNdraising FUNctions. The concerts, all of a professional or near-professional standard, have included small classical groups of strings, wind, harp and ancient instruments, senior students from the Royal College of Music, talented youngsters from the world-famous Purcell School, the Wycombe Orpheus Male Voice Choir, wind and brass bands, vocalists and choirs, Trad Jazz groups, and more. With a high standard of refreshments, including a free glass of wine, these have received much acclaim from our regular and occasional visitors.

The FUNdraising FUNctions have included quiz nights, murder mystery evenings, our May and Autumn Fayres, Harvest Supper and the annual family firework evening.

The final event of this year will be the Festive Quiz Night in the village hall on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup>, run by and in aid of the Church. Admission by ticket, available from Roger or Joan (see below). There have been many benefits as well as the initial one of supplementing the Church's income and enabling us to expand our outreach to the village. If you live in the village, this is your Church and, even if you choose not to worship there it is available to you for weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc and other support in difficult times.

On many occasions, people have come to the Church for a concert or other event and have said to me, "I have lived in the village for x years and have never been in here before. It is beautiful." We feel that our events have brought the Church and the village closer together and hope you will support us in continuing to do so.

The team organising these events is me, Roger Fellows (01296 424982) and Joan Bridges (01296 612303). We wish the Weston Turville Times success in its efforts to publicise village events and news. We hope that it will bring more people to be aware of the Church and its work in the village.



## **St. Mary the Virgin Weston Turville Services Details:**

- Sunday - 08.00 Holy Communion  
10.00 Family Eucharist - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month  
Parish Eucharist - Sundays other than 1<sup>st</sup> in the month  
11.15 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Special - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month  
17.00 Service of Healing and Wholeness - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month  
18.00 Evening Prayer - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month
- 09.45-11.15 Footsteppers in the School Hall - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month in term time
- 19.00 The Fringe youth group (age 12 to 18) - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month in term time at the Baptist Chapel Hall
- Tuesday 11.00-12.00 Oakmead Coffee Shop - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month
- Wednesday 15.30 Explorers Club (age 7 to 11) - every Wednesday in term time  
20.00 The Eucharist
- Thursday 10.30 The Eucharist - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month  
12.00 - 14.00 Soup and Roll Lunch - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month
- Saturday 09.30 - 11.00 Marriage and Baptism enquiries in the Church  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays in the month

### **Special services this Christmas:-**

- Sunday 16 08.00 and 10.00 services as normal  
11.30 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Special Christingle Service  
18.00 Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
- Wednesday 19th 16.00 Nativity Service. Come dressed up as an angel, shepherd, King or sheep (children and adults!)
- Sunday 23 Morning Services as normal but no 18.00 Evening Service
- Monday 24 Christmas Eve, 23.45 Midnight Mass
- Tuesday 25 Christmas Day 10.00 Parish Eucharist
- Father David Wales, Rector, 01296 613212**  
**Revd. Susan Fellows 01296 424982**

# Weston Turville Wells for Tanzania

**‘Weston Turville Wells for Tanzania’** is a small charity whose aim is to relieve poverty among the Maasai people of the Ngorongoro district of Northern Tanzania.

Our work started after we visited a Maasai village in the area. They were proud to show us their homes and traditional way of life as pastoralists, but later we learned more of the harsh realities of their lives, characterised by lack of clean water and resulting in frequent typhoid infections. Their health is also compromised by hunger, malnutrition and lack of health care. The lack of education and of business opportunities makes escape from poverty impossible without assistance. All donations go directly to fund our projects for clean water, food sustainability, education, healthcare and microfinance loans.



One of the first wells funded by WTWT. For the girls on this picture, this is the first time they have had access to clean water.

## **Water**

Our first concern was to try to help provide clean drinking water. The streams, upon which they depend, dry up in the dry seasons and the women and children have to dig down to find water. This water is soon contaminated by their own livestock and by wild animals, and yet the people still have to drink it. The lack of rain also threatens the cattle upon which they depend and they are not able to feed themselves adequately.

We met with the village leaders and planned and built 4 wells, the labour provided by the Maasai and the installation supervised by local engineers. They were then able to pump their own clean water for the

first time. In 2009 we completed a rain water collection system at the local primary school.



Thanks to you the new Dispensary Building is now complete, below. The village leaders and people are currently planning the funding for the daily running costs. They may all contribute towards employing a manager, as they feel that the government run hospitals are not run efficiently.

### **Christmas cards**

This year we are selling Christmas cards in aid of WTWT. Designs and order form available by email from [racheljbblackmore@gmail.com](mailto:racheljbblackmore@gmail.com)

### **Barn Dance**

The date for your diary for our annual 'knees up' in Weston Turville Village Hall is **2<sup>nd</sup> March 2013 at 7:30**. I will be selling tickets after Christmas. Call me on the number below, or email.

### **Clothes collecting**

We continue to collect clothes and shoes and sell them to 'Pre loved goods' in Aylesbury to raise funds for our work. If you have any unwanted clothes or shoes do drop them round to our address below and leave them in the porch.

If any of you would like to make a donation towards these projects, or set up a standing order, please contact Rachel on the address or numbers below.

Rachel, Dave and the WTWT team: Michael, Ruth, Suchita, Ponja, Embapa and the Maasai community of Nainokanoka.

[Rachel Blackmore](#)

[Weston Turville Wells for Tanzania \(WTWT\)](#)

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# Merrily and High

*Our Christmas tree's too big,  
The fairy is too small.  
And twinkly lights decided,  
They don't want to work at all.  
But there's tinsel in abundance,  
Thank God for Bacofoil.  
My turkey's in the oven,  
Caressed with olive oil.*



*We've run out of wrapping paper,  
My patience has worn thin.  
The selotape is lost again  
And granddad's looking grim.  
Cooking for twenty is not easy  
As my kitchen's meant for two.  
But after several brandies  
I just muddle through.*

*We've done the carol singing.  
Which was a sight to see,  
All those little faces,  
Trying so earnestly.  
The twins, they found some super glue,  
Sang co-joined at the head.  
Aunt Ivy found the sherry,  
And was hoisted off to bed.*



*I love this Xmas get-together.  
So different, every year.  
The closeness of our family.  
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## **UPDATE ON HAMPDEN FIELDS**

We live in a beautiful parish, others know this as well.....As most of you almost certainly know Weston Turville is faced with the prospect of major development within the boundary of the parish will in my view at least have a significant negative impact on our living environment.

The amended development consists of 3,000 houses, shops, two primary schools, space for a secondary school and an Employment area. It will result in a major new road being driven through the countryside from the bottom of the current A41 "Woodlands" roundabout to the A413 Wendover Road. The development is so large it leads many to view this as a new town planted between Weston Turville and Bedgrove.

After the application was received in late March 2012 a group came together to form the Hampden Fields Action Group. The group consisted of local people from both Bedgrove and Weston Turville, it is completely apolitical and exists solely for the purpose to robustly represent the views of local residents most affected by this development. The group quickly organised and set about gathering over 4,000 letters of objection to the developer proposals. This, as we understand it, was an unprecedented response. Thanks must go to all those who wrote in to AVDC objecting, all those who donated to the campaign and especially to those who made up packs, knocked on doors and coordinated this great effort.

We believe this effort has made a significant difference. At time of writing the developers have released a "Position statement" confirming that they are "currently in the process of compiling further additional information in support of the application, including a Supplementary Environmental Statement". If this, as is very possible, results in their application being amended this will inevitably result in the plans needing to go back out to public consultation. This in itself would be a 13 week process meaning that any decision on this application would not be made until the first months of 2013 at the earliest. Again, at time of writing, I believe this is the most likely scenario from where we are now.

With Aylesbury Vale District Council recently voting through new lower housing numbers to go into the Vale of Aylesbury plan, it is now very possible to argue that no major new housing developments, beyond the 7,500 already approved houses, will be necessary.



These 7,500 new houses, already approved but not yet built, include a significant number of affordable homes. Many believe, beyond this, there is no need for more houses in the local area and that gives grounds to refuse the development - we hope this is the case.

For further updates in the coming weeks and months please visit [www.hampdenfieldsactiongroup.com](http://www.hampdenfieldsactiongroup.com) or myself directly at [philyerby@me.com](mailto:philyerby@me.com) or on 07769 621507.

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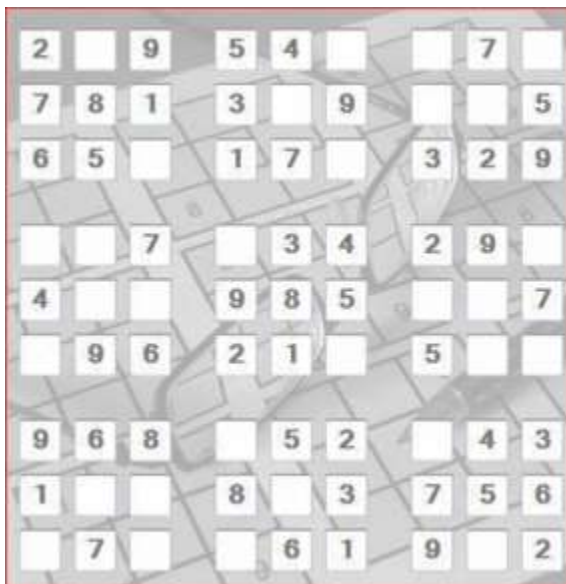
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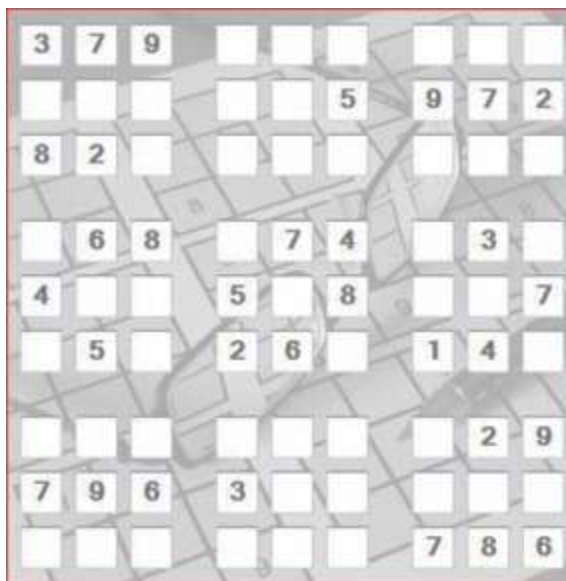
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