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# THE WESTON TURVILLE TIMES

December 2013

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# EDITORIAL

As I put pen to paper the clocks have changed and the days get shorter and colder, but there is Christmas and the New Year to look forward to, when days begin lengthen and nature stirs. Our next edition will cover wildlife in Weston Turville and will encompass fauna and flora. So if you have any recipes or remedies made from wild plants or concoctions you would like to share, send them this way. If you know of any good foraging plants or places then tell us and we will let everyone know where the free food is! Did you see any wild animals during the winter, foxes, deer, a yeti, again please tell us?

After our last edition had gone to the printers we found out that we had received a 'Highly Commended' in the Best Kept Village Competition. You all deserve a well done for 'Keeping up Appearances'! If you would like to assist in keeping the Parish 'cared for' then please email me and I will put you in touch with the coordinator.

Some of you may have noticed that the tennis courts in the Memorial Playing Fields (at the back of the village hall) have at last had a long overdue refurbishment. Temporary lines have been painted on so you can play during the winter months but the final painting will be completed in the spring when the weather (hopefully) improves.

The village fete went well and the weather was kind except for the very last 10 minutes but only the organisers got soaked! As a result of the surplus money made, four local charities each received a donation. These included St Mary the Virgin Church, The Union Chapel, Youth Café and Brownies. The remainder of the money went towards the stage replacement fund for the village hall. Next year's fete will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> June so make a note in your diary. If you wish to help in any way then please let me know.

And finally: We have given you two recipes this time in case you get fed up with turkey rissoles and Christmas cake and to compliment these we have sought the advice of a wine expert so you can complete your meal.

**Wishing you all the best for the season and New Year from the WTT team.**

Jill Todd. Editor in Chief

# Venison Braised In Guinness & Port with Pickled Walnuts

Serves 6 – 8

1.5kg venison or beef, cut into 2.5cm squares  
700ml Guinness  
150ml ruby port  
1 x 400g jar pickled walnuts, drained and halved  
1 bay leaf  
2 sprigs of fresh thyme  
1 ½ tablespoons butter  
1 ½ tablespoons olive oil  
1 large onion, chopped  
1 large clove garlic, crushed  
1 rounded tablespoon plain flour  
Seasoning



Large flameproof casserole with a tight-fitting lid

The night before, place the meat in a large bowl with the bay leaf and thyme, pour over the Guinness and port. Place a plate on top of meat to push it down into marinade overnight.

Preheat the oven to 140 degrees/gas mark 1. Melt half butter and oil in the casserole and heat gently. Drain meat (reserving liquid and herbs) and dry on kitchen paper. Turn the heat to high and add a few pieces of meat at a time to brown, then remove. Add rest of butter and oil and as soon as it begins to foam add the onion until brown then add garlic for another 2 minutes.

Now add the meat back with the onions. Stir in the flour to soak up the juices, pour in the marinade (including the herbs), add the walnuts and season. As soon as it reaches a gentle simmer, put lid on and transfer to the oven and forget about it for at least 3 hours, by which time the meat will be tender and the sauce dark and rich.

# Spiced Cranberry & Orange Brulee

Serves 4

400g cranberries  
The grated zest of 1 large navel orange  
75g golden caster sugar  
1 teaspoon ground ginger  
½ teaspoon ground cloves  
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon  
250g Greek yoghurt  
200ml crème fraiche  
175g demerara sugar



A heatproof dish, 23 x 15 x 5cm or similar

Preheat oven to 180 degrees C/gas mark 4

Place cranberries in the dish and add the orange zest. Sprinkle with the caster sugar and the spices giving it a good stir. Pop in the oven and cook for 40-45 minutes until the cranberries have started to collapse and the juices almost evaporated. Leave to cool completely.

Combine the yoghurt and crème fraiche together and spread evenly over the cranberries when cold, making sure it goes right up to the edges. Cover with cling film and put in the fridge for at least an hour.

When you are ready to make the topping, preheat the grill to its highest setting and let it heat up for at least 10 minutes. Sprinkle the sugar evenly over the mixture and place the dish about 7.5cm from the grill. Let it bubble and turn a lovely golden-brown colour – this should take about 8 minutes but keep an eye on it. Leave it to cool and then place in the fridge, uncovered, until required. It will keep crunchy for up to 4 hours.

**Thanks to Carol Theobald for these seasonal recipes.**

# What shall we.....

drink with our Christmas meal?

This is a question that perplexes many families.

Before you rush out to your favourite store do bear the following in mind. On every bottle of still wine the duty is £2.00 and for sparkling £2.57. In addition there is the cost of shipping, bottling and the retailer's profit plus the inevitable 20% VAT on all of these. Consequently, remember the more you pay for the bottle then generally the greater the cost of the actual wine you are purchasing.

As a pre-lunch wine try a good quality Prosecco Valdobbiadene DOCG. These light and fruity wines come from the heart of the Prosecco region in the Alpine hills near Venice. You could be traditional, yet very modern, and enjoy a quality Sherry such as Manzanilla or Fino.

Wine with the Turkey is always a conundrum – should it be red or white? Whatever you choose do make sure it has a good fruity taste to help cut through the many flavours on the plate from brussels sprouts, to stuffing as well as gravy! If at all possible it is always better to try your choice a couple of weeks ahead of the festivities to ensure it fits your needs.

If white is your preference try a lightly oaked Chardonnay from Chile or Australia, or maybe something a bit different like a New Zealand Riesling, or again a more unusual wine such as Marsanne or Viognier.

With red go for a fruity and lively wine such as an Shiraz from South Africa or Western Australia, a Cru Beaujolais such as Fleurie, possibly a more classic Pinot Noir from the Victoria, Australia or one from Chile's many regions.

If you still have room for a something with the Christmas pudding try a sweet Muscatel or if you want to be different an aged Pedro Ximenez Sherry – it is like drinking liquid raisins. It's a long day and so drink well and sensibly.

*Dionysus*





# Weston Turville Historical Society

## Archaeology - Our Dig update 2. Finds:

We have spent 2 days washing and analysing our 'dig' finds, and thanks to Val Laphorne for the use of her Greenhouse. Our Archaeologists found that we have excavated lots of pot from the Medieval period [1066-1530] and up to, and including the 1950's [when dustbins? began to be used].



However we did find a piece of Saxon pot [650-800AD] in Church Lane along with some early medieval pot [1066-1200AD] from the same area. Another exciting find from the

area is shown here. Initially we thought it could be part of a Horse harness or a Book clasp. But the Bucks museum have identified it a Belt Buckle plate without the buckle. It is 'high status' because it is both gilded and blue enamelled. The pattern on it may represent some animal or mythical beast but we cannot make out which. It is made of brass and measures 2.5cm by 1.5cm. We hope to dig in this area again and will be looking for more objects such as this.



At this stage of the project we have not been able to map these finds. But examination and the location of the finds leads to a possible and somewhat generalised conclusion that the village or one [possibly more] settlement[s] began around the Church End area. Then as the population grew it expanded towards West End and Brook End. Equally possible is that these 3 'Ends' were all occupied concurrently although we haven't found any evidence to support this.

This season we have dug around 20 test pits and we shall continue to dig, weather permitting, as long as we can in 2013. We will rest up over winter, and study our finds before starting our 2014 digging season in the spring.

## **Medieval Deserted Village. [MDV]**

It is believed that a MDV may exist under the fields of Church Farm –those on the right of Church Walk going towards the Church. We have started to survey these fields and thanks to Vicki and Peter Walton for giving us permission. There are many earthworks [lumps and bumps] to be investigated and it is taking a lot longer than we first anticipated. Cow pats are a continual hazard and a trap for the unwary walking backwards with a tape or measuring pole.

The cattle also cause us difficulties and one has bitten through a measuring tape.

In the fields there seems to be a confusion of ridge and furrow, house platforms and watercourses. And we trust that accurate surveying will enable us to resolve which is which and then to target specific areas for a more detailed survey using ‘geophysics’. We should then be able to determine if we do have any occupation sites in these fields.

*If you have collected stuff from your garden that you would like someone to look at in order to give an opinion please email us or give us a call.*

## **Flint Core:**

I am also sorry to have to report that the flint core, with the 3 struck blades, cannot be confirmed as such. Apparently the edges aren't sharp enough and the 3 blades could not be struck off from that shape of core. So the expert conclusion is that the flint is the result of frost damage and/or river polishing.



## **Treasure Hunt:**



Stan and Mary Goss crafted a village Treasure Hunt as part of this year's Village fete. There were some tricky questions with No's 9 and 21 proving especially difficult and the winner – Eva Irvine – won by 1 point from 3 other people. The prizes were a Gold Cup and a chest packed with a book on the best picnic sites, a blanket and 2 sets of travelling cutlery.

Answers are still available on our website.

## **Tombola:**

Thanks to everyone who bought a ticket and to those donating prizes. The society made £93.00 which is a welcome addition to our funds. Special thanks are also due to Linda Gill for generating so many ticket sales.

## **The 'History Walk'.**

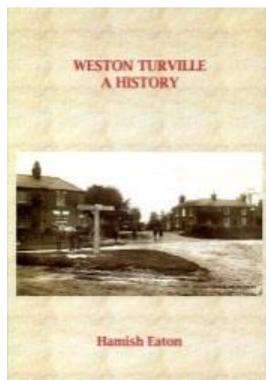
We organised a walk around the village on Saturday 26th October and 13 people came. Unfortunately we had to brave a few showers but everybody thought it was interesting particularly when looking over the Deserted Medieval village in Church Farm. At the end we wound up in the Chandos where Fiona had organised Coffee and biscuits. Using the Pool table's green beize we were able to look at and discuss some of the archaeology found in the village.

## **A Church Tour.**

Several people have asked if it is possible to have a guided tour of the Church which of course it is. We just need to know your names and then something can be organised. We may also be able to combine it with a bit of Archaeology. So if you're interested in a Church tour please contact Chris Gill, email:

[secretary@WTHSoc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@WTHSoc.org.uk)

## **Christmas Presents:**



Now that the clocks have gone back and people's thoughts are turning towards Christmas.

We want to suggest a superb gift for those amongst us who want to give something thoughtful as well as useful. The book: Weston Turville – A History by Hamish Eaton has been reprinted and copies are available to buy from our Treasurer Odette Harris at our monthly meetings, via [kroharris@marroway.co.uk](mailto:kroharris@marroway.co.uk) or phone 01296 613595.

## Meeting Logistics



**When:** Last Friday in month, Sept – June;

**Time:** 20:00 - 22:00

**Venue:** Weston Turville Village Hall;

**Cost:** £2 for members, £3 for visitors, including refreshments

## Upcoming events

- 31<sup>st</sup> Jan Mike Senior: “The Lee in World War 1”  
28<sup>th</sup> Feb Michael Whitney: “Old Haddenham”  
28<sup>th</sup> Mar Ms Steve Fletcher: “A bit on the side: The History  
of the Watercress-Growing Industry”

## Contact

For further information on the Society, or the dig, 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 welcome.



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Check out the website at [www.westonturvilleparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.westonturvilleparishcouncil.org.uk) for information on Councillors, Minutes of meetings and dates of future meetings.

Come along and have a say on what should be the priorities for the council.



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# Wendover Swimming Association



The association has now applied to the Charity Commission to be registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This will provide the structure and status in order to run the pool on a not-for-profit basis for the benefit of the community.

Discussions with the John Colet School continue and different sessions are being trialled to accommodate the swimmers in the area. The Association are particularly pleased that a number of swimming schools have been attracted to use the pool. This is indeed good news for anyone wishing to learn to swim or to improve their technique. [www.wendoverswimmingassociation.co.uk](http://www.wendoverswimmingassociation.co.uk)

As part of the plan to save the Wendover Pool from closure, we are looking for new volunteers to help with administrative tasks and the expanded pool sessions now offered. The admin role is essential in order to run each 1 ½ or 2 hour session smoothly. The work involves manning the front desk, fielding enquiries, taking the money and keeping a record for that session. Any level of commitment is appreciated, however small. In particular qualified Life Guards and First Aiders are very welcome. If you are able to spare any time for this valuable community cause please contact the WSA at:

[membership@wendoverswimmingassociation.co.uk](mailto:membership@wendoverswimmingassociation.co.uk)

## Monday Club

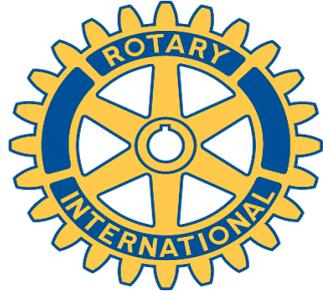
Small friendly club that meets every third Monday of the month, 8pm in the Committee Room (side of kitchen) we have a speaker on various topics with tea/coffee, book table and raffle. Our next three meetings are:

Christmas we are meeting early because everyone is busy: December 2nd at St Mary's Church 8pm for some festive carol singing along with some Choir Members and mince pies of course!

January 20<sup>th</sup>: This speaker has yet to confirm.

February 17<sup>th</sup>: Our annual evening meal venue yet to be decided

Always a welcome for new members. Ann Newell



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## **Weston Turville Community Led Plan Steering Group**

Early in 2010 some members of the public were asked if they would like to volunteer to become members of the Community Led Plan Steering Group.

A meeting was arranged and on Thursday 17 June 2010 the Steering Group was formed. It was agreed an Open Day would be the simplest way in which to get the views of the local residents of Weston Turville Parish. The Open day was held on Saturday 25 September 2010 in the village hall. Various groups from around the Parish were allocated tables in the hall to display their activities. On one table the public were requested to record their ideas and views for the future and what they would like to see changed or added to enhance the Parish for its residents. These records were collated at the end of the event and subsequently a questionnaire was drafted. This was then circulated during early 2011 to every household and business within the Parish. The questionnaire could also be accessed and completed on the Parish Council web site.

Members of the Steering Group then collated the data contained in the questionnaires recovered. The answers were typed into an analytical web site known as Survey Monkey. The analysed results were used to form the document which you have all received in October entitled 'A Plan for Weston Turville'.

As we approach 2014 it will be nearly three years since the initial ideas were canvassed. With this in mind we feel that there must now be some changes you, the residents of Weston Turville, would like to see. Following the Open Day several new groups were formed, one dealt with the organisation of the The Queen's 2012 Jubilee Fayre; the same group organised the village fete which followed in 2013. Another group carry out regular litter picking around the parish.

The questionnaire asked if the residents and businesses would like a newsletter or magazine to be delivered to all the households and businesses within the Parish of Weston Turville. The main suggestion was for a magazine containing articles by local residents and other interesting people, and advertisements from businesses within the Parish or those who supplied commodities to the local residents. The result is what you are now reading THIS-Weston Turville times

In order to view The Plan for Weston Turville please go the Weston Turville Parish Council web site click on the heading Community Led Plan and follow the link to the Plan for Weston Turville.

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Every Thursday** Wendover Market, Manor Waste, Wendover

**December 2nd 2013** Monday Club St Mary's Church 8pm for some festive carol singing

**December 7<sup>th</sup> 2013** St Mary's Christmas Fayre Village Hall 11.00 – 16.00

**December 12<sup>th</sup> 2013** Horticultural Society Christmas Quiz. 8pm Village Hall

**December 13<sup>th</sup> 2013** Mobile Library Village Hall Car Park 11.35 – 12.00

**December 19<sup>th</sup> 2013** Souper Loo Lunch St Mary's Church 12.00 – 13.30

**December 20<sup>th</sup> 2013** Weston Turville CE School Term Ends

**January 7<sup>th</sup> 2014** Weston Turville CE Scholl Spring Term starts

**January 10<sup>th</sup> 2014** Mobile Library Village Hall Car Park 11.35 – 12.00

**January 14<sup>th</sup> 2014** UKTI & BBF Simply Exporting – Customise your

Website Holiday Inn 8.30 – 10.30

**January 16<sup>th</sup> 2014** Souper Loo Lunch St Mary's Church 12.00 – 13.30

**January 20<sup>th</sup> 2014** Monday Club, Village Hall 8pm

**January 24<sup>th</sup> 2014** Mobile Library Village Hall Car Park 11.35 – 12.00

**January 31st 2014** WTHS: Mike Senior: "The Lee in World War 1" 8pm  
Village Hall

**February 6<sup>th</sup> 2014** Free Public Education Seminar. Wills, Investment & Pensions. Holiday Inn 10.00 – 20.30

**February 7<sup>th</sup> 2014** Mobile Library Village Hall Car Park 11.35 – 12.00

**February 14<sup>th</sup> 2014** Weston Turville CE School closes for Spring half term

**February 17<sup>th</sup> 2014** Monday Club: Our annual evening meal venue yet to be decided

**February 20<sup>th</sup> 2014** Souper Loo Lunch St Mary's Church 12.00 – 13.30

**February 21<sup>st</sup> 2014** Mobile Library Village Hall Car Park 11.35 – 12.00

**February 22 2014** Table Top Sale & Book Fair. 2.00-4.00 pm Village Hall

**February 24<sup>th</sup> 2014** Weston Turville CE School re opens

**February 28<sup>th</sup> 2014** WTHS: Michael Whitney: "Old Haddenham" 8pm  
Village Hall

**March 7<sup>th</sup> 2014** Mobile Library Village Hall Car Park 11.35 – 12.00

**March 13<sup>th</sup> 2014** Horticultural Society "Flower Power" – how plants control animals. An illustrated talk by Dr Brenda Harold. 8pm Village Hall

**March 28<sup>th</sup> 2014** WTHS: Ms Steve Fletcher: "A bit on the side: The History of the Watercress-Growing Industry. 8pm Village Hall.





## Phase one nearly ready!

**A message from the PACE Chief Executive,  
Amanda Richardson**

Our new Early Years and Independence Training Centre at 156 Wendover Road is now fully funded and building works conclude this December, so we can open for children and their families in January 2014. Our capital fundraising efforts continue as there are two more phases to complete to convert the former Toyota workshops into vital therapy spaces to help transform the lives of children with disabilities such as cerebral palsy.



While we are excited about our new centre, the on-going challenge of funding our existing services remains uppermost in our minds. We are lucky to have many friends and supporters in the local community including the Rotary Club of Wendover & District who are supporting PACE throughout 2013

Why is our work so important? It is difficult to sum up in words the extraordinary sense of achievement experienced by a child with cerebral palsy who, after many years of learning the skills of balance and co-ordination, and of taking small tentative steps with PACE staff, can finally stand up and take those steps alone, or who turns to a member of staff and says, "I can do it!"

# Weston Turville Horticultural Society

**What are we?** A village society that has been in existence for some 50 years!!

**Who are we?** A group of people who enjoy gardening – doing our own, admiring other people’s as well as learning new tips.

**Where do we meet?** Weston Turville Village Hall.

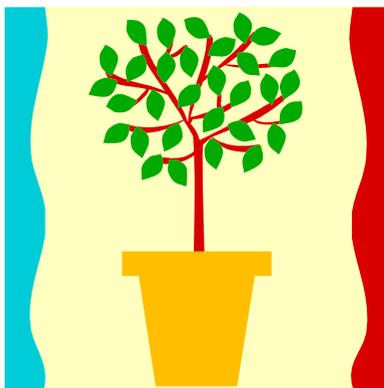
**When?** See below.

**All Meetings are at 8pm in the Village Hall.**

12 Dec	Christmas Quiz – come on your own or with a few friends to make a team. Always an enjoyable evening – the quiz, the mulled wine, the mince pies.
Jan - Feb	Winter Break
13 March	“Flower Power” – how plants control animals. An illustrated talk by Dr Brenda Harold
10 April	“Grow your own Roses.” Talk & practical demonstration by Dr John Cornwall

Why not come along and join us? We are a friendly group and would be very pleased to see you.

For more information please Pat Rutherford on 613965 or contact Lindsay Smith at [lindsay7695@aol.com](mailto:lindsay7695@aol.com)





# CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN WESTON TURVILLE



*You are warmly welcomed to the services at St. Mary`s and at the Chapel to celebrate the birth of Jesus*

## Sunday 15th Dec

*St. Mary`s*

*8.00 am Holy Communion*

*10.00 am Parish Eucharist*

*11.30 am Christingle and*

*Third Sunday Special*

*Please bring an orange*

*Chapel*

*St. Mary`s*

*10.30 am Morning Worship*

*6.00 pm. Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols.*

*Church Choir, The Children`s Friday Choir*

*with traditional readings*



## Wednesday 18th Dec

*St. Mary`s*

*4.00 pm Nativity Service when the Crib is prepared. Dress as shepherds, kings or angels*

## Sunday 22nd Dec.

*Services as usual*

## *Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.*

### *CHRISTMAS EVE*

*Chapel*

*6.00 pm. Carols by candlelight*

*Please stay for refreshments*

*St. Mary`s*

*11.45 pm. Midnight Mass*

## Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. *CHRISTMAS DAY*

*St. Mary`s*

*8.00 a.m. NO SERVICE*

*10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist*

## Chilli News

The weather has changed for winter, so I'm going around the house battening up the hatches. My green house has been emptied, except for the numerous cuttings waiting for spring planting. There was one exception, however, a really large chilli plant that had disgraced itself. Earlier on in the season I decided to test the strength of the peppers, and so I cut a few to be used in later recipes. First, I noticed a slight tingling sensation on my arm, which I rubbed without even thinking. Wondering what this could be, I puzzled over the matter by stoking my chin...you guessed it, within two hours my upper region was on fire. I washed in hot soapy water. No respite. Tried bleach, and waited for my skin to drop off, still no luck. In desperation I reached for Google and found the answer was either nail polish remover, or milk. I don't keep enough asses to warrant a daily bath, so had to make do with a sponge and a carton of semi-skimmed, but it worked. Said plant was then sent to Coventry. Only occasionally was it thrown a begrudged splash of water, in order to ease my conscience. It thrived on total neglect and grew like Topsy. I abhorred it to such a degree, growling when I passed it; moving baby plants well away from the danger area. Goodness knows how this story would have evolved if it hadn't been for a Farmers' Market. We had gone to Wendover one Saturday and were enjoying the diversity of stalls and filling up our basket with goodies. Smells from the East lured me to one in particular. As I later found out, the lady behind the stall makes her own produce, which is a delectable array of curries, chutneys and sauces. We started talking. Her new venture is a chutney using chilli. This was Manna from heaven to my ears; she has already received an award for her recipe. I went for it. Would she like a big fresh chilli plant that I had no use for? Her face lit up; it seemed the lady could not believe her luck. In the end we both did very well, as I got rid of my biological hazard in exchange for several jars of lovely chutney. Seems there's a place for everything if you look hard enough.



Susan Conolly

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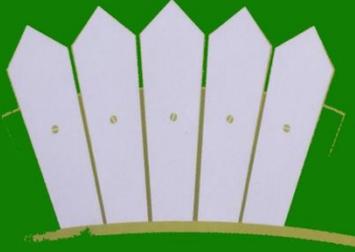
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# **Weston Turville Union Chapel**

## **Part 3. To the Present and Beyond.**

A new vestry was built and dedicated to the memory of Reverend Hunt in 2007. A lectern Bible was also purchased and this was dedicated to Rev. Hunt and his wife Isobel who as previously mentioned did so much for the Chapel. In the following years the kitchen and toilet areas were refurbished and recently a new window and fire door has been fitted in the toilet area.

The Rev. John Forrest served as the Pastor for a short time, from January to June 1991. Rev. Peter Wainwright BD ARCS was appointed as the Pastor from June 1992, where he remained for 5 years. There was then a short interval until Neil Dewar took over the role as Pastor in 1999 until 2012 when he was forced to retire on health grounds. Neil was a former member of the Chapel and a protégé of Rev. T.D.Robinson.

Today the Chapel still holds regular services and a Wednesday afternoon Bible Study Group and Time for Prayer. United Services with St Mary the Virgin Church are held for New Year and Good Friday. The Harvest Suppers are held in aid of 'Operation Agri' who organise practical agricultural and mechanical aid in Third World Countries. In addition the Chapel congregation support a Missionary couple in Colombia, a young boy through the Smile International and other worthy organisations. To supplement the Chapel income, seasonal plant sales and a Christmas Bazaar are held.

In recent years the Chapel Hall has become a regular venue for the meetings by local organisations including the recently formed U3A and the Church Youth Group continue to meet twice a month in the hall. Some Chapel members have worshipped at the Chapel for over 50 years and have witnessed much change. Next year will be the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary and, with God's grace, the Weston Turville Union Chapel will continue to be a place of worship and a community amenity for another 175 years.

Heather Myall



## Have you heard the Bass Saxophone?

I have always been fascinated by lower, often rather large instruments: the double bass rather than the violin, the bassoon rather than the flute. This is not to say that I dislike violins and flutes and certainly not the music written for them. The hauntingly ragged sound of the breathy *shakuhachi*, the Japanese flute can grab one by the throat. And many agree that the smooth, hollowed out sound and tonal dexterity of the clarinet, an alto wood-wind, is incomparable. And then there is the bass clarinet, the velvety haughty tone of which creates atmosphere in film music. It is rather more flexible than that. Since the late nineteenth century orchestral composers have written for it extensively both in solos as well as support for the bass line.

However among bass instruments there are some extravagantly low and improbable instruments. The bass recorder or the double bass domra, a Russian folk instrument, often get a second look of amazement that anything so familiar or intimate could come in such a ridiculous size. One of them is the bass saxophone. In dance or jazz orchestras the usual low saxophone of choice is the baritone. Harry Carney who played with the Ellington orchestra and Gerry Mulligan come to mind as brilliant exponents of that instrument.

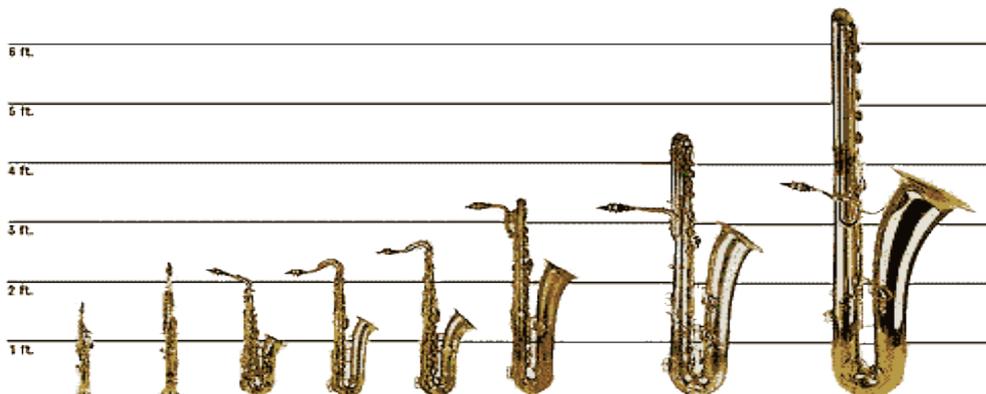
But have you seen the bass saxophone? Possibly but probably not the player for this extravagantly large instrument renders the player almost invisible. It could not be walked in a marching band without causing serious injury. Many years ago, I recall seeing the Oscar Rabin Band. On the front line was a bass saxophone. I could see hands gripping and operating keys and lower down, a sock, a bit of trouser leg and part of a shoe. That was Oscar, or a little of him, trapped as he was behind his massive instrument. Because he could not lead his band, somebody else fronted, beating time for the players. In the saxophone family at the very bottom there are even larger double-bass saxophones and lower which unless collapsed would be enormous, some eight feet high. It is rumoured that one of these extremely tall instruments stands in the Selmer showroom in Paris, its tattered reed mouthed by generations of sax aficionados fascinated by this extraordinary saxophone.

Have you heard the bass saxophone? Maybe not. Throaty, extremely gruff, rasping and ragged, the sound is quite unlike anything else and has a fascination all of its own. Once a week, my house enjoys the attention of a lady who supplies invaluable and necessary help cleaning. She arrived, starting near the room in which this was written. Music is a great boon to me especially

when writing. I am not always sure or clear what the next word ought to be and music helps. Part of the fun involves making choices from my computer play list. That day I selected recordings made by *Adrian Rollini and the Golden Gate Orchestra* of the 1920s. The lady had never heard anything like it, this early earthy, jazzy dance music. More pertinently, she was struck by the balloon squeezing sounds of the bass saxophone, expertly played by Adrian himself. His fluent solos were certainly off the wall and remain a source of constant amazement, at least to me.

There is even a book called *The Bass Saxophone*. By Josef Škvorecký, a Czech author. It tells of a young man's growing love of jazz, which was 'the forbidden music' during the Nazi era and the consequences of such a love for him. Should you hear something absurdly low and rasping or see something improbably large almost concealing its player, it could just be a bass saxophone.

Michael Conolly



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