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THIS YEAR'S VILLAGE FETE IS  
ON  
**SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

1 to 5 pm

See inside for more details!

Contains Local Events, Features, Clubs and Societies,  
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This summer why not bring the family and visit the village fete, participate at the different stalls/activities or just browse. Meet friends and neighbours, stop for a bite or a drink. See inside for details.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Village fete on the 24<sup>th</sup> June.

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Jill Todd  
Editor in Chief

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# 2017 Weston Turville Village Fete.

*Hear ye: hear ye: good people of this Parish: it is that time of year again when we get together to celebrate the good things that are going on in our neighbourhood.*

*For those people who follow social media, it often appears that life, as we know it, in Weston Turville is doomed!*

*But, (and yes I know you shouldn't start a new paragraph with a 'but') , but, I say, there are lots of people in and around here that just get on with their lives and are wanting a good afternoon out with the family for very little money and to be amongst friends.*

*Good people: I give you the spectacular fun filled **Weston Turville Village Fete!***

For those new to the parish or just haven't heard about the fete: it was reinstated about 5 years ago as a result of a parish wide consultation, where lots of residents indicated a village fete was an important annual event to showcase local businesses, charities and to connect the different groups living and working here. The previous village fete had ceased several years previously for lack of volunteers to run it and bad attendance on the day.

We now have sufficient volunteers to organise the fete but we do need your support on the day to make it worthwhile for our stall holders to attend.

As can be seen from the posters, there is a lot to entertain all the family or you could just enjoy a drink, the BBQ or indulge in home made cakes from the tea shop and just chill out in the sun listening to the band whilst watching the dog show or children play! (We have requested sun for the day).

Any profit made is donated to local good causes: in the past we have given the money to Lindengate, St Mary's Church, The Chapel, Search and Rescue dogs, Widow Turpins Charity, WTWT and the Village Hall.

Please put the date in your diaries and join us at the playing fields and village hall.

Entry is £1 per adult: dogs and children under 16 go free.

# WESTON TURVILLE VILLAGE FETE

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR

## GAMES ETC

KIDS PLANES  
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<b>Best Biscuit Catcher</b>	Test your dog's hand and eye co-ordination in this game of catch. The dog that catches the most biscuits is the winner.
<b>Handsomest Dog</b>	If your dog is a handsome fellow, see if he can win the title to prove it.
<b>Best Trick</b>	Put your dog's talents on show – the dog with the best trick wins.
<b>Prettiest Bitch</b>	Does your four-legged friend have many admirers? Enter and see if she can win.
<b>Waggiest Tail</b>	Is your dog a wiggle-bum? Then this is the category for you!
<b>Best Veteran</b>	One for all furry 'golden-oldies' to enter.
<b>Best Rescue</b>	Share your rescue dog's story and showcase him in the ring. Your hound could be the winner.
<b>Judges' Choice</b>	This category is for the 'all-rounder'. We're looking for the most well-mannered, friendly pooch that's in great condition.

WESTON TURVILLE VILLAGE HALL PLAYING FIELDS

2.45 pm start





## WESTON TURVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### *"AGM and Summer Special"*

Meeting on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

*Important  
DATE!*

## Annual General Meeting



2017

The June meeting will start with our AGM, all members are invited/urged to attend. Formal paperwork and an agenda will be circulated electronically prior to the meeting.

- "The Half Plate Photographers of Weston Turville" – Adrian Randall; A story of lunacy, prison sentences and photographic plagiarism.
- Soft drinks, nibbles and discussion

Members are also reminded that subscriptions for 2017/8 will be due. The committee thanks all members for their support over the 2016/7 year's programme.



"The Professional Photographer", June 1916

The meeting starts at 8pm in the village hall and is open to all. Entrance £2 for members and £3 visitors. Doors open at 19:30. Refreshments, on this occasion, will be served at the end of the meeting and will include nibbles, wine and soft drinks.

For further information about the Society visit the Society's web page [www.WTHSoc.org.uk](http://www.WTHSoc.org.uk) or email [Secretary@WTHSoc.org.uk](mailto:Secretary@WTHSoc.org.uk)





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# Summer Sorbet

## Ingredients

- 2 pounds fresh fruit, any combination of berries or stone fruit
- 8 ounces sugar
- 1-ounce freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1/2-ounce vodka
- Pinch of salt



## Directions

**Berries:** Rinse, stem and halve large strawberries. Peel the stone fruits, halve, pit, and chop larger specimens into 1/2-inch pieces.

Puree the fruit in a food processor or blender along with the sugar, lemon juice, vodka and salt. Pour into another vessel and refrigerate until the mixture reaches at least 40 degrees F/4.5 degrees C, 4 to 6 hours.

Churn in an ice cream machine according to the manufacturer's instructions until the mixture resembles soft serve ice cream. Freeze for at least 4 hours in an airtight container or until ready to serve. If you do not have an ice cream machine mix by hand-this will produce a more crystalline sorbet

Enjoy the sunshine

# 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

26<sup>th</sup> May Spring Outing to Sulgrave Manor £17 including High Tea. Contact Barbara Bittenbender

[barb@blbhive.demon.co.uk](mailto:barb@blbhive.demon.co.uk)

30<sup>th</sup> Jun AGM & "The Half Plate Photographers of Weston Turville" Adrian Randall

28<sup>th</sup> July Visit to Hambledon Roman Villa and remains.

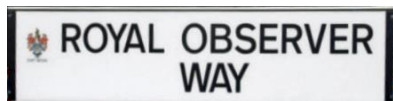
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For further information on the Society, visit [www.WTHSoc.org.uk](http://www.WTHSoc.org.uk), or email: [secretary@WTHSoc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@WTHSoc.org.uk). New members welcome.

## Update 2 Weston Turville's Role in the Cold War

Last year's request for information about the ROC Nuclear Monitoring Post has helped us piece together a more complete timeline for the site.

1953	The Post at Stone was relocated to Weston Turville and an above ground brick post constructed with a movable corrugated iron roof over the store. It was raised about 2M above the ground.
1959	this was supplemented with an underground Nuclear Monitoring Post.
1968	the Post was closed
2012	The site of the post is included within the boundary of the proposed Hampden Fields development. The "Archaeology and Cultural Heritage" report by Wessex Archaeology categorises the post as "Negligible Value".



In our view however, the fact that the monitoring post was demolished above ground but not filled in means that it has been undisturbed for 50 years, escaping the vandalism that has plagued similar sites. In other parts of the country the role of the Royal Observer Corps is being celebrated by restoring and preserving their posts and naming streets in their honour.

We also now have an aerial photograph of the site from November 1957 (before the Golf Club arrived next door). Many thanks to everyone that responded.

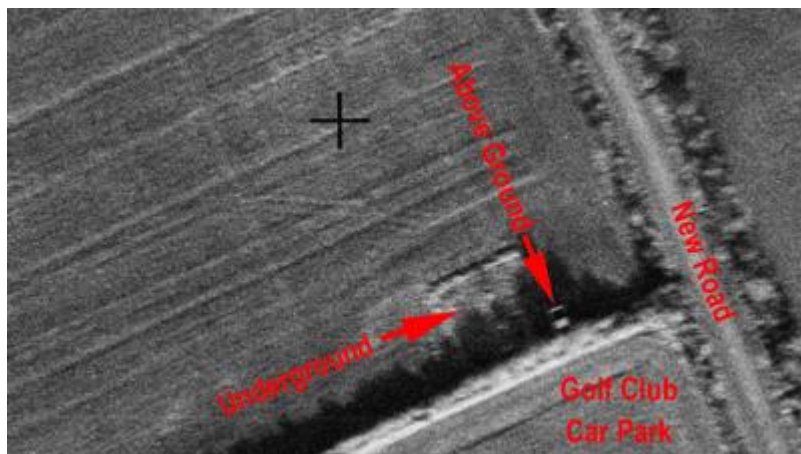

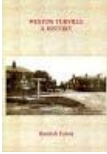

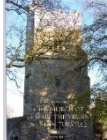



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### Weston Turville Historical Books and Posters.

	<p>“Memories of a Weston Turville Boy” which documents life in the village around the time of the Second World War.</p>	<p>£8.25</p>
	<p>“Weston Turville” A History by Hamish Eaton</p>	<p>£15.00</p>
	<p>“A Collection of Memories of School Days in Weston Turville 1921 – 1970”, compiled by Margaret Cox</p>	<p>£7.00</p>
	<p>“The History of The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Weston Turville” by Glynn White.</p>	<p>£10.00</p>
	<p>Full Colour Millennium Trail Poster 58.5cm x 89cm.</p>	<p>£3.00</p>

## Weston Turville Youth Cafe

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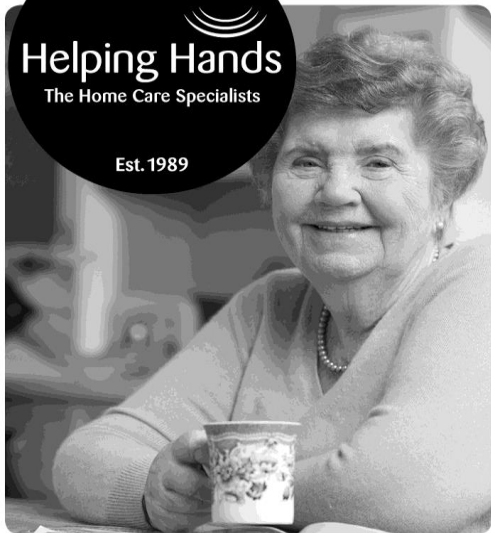
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U3A stands for the University of the Third Age and is an organisation that provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities for people no longer in full-time employment. Members learn for pleasure with no exams, qualifications or assessments – just enjoyment.

All members and prospective new members are welcome to attend our general meetings which are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at Aylesbury Rugby Club in Weston Turville starting at 2.30pm. After notices from group leaders and a cup of tea, there is usually a talk from an accomplished guest speaker.

Further details about the activities of the Weston Turville U3A branch can be found on their website: [www.wtu3a.org](http://www.wtu3a.org), in the local news section of the Bucks Herald or from the Secretary on 01296 613772.



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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

Every Wednesday except the first in the month - Mid week Fellowship -Union Chapel 2.30 to 4pm

## June 2017

- 01/06/2017 WT Parish Council Planning Committee Village Hall 6pm
- 04/06/2017 BBOWT - Orchids and birds of the Fen walk WT Reservoir 10am
- 06/06/2017 Weston Turville C of E School Term begins
- 08/06/2017 Holy Painting 10.30am - Contact Revd Susan Fellows
- 10/06/2017 St Mary's Church - SWIFT Annual Fun Day 11am
- 15/06/2017 Parish Council meeting Village Hall 7pm
- 17/06/2017 Armed Forces Day - Rugby Club
- 24/06/2017 Village Fete - Village hall and Field -1-5pm
- 25/06/2017 St Mary's Church - Cream Teas 3pm
- 27/06/2017 Mobile Library - School Approach 12.40pm to 1pm
- 30/06/2017 WT Historical Society - AGM - Village Hall 7.30pm

## July 2017

- 06/07/2017 WT Parish Council Planning Committee Village Hall 6pm
- 15/07/2017 St Mary's Church Summer Fayre 2pm
- 20/07/2017 Parish Council meeting Village Hall 7pm
- 21/07/2017 Weston Turville C of E School Term Ends
- 22/07/2017 Jazz Concert; St Mary's Church 7.30pm start
- 24-28/2017 Jigsaw; WT. village hall.
- 25/07/2017 Mobile Library - School Approach 12.40pm to 1pm
- 28/07/2017 WT Historical Society - Visit to Hambledon Roman Villa
- 30/07/2017 St Mary's Church - Cream Teas 3pm

## August 2017

- 03/08/2017 WT Parish Council Planning Committee Village Hall 6pm  
06/08/2017 Bearbrook 10k run - WT Rugby Football club 9.30am  
09/08/2017 Teddy Bears Picnic; WT. village Hall  
22/08/2017 Mobile Library - School Approach 12.40pm to 1pm  
27/08/2017 St Mary's Church - Cream Teas 3pm  
28/08/2017 St Mary's Church - Cream Teas 3pm

### St Mary's Church Cream Teas.

A huge thank you from Liz Arnold and Jan Potter for your continued support this year.



### CREAM TEAS DATES:

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May; May BH 29<sup>th</sup> May;  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June; Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July;  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August and BH Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August

**From 3 pm**



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



The Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting was held in April with speakers from both Thames Valley Police and a representative from the company fitting the new street lights. For those persons who did not attend I will precis the information as best as I can:

Thames Valley Police have reviewed the current patrol strategy to accommodate changing crime patterns and Government Financial restraints. The new patrol policy will still have 'Neighbourhood Teams' covering our area but all immediate response requirements will be covered by Aylesbury Police response officers. A greater emphasis will be put on to the investigation of reported crimes with larger multi skilled teams being allocated the investigations after initial police attendance. They also mentioned the current increase in reports of anti-social behaviour and assured us that a multi-agency investigation was being conducted and additional patrols undertaken. Everyone was encouraged to report any incidents as soon as possible for optimum results.

The street lights owned by the parish council are in the process of being changed to more effective and efficient LED lights. It is anticipated that 50% will be converted/changed within the next financial year, prioritising the lights that have stopped working. The lights are designed to reduce light pollution by shining down onto the pavements rather than the ambient light of the old lamps. The old lights can no longer be repaired because the parts are now obsolete and the new lights are considerably cheaper to run as they use less electricity. The new lights are programmable to reduce the light emitted after a certain time to reduce light pollution further but these need to be set prior to installation. Anyone with concerns about the new lights should contact the parish clerk.

We currently have a new vacancy for a parish councillor: why not come along to a meeting to see what is involved and maybe you could help shape the parish for the future in these uncertain times?

The tree maintenance required in several areas throughout the parish is being undertaken so as to reduce damage to the health of the trees and so not to disturb feathered residents. The tree which was recently removed from the village hall car park because it was dying will be replaced later in the year.

The new children's slide in the play area of the playing fields which had been requested by many users should have been installed by the time you read this and the tennis courts should also be fully painted and operational again.

During the consultations for the Weston Turville Neighbourhood plan; we were requested to consider the installation of a skate/BMX park. We would like to hear from some of the youths who will be using this facility to help in the planning of the park. Please speak out as otherwise it will be designed by people who are not going to use it! Contact the clerk for information on getting involved.

The consultation regarding the installation of parking restrictions in Hampden Hall has now closed and the new yellow lines will be painted on the road at the entrance and on bends to restrict parking which has been causing obstructions.

Speeding and HGV's through the village is still an issue and the Parish Council continues to work with Bucks CC Highways department and others to obtain a suitable resolution. It is anticipated that permanent traffic calming will be introduced through the village as part of mitigation measures being funded by developers. We are still waiting for the BCC to install the ground screw holders for the MVAS (mobile speed indicator) at the locations requested by residents.

If there is anything you wish to bring to the attention of the council please contact the Clerk in the first instance.

The Clerk to Weston Turville Parish Council can be contacted on:



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



## **Concerts, FUNdraising FUNctions and events, 2017**

FUNdraising events for the following three months are constrained by a very busy period when there is so much going on in Weston Turville. I cannot risk clashes with the Village Fete, the armed Forces Day, Wimbledon, etc. as well as the Christian Aid week events in May.

However, we will have our usual Summer Fayre on Saturday, July 15th at the Church and the Dixieland Swing Kings are returning for another evening of Trad Jazz, 1960's style on July 22nd. Please come along to these events, both of which are great fun for all.

Our popular cream teas will also be served at the church on the last Sunday in every month from May to September as well as Bank Holiday Mondays, all from 3pm to 5pm.

There is already a very full programme of events for the autumn term, including the return of the Dung Beatles, which was immensely popular last year, the Harvest Supper, pupils from the Purcell School, Christmas and Craft Fayre and, of course, the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. More details of all of these will be in the next issue of WTT in September.

We thank you all for your support with all of our activities and welcome you to the church for all of these as well as our regular Sunday services.

On the first Sunday in every month we now have a service for all ages, from very young to very old, which starts with breakfast, consisting of toast with marmalade and other spreads, pastries, tea and coffee and a chance to sit down together to eat and chat before the worship begins at around 10.30am. This is becoming so popular that we are starting breakfast at 9.45am in order to get everybody served.

Due to the numbers now attending events such as our breakfast service, cream teas and others we are short of trestle tables. If

anybody is aware of tables, either short or long, becoming available from other sources, I would be very pleased to hear from you (Roger Fellows 01296 424982).

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

**Saturday 15th July**, Summer Fayre at Church, 2pm to 5pm

**Saturday 22nd July**, Trad Jazz Concert, The Dixieland Swing Kings

**Saturday ? September**, Concert, TBA

**Saturday 30th September**, Harvest Supper in the village hall.  
Details to follow.

**Saturday 14th October**, Concert, The Dung Beatles

**Saturday 25th November**, Concert, The World-Famous Purcell School

**Saturday 2nd December 11am to 4pm**, in the village hall,  
Christmas and Craft Fayre

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

All concerts are in church, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets at the door, £10 including refreshments and a glass of wine. Under 18s free.

All enquiries, please, to Roger Fellows. 424982

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### **‘Holy Painting’**

‘Holy Painting’ takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 10.30 – 12 noon in St. Mary’s Church, Weston Turville. We join together to have fun painting and exploring Bible stories at the same time.

I bring all the paper, paints and brushes at the moment but feel free to bring your own if you wish. I also bring crayons and coloured pencils in case anyone would prefer to use those, but there is something really therapeutic about splashing paint on paper! I tell a Bible story and then we all paint. We have tea, coffee and biscuits and have a nice chat. This is definitely for fun – I cannot teach you. Talent is not required!

Hope to see you there.

Revd. Susan

01296 424982

susan.sefellows@btinternet.com

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

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

**BIG NEWS! WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED THE FACULTY FROM THE DIOCESE! This means that we are now concentrating on raising the funds to enable us to proceed with contracts and building as soon as possible.**

We would welcome any ideas or offers of help or donations towards this project which will benefit all age groups within the village community. We will provide a meeting room available for use by small groups (up to about 30 seated) from the village community, complete with wheelchair-accessible toilet and baby-changing facilities. The church will thus be better able to cater for children, the elderly and less able members of the community.

Plans are already under way for our annual SWIFT FUN DAY, which will include the usual free bouncy castle and many other attractions. This will be on Saturday 10th June from 11am to 4pm.

We hope to arrange many other events during the year for SWIFT.

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

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**Diary date: Saturday 10th June, FUN DAY at the Church, 11am to 4pm.**  
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Members organise "Interest groups" and at present these include play reading, music, craft and films. We also arrange regular theatre trips and coach outings which are always popular.

Dates for your WI diary:

Tuesday June 13th 2017. 7.45pm St Anne's Hall

On and Off the Footplate with Bill Davies

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Tuesday July 11th 2017. 7.45pm St Anne's Hall

The Importance of Image with Lesley Clarke. All visitors will be made very welcome. Contact Sara on 01296 620005 or just turn up on the night.

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Tuesday August 8th 2017. 7.45pm St Anne's Hall

An informal meeting with singing and other fun and light-hearted activities.

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# Doppelgänger

Not far to the east of the City we found an agreeable restaurant, modestly priced and not too sleazy but fairly smart without being pretentious. As we walked in, a waiter rushed up to us with a smile of recognition.

"Good to see you again, sir," he said, effusively welcoming us through the door. What could he mean? I looked at S. wondering what she thought of the waiter's welcome. Had we been here before and forgotten about it?

"Your usual table?" he continued.

For the life of me, I could not remember visiting the restaurant, much less being in this part of London. And certainly S. had never been here before. We said nothing as we were guided to a favoured table and made comfortable.

"Have you been here before?" asked S. after the waiter retreated.

"Never", I replied.

"Oh, I think I know what is going on." S commented rather mysteriously. Presented with a menu, we studied it. Before long the waiter returned,

"A bottle of your usual wine?"

"That would be nice. A red, I think?" I suggested, tentatively joining the game we seemed to be playing. All the time I could feel his eyes on me, or rather on the woman beside me. The waiter dashed off to the back of the restaurant.

"This has happened to you before, hasn't it?" said S. "I remember you telling me about it".

"Yes, I was returning from a rehearsal and had tucked myself into a corner seat of the tube I caught at Baker Street. This guy approached me. He bowed deeply to me, his face betraying the pleasure of recognition. Then he said, 'I am a great admirer of your work, sir'. Who on earth did he think I was, I thought? I nodded, shrivelling with embarrassment. The fan retreated to his seat."

And now it had happened again. I am me and this waiter believes I am somebody else he has served in this very restaurant several times before. It explained why he had looked strangely at S. Presumably on previous occasions 'he', the celebrity, had turned up with a wife, a woman different from S. I imagined the waiter thinking S. a bit of fun on the side extra to the woman 'he' usually brought with 'him' for lunch. What was I to do? I could hardly own up to being me rather than 'him'. To do such would only cause confusion. Moreover, there was no reason for the waiter to believe me. The consequences didn't bear thinking about. Because 'he' and a different wife had come again for lunch was unimportant. The service was exemplary. Nobody rejects the attention of a devoted waiter. As we ate and enjoyed a succulent starter, I said to S, "What should we do? I think we should play along with it."

"Fine", she replied, "And what could one say, anyway?"

As the meal continued, the waiter gradually realised he had made a mistake. S. and I and he agreed to say nothing further.

Michael Conolly



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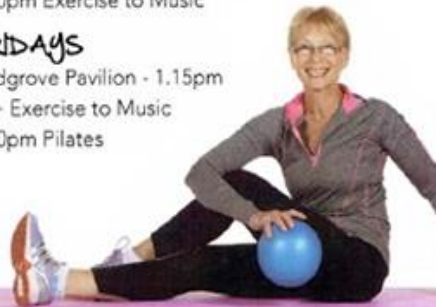
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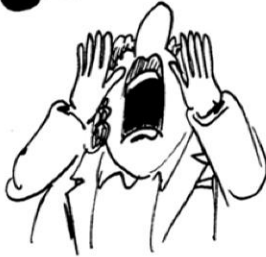
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