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101 Runs and a Dash of Controversy

A tale of inter-village competitions

The annual rounders match between Turville and Northend took place on Northend Common on Saturday 23 May. It was a glorious day which encouraged over 50 people to attend. **Danny Fois** and **Steve Blake**, (below) the captains for Turville and Northend, having agreed the rules over a pint, tossed a coin. In what may have been an omen for what was to follow, Northend won the toss and elected to field.

Turville quickly got off to a dominant start, on a pitch which can only be described as 'slow'. They played the game as it was always meant to be played, trying to hit the cover off every ball bowled. A great effort resulted in a record breaking score of 50 rounders, an achievement helped by the fielding of **Guy 'Teflon Hands' Hughes**, who, it seems, has always wanted to reside in Turville. Northend went into bat with the look of a beaten side but soon put themselves in contention with some forceful strikes. However, as Blake knew that 50 was a huge ask, he opted to employ the highly controversial tactic of tip and run, which in the long grass, proved unstoppable



and secured Northend their fifth win in a row. Rest assured, there will be at least one rule change next year! It was a highly enjoyable afternoon. Thanks go to Northend for organising the day and providing the much needed refreshments.

Two weeks earlier, the Turville Troopers (**Angela, Danny and Sophie Fois, Anne and Ray Jones, Caroline and Gary Steventon and Emma Bannister Dean**) stormed to victory in the village hall quiz. Trailing by ten points as the final round loomed, they revealed an amazing display of trivial knowledge to beat off the cricket club and Turville Heath.

On this occasion, Northend (Bucks) picked up the wooden spoon for last place (no controversy here, then). Northend (Oxon), Southend and a second Turville team settled for a mid-table finish. The quiz raised £700 for village hall funds. Immense thanks are due to quizmaster **Amanda Moser** and to the table tennis group for the organisation, the food and the drinks. Thanks also to those who donated raffle prizes.

Three Meetings ... Followed by Valmai Pickett's Resignation

On Wednesday 13 May we had the annual parish meeting, the annual meeting of Turville parish council, and the ordinary parish council meeting. As ever, planning applications and holes in the roads figured prominently. The campaign to recruit community responders and/or purchase defibrillators was also discussed, as was the purchase of the telephone box at Northend and many other things.

Michael Wicks performed his last council duty of presenting the 2008/09 accounts. The councillors presented him with a framed local photograph and garden centre tokens. He plans to buy a tree for his garden to commemorate his twelve years as clerk.

We warmly welcomed **Deirdre Hansen** as our new parish clerk. She comes highly recommended, with the bonus that she also clerks for Ibstone and Bradenham and, is, therefore, well up to date with parish council procedures.

With regret, and after some 30 years as a parish councillor including seven as chairman, I tendered my resignation after the meetings. I feel it is time for me to concentrate more on my family and on supporting Rodders in his business as we head towards retirement, albeit a working one. My thanks to the councillors, parishioners and especially Michael for their support.

For anyone who would like to get involved with the parish council, here's your chance. It's a challenge to maintain the essential rural character of our beautiful parish whilst at the same time coping with the pace of life in the twenty first century. Deirdre will be pleased to talk to anyone who is interested in filling the vacancy and helping the other councillors take on that challenge (*see parish council box on page 4*).

Valmai Pickett



Turville Diary

Parish council

15 July Village hall
16 September Turville school
18 November Village hall

Parish events

4 June European parliament and county council elections
13 June Guy Hughes and Matt Taylor, Bull & Butcher (p3)
21 June Church mice, Turville school (p2)
6-7 July Community responder training (James McConville 638 498)
3 October Village hall AGM and committee
6 October Marrow weigh-in/sweepstake, Bull & Butcher (p3)
1 December Best use of marrow, Bull & Butcher
4 December Just Pete Allen, Village hall (p3)
13 December Christmas party, Village hall

Northend residents' association

July (TBA) Music night
5 November Bonfire party

Turville village association

6 June Barbecue on the green (p3)
12 December Carols on the green

Turville Park cricket club (p3)

6 June Privateers
13 June Invalids (followed by barbecue)
14 June Stonor (A)
19-21 June Jersey tour
28 June Lord Gnome's XI

Other events

3-7 August Crackers kids week (p2)

Stories, Pictures, Dressing Up – and Hunting for Animals and Water

The Turville church mice have been very busy since the last time they were featured in the *Turville Times*. It has been so nice to have more local children of all ages (from toddlers to 10+) joining in the fun.

In February, after hearing all about the story, the church mice made a fabulous, big colourful picture of Joseph and the amazing technicolor dreamcoat (right). Their work will soon be displayed in the church on the church mice notice board.

In March, they had a great time hearing the story of the Good Shepherd and making lots of Shaun the sheep masks. One mouse dressed up as a shepherd and his flock baa'd all the way to the church.

There was an extra treat for families and children on mothering Sunday. The congregation was shown a re-enactment (in costume) of the hiding of Moses in a basket. They were then reminded of the importance of water for families in third world countries by taking part in a game of finding the water, in and around the church. At the end of the service, each mother was presented with a pretty posy of local flowers.



In April, the church mice enjoyed hearing and joining in the story (complete with props) of the twin brothers, Jacob and Esau. They loved going on an animal hunt (like Esau) around Turville school and finding lots of hidden animals and afterwards made soup (like Jacob). Then they roared their way to church where they proudly showed the congregation how many animals they had found.

With kind funding from the Turville educational trust, the church mice now have more money to spend on making their meetings even better. Come and join in the fun - just turn up at 9.15am every third Sunday at Turville school.

Claire Prince - 07734 113644.

Crackers Kids Week

Anna Eykyn and Annabel Bush are organising a fun week for four to eight year olds from 3 to 7 August at Turville Park cricket club on Turville Heath. Details from Anna (638 732) or Annabel (638 263).

Charity Update

Congratulations to both **Tora Stracey** and **Caroline Steventon** who both completed marathons and raised substantial sums for charities. **Tora** completed the London Marathon for the second time in 4 hours 10 minutes – she was slowed by walls of runners at the 17 mile mark which prevented her breaking four hours. She has raised £3,000 for Help for Heroes and the Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust. **Caroline** (right) completed the Playtex London MoonWalk, walking the 26 plus miles in just over seven and a half hours, starting at midnight and ending in time for breakfast. She raised over £700 for Walk the Walk, a charity set up to help breast cancer sufferers. There is still time to sponsor **Tora** (638 224) or **Caroline** (07877 577048).



Lauren Fois and **Glynis Langford** will be participating in different versions of the Cancer Research Race for Life in the coming weeks. To sponsor them, enter the name(s) in the box at www.raceforlife.org/raise-money/sponsor-a-friend.aspx. Find out how they get on in the next issue. In the meantime, **Anna Eykyn** is training for the New York marathon in November; more in the October issue.

This leads to the inevitable conclusion that the men in the parish are lagging behind! One man who can be counted on is **Robin Harman** who is organising a marrow growing competition in aid of Maplewood School for special needs children. Call him on 07701 063 303 and you may still be able to obtain a competition plant.

But where are the rest of the men? What are they doing?

Ollie's Stunner

Turville Park enjoyed their first success of the season on 24 May, comprehensively beating Checkendon by 144 runs. Batting first, Turville amassed 275 for the loss of five wickets with a stunning 130 from **Ollie Thornton**, ably supported by **Rob Gunn** (42) and **Colin Simon** (37).

Not to be outdone by his son, **James Thornton** strangled the Checkendon's top order, taking 3 for 27. **Tom, Charlie** and **Peter Allport** took five wickets between them (to complement **Annie Allport's** tea) as Checkendon were bowled out for 131.

Pete's Music Returns

After 30 years absence, **Pete Allen** returned to Turville on 15 May. On his last visit, Pete brought his jazz band to Idlecombe Farm. This time it was just Pete, his clarinet and two saxophones, and an eclectic programme of music and stories.

The music included the hits of Louis Armstrong, Sydney Bechet, Fats Waller, Acker Bilk and Kenny Ball. The stories ranged from Pete's acquisition of his valuable French soprano saxophone in Lake District farmhouse to the Danish practice of betting on the behaviour of pigs. A great evening. Pete will be back on Friday 4 December.

For Your Entertainment

Turville Village Association Barbecue

When.....Saturday 6 June, 6pm.

Where.....Village green.

Who.....All Turville villagers.

Bring.....Burgers, buns and booze

Contact..Pam Harper – 638 635

Cricket Club Barbecue

When.....Saturday 13 June, 7pm.

Where....Cricket ground, Turville Heath

Who.....Everybody

What.....Burgers, chicken, puds, beer and wine

Tickets...Adults: £12 (including food, wine and beer)
Under 18s: £5 (including food and soft drinks)
David Cairns – 638 296



The Bull & Butcher

When...Saturday 13 June, 9pm

Music...Guy Hughes & Matt Taylor

Northend Residents Association Music Night

When.....Late July

Contact..Steve Blake - 638 740 or Guy Hughes

Reflections on Terrorism

Each year during Lent, the churches in the Hambleden valley host a series of talks with a common theme. The theme this year was terrorism. Our area dean, the **Reverend David Picken**, opened the series at Turville with the story of a local community, High Wycombe, and its response to the arrest on suspicion of terrorism of two local men of the Muslim faith. The arrests prompted the setting up of the Christian Muslim council as a way of promoting the common good in the community by the good responsible practice of religion.

David then reflected on what it means to be a Christian in these circumstances and how Muslims and Christians have to find a way of co-existing while proclaiming their faiths. He proposed that for Christians an appropriate response is to follow Jesus' example and accept each person as a unique individual and to practise our Christianity by serving others and the community.

In the second talk at Fingest, **Peter Taylor** discussed the definition of a terrorist from the point of view of a journalist. He described the word 'terrorist' as one of the most emotive and judgemental in the English language, one which defines which side you are on. He seldom used it, preferring words such as 'insurgent', 'resistance' and 'fighter'. The definition is not simple and is subjective, as exemplified by the cliché: 'one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter'. It is largely conditioned by circumstances of time, as shown by the life journeys of Martin McGuinness and Nelson Mandela.

Terrorism may or may not be about religion but there is a fanatical commitment to a cause invariably involving 'liberation' of some kind which can only be achieved by violence. Peter proposed that for him, the defining characteristic of terrorism is the deliberate targeting and killing of civilians and concluded by saying that the definition of a terrorist is not straightforward and is fraught with contradictions.

Peter's second talk addressed the response of states to terrorism. Terrorists need support from the community to survive. Where this does not exist the state may be able to defeat terrorism with force, as with Baader-Meinhoff. A community which supports terrorism needs to be persuaded to lessen that support. Grievances and their causes have to be addressed. Of the many tools that may be needed to control terrorism, the most important is political. Terrorists can be encouraged to move into the political arena by promoting the development of their political wing. They have to take their supporters with them as in Northern Ireland where Sinn Fein is now in Stormont. This may be seen as a victory for both sides since the union is maintained.

Anne Jones

Our Postman

As many of you will be aware **Terry Buckett**, our postman, has been diagnosed with cancer. Pauline, his wife, has asked that news of Terry's situation be shared with his many friends around the parish.

His cancer is being treated by an aggressive chemotherapy programme for a period of two months by when it is hoped that the tumour will have shrunk enough to be removed.

Terry is having his treatment at home. His address is: 76 Vicarage Road, Henley-on-Thames, RG9 1JT. We are sure that cards and messages will be appreciated, perhaps, best of all, a picture from some of the children.

Jo & James McConville

Your Parish Council

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Councillors:

Margaret Drage 638 384

Danny Fois 638 454

Richard Higgin 638 603

Steve Blake 638 740

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* Valmai Pickett resigned following the meeting on 13 May. In accordance with s 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972, unless ten electors make a request to the returning officer at Wycombe District Council for a by-election within 14 days (excluding weekends and bank holidays) of the announcement of the vacancy, the parish council has the power to co-opt a replacement member.

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