

Turville Times



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What Do We Think We Need?

Last year St Mary's church, the parish council and the Turville and Northend village associations jointly supported a **community needs assessment**. Survey forms were hand-delivered to houses seeking views on overall priorities for the parish as well as on specific issues such as safety, the environment, and young people. 57 replies were received representing some 150 people and 50% of the households in the parish. What did we say we need?

The needs assessment identified a wide range of priorities with considerable variation between villages. Some priorities conflicted but fairly constant themes were the needs to:

- reduce disruption from building projects (12% of households);
- improve road surfaces (11%);
- provide facilities for children and young people (11%);
- create affordable housing (9%);
- construct car parking (7%); and
- have more opportunities for socialising (7%).

On **safety** the priority (46%) was *speed limits* but there was also substantial support for better *crime prevention* measures such as dedicated police officers and Neighbourhood Watch.

For **young people**, half those responding saw the need for *play areas* and *affordable housing*. Nearly 90% of the 22 households identifying priorities for **older people** selected access to *transport to shops* and *healthcare*.

Concern for the **environment** was split almost equally between tackling *rubbish dumping* and having comprehensive *recycling* facilities. Each issue was highlighted by around one quarter of all households.

For the **church**, *toilet facilities* were the clear priority. But beyond that there appeared more interest in being in the church(yard) when dead than while still alive!

Respondents reflected broadly equal numbers of men (63) and women (70). Three age ranges (0-20, 41-60 and 60+) were represented with around 20 male and 20 female respondents in each range. Only the 21-40 age range was significantly less represented (four men and four women).

Coincidentally, after the survey, Wycombe Council completed a lot of work on road surfaces and speed limits and expanded recycling collections. St Mary's Church is exploring how to expand the graveyard and funding for defibrillators is being considered.

We intend to organise a further public discussion in the Bull & Butcher to which all will be welcome.

David Redhouse - 638 131



Turville Diary

Parish council

13 May (AGM)
15 July
16 September
18 November

Turville school
Village hall
Turville school
Village hall

Parish events

7 April Marrow planting (p3)
20 April Church AGM (p2)
25 April Defibrillators and first aid (p4)
9 May Parish quiz (p2)
12 May Collect marrow plants (p3)
16 May Police, fire, trading standards (p4)
3 October Village hall AGM and committee
6 October Marrow weigh-in/sweepstake (p3)
1 December Best use of marrow (p3)
13 December Christmas party, Village hall

Northend village association (p4)

23 May Rounders v Turville (p2)
12 September Quiz night
5 November Bonfire party

Turville village association

23 May Rounders v Northend (p2)
6 June Barbecue on the green
12 December Carols on the green

Turville Park cricket club (p2)

12 & 19 April Outdoor nets
9 May First home match

Other events

15 May 'Just' Pete Allen (p2)
24 May Tractor run (p3)
3-7 August Crackers kids week (p4)



Easter Church Services

5 April: Palm Sunday

10am Valley Choral Eucharist (**Hambleden**)
5pm Valley praise (**Fawley**)

9 April: Maundy Thursday

8pm Eucharist & footwashing (**Frieth**)

10 April: Good Friday

10am-12:30pm Children's activity morning
(**Frieth School**)
2pm The last hour of the Cross (**Hambleden**)

12 April: Easter Day

9:30am Eucharist (**Turville**)

20 April: Church AGM at 7:45pm in the Barn at the Old Millhouse.

Turville friends of **Mieke Gaynor** will be able to say goodbye to her at her last service in the parish on Easter Day. She will officiate at Eucharist at 9.30 am.

Michael Wicks: 12 Years Service

As many of you will know, **Michael Wicks** attended his last parish council meeting as clerk on the 11 March, prior to his retirement on 31 March.

Mike, Sally and their family came to live at Turville Heath 35 years ago. He tells me that he always felt that when he retired from gainful employment he would like to do something for the community in which he felt so at home.

Mike took over from Fred Macksey in 1997, when Simon Stracey was chairman. He has kept the councillors, and especially the chairman, on track for twelve years, through many changes. During that time the parish clerk's workload seems to have increased hugely, though the prescribed amount of time that a clerk in a parish the size of ours is expected to spend on it has not. Mike, however, has put in all the time and more that has been necessary to keep the wheels turning, including keeping abreast of modern communications as increasingly required by the district and county councils.

All the parish councillors and the parish owe Mike a debt of gratitude for his hard work and we wish him well for the future.

Valmai Pickett
Chairman, Turville Parish Council

Parish Challenge 1: The Quiz

Eight teams of eight people representing different parts of the parish, the cricket club and other organisations are invited to compete in the parish quiz on **Saturday 9 May** at the village hall.

The teams will face eight rounds of questions on a variety of topics set by **Amanda Moser**.

The evening will start at 7.00pm for 7.30pm and will also include a round of "heads and tails", a raffle with excellent prizes, and supper (lasagne, salad, garlic bread, fruit and desserts). Wine, beer and soft drinks will also be available.

Tickets: £12.50 per head (which includes supper).

Register your interest with:

Steve Blake (Northend) – 638 740

Cayla Twemlow (Northend) - 638 591

Valmai Pickett (Southend) – 638 523

Wendy Duerden (Turville) – 638 297

David Cairns (Turville Heath) – 638 296.

Parish Challenge 2: Rounders

Saturday 23 May sees the fifth annual rounders match on the green at Northend, between teams loosely based on the **Turville** and **Northend** ends of the parish. Southend and Turville Heath residents can play for either team. No skill is needed - and

none is rarely shown! The match is a terrific afternoon for all families and ages. Our youngest player has been five; the oldest over seventy.

Bring a picnic and enjoy the sunshine. Teas and beers will be available. There is no match fee.

Register your interest with the team captains:

Danny Fois (Turville): ladsrally@aol.com

Steve Blake (Northend): steve@stevenblake.co.uk

A Cricketing Challenge

Turville Park's season begins at BBC Caversham (25 April). The first home game is against Greys Green (9 May). The club will challenge for the Bucks County Cup and the Jersey Ashes and hope to retain the Richard Hunt cup against Stonor.

Outdoor nets at 10.00am on 12 and 19 April.

For more information, contact:

Tim Wade (captain) - ewades@aol.com

James Hunt (vice-captain) – 638 306

David Cairns (secretary) – 638 296

Change of date

'Just' Pete Allen at Northend

Pete Allen, Britain's most exciting jazz clarinettist, is bringing his one-man show to the village hall on **Friday 15 May**. Advance tickets, price £10, are available by calling 01823 669463.

www.peteallenjazz.com

Heavy, Long, Ugly or Small? Or Just Plain Average?

Every English village has a marrow growing competition. Turville's competition seeks to raise money for waterproof beanbags for Maplewood School for special needs children.

The official competition marrows will be planted at the Bull & Butcher on 7 April and grown initially at Turville Heath farm. Competitors can collect their seedlings at the Bull & Butcher on 12 May for growing on. The weigh-in is on 6 October, again at the Bull & Butcher. There will be prizes for the heaviest (£30 plus trophy), longest, ugliest, average and smallest marrows. There is a special prize for junior competitors (£20 plus trophy). The weigh-in will also feature a sweepstake on the number of seeds in the heaviest marrow – and the seeds will be used for the 2010 competition.

The competition for the best (legal and tasteful) use of a marrow will be judged on 1 December.

The entry fee is £6 for adults and £4 for juniors (under 16). Official plants only may be used. The sabotage of competitors' marrows is prohibited.

Robin Harman – 07701 063 303 robin.harman@tesco.net

Charity Run: Four Vintage Wheels

Many varied makes of vintage tractors from the local area will take part in a "tractor run" from the field opposite the Bull & Butcher in Turville on **Sunday 24 May**. The intention is to raise funds for the very worthy Thames Valley and Chilterns air ambulance.

The tractors will leave at 9.30am and arrive back at the field at approximately 4pm. You are welcome to take a look at these vintage machines and talk to the drivers. Donations will be gratefully received!

We are grateful to many local landowners for their support for this run.

Gary Anderson - 01494 883442



Charity Run: Six Young Legs

Tora Stracey farms in Turville Heath and is running in the London Marathon. She writes:

"I was one of the lucky ones (!) who secured a place in the London marathon through the ballot. Once I came to terms with spending five months dressed in lycra, I chose two charities and to better my previous time of 4h16m. I've chosen Help for Heroes because I love being active and sporty and those who are in the army and suffer severe injuries have that taken away from them. The other charity is the Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust who provide an essential service given our location. Thank you for reading this and wish for a cold and drizzly Sunday 26 April."

To sponsor Tora, go to www.justgiving.com/torastracey for Help for Heroes and www.justgiving.com/torastracey1 for Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust.



Glynis Langford lives in Northend and is taking part in the Race for Life in Reading on 19 July.

"Last year was my first time, I walked (as running never was my best subject) the 5k with a friend from work and we were very pleased we finished in just over an hour. I raised £845 and, as most people ticked the Gift Aid box, it brought the total to just over £1000. I feel really strongly about raising money for Cancer Research. My dad died at the age of 60 with lung cancer. I've lost two more friends to cancer this year. Please support me, however small the donation. It really will make a difference."

To sponsor Glynis, go to: www.raceforlifeforsponsorsome.org/glynislangford.



Lauren Foiss lives in Turville and is taking part in the Race for Life in Oxford on 7 June.

"I will be running the 5k with my friend Charly. We have both lost family members to cancer. I'm sure many of you remember my grandmother, Nan Thurman, who died of leukemia aged 59 in 1995. With the disease threatening the lives of many, including young women, I feel that this is a very important cause to raise money to help prevent many others from getting it. I would be very grateful if you could support this by sponsoring me; it doesn't have to be a lot! Anything can make all the difference. Thank you."

To sponsor Lauren, go to: www.raceforlifeforsponsorsome.org/laurenfoiss



Proud to be "Northend Nutters"

Northend has had an active residents' society for at least 20 years which has been involved in a series of campaigns on issues of interest to the village. One campaign was concluded at Wycombe town hall with a passionate address from Jim Langford to the startled assembly of a government planning inspector, district councillors and officials. In one campaign, the incumbent residents were awarded the proud title of "Northend Nutters".

1996 saw the creation of a more formal organisation. Fred Macksey researched model constitutions for villages and Northend village association was launched with the approval of all residents. The association covers the area covered between Blundells farmhouse near Turville Heath and Hartwood near Christmas Common. In its current format, the association is primarily a provider and conduit for social events in the village and for the broader parish.

Many of these social events use the wonderful facility of the village hall at Northend or the broad swathe of open common. We have great people in the parish and we wish to engender community spirit and cohesion. *Northend Nuggets*, the precursor to this newsletter, had just that in mind. Campaigning still goes on. The parish council has purchased the BT telephone box and the association is now responsible for its care and maintenance. Ideas on its future use should be sent on a postcard.



We pride ourselves on a variety of events including the summer live music night, the bonfire night party and a fun quiz night in September. We co-host the rounders match with Turville (*see page 2*). Other events include the Christmas parties for adults and children, to which the whole parish is invited.

The spectrum of events means that there is something for all ages in our community. We welcome other suggestions. The Villages Ball was one suggestion from parishioners to which we have had a fantastic response and some very generous offers of stunning locations, help and advice. The preferred date is Saturday 22 May 2010 and we will be holding a public meeting and forming a committee to explore it further. We welcome any other initiatives to run other events for the benefit of all. Feel free to contact us or come to the AGM.

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Surviving the Biggest Killer

Sudden cardiac arrest is the UK's single biggest killer: 150,000 people die each year as a result. Anyone can suffer irrespective of race, age, sex or socio-economic group. For every minute that passes the chances of survival decrease by up to 14%. Research shows that applying a controlled shock within five minutes of collapse increases the chance of survival.

An automated external defibrillator (AED) detects the electrical activity in the heart and gives automated instructions to the rescuer. Rural areas are one of the areas of greatest need. It often takes more than 20 minutes for an ambulance to arrive in our area. So training in life saving and the availability of defibrillators is vital.

Dick Tracey of the ambulance service will make a presentation on the use of defibrillators and emergency first aid at 10.00 on **Saturday 25 April** at the village hall, Northend. To know more, come to the village hall on 25 April or call **James & Jo McConville** on 638 498.

Police, Fire and Trading Standards

The police, fire service and trading standards will make a presentation at 10.00am on **Saturday 16 May** in the village hall, Northend. Topics include: crime prevention; home and car security; looking after the elderly and vulnerable; fire prevention; current scams and rogue traders.

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. Details from Anna (638 732) or Annabel (638 263).

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