



Turville Times

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Finding the Way: Parish Maps

You may have noticed the parish maps which have recently been placed in the bus shelters in Northend and Turville Heath, on the wall next to the phone box in Turville and (soon) in the village hall in Northend – and in Southend if a suitable place can be found.

The maps were funded by a grant from the Chiltern Conservation Board and show all the local footpaths, bridleways and byways. Thanks go to aspiring artist, **Sophie Foïs**, who illustrated the maps beautifully with scenes from the parish. Can you recognise them all?



Garsington Opera: an Update and Some Reflections

Garsington Opera has confirmed to Wycombe district council that the Holloway Lane gate will not be used by any traffic related to its proposed opera festival. All construction vehicles, service vehicles, opera patrons and employees will enter and leave the proposed site on the Wormsley estate through the Ibstone Road gate adjacent to the M40. The confirmation is included in a letter from Nathaniel Litchfield and Partners, the planning consultants, which will shortly be accessible on the WDC planning portal.

Both the Opera and the Wormsley estate had envisaged that employees and artists living in the Turville valley and a small number of outgoing taxis on performance days would be able to use the Holloway Lane gate. They are now examining other ways of managing these vehicles within the estate.

From the initial contacts with the parish council at the beginning of June, the Opera and the Wormsley estate have made clear that opera patrons, employees (other than Turville valley residents), construction vehicles and service vehicles would always use the Ibstone Road gate (except in an extreme emergency). This was confirmed by the Wormsley estate in an e-mail on 15 July and by Garsington Opera at a working

meeting with council members on 16 July. Both organisations confirmed that approach again at a further working meeting at the Wormsley estate on 28 July. By the meeting on 16 July, it was clear that the debate was about up to ten cars on each of 20 days. It was never about 8,400 vehicles each summer.

The letter from Nathaniel Litchfield and Partners addresses other objections including noise, wildlife, other events and the visual effects of the proposal. It also argues that a three year limit on the consent is not viable. I am sure that the district council will consider all the objections, the response from Garsington Opera and other expert input before making its decision.

In conclusion, I would like to thank everybody who has participated in the consultation process, as well as our parish clerk for her extensive additional efforts in dealing with this matter. I would also like to thank Garsington Opera and the Wormsley estate for their open and constructive approach and their willingness to deal quickly with our concerns.

David Cairns
Chairman, Turville Parish Council

The full and updated text of the chairman's opening remarks to the meeting on 21 July will be available soon on the parish council's website.

Turville Diary

Parish council

22 September**10 November****5 May 2011**

Parish events

9-13 August**17 August****28 August***Turville school**Village hall**District and parish council elections**Summer crackers activity week**Turville book group (see page 2)**Garden party, Old Vicarage, (see page 4)*

Parish events

28 August**28 August****4 October****November (tbc)****12 December***Turville Park v Jersey Farmers
Wormsley**TPCC summer party at White Pond
farm (see page 2)**Village hall AGM and committee
Theatre in the villages, village hall
Christmas party, village hall*

UK Schools Rowing Champion



Jack Squizzoni (on the right of the picture) of Northend was a member of the Abingdon school J14 crew which won the Dulwich cup at the national schools regatta in Nottingham in May. After a tense first 900m, Abingdon powered through to victory beating Radley and Shrewsbury. Abingdon had finished third in the time trial, before winning their semi-final.

Double Cup Triumph

Turville Park have regained the Richard Hunt cup with a six wicket win over **Stonor**. Stonor were bowled out for 157 with James Hunt and Paul Girdler taking three wickets each. Turville's all-round fielding was a joy to behold, capped off by some sharp wicket-keeping by Barney Bazell and two stunning direct hit run-outs. Turville's reply was instantly in trouble as James Hunt fell in the first over. Pete Briffett and Sam Beardall got things moving but both holed out to injudicious shots. Rob Gunn smacked some lovely lofted drives before leaving Tim Wade (59 not out) and Sam Hope to knock off the needed runs.

Further success came with a five wicket victory over **Ibstone** in the first round of the Bucks challenge cup. In the second round, Turville Park have been drawn away at last season's cup winners, Cublington, on Sunday 8 August.

Tim Wade

TPCC Summer Party

All parishioners and their friends are invited to Turville Park cricket club's **Summer Party** at White Pond farm on Saturday 28 August.

The party brings to a climax the club's vice-presidents day which features the latest match with the Jersey Farmers for the Jersey ashes. The match will be played at the Wormsley cricket ground.

So whether you have been at Wormsley, the village fete (see page 4) or somewhere else, come and enjoy a special lamb roast, all the trimmings, puddings, wine, beer and soft drinks – all for £25 a person. More information from **Peter Briffett** on 01491 614216 or pbriffett@gmail.com

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Turville Heath and Southend Commons

Having read Charles Hoare Nairne's very pertinent piece regarding Turville Heath, as both the owner of Southend common and the father of William Stonor who owns the eastern portion of Turville Heath common, I would like to add a further comment.

Sadly, the claypits and ponds on Southend common, in particular, are being damaged by the tipping of rubbish (including building materials, stones and metal and excessive garden waste). This rubbish is severely damaging wildlife such as toads, frogs, newts and dragonflies etc. as well as wild plants. It is also reducing the enjoyment of those who walk on the common.

It is hoped that the Chiltern Society volunteers may help to clear these ponds and pits with the help of residents in nearby houses.

Lord Camoys

Fingest Barn Opera

The Fingest Great Barn Opera 2010 will present Bizet's *Carmen* on Sunday 5 September and Verdi's *Falstaff* on Saturday 11 September at Manor Farm, Fingest. Operas start at 5.30pm with an extended interval for picnics. Tickets £50 each.

In aid of the David Balm International Foundation and Helen & Douglas House.

Further information, from **Sylvia Crowther** on 638 474 or fingestopera@btconnect.com.



Calling all Bookworms!

The first meeting of the Turville book group will be held on Tuesday 17 August at 8pm at Wendy Duerden's house, Turfelde, Turville. We are reading *The Other Side of You* by Salley Vickers. For further details please contact: **Anne Jones** 639344, **Sarah Mais** 638539 or **Vicky Hollier** 638760.

RBL Visit to RAF Benson



Can you spot James and Jo McConville, Colin and Judy Malcolmson, Ray Jones and Jeremy Mais?

Village Hall 50th Anniversary Celebrations



The sun shone on 5 June for the 50th anniversary celebrations of our village hall. The day got off to a great start with the children's activities, led by Annabel Bush, which resulted in a 50 sign for the hall door and the temporary disappearance of all the children (and Annabel) under a multi-coloured dome. The rounders match ended in a narrow win for Northend (captained by Steve Blake) with Turville (captained by Danny Fois) a close second.



After the rounders, Jeremy Mais blessed the hall (and prayed for Turville's chances in the 2011 rounders match) before Libby and Josh cut two of the five birthday cakes made by Gaynor and Paul Griffiths. Guy Prince cooked White Pond Aberdeen Angus burgers on the barbecue before we all relaxed with a glass of wine or beer and danced in the lane to the jazz of New Orleans Echo (who had been booked after a rigorous audition by Guy Hughes).



Turville Garden Party

At the Old Vicarage
RG9 6QU

Saturday 28th August - 2.30pm

Teas Tombola Stalls

Live Band

Prize Raffle draw for

2 tickets to the British Touring Car Championships
A day trip on a boat down the Thames for 5 people
Delicious meals at local pubs
£150 food vouchers
and lots more!



Entrance: £1 per adult – children 50p



All in aid of

Helen & Douglas House

Sue Ryder Care



Please come to the Turville village garden party!

The garden party is a quintessential garden fete with traditional stalls, skittles, splat the rat, tombola, white elephant, bric-a-brac, produce stalls, raffle, teas and cakes and a live band. It is held in the beautiful grounds of the old vicarage, just behind Turville church. It is a really enjoyable and relaxing way to spend a few hours in glorious surroundings.

Car parking is behind the vicarage and is free. Entrance is £1 for adults and 50p for children/oaps. It is all in aid of charity; the proceeds will be going to Sue Ryder Care and the Helen & Douglas House.

In the meantime, if you have any items for stalls we would be most grateful. Books, vintage bric-a-brac, home-made produce, bottles of wine or new items for tombola and older but useful things for a white elephant stall. They can be dropped off at Turville Valley Stud (during the day) or Orchard Cottage (evenings) in Turville from where they will be taken to appropriate stall holders. Likewise, if you can spare a few hours on the day it would be much appreciated.

Please contact **Angela Fois** 638 454 or
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...and finally... a trio of Friends Reunited

Touché (pictured below) went missing on the morning of the scorching hot 4th June. He broke out of a heavily meshed and hurdled area of the garden and (we can only assume) rampaged rapidly through the hedgerow and into the adjoining wheat field probably in search of juicy dandelions and attractive looking females. Posters adorned the local area and we spent many hours searching likely areas for him, to no avail. One call led us to a *Tortoise Found* poster near Bix but the tortoise turned out to be a female who was subsequently reunited with her owner having been missing since autumn 2009 and having survived the worst winter in years.

We thought we would never see Touché again but, three weeks to the day when he went missing, a man from Abingdon knocked on the door having found Touché not more than five metres from one of the missing tortoise posters on Balhams Lane. It seems Touché didn't have much luck with his search for food as he had lost quite a bit of weight. Sadly we have no reports of him finding true love! If we assume he walked only in a straight line, he covered a distance of just over 2 km ... not bad for such a slowcoach. We are so grateful to Richard for returning Touché to us, especially as he walked an hour out of his way to find our house. Thanks also to all our neighbours who kindly looked out for Touché.

As a postscript, we were able to return the favour the following week when we caught an errant budgie in our garden and reunited him with a distraught owner in Hambleden village.

Dani Lloyd & Cam James



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