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Garden Party Raises Over £4,100 For Charity

The Turville village garden party raised a magnificent £4,106 for the Sue Ryder Home and Helen & Douglas House. Three weeks later, organisers **Caroline Steventon** and **Angela Fois** presented the cheques to the delighted representatives of the two charities.



After a cloudy morning to the day of the garden party, the sun broke through and with it came the crowds. A variety of stalls and games kept everybody busy. It was also good to have some new things this year. The face painting and 'soak the vicar' went down particularly well and the donkeys were gorgeous.

It was a real 'villagy' affair with nearly every Turville household helping out: thanks to you all. A special thank you must go to **Gaynor Griffiths** who, yet again, made many mouth watering cakes which had people queuing all afternoon.



Gary's band sets the mood, Eric Thurman turns 'big cat', Danny Fois gets a soaking in the stocks and the Ainsworth family 'splat the rat'!

Parish Council Consults on Turville Court Access Road and Proposed Bridleway

The owners of Turville Court, Michael and Carol Clare, wish to close to the public the use of the access road that leads from Dolesden Lane to Turville Court. They propose (see page 3) to provide an alternative, parallel footpath and bridleway through the adjacent fields immediately to the north of the road and Dolesden Lane and linking with Summer Heath. The footpath through the eastern part of Summer Heath and Summerheath woods will be upgraded to a bridleway. The proposals, if approved, will be funded entirely by the Clares.

The parish council has the power to veto these proposals. As part of its reconsideration of the proposals, the council has decided to seek the views of the community. The Clares intend to explain the proposals at a public session at the beginning of the parish council meeting at 8.00pm on 10 November at the village hall. Comments should be submitted to the parish clerk (turvillepc@tiscali.co.uk) in writing by 13 December. The parish council will take into account all views from the community when it considers the proposals at its meeting at on 12 January 2011.

Turville Diary

Parish council

- 10 November
- 12 January 2011
- 5 May 2011

Parish events

- 17 October
 - 19 October
 - 31 October
- Village hall
Turville school
District and parish council elections
- Harvest festival, 9.30am
Book group (page 3)
Cricket club AGM (11.30am, village hall)

Parish events

- 8 November
 - 9 November
 - 12 November
 - 14 November
 - 11 December
 - 12 December
- Village hall AGM and committee
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Christmas party, village hall

Remembrance Service 2010

The Remembrance service for the Hambleden valley will be held at St Mary's church Turville on Sunday 14th November. Members of the Royal British Legion will parade at 10.40am, led by the Turville banner which has been beautifully restored (see picture).

The roll of honour for Turville is inscribed on the window and stonework behind the altar:

WW1

Frederick Atkins, Robert Ayres, Rupert George Bartlett, Charles Owen Bristow, John Busby, Walter Langton, Frederick Richardson, John Simmons, Edward Trendall.

WW2

Richard Henry Hazell, Michael Owen Wynne Clark.

Parish records list 69 others from the parish who served in WW1 in 22 different branches of the services.



*When You Go Home
Tell Them of Us and Say
For Your Tomorrow
We Gave Our Today*

Garsington Plans Approved

The planning application from Garsington Opera was approved by Wycombe district council on 8 September subject to certain conditions. All opera patrons, staff, construction traffic and deliveries will be required to enter and leave the Wormsley estate via the main Ibstone Road gate. No opera-related traffic will be allowed to use Holloway Lane.

For further information about the planning consent, temporary accommodation for singers and opera technicians, temporary employment, free attendance at dress rehearsals, the education programme and a possible local community opera event visit www.garsingtonopera.org.

Jersey Ashes Regained

Turville Park beat Jersey Farmers by 15 runs to regain the coveted Jersey Ashes at Wormsley in late August. Batting first, Turville had reached an unprepossessing 74 for 1 at the half way mark. **James Hunt** (80) and **Tim Wade** (54) added 100 off the next 12 overs in a furious partnership before **Rob Gunn** (43*) joined the frenzy as Turville cruised to a seemingly impregnable 255 for 4 by the end of their allotted 40 overs.

In reply the Jersey openers were largely untroubled until **Adam Harvey-Thompson** joined the attack after which the chase began to flounder. **James Thornton** provided a master class in tight, incisive seam bowling. **Tom White's** magnificent closing out spell made sure that Turville's total was out of reach with the Farmers finishing on 240 for 7.

The previous evening, Turville Park also won the 20/20 match against the Farmers by 9 runs thanks to another fine batting performance from **James Hunt** (56).

Turville Park were less successful in the Bucks county cup losing by 8 wickets in round 2 in early August to league side Cublington.

Tim Wade

An Evening with the Chefs of RAF Benson



A team of chefs from RAF Benson will demonstrate their culinary skills in the Northend village hall on Tuesday 9th November at 7.30pm. The chefs will prepare and serve a typical range of dishes on field equipment as for RAF personnel serving in the field in Afghanistan. Those attending will be able to sample the dishes and take away copies of the menus and lists of ingredients.

There will be no charge for event but contributions to the Poppy Appeal will be invited.

Further information from **James McConville** at jamesnjo@mac.com or 638 498.



... from the pages of the Book Group

The book group has got off to a roaring start with two most enjoyable meetings hosted by Wendy Duerden.

The group began in August with *The Other Side of You* by Salley Vickers, and at the September meeting discussed *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

The next meeting will be hosted by **Gillian Loveridge** (638 895) at 8.00pm on Tuesday 19 October when the group will discuss *The Help* by Catherine Stockett

Come and join us. No Oxbridge level lit crit skills needed; just an enjoyment of books.

Further details from **Anne Jones** (639 344), **Sarah Mais** (638 539) or **Vicky Hollier** (638 760).

Noisy Parties

Following complaints from residents in late August/early September, **CPSO Sarah Turner** has reminded holders of parties to warn their neighbours in advance.

Anybody wishing to report a loud party or similar event should call 0845 8505505 or visit: <http://www.wycombe.gov.uk/council-services/environment/pollution/noise-pollution.aspx>.

THEATRE **IN THE VILLAGES**

Dracula is searching for the beautiful Mina, Igor is looking for some tuna sandwiches and the

actors are trying to find the script...

Suitable for all the family, Teatro Unfortunato provide their usual blend of comedy, mayhem and live music to the re-telling of the classic tale.



will be performed in the Northend Village Hall
on 12th November at 7.30pm

Dare to be there!

Tickets, £8 for adults and £5 for children are
available from Amanda Bucknill 638 763

Proposed New Bridleway and Stopping Up of Turville Court Access Road

Summary of Proposals

- Public rights of way would be removed from the existing access road from Dolesden Lane to Turville Court with the exception of a 2m wide strip across the access road near the front gates to Turville Court where footpath rights would be retained to maintain the link from footpath 19 to the proposed new bridleway.
- A new, improved and longer 4m wide public bridleway will be created from Turville Court along the field edge immediately to north of the access road and Dolesden Lane to a point opposite the parking area beside Summer Heath.
- The public footpath from the parking area along the eastern and southern sides of Summer Heath and Summerheath wood will be upgraded to a bridleway. This will create a link from the bridleways leading from the Turville valley to the southern junction of Summerheath wood and Drovers Lane.
- All barriers on the new bridleway and other new routes will be the improved type of bridle, pedestrian or kissing gates required by Buckinghamshire county council.
- The entrance to the Turville Court access road will not be blocked up [i.e. no gates or barriers] or changed in any material way. An appropriate sign will indicate that the access road is a private road with no public access.

The proposals, if approved, will be funded entirely by the Clares.

A copy of the full proposals, the reasons for them and a map are available at www.turvilleparishcouncil.org or from **Mark Weiner** at the Turville Court estate office (639 802).

See page 1 for details of the parish council's consultations on, and consideration of, the proposals.

Turville and the Blitz

The idea for this article came from **Steve Blake's** discovery of the Buckinghamshire county council's website (http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/archives/ea_Blitz.page) showing where bombs fell in the county during the second world war, and the anniversary of the Blitz and the Battle of Britain.

The county council's study records several incidents affecting the parish in October and November 1940 including six exploded bombs in Turville Heath and Northend. Fortunately, no parishioners were injured and there was no material damage.

The parish magazine provides a picture of how that first year of the war was affecting the villages. In September 1939 the Reverend Harold Pain was wondering how to black out the windows of his churches. His answer was very simple: bring forward evensong to 3pm. In the same month, the Turville school log book shows that 20 of the 42 pupils starting school in that September were evacuees – there could be a real life *Goodnight Mr Tom* story in there somewhere.

By January 1940, the Turville Heath knitting centre had embarked on its "spring offensive" with the local ladies and schoolchildren knitting socks, gloves, scarves and jumpers for the armed forces and the merchant navy as "we must not let them down". With rationing in force, everyone was told to bring their own sugar for the tea. In many ways, the knitting circle exemplified the spirit of the home front.

January 1940 saw "some of our Turville lads due to leave for active service" and the Reverend Pain began a list of those from the parish who were serving in His Majesty's forces. Five years later there were 30 names registered but the list appears to have been lost. Does anyone know where the original list is or have a copy of it?

There were two air raid warnings in one week during June 1940. Although the vicar slept through one of them, he was very concerned that villagers were going outside to see if they could catch sight of the German aircraft and putting themselves at risk when there were inadequate first aid resources to deal with any injuries. His advice was clear: "Stay indoors and don't be frightened when you hear Hitler's organ music"! He also exhorted everyone to ignore rumours - possibly spurred on by the report of German paratroops landing in Lane End - a foretaste of *Went the Day Well?*

July 1940 saw the beginning of the Battle of Britain and the vicar wrote: "Every day our airmen have proved their superiority over vastly superior numbers."

That winter the parish received some attention from German bombers, possibly en route to Coventry and Birmingham, but Hambleton fared worse than Turville. Over 100 bombs fell within a mile of Hambleton village, damaging the church's stained glass and stripping tiles off its roof.

Turville Heath also gets a mention in the BBC people's war archive. The Ministry of Food decreed that part of Turville Heath was to be dug up and planted with potatoes. This was duly done. When the potatoes were ready the locals ate them: it is doubtful that that was the Ministry's intention!

The parish was committed to supporting the home front *Dig For Victory*, the home guard at Fingest, and civil defence in the shape of the air raid precautions and the first aid detachment. On the domestic front, the Skirmett Women's Institute no doubt provided advice on *Make Do and Mend* and rationing as well as recipes for Woolton pie and that strangest sounding of foods: snoek.

Although this article has covered some of the local happenings in the year of the Blitz, we would like to compile a more comprehensive picture of "the parish at war". Please let me know if you have any memories, stories, photographs or local mementoes from 1939 to 1945 that you would be willing to share with us for future articles.

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