



# Turville Times

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## The Village Hall – Celebrating 50 Years

When Northend school closed in 1954 it was suggested that the building be purchased by the parish from the Oxford diocese. This was achieved after much fund-raising and voluntary work on refurbishment. The hall became an independent entity, with charitable status, on 1st May 1960 to be known as the *Turville North End Village Hall* and

“... to be held upon trust ... for use of the inhabitants of Turville and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions and in particular for use for meetings lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants belonging to everyone in the parish”.

Some of those improving activities were described in the October issue of the *Turville Times*.

The village hall committee has decided to celebrate the 50th anniversary around 1 May which, this year, falls on a bank holiday weekend. Suggestions are invited on ways to celebrate the hall’s anniversary. In years gone by there were sack races, a tug of war, dancing around a maypole and the crowning of the May queen.

What do you think we should do to celebrate in 2010?

Send your ideas to Ashlyn Squizzoni at [ashlyns@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ashlyns@hotmail.co.uk) or call **638 362**.

## The Lime Avenue

The parish council has arranged a public meeting on **Monday 8 February** at 7pm at Turville school. **David Taylor** who manages the avenue on behalf of the Turville Park estate (which owns the southern side of both the avenue and the common) will speak about the plans for the avenue.

## Lent Lunch

The Lent lunch will be held at the village hall in Northend on **Saturday 20 February** from 12pm till 2pm. Come and enjoy the delicious home made soups, crusty bread and a selection of cheeses which will be on offer. Proceeds to Christian Aid.

## Community Responders

The first responder team now has members in Northend, Turville and Turville Heath/Southend who are trained and equipped to support the ambulance service (not replace it). Remember: in case of an emergency call 999; do **not** call the responders directly.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the appeal to provide the team with their life-saving equipment. The target of £7,800 has now been achieved.

To meet the need for basic first aid capability in the home, the ambulance service has been asked to provide more short courses. If you are interested in attending a basic first aid course or refresher, contact **James McConville** at [jamesnjo@mac.com](mailto:jamesnjo@mac.com) or on **638 498**.

## Turville Diary

**Parish council**  
**8 February**

**11 March**  
**5 May**

**21 July**  
**22 September**  
**10 November**

*Public meeting about the lime avenue, Turville school*  
*Village hall*  
*Turville school (including annual parish meeting)*  
*Village hall*  
*Turville school*  
*Village hall*

**Parish events**  
**20 February**  
**21 February**

**1 May**  
**12 December**

*Lent lunch, Village hall*  
*Juggling John’s juggling and puppet show (see page 2), Turville school*  
*Village hall 50th anniversary*  
*Christmas party, village hall*



## Mice Bearing Gifts

Despite snow and ice, there was a good turnout at the January gathering of the church mice. The children remembered the story of the wise men's journey and the special gifts the men took with them to the manger. So, wearing brightly coloured crowns and bearing gifts, the children made their way to St Mary's to show the congregation what they had been making.

Why not join us on Sunday 21 February at 9.30am for *Juggling John's juggling and puppet show* (see opposite)?

**Claire Prince**

## Well & Truly Crackers!

When the snow hit in December, the Northend children joined the Crackers holiday club run by **Anna Eykyn** and **Annabel Bush** at the village hall.



Join the Crackers group for some pancake fun from 9.30am - 12.30pm on Tuesday 16 February and during the Easter holidays (30 - 31 March and 12 - 13 April) for spring and Easter fun.

If you are interested, e-mail Annabel at: [annabelbush@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annabelbush@hotmail.co.uk)

## Congratulations to ...

... the winners of the *Turville Times* quiz: **Cayla Twemlow**, the **Prince** family, **Anne Jones** and **Wendy Duerden**, and **Pam Harper**. **Lily Blake** and **Freya Squizzoni** won the caption competition for under 12s. And thanks to White Pond farm and the Tree Barn for donating prizes. E-mail [turvilletimes@btinternet.com](mailto:turvilletimes@btinternet.com) if you would like to know the answers to the quiz.

Turville Church Mice presents

## \* Juggling John's Juggling and Puppet Show \*



Sunday 21 February  
9.30am - 10.15am



Turville School  
Free entrance  
All welcome!

For more information, call **Claire** on **07734 113644**  
or email [churchmice@claireprince.com](mailto:churchmice@claireprince.com)

## Police Update

Thames Valley police are holding monthly "have your say" meetings at Hambleden village hall. The next meetings are on 17 February and 17 March from 4.30pm till 6.30pm.

**Sarah Turner**, our police community support officer, is leading a community walk every other Wednesday at 10.30am. Meet behind the Stag and Huntsman in Hambleden for a one hour walk followed by tea and coffee in the pub. The next walks are on 10 and 24 February.

The police have identified both Drovers Lane and Holloway Lane as local roads with speeding problems. Please remember Rafe's winning message: slow down!

## Pat and Colin Ward

**Pat and Colin Ward**, both aged 69 years and married for 49 years, have died within six weeks of each other. There was a very nice service at Amersham Crematorium, with standing room only, to celebrate their lives. Pat and Colin were much loved by all their family and friends and surrogate grandchildren in and around Northend where they had lived for fifteen years. One of their happiest occupations was baby sitting and there was always competition to book them.

The family would like to thank everyone who came to the service and for all the care and comfort they had given Pat and Colin during their illnesses.

# Snow Gallery

The recent snow generated a wonderful community spirit and some spectacular scenery in and around the parish (photographs by **Angela Fois, Lauren Fois, Jo Hewitt, Dani Lloyd and David Cairns**)

## Thank you

As an older Turville village resident (don't really like the word pensioner) I would just like to say a huge 'thank you' to all the people who have been so kind and thoughtful during this period of exceptional weather conditions.

Offers of shopping, clearing of snow, gritting/sanding the road, digging my car out, have been so very much appreciated. I'm sure I speak for all who haven't been able to get out.

You all know who you are and it's such a good feeling to live around such caring friends and neighbours. We are all most grateful for your invaluable help.

Let us hope we can get back to normal very soon, in the meantime thanks to you all.

**Christine Massey**



# The Natural History of the Parish

Much of the contents of the *Turville Times* consists of news of the few hundred human inhabitants of the parish. Worthy of regular consideration are the several millions of plants and animals which also occupy our 2,315 acres and make the parish such an interesting place in which to live.

Turville parish lies in the heart of the Chiltern hills and has its fair share of steep slopes, either wooded or steep pastures. North-facing slopes are generally wooded. We still have some excellent mature beech woods around Turville itself. The Chilterns are also famous for their chalk downs, along with a very rich selection of plants and insects, especially butterflies. Our parish has a gem of its own while being surrounded by some of the finest chalk downs in the southern Chilterns. The Swain's Wood site of special scientific interest (SSSI), always known as the long field, has one of only three known colonies of military orchid plus at least seven other orchid species. Our beech woods are the sites of some of the best bluebell colonies in Britain; they also contain shade-loving plants such as green hellebore, yellow bird's-nest and violet helleborine.

Not only can parishioners enjoy the countryside, they can also become important recorders, not just for the parish but for Buckinghamshire and Britain as a whole. We are at the extreme southern end of the county and often get overshadowed by the northern area. Natural history recorders are numerous in the county and welcome any records

of plants and animals. There is, for instance, a Bucks' invertebrate group, and a Bucks' recorders seminar is held annually. We can all be very important in contributing to history.

All that is needed is accurate observation and the effort to put pen to paper. As examples, when did you last see a live hedgehog outside a private garden? When did you see a dead hedgehog on the road in the parish? Was it 2009, five years ago or can't you remember? Swifts used to be a common sight in Turville. Did you see them in 2009? When and how many? When was the first date you saw one?

2009 saw some notable sightings including the massive migration of painted lady butterflies at the end of May and the first record of a silver-washed fritillary for Turville Heath on 2 August, bringing the total of butterflies and larger moths recorded here to 368.

2010 has started very harshly for some forms of wildlife but the insects should benefit by being hidden from predators under snow and frosty ground. Look out for the first of our emerging hibernators and the early moths on the house windows. To help with identification it might be worth looking at *UK moths* on the internet, there are excellent photographs of most species. Take your own close-ups to build up your site portfolio. I am always willing to help with identification. E-mail pictures to me at [tony.harman@tesco.net](mailto:tony.harman@tesco.net) and I will do my best. Good hunting in 2010.

**Tony Harman**



## A sign of good luck



Keep an eye out for the beautiful Brimstone butterfly. Only the male is yellow, the female is pale green. It should be obvious from February through spring and is common in the parish. If your first sighting of the year is a yellow butterfly, it is supposed to bring good luck for the year ahead!

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