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Invitation to parish Christmas party, page 3

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Parish Council No to Private Gritting

The parish council has decided not to organise private gritting of roads in the parish in the event of snow or other cold weather. While the majority of people who contacted councillors in advance of the extraordinary meeting on 17 November were in favour of a privately funded scheme there was clearly not sufficient support to pursue the idea.

Last winter, Fawley made arrangements to fund the private gritting of its roads by a specialist contractor. Residents were asked for voluntary contributions of £30 per household. Turville parishioners asked why Turville could not make a similar private arrangement. The parish council explored how the Fawley scheme works and whether it could use the same contractor. It also explored other possibilities including gritting by local farmers or estates. Parish council members agreed to reconsider the issue before the coming winter.

The parish council assumed that the objective of private gritting would be to allow Turville village residents access to the Hambleton valley and Turville Heath, Southend and Northend residents access to Stonor and Christmas Common. This would have involved gritting about ten kilometres of roads (selective gritting of bends and hills is not economic). Gritting would have been carried out when snow or low temperatures were forecast and subsequently on an as needed basis. Based on these assumptions, the use of same contractor as Fawley and similar weather to last year, councillors estimated the costs at approximately £50 per household.

For 2011/12, the costs would have had to be covered by voluntary contributions from parishioners (as in Fawley). For 2012/13 onwards, the parish council could have continued with voluntary contributions or could have decided to include the costs in its precept which forms part of the parishioners' council tax bills.

While the council has decided not to proceed, the consultations (including the comments during the public session of the council meeting) identified several other issues which will be considered in 2012. In the meantime, parishioners are encouraged to continue with the efforts that have been very evident in the last two winters to help each other in times of snow and cold weather.

Five Year Management Plan for Lime Avenue

On behalf of the Turville Park estate, Knight Frank has sent the council a five year management plan for the lime avenue prepared by Pryor and Ricketts Silviculture. The council has welcomed the communication between the estate and the council's working group (**Phillip Arnott, Nigel Adams, Robert Barber and Robin Harman**). The parish council has also asked the group for advice on how best to reconcile the long-term survival and conservation of the avenue with the desire of some residents to retain all the veteran trees.

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Turville Diary

Parish events

3 December	Ibstone school Christmas fair
9 December	An evening with Alistair Horne, 7.30pm
10 December	Carols on the green, Turville, 3.30pm
11 December	Railway nativity, Fawley, 4pm
17 December	Church carol service, 6pm
18 December	Parish Christmas party, village hall
7 February	Village hall trustees, village hall, 7.30pm

Parish council 2012

11 January	Turville school, 7.30pm
14 March	Village hall, 7.30pm
2 May	Turville school, 7.30pm
11 July	Village hall, 7.30pm
12 September	Turville school, 7.30pm
7 November	Village hall, 7.30pm

Village Hall AGM

The annual general meeting of the village hall was held on 9 October. The members of the committee of management (trustees) for 2011/2012 are: Steve Blake, Stephen Bucknill, David Cairns, Margaret Drage, Sophie Chiappe (Turville village association), Ray Jones (Royal British Legion), Rob Oldershaw, Jeremy Mais (parochial church council), James McConville, Veronica Ramsay (parish council), Myria Robinson (Northend village association) and Michael Wicks.

At its subsequent meeting, the committee of management appointed **Michael Wicks** as chairman. **Stephen Bucknill**, **Rob Oldershaw** and **Pippa Wels** continue as secretary, treasurer and bookings secretary.

The committee considered a draft of the updated constitution. It is also developing a marketing plan and new website to increase the use of the hall while respecting the wishes of local residents.

*To book the village hall for your next business, social or charity event, call **Pippa Wels** on 638 085*

Cricket Club AGM

Turville Park cricket club held its annual general meeting on 6 November. **Sam Beardall** reported that seven matches were won during 2011, ten lost and seven drawn. Eight bowlers took more than 10 wickets and 11 batsmen scored more than 100 runs. **Nick Henry** was the leading bowler with 22 wickets. **James Hunt**, followed by **Jon Hancock**, topped the batting charts with 523 and 454 runs respectively.

The players recognised the outstanding financial support from the club's vice presidents for the maintenance and enhancement of the playing facilities.

Max's Disco Raises £430



Max Phillips raised £430 for the Princes' Trust and the Turville Children's Trust when he held a Halloween disco in the village hall. He advertised the disco locally and cycled around the villages pre-selling 48 tickets before the night. The disco attracted children from 4 years to 15 years and even a few adults!

Four girls who danced non-stop all evening won the prize for the best dance routine. Many children dressed up in fantastic Halloween costumes.

Max has been asked to hold a Christmas disco – so that he can gauge the numbers, those interested should email him on max.phillips@mac.com.

Max would like to thank the Northend residents for allowing him to hold the disco in the hall so that he could raise money for those less fortunate than himself.

Animal Blessing



Turville was transformed into a scene from Noah's Ark as creatures great and small arrived for the annual animal blessing. A goose, a parrot and two pygmy goats were among those blessed by the Rev John Wigram and Rev Jeremy Mais during the service which took place in glorious sunshine on the green. Thanks to Angela Fois, Caroline Hyman and Ray Jones for the photographs.



Everyone is invited to the

Parish Christmas Party

Sunday 18th December
Village Hall, Northend



all ages welcome from 12 noon

Please bring contributions of food and drink

organised by the North End Village
Association

SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN, TURVILLE Christmas Services



Saturday 10 December 3.30pm	Carols on the green
Sunday 11 December 4pm	Railway Nativity, Fawley Green Railway Station
Saturday 17 December 6pm	Carol service
Saturday 24 December 11.30pm	Midnight mass
Sunday 25 December 9.30am	Eucharist

For more services in the Hambleton valley
visit www.hambleton-valley-churches.org.uk



Carols On the Green

The traditional carols around the Christmas tree on Turville village green will take place at 3.30pm on **Saturday 10 December** followed by refreshments.



As usual, the carols will be accompanied by **Garrick Steventon's** impromptu brass band. Bring warm gear, plenty of enthusiasm and contributions to the refreshments.

Carols With Garsington Opera

After the success of last year's carols in St Mary's church and the Bull and Butcher, **Garsington Opera** is offering a double bill of carol singing in High Wycombe – come to either or both evenings. No experience (or singing ability) necessary.

From 6.30pm to 9pm, on **Tuesday 13 December**, you have the opportunity to learn and rehearse some lesser known carols with vocal coach Lea Cornthwaite and two professional Garsington Opera singers.

From 7pm to 9pm on **Tuesday 20 December**, those who attended the rehearsal will perform the lesser known carols while everybody can join in singing well-known carols. Mince pies and mulled wine will be on offer. Both events take place at Arts4Every1, The Old St John Church Halls, Desborough Road, High Wycombe, HP11 2PU.

To book your place contact Gemma Baxter, Garsington Opera education manager on 07890 997 524 or gemma@garsingtonopera.org.

Table Top Sale Raises £2,500 for Cystic Fibrosis Trust

The table top sale on 8 October in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, run by Jo McConville and Judy Malcolmson was an outstanding success.

The weather was more or less good, Northend common was packed with cars, twenty or so car boots and the village hall was full to capacity.

Quite the best teas ever were produced by Gaynor and Paul Griffiths, there were hot dogs on the terrace, a wonderful produce stall, bric-a-brac, raffle and much more.

The support from far and wide was overwhelming and the amazing sum of £2,600 was raised.

Thank you to all the supporters, helpers and visitors for making it a great day in every way.

Judy Malcolmson



Ibstone Church of England Infant School

Christmas Fair

Saturday 3rd December 12-3pm

*Feast on delicious hot food, mulled wine and mince pies
and listen to the brass band while your children enjoy
crafts, face painting and much more*



In Brief



...Helping carers

Can you help clear snow from a driveway or path when carers provided by the county council can't reach someone? Or do you have a 4x4 vehicle and can help drive carers when needed? If so, please e-mail locality-services@buckscc.gov.uk or telephone 01296 383409 with your name and contact details.

...Clearing snow

The government has produced advice on how to clear snow safely. The most important thing to remember is you won't be in trouble for clearing snow sensibly (for example by using salt and sand to melt snow, rather than hot water which will turn to ice).

Visit www.direct.gov.uk and search for "snow code".

...Reviving our red telephone boxes

Volunteers required to repair and paint the red phone boxes in Northend and Turville. Paint supplied. Dates depend on the weather. Call **Danny Fois** on 638 354

Digital switchover...

By the end of April 2012, the analogue television signal for South Buckinghamshire and South Oxfordshire will have been turned off. The BBC is helping older and disabled people to switch to digital. Eligible people should receive a letter. For further information visit www.helpscheme.co.uk.

... Non-emergencies

Thames Valley police went live with 101, the new national single non-emergency number on 14 November 2011 – this replaces the 0845 505 505 number. Calls to 101 cost 15p per call from both landlines and mobile networks at any time of day.

Bomb Disposal Teamwork

Captain Stephen Fallon of the Royal Logistics Corps gave a very informative talk on the work of army bomb disposal teams to an appreciative audience in the village hall on 2 November. His 21 year career has taken him on operational tours from Northern Ireland to Afghanistan as well as providing specialist advice to our partner nations.

Stephen is responsible for training all team leaders called upon to disable improvised explosive devices (IED). The different methods of identifying and dealing with IEDs sounded like a deadly game of cat and mouse played between the IED designers and the disposal teams. Handling these inexpertly made IEDs in Afghanistan calls for extreme coolness under pressure in extreme temperatures while wearing a 36 kg protective suit often under small arms fire.

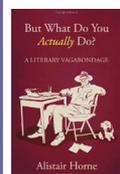
Stephen's enthusiasm and pride in the work of his colleagues, who include women soldiers and volunteers from the RAF and the Navy, was evident to everyone of us in the audience. We couldn't fail to be impressed by the professionalism, dedication and bravery of the bomb disposal teams. As a result, there were more questions than time to answer them.

This very successful evening raised £200 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Fund.

In aid of ABF, The Soldiers Charity

An Evening with Alistair Horne

But What Do You *Actually* Do?
A LITERARY VAGABONDAGE



Friday 9 December, 7.30pm
Village Hall, Northend

Tickets: £5.00 from **Ray Jones** 639 344

Do you remember when the Chitty Chitty airship went bang bang?

In 1967, the *Daily Mail* reported that first airship to fly in Britain for 30 years had crashed into a tree near Turville and smashed into two power lines and blacked out 500 homes. Water supplies were affected when the power failure stopped Turville's pumping station. Power was restored to most homes and the pumping station after an hour, but 20 homes had to wait for more than four hours.

The £15,000 airship had been built for the film *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*. The airship's gondola was wrecked but the two passengers, Derek Piggott and Malcolm Brighton, scrambled out unhurt. Mr Brighton, 33, told the *Daily Mail*: "After we'd hit the first cable we managed to correct the flight and continue filming. Later we decided to land by deflating the envelope and ran into trouble." The film's producer, Albert R. Broccoli, apologised to the people of Turville and of hamlets up the Fingest valley who were affected.

The crash was not the first accident for the 137 ft. airship. On its first flight six weeks earlier, the airship ended up on top of a tree after one of its two propeller belts snapped.

Thanks to **Graham Twemlow** for reminding us of this story



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