



# Turville Times

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## One of God's Gentlemen

The sudden death of Howard Rosier (“old blue eyes”) was a terrible shock to all in Turville and the surrounding villages – especially for Rosie, their family and for their many friends. It wasn’t just that home for Howard and Rosie was in the very centre of the village. Howard represented all that made village life special and worthwhile. There wasn’t a seat to be found at St Mary’s on the day of his funeral – it was standing room only – everyone wanted to be there – possibly as many as 200 in our small church.

Howard will be remembered with the utmost respect and deepest affection for years to come. He was always good company, immensely generous and kind-hearted and he embodied community spirit in a way few can match. It was right and very poignant that his farewell was marked in the parish church which he loved and served for so long. To visitors and residents alike he was friendly, courteous and fun. The answer to all kinds of questions about the church and the village of Turville, was a reassuring ‘Howard will know’.

Many words of sympathy and love have been written as a tribute to Howard. Some excerpts are included here:

*“Howard..... a man who added so much happiness and joy in all he did... .....chatting and laughing with children and adults so easily..... gently teasing and making everyone smile..... he brought the best out of people and did so much for his family and the community..... thank you for all your silent hard work..... one of God’s gentlemen”.*

There are countless people who are proud to have known Howard and grateful for the difference he made to their enjoyment of life. Our thoughts and prayers are with Rosie.

**Jeremy Mais**

**Howard George Rosier** was born in Datchet in 1932. He was one of three boys and three girls, and in 1948 the family moved to Mill End, where Howard’s connection with the Hambleden valley began.



He and Rosie met at the Hambleden youth club and they married at Hambleden parish church in 1957.

Howard and Rosie started married life living in Skirmett with Rosie’s mum. At that time they both worked full time, Howard at Austin’s farm, and Rosie for the post office. Then the opportunity arose for Howard to work for Wycombe district council, an outdoors job he loved. In the 1960s they moved to Turville with their two children Joyce and Philip, first into School Lane, and then into Old Beams, the house which they have made their home for over 40 years.

Upon retirement Howard and Rosie enjoyed 20 years together. And it really was together – there were very few things they didn’t share. Retirement also allowed time for other hobbies – especially their garden. All kinds of produce often went to other people, as did Howard’s homemade wine, which for many years was a welcome sight and much enjoyed at village harvest celebrations.

Howard died suddenly on 16 December 2010.



### Turville Diary

Parish council

**16 February**

**9 March**

**5 May**

**18 May**

**13 July**

Village hall, Northend, 7.30pm

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Parish council and Wycombe district council elections (page 2)

Turville school (includes annual parish meeting and annual general meeting of parish council), 7.30pm

Village hall, Northend, 7.30pm

**14 September**

**9 November**

Parish events

**15 February**

**15 March**

**19 March**

Turville school, 7.30pm

Village hall, Northend, 7.30pm

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Lent lunch, village hall, Northend 12-2pm (page 2)

## Proposed New Bridleway and Stopping Up of Turville Court Access Road

The parish council received responses on the proposed stopping up of the Turville Court access road from 54 people, including 35 residents of the parish:

- 48% of the respondents (37% of those resident in the parish) supported the proposals (subject to conditions); and
- 52% of the respondents (63% of those resident in the parish) opposed the proposals.

Reasons for opposing the proposals included the loss of a historic route, the loss of parking, and the inability of the parish council to enforce any conditions. Respondents also argued that the proposed bridleway was inferior to the existing route, that safety concerns were not supported by evidence, and that the owners' security would not be increased by the proposals.

The parish council has received confirmation that Buckinghamshire county council supports the stopping up and related changes but needs the consent of the parish council before it can proceed. BCC has also identified some finer details that would need to be agreed. The head of legal services at BCC has suggested a "prohibition of driving order" as an alternative to the stopping up.

Both the county council and Turville Court have confirmed that the land under the road surface is owned by Mr and Mrs Clare. Therefore, the stopping up would not involve a change in ownership of any land.

During the consultation period, Mr and Mrs Clare offered to create a small car park about a third of the way up the access road and to start the stopping up beyond that point. This proposal would require planning permission as a change in use of the relevant land.

The parish council will make a decision on the proposed stopping up at an extraordinary meeting at 7.30pm on 16 February in the village hall, Northend. It will also consider whether it supports the new bridleways without the stopping up of the access road. Until the meeting, council members are precluded from expressing an opinion on the issue.

### Parish Council: 2010 – 2011

David Cairns (chairman)	638 296
Danny Fois (vice-chairman)	638 454
Steve Blake	638 740
Margaret Drage	638 384
Ray Jones	639 344

**Parish Clerk:** Deirdre Hansen 01494 562254



### Lent Lunch

Saturday 19 March, 12-2pm  
Village hall, Northend

Delicious homemade soups, fresh bread  
and good company

Donations in aid of Christian Aid

~ We look forward to seeing you all ~

Lizzie Arnott, Judy Malcolmson and their  
team



### Libraries for the Future

Buckinghamshire county council is consulting on alternative and low-cost ways of delivering library services. It is proposing a county and community model under which there would be two large libraries in the main towns and a further seven libraries in areas of high population. It will continue to provide home and mobile library services. To have your say, visit [www.buckscc.gov.uk/haveyoursay](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/haveyoursay) or e-mail [culture@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:culture@buckscc.gov.uk) or call 01296 382160

### Parish Council Elections

The election for all five places on the parish council will be held on Thursday 5 May (in conjunction with the Wycombe district council election). Nominations are likely to be due by 4 April. Candidates must be proposed and seconded by people on the electoral register for the parish.

Further information is available at [www.wycombe.gov.uk](http://www.wycombe.gov.uk) or from the parish clerk.



### Help Target Services

The 2011 census takes place on Sunday 27 March. In early March, your questionnaire will arrive by post. It can be returned either by post or online. It should take around ten minutes for each person's details to be entered.

The census statistics help Buckinghamshire county council and Wycombe district council to target funding and public services (such as education, transport, schools, housing, social services, leisure) where needed. Non-profit organisations, businesses, academics and family-tree enthusiasts are also dedicated users of census statistics.

More information at: [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

## Pam's Poppy Award



Turville resident, **Pam Harper**, has been awarded with the county poppy appeal trophy from the Royal British Legion for exceptional contributions to poppy appeal collecting.

Pam started collecting over 40 years ago in memory of her uncle, Edwin Rixon, who lost his life in the first world war at a mere 22 years old.

Pam goes to all the houses in Turville village and this year collected a record £258.78. She was presented with the trophy, certificate and a bottle of champagne at an awards dinner on 9th January. Pam said: "I couldn't have received this award without the generosity of all the villagers who all always dig deep when I go round with my poppies".

## Samantha's Success

**Samantha Thurman-Baker** and Spring Pascal have had a very successful 2010. They were Best of the Brits at the junior European championships in Germany and were also the national under-25 junior and young rider champions. Due to her success, Samantha was credited with three awards at the



British Dressage national convention and the pair has been chosen to be part of the world class programme which is designed for athletes who are considered to be able to go on and win medals for their country with schooling from top trainers in the country.

## Traditional Carols on the Green

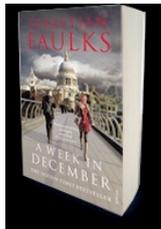
Turville carols this year took place as usual on the second Saturday in December. We were delighted to see such a good turn out from Fingest, Skirmett, Northend, Southend as well as of course from Turville. **Garrick Steventon** conducted the impromptu band made up of family members, friends and local musicians. Favourite carols were sung by everybody until dusk when mulled wine, mince pies and other delicious refreshments were served by the light of the Christmas tree and cottage lights. Thanks go to Danny Fois for organising the tree, and to Ken Wakeman and Charles Thurman-Baker for helping Danny and Gary put it up.



## Book Group

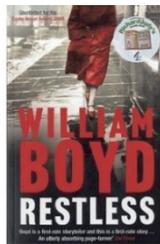
The next two meetings are:

Tuesday 15 February ~ the book is *A Week in December* by Sebastian Faulks



Tuesday 15 March ~ the book is *Restless* by William Boyd

Contact **Anne Jones** (639 344), **Sarah Mais** (638 539) or **Vicky Hollier** (638 760)



## Bubbles

Turville Valley stud has lost the delightful little pony, Bubbles, who died following an illness. He was 18 years old. He was known and loved by many and had taught lots of children to ride. More recently, Sophie broke him to harness and took him round the villages in his little cart, often delivering the *Turville Times*. Such a character, he will be sorely missed.



Bell ringers are needed to ring in St Mary's church in Turville

Practice is in the evenings and anyone can have a go  
Please call Diane Thurman-Baker on 638 598

## Have Your Say

### *Turville Times*

The *Turville Times* is distributed by the parish council to all households in the parish and the adjacent areas of Northend. The council agreed that the *Turville Times* should not include advertising and that the printing costs would be paid for by all council tax payers through the precept.

At its meeting on 11 March 2011, the parish council will consider whether the *Turville Times* should be continued. Should it be merged with other local newsletters? Should it be replaced by a website? If it continues in its present format, should it be funded out of the precept? Should it include advertising? Should the council seek sponsorship or donations? Should it be distributed only electronically?

### *Snow Clearance and Gritting*

For the second year running, the parish has had to endure heavy snow falls which have restricted severely the use of roads. One parishioner has proposed that Turville should follow the example of Fawley by arranging and funding its own snow clearance and gritting. What do you think? Would you be willing to make a financial contribution? Who should organise it? Are there other implications?

### *Red telephone boxes*

The parish council now owns the red telephone boxes in Northend and Turville and the telephone service has been removed. Other parishes have used their boxes as art galleries, performance spaces, information centres, book exchanges, showers and a variety of other purposes. How should we use ours?

*Share your thoughts on these issues during the public session at the council meeting. Alternatively e-mail, telephone or write to the parish clerk.*

## Less Traditional Carols in the Bull & Butcher



With the help of professional singers and coaches from Garsington Opera, over 30 parishioners and guests performed less traditional carols in the Bull & Butcher after warm-up exercises and rehearsals in the church. They began with the 4th century Latin text *Veni Redemptor Gentium* before tackling the mediaeval German carol *Es Sungen drei Engel* (also set to music by Bach and by Mahler in his *Des Knaben Wunderhorn* and 3rd symphony). A leap into the 20<sup>th</sup> century followed with *Santa Baby*, made famous by Earth Kitt and sung on this occasion by the women ably assisted by a men's backing group.



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