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Time to Have Your Say ...

The new police commissioner has published a draft police and crime plan which sets out his priorities and objectives and how he intends to deliver them. He is proposing a 2% increase in the police part of your council tax. Let him know what you think about the plan and tax increase by **8 February** (see back page).

The South West Chilterns and Marlow local area forum (LAF) is seeking your views on what should be its top three priorities. The LAF is allocated funds by Buckinghamshire county council to pay for projects that meet those priorities. Let the LAF know what things it should be spending your council tax on by **18 February** (see back page)

Turville parish council is seeking your views on its draft parish plan by **9 April**. The key points are set out on page 3. Let Ray Jones know what you think.

Cavers Record Attempt

On 1 April 2013, a joint expedition of British and French cavers is to make an attempt on the world record for the deepest descent in a pot hole. Expedition leader, Avril d'Poisson, apologised for the inconvenience to Turville residents but said that the Dolesden Pot is one of the deepest pot holes in southern England and is a major opportunity to explore almost 1,000m below ground level. The expedition hopes to find an underground route to the Dolesden No 2 Pot on the opposite side of the lane. Mme d'Poisson explained that the cavers are used to dealing with surface level flooding. They are pleased that the council will not seal the Pot before April.



Around the Parish

Northend design historian **Graham Twemlow** will be speaking on *The Art of London Transport Posters* at the River and Rowing Museum in Henley on **Saturday 9 February**. The lecture will be followed by a tour of the museum's exhibition *Stuck Up – Early 20th Century Thames Poster Art*.

Northend village association thanks everyone who came and contributed to the parish Christmas party. It offers congratulations to the children who took part in the *decorate a plate* and *Christmas wish list* competitions. It gives special thanks to **James Vaughan** who donated the Christmas tree.

The **book group** will discuss *A Gathering Light* by Jennifer Donnelly on 19 February and *Tender is the Night* by F Scott Fitzgerald on 19 March. More from Anne Jones (639 344), Sarah Mais (638 539) or Vicky Hollier (638 760).

Over 60 parishioners signed the Christmas card in the Turville phone box and made combined donations of £270 to **Wycombe Homeless Connection** which helps homeless people in High Wycombe rebuild their lives (www.wyhoc.org.uk).

The weekend of 23 and 24 February is the last chance to sign up for the “funny, quirky and political” large scale community opera which forms part of the 2013 Garsington Opera season. Music by **Orlando Gough** and libretto by **Richard Stilgoe**. More from communityopera@garsingtonopera.org or www.garsingtonopera.org/our-season/community-opera/

A new series of lectures by young opera singers begins in Fawley on 21 March when **Rosalind Coad** talks about Puccini's *La Bohème*, *Madame Butterfly* and *Turandot*. More from Fiona Hamilton on 07908 894333 or www.operaprelude.com.



Turville Diary

19 February	Village hall trustees, village hall, 7.30pm
19 February	Book group
22 February	Bonkers bingo, village hall, 8pm
2 March	Lent lunch, village hall, 12noon to 2pm
13 March	Northend Village Association AGM, village hall 7.30pm
15 March	Quiz night, village hall, 7pm
19 March	Book group
31 August	Turville park cricket club vice presidents match at Wormsley cricket ground

Parish council	
7 February	Village hall, 7.30pm (additional meeting to deal with website)
6 March	Turville school, 7.30pm
8 May	Village hall, 7.30pm (including parish annual meeting and AGM)
3 July	Turville school, 7.30pm [change of date]
11 September	Village hall, 7.30pm
6 November	Turville school, 7.30pm

What's on at the Village Hall...

Friday 22 February, 8pm

Bonkers Bingo

Eyes down for an evening of fun with prizes and raffle, bring family and friends
Organised by Northend Village Association
Tickets £5 on the door

Saturday 2 March, 12-2pm

Charity Lent Friendly Lunch

Delicious home-made soups, crusty French bread, cheese, chocolate and chat
Donations to charity

Wednesday 13 March, 7.30pm

Northend Village Association AGM

Come along to support the team, to volunteer and give any thoughts and ideas as to how we can support our community

Mirja Robinson **638 140** mirkkurobinson@yahoo.co.uk
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Friday 15 March, 7pm

Fun Quiz Night

Two course fish and chip supper, cash bar, nibbles, raffle, prizes and more
Organised by Turville Northend Village Hall
Advance tickets at £12.50 (£10 concessions) from
Amanda Moser **638 657**
Wendy Duerden **638 297**

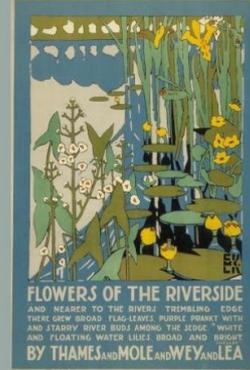


The Art of London Transport Posters

Saturday 9 February

11.30am - 12.30pm (coffee from 11am)

Led by design historian Dr Graham Twemlow



Dr Twemlow will give an overview of the art of London Transport posters and a gallery tour of the Museum's exhibition *Stuck Up*

Lecture ticket £6

Mill Meadows Henley on Thames RG9 1BF
01491 415 600 rrm.co.uk

Easter Services at St Mary the Virgin

Lent study group meets in Turville vicarage or church at 11.30am every Wednesday from 20 February to 27 March

- 24 March *Palm Sunday (at Frieth)*
10.00am procession with donkey followed by morning praise
- 27 March 10.15am Eucharist
- 29 March *Good Friday (at Hambleden)*
9.00am Morning prayer
- 31 March *Easter Day*
9.30am Eucharist



More at: www.hambleden-valley-churches.org.uk

Farewell to Diabo

Turville Valley Stud is sad to report that the famous Lusitano stallion, **Diabo** (pictured left with Lauren Fois), has been put to sleep at the grand age of 28. A truly magnificent horse who was loved and admired by so many for his power, grace and sheer beauty. He was the highlight of the Stud's display team and drew crowds from all over the country helping to raise money for charities including over £10,000 for Leukaemia research in memory of Nan Thurman.

Angela Fois

Turville Parish Plan: the Key Points

Turville parish council has drafted a “Turville parish development statement” which describes how the council considers developments that affect the parish. These include planning issues and those services which affect the residents’ quality of life.

We live in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty so the statement covers a wide range of issues ranging from preserving the parish’s rural character and heritage, supporting efforts to protect and enhance the parish’s countryside, woods and open spaces through to the protection of local flora and fauna as well as the conservation of our cultural heritage. It highlights the lack of public transport as well as concerns over the future of services and amenities ranging from shops, Post Office counter services to doctors’ surgeries and pubs in our and adjoining parishes. Finally, it recognises that our narrow lanes are unsuited to heavy volumes of traffic with associated concerns over speeding and road safety which are part of wider community safety issues. Although there is a low level of crime in the parish and surrounding area, the council would be concerned at any attempt to reduce the current level of policing support. Because of the distance of the parish from the fire and rescue and ambulance stations and the scattered nature of its communities the council will resist any reductions in the provision of such emergency services whilst encouraging parishioners to take part in any consultations on their future. The statement also acknowledges and encourages the role of volunteers in community life including those trained community responders.

The parish is agricultural with farmed land interspersed with managed woods. The protection and maintenance of the parish’s rural countryside is an important part of the statement but it recognises the attraction that the parish’s network of tracks, footpaths and bridleways, with their associated hedges and verges, has for tourism. There is a need to accommodate tourism without compromising the sensitive nature of our rural environment, especially in Turville. All planning applications are dealt with by Wycombe district council (WDC) and the parish council supports its emphasis on protecting the rural character of the district and its important landscape features. In line with WDC’s strategy for the strict control of development in the open countryside, the parish council does not envisage the building of new houses or commercial or agricultural properties in the parish. However, the statement recognises that current and future residents, property owners and tenants will continue to wish to improve and, to some extent, extend their properties. The council will seek to maintain the parish’s rural character when considering planning applications which affect land use including changes to the housing stock, the modification of agricultural and commercial buildings and the conversion of redundant farm buildings. It will also take account of WDC’s conservation area character studies for the parish and the *Chiltern Building Design Guide* and associated publications. Therefore, the council will wish to be involved in any proposed revision of these documents.

The Turville parish development statement can be found on the parish council’s website (www.turvilleparishcouncil.org.uk) under the miscellaneous section of the document archive as Parish_Development_Statement_Consultation_Copy01_13. Comments should be sent by **9 April** to Ray Jones (raymond.rjones@btopenworld.com). The statement will be subject to an annual review so that it can be kept up to date with the latest plans and issues that may affect the parish.

Ray Jones

Wycombe Local Plan

Changes to legislation and government planning policy mean that Wycombe district council needs to bring its plans up to date to set out how local needs can be met and local issues addressed. Wycombe has begun work on its new local plan which will shape what the Wycombe district will look like by 2031. It will set out policies and proposals on land use and development across a wide range of issues including housing, business, community facilities and associated infrastructure.

It will identify where developments should or should not go. The process will take until the end of 2015 to complete. Turville parish council has advised the district council of the local issues in the draft parish

plan and will continue to work with Wycombe on its plan.

Further information on the Wycombe local plan can be found at www.wycombe.gov.uk/newlocalplan.

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Have Your Say: Thames Valley Police

The new Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley has launched a public consultation on his draft police and crime plan. This plan sets out his objectives for policing and crime in Thames Valley and brings together both the police and other partners responsible for crime reduction. The plan has financial implications. It aims to reduce costs by over £13.1m in 2013/14. It seeks to increase the Thames Valley police part of council tax by 2% to “generate an additional £2.7m annual income to invest in services and/or offset service reductions”.

Have your say on the draft plan and the proposed council tax increase by completing the survey at: www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/Get-Involved/Police-and-Crime-Plan-Consultation.aspx, or contact 01865 846780 or pcc@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. The consultation will close on **Friday 8 February**.

Have Your Say: South West Chilterns and Marlow Local Area Forum

The South West Chilterns and Marlow Local Area Forum (LAF) discusses local residents' issues and priorities in 13 parishes (including Turville). The LAF's current priorities are: public transport in rural areas; maintenance and upgrading of village halls and community centres; affordable housing; leisure activities for young children and young people; anti-social behaviour; hospitals and health.

The LAF is now seeking your views on what its priorities should now be. The LAF wants to know:

- the main challenge to living in our area
- the one thing you value most about living in our area
- the one thing you would change in our area
- your suggestions for the LAF's top three priorities in 2013 onwards.

You can answer these questions by completing the questionnaire at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/QQMDTH5. The deadline is **Monday 18 February**.

Parish Council Notes

Turville Village Green: the parish council decided by a majority of 4 to 1 *not* to install a grass reinforcement paving system on the green in Turville village (see *Turville Times*, December 2012, page 3). No members of the public spoke in favour of the idea at the meeting.

Council Tax: the parish council has kept its budget and precept for 2013/14 at the same level as for the last two years. This will result in a very small increase in the council tax paid by each parishioner because of the the reduction in the number of parishioners paying the tax.

Potholes: in October, the parish council wrote to Buckinghamshire county council (BCC) about the state of the roads in the parish, in particular both the number of potholes and the effectiveness of the repairs. BCC cabinet member for planning and transportation, Peter Hardy, told the council that pothole repairs fail prematurely through a combination of circumstances: weather conditions, the condition of the existing road surface and traffic. He also explained that it is often the adjoining surface that subsequently fails rather than the previously repaired pothole:

“Regrettably this does give the perception that it has been the pothole repair that has failed where in fact it is a different hole. Evidence of this can be seen at many locations throughout the county where a series of pothole repairs can be seen along the length of road.”

Mr Hardy also told the council that BCC is currently investing £30 million in a major road resurfacing programme which started in 2011/12 and is due to end in March 2013. In the meantime, report any potholes at www.transportforbucks.net/Roadworks-Centre.aspx - don't wait for the next parish council meeting!

Parish council website: the website has been hacked into (again). The council will hold an extraordinary meeting on **Thursday 7 February** to approve plans for a new website. Please be patient while the new site is built. Contact the parish clerk or any parish councillor for help with documents or other information.

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