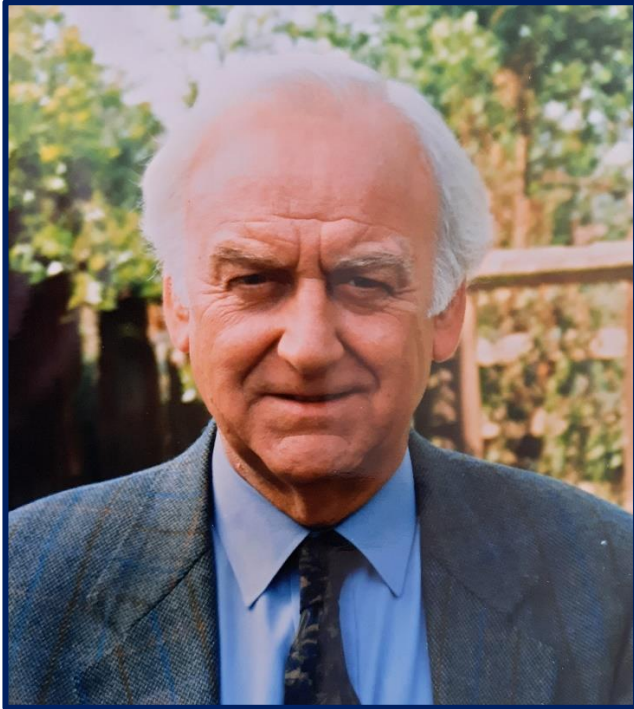


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## Message from the Editor

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We welcome you to this first 'post lockdown' edition of the parish magazine. Life is still adjusting to the 'new' normality and we expect to see our regular events up and running by the time the next edition is printed.

At the time of writing, we are heading for the ending of all restrictions on 21<sup>st</sup> June and so to prevent any unintentional breach of the COVID rules (which can be ambiguous) we have decided to hold the picnic in the park a week later than originally planned on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June. We want everyone to be and feel safe and to enjoy a family event together without restrictions. Do put it in your diary and bring the family. The Chandos will do the beers and cold drinks and we are hoping to have some hot food available. There will be races and games for the children and maybe for the 'young at heart' adults; so dress accordingly. We have asked for sunshine for the day but keep an eye on social media pages for updates should we have a wet, cold summer! Our annual fete will resume next year. See inside for details of other groups' starting back dates.

Stay safe now, the end is nigh!

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***Contributions to the magazine are welcomed subject to space and the Editor's decision on suitability. The copy deadline for the Autumn issue is 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021.***

*We reserve the right to edit all articles.*

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## Nostalgic Weston Turville

Back in April 1997 Carlton Television spent a week in Brookside, which became Bloxham Drive, filming scenes for an episode of Inspector Morse entitled 'Death is Now My Neighbour'.

John Thaw, Kevin Whately, Judy Loe and Paul McGann were here for the week plus numerous other cast and crew. Two houses were mainly used for filming; numbers 24 and 26 which were renumbered as 17 and 15, where next door neighbours are murdered, although Morse suspects the first shooting may have been in error. Also used was no. 9 for the Judy Loe scenes. The rest of the action takes place in Oxford and Bath.

The episode is also significant, apart from being filmed in Brookside, as at the end Morse reveals his first name to be 'Endeavour'.

It was a memorable week, the weather was glorious and all the residents thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The photos in the page opposite give a taste of the experience when Inspector Morse (and his entourage) came to Weston Turville.

**Cathy Terry**

Courtesy of IMDB: there is a goof in the programme: did you spot it?

When Miss James' neighbour says she saw a man out back while she was putting the ashes out, none of the houses shown in the long shots have a chimney so would not have any ashes to put out!

If anyone has any 'nostalgic' stories or events that happened in the Parish or close by that affected the Parish then please submit them to the Editor for inclusion in the magazines.

Does anyone have photos of the cardboard planes on the airfield from an episode of Foyles War? What about the graveyard scene shot in Wendover Woods for one of the Highlander Films?

## **Weston Turville Coronavirus Support**

Are you in quarantine or self-isolating and unable to arrange delivery of essential items?

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If they are not available to help you, then please contact Mandi Simons on 01296 613958 and help will be arranged through one of our volunteers.

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## **Weston Turville Recreation Ground**

# **PICNIC IN THE PARK**

**\*\* DATE CHANGE \*\***

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**1pm – 4pm**

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There will be some food and alcohol available and traditional kids games to participate in. Wear flat shoes....you may be taking part in the adults and children three legged race.

Bring the whole family and enjoy a picnic with family and friends.

If anyone wants to come along and tell people about your local business or craft sales then contact Mandi Simons via the Parish Council webpage.



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Following local elections, nine councillors were elected unopposed to Weston Turville Parish Council. There is still one vacancy for a councillor which the Parish Council hope to fill by co-option at its July meeting. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in applying.

Members of the public are welcome to attend any of our meetings and details can be found on our website and the notice boards around the parish. All meetings are held at the Parish Offices or village hall (subject to numbers and COVID requirements).



Cllr Martin Jarvis

I have lived in our Parish since 2008 and prior to that on Bedgrove. I have always enjoyed being involved with community groups and after being a member of the Bedgrove residents association committee, I then joined Weston Turville Parish Council where after serving on several committees I then became chairman in 2013. I enjoy my role and hopefully ensure our meetings (which can be very formal) have a lighter side and make sure that our councillors and residents are able to speak and get across their views for consideration. I still work full time in a technical sales role which takes me to all corners of the UK. I enjoy returning to Weston Turville as our parish is such a friendly and enjoyable place to live. Email: [mjarvis@westonturville-pc.gov.uk](mailto:mjarvis@westonturville-pc.gov.uk)

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Cllr Mandi Simons

I have lived in the village along Brook End since 1984. My community activities started after I retired in 2010 and decided to immerse myself in village life. I was asked to start a local branch of the U3A... which led to joining and then chairing the village hall committee....which led to joining the Parish Council where I became involved in the writing of the parish magazine, organising the village fete and undertaking the refurbishment of the village hall, as well as bulb planting! My main interest is in ensuring that this lovely place in which we live will give pleasure and enjoyment to future residents and not become a dormitory settlement of Aylesbury. Email: [msimons@westonturville-pc.gov.uk](mailto:msimons@westonturville-pc.gov.uk)

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Cllr Mark Baylis

I moved to the parish of Weston Turville (Hampden Hall) with my wife and 2 young daughters from Chesham 3 years ago. I have a passion for mountain biking and make full use of the excellent mountain bike terrain locally. I work as a senior safety manager for a construction company. I joined the Parish Council by a complete chance of fate, following the resignation of the previous councillor from Hampden Hall. I was looking at ways to get more involved with the local community and the parish council was a good place to start. Email: [mbaylis@westonturville-pc.gov.uk](mailto:mbaylis@westonturville-pc.gov.uk)

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Cllr Rachel Blackmore

Hello, I am Rachel Blackmore and pleased to be joining Weston Turville Parish Council. We've lived in the village for 24 years and I'm looking forward to being able to contribute to the Parish Council's work making Weston Turville a great place to live. Email: [rblackmore@westonturville-pc.gov.uk](mailto:rblackmore@westonturville-pc.gov.uk)



Cllr Michael Conolly

I came to live in Weston Turville in 2010 and have been on the parish council since 2013. The parish proved to be a delight not least for a number of valued friendships. I have become concerned by three matters. Extensive building will envelope the parish, increasing it from about 3000 people to an excess of 13,000. The implications for our community are considerable, an issue which is being ignored, partly because of the democratic weakness of local government. Secondly, the east side of the village from the shops to Brook End has no public transport. There is a simple solution. That too is being ignored. Lastly, given the number of older people who live here, we require well-shod and serviceable footpaths. Email: [mconolly@westonturville-pc.gov.uk](mailto:mconolly@westonturville-pc.gov.uk)

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Cllr Jim Paterson

I am originally from Morayshire and moved to Buckinghamshire in 1959, before settling with my family in Weston Turville in 1984. I am a retired Traffic Officer and Accident Investigator examining the vehicles in the collisions. In early 2009 I was “volunteered” to chair the Community Led Plan Steering Group that resulted in the publication of the Parish Plan and then in 2015 I was co-opted as a Parish Councillor. I have an interest in speeding matters, roads and footpaths and together with another councillor or the parish clerk, help collate information on speed issues using the mobile vehicle activated sign (MVAS) and more recently Speedwatch. Information collected is then passed on to Thames Valley Police. Email: [jpaterson@westonturville-pc.gov.uk](mailto:jpaterson@westonturville-pc.gov.uk)

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Cllr Cathy Terry

I have lived in Weston Turville since 1982. My son went to the village school and then John Colet school. I have served on the Parish Council for over 10 years and particularly look forward to the bulb and tree planting that we undertake during the autumn. I enjoy being on the parish council and hope that the work we do helps to make the village a great place to live for all residents. I am also involved with the allotments association and have recently become the Chair. After working locally for many years, I retired in 2020. Email: [cterry@westonturville-pc.gov.uk](mailto:cterry@westonturville-pc.gov.uk)

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Cllr Val Trowell

I have lived in the parish for many years, albeit, not in the village, but on Wendover Road. I became a councillor after raising some concerns specific to Wendover Road. I am a retired teacher and prior to retiring taught in a secondary school in Aylesbury. My main interests are sport, especially tennis and music. I had been rather sceptical regarding local government, however since joining WTPC and gaining first hand experience of the knowledge and dedication of the councillors and clerk, my unfair negativity has become one of positivity. I am looking forward to continuing as a councillor. Email: [vtrowell@westonturville-pc.gov.uk](mailto:vtrowell@westonturville-pc.gov.uk)

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Cllr Martin Watson

I have been a resident of Weston Turville since 2013, 2 adult children although one is currently back home for work. Dog lover – lost our 14 y/o Lab in January and have been, so far unsuccessfully, seeking a replacement ever since. A lifelong Aviation enthusiast, a (fine weather) cyclist and passionate anti-litterer with a deep cynicism of the (all to frequent in) actions of the upper echelons of our local Government. Email: [mwatson@westonturville-pc.gov.uk](mailto:mwatson@westonturville-pc.gov.uk)

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The Weston Turville WI branch was formed in March 2019 and welcomes women of all ages and backgrounds to our friendly local group. Forget the Jam and Jerusalem image.....It is what you want it to be..... We have interesting speakers, quizzes, and craft activities ..... Each meeting is different, and our speakers and activities aim to reflect a wide range of interests that our members have. Not sure? Come along as a visitor to one of our virtual or live meetings, have a chat over tea/coffee or a glass of wine and see what we are about.

The Covid pandemic has seen us evolve our meetings to an online format via zoom, but as soon as we are able, we will return to monthly meetings. Currently our zoom meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month (19.30-21.30)., but we hope to be able to recommence face to face meetings in the late summer. The first in person meeting will be on 1<sup>st</sup> September at the Chapel in Worlds End Lane.

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## Community engagement *matters*.

There has been increased demand for care in Weston Turville, where shielding and isolation has had a negative impact on the well-being of our more vulnerable residents. So what can we as a community do to help, as well as look after our own well-being?

**Health and Wellbeing** Weston Turville offers many groups that support regular exercise and health with organised groups such as Simply Walk, where local organised walks are organised each week.

**Social interaction** Engagement with friends, family has proven to slow down development of dementia among older people. Where possible we need to reach out more than ever before to neighbours to ensure they are included.

**Hydration and Diet** Reduced mobility and exercise mean that food and fluid intake are reduced, so a focus on regular healthy meals and regular drinking throughout the day is essential to avoid vitamin deficiencies and risk of infections.

**Curiosity in life** An active mind, with an interest in hobbies and a desire to continue learning – is a key ingredient to a healthy mind and body. Right at Home supports our clients to remain engaged in the community, including church groups, U3A, and Weston Turville Historical Society. (Subject to reopening after lockdown)

Our appeal is to continue to reach out to neighbours, remain vigilant for the needs of our residents who may be shielding at home, and work collaboratively as a community to seek help from volunteer groups, parish, council and quality care providers such as Right at Home to help support those with greatest needs.

**About Right at Home Aylesbury Vale and Chiltern:** Our mission is to improve the quality of life for Clients and their families. We are a locally owned and managed registered care provider offering outstanding support for people living in their own home in the Aylesbury Vale and Chiltern area.



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# Weston Turville Litter Picks

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June  
And  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

**Meet at the Village Hall at 10am**

Please join us to help tidy our parish.

The Parish Council will provide litter pickers, black sacks and hi-viz jackets to volunteers.

Weston Turville has been successful in the past winning the Best Kept Village competition in Buckinghamshire. The Parish Council is working with volunteers to improve the surroundings eg with the introduction of wildflower beds, planters and regular community litter picks, as well as individual volunteer litter pickers. It would be fantastic to be able to enter again next year when the competition resumes – please help keep our village tidy, volunteers always welcome!



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## Guinness Cake

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Ingredients: 250ml Guinness  
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75g cocoa powder  
400g caster sugar  
142ml sour cream  
2 eggs  
1 tablespoon vanilla essence  
275g plain flour  
2 ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda

Topping: 300g cream cheese – full fat  
150g icing sugar  
125ml double or whipping cream



- Preheat oven to 180°C / 200°C / 350°F / Gas 4
- Pour Guinness into saucepan [if you have got extra, drink it!] and add the butter and heat gently until the butter has melted. Whisk in the cocoa and sugar. Beat the sour cream, eggs and vanilla, then pour into the Guinness mixture. Mix in the flour and bicarb. Pour into a lined cake tin – it is very very liquidy, this is fine.
- Bake for 45 - 60 minutes, leave in the tin for a while until cool – it is a very soft cake so be careful when you tip it out.
- Whip cream cheese, add the icing sugar. Whip the cream, then fold into the cream cheese mixture. Smooth onto the top of the cake – it will look like a hugh glass of Guinness – it's very yummy.

## Tomato, Basil and Goat's Cheese Loaf

Ingredients: 100g butter  
300g self raising flour  
½ tsp salt & black pepper  
175g hard goat's cheese – chop into small chunks  
175g cherry tomatoes  
15g pack of fresh basil – roughly tear  
100ml milk [full fat]  
3 eggs

- Preheat oven to 180°C fan / 200°C / 350 F / Gas 4
- Butter and line a loaf tin. Mix flour, seasoning + butter. Toss in 100g of the cheese and 100g of the tomatoes [you can cut in half or leave whole] and the basil. Beat milk & eggs and stir into the flour mixture + spoon into the loaf tin. Smooth the top and scatter on the remaining cheese and tomatoes.
- Bake for 45 – 50 minutes.
- Lovely served warm, will keep in fridge for a couple of days.

*Recipes courtesy of Sian Lorimer*



The country is beginning to emerge from lockdown with the first tentative steps being taken following the amazing vaccination drive undertaken by the NHS. Activities are starting again in the hall and local area and the Parish Council is hoping to press ahead with plans for new facilities.

## Changes to Recreation Ground

At the time of writing we are still awaiting the results of our application for a certificate for permitted development to make the changes to the recreation ground. Assuming all goes to plan we hope to start works on the field in June with the new play equipment being installed in time for the summer holidays. We stress this is dependent on Bucks Council approving the application in time for works to start.

Some of the existing children's play equipment will be removed and new equipment installed to provide a range of challenges for all ages and abilities. A wheelchair accessible roundabout will also be installed. The new square shape will allow for improved supervision of children by parents and carers. Once this is complete, we plan to start the skate park and MUGA (multi use games area) installation in September.

The new petanque court, which has been requested by residents, is scheduled to be installed in June or July, so existing teams can take advantage of the better weather to play. The area will be surrounded by fencing to prevent dogs and other animals fouling the court.

A new path will be created around both playing fields which will allow year round access to all facilities for everyone, it will be made of self binding gravel so will be suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs as well as a safe (non muddy!) place to walk or run.

The excess soil which will result from these works will be used to create bundings to add interest to the proposed wildflower meadow which will be located to the far side of the tennis courts and will be planted once all other works are completed. If you would like to help design the wild flower meadow or to be involved in the project please contact the Clerk.

The works planned does mean that there will be some disruption to your usual enjoyment of the fields over the next few months, but access will still be permitted with works areas fenced off for safety reasons.

## Climate Action

As part of the Parish Council's commitment to reducing its carbon footprint, the village hall will have solar panels and ground source heating installed later this year. This project is being funded by s106 funds and not the precept and will enable the hall to benefit from reduced electricity costs as well as providing green energy back into the network.

## Community Orchard

The Parish Council are in the process of negotiating a lease for a piece of land in the centre of the village. In autumn, once nesting season is over, it is anticipated that this land will be cleared to allow fruit trees to be planted. This is a project that we hope the community will help to create as well as to benefit from future crops. Again please contact the Clerk if you wish to be involved in the planning and planting of this area.

## Volunteer Litter Pickers

A huge thank you to all those who have volunteered to help keep our parish tidy of litter. As well as litter picking, volunteers also report issues that need attention such as overhanging hedges, broken signs etc. If you are interested in taking part, please contact the Parish Clerk (details at the end of this article). Litter pickers, high viz jackets and black sacks are provided.

## Anti-Social Behaviour

We have unfortunately been made aware of some incidences of antisocial behaviour around the parish. Please report each and every incident you witness to Thames Valley Police – if they do not know about it, they cannot do anything about it. We understand people are sometimes frustrated that they log an issue and it appears nothing happens, but without the reports to form the bigger picture, police resources will not get allocated to tackle the problem.

If you witness dangerous driving, please also report to the Police with the registration number of the vehicle if you have it.

## Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings are now back taking place in person. All local residents are welcome to attend meetings of the council and its committees. Please see our website for agenda details or contact the Clerk.

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- There are several options for Pilates classes in the hall throughout the week which cater for all abilities, for further details contact:
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- Keep Fit class on Friday afternoons, run by Jan Rance.
- **Weston Turville Historical Society** meets on the last Friday of the month. Meetings will resume in the hall from September, see [www.wthsoc.org.uk](http://www.wthsoc.org.uk) for further information

There are some regular weekday slots available, please contact the Clerk for more details – [westonturvillehall@gmail.com](mailto:westonturvillehall@gmail.com) or 07909 485369.

We are also hoping to be able to accept bookings for children's parties again from 21<sup>st</sup> June onwards, please contact the clerk for further information.

### June

7 <sup>th</sup>	School term resumes
10 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Planning Committee, 6pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council meeting, 7pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Weston Turville Litter Pick, 10am at the Village Hall
26 <sup>th</sup>	Picnic in the Park, Weston Turville Recreation Ground
26-27 <sup>th</sup>	Bucks Town and Country Show, High Wycombe

### July

8 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Planning Committee, 6pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council meeting, 7pm
17-18 <sup>th</sup>	Thame Food and Country Fair
21 <sup>st</sup>	End of school term
22 <sup>nd</sup>	U3A, Ostlers Field Rugby Club, new members welcome

### August

10 <sup>th</sup>	Play around the Parishes, Weston Turville Recreation Ground, 2-4pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Planning Committee, 6pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	Play around the Parishes, Weston Turville Recreation Ground, 2-4pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	U3A, Ostlers Field Rugby Club, new members welcome

If you are holding an event in Weston Turville and would like to include it on this page in future

### **Regular Weekly Events**

Tuesdays	Vintage and Craft Bazaar, Aylesbury Market Square
Wednesdays	Aylesbury Market, Market Square
Thursdays	Wendover Market
Fridays	Aylesbury Market, Market Square Aylesbury Food Hub Market, Market Square Wendover Neighbourhood Police Drop In, Wendover Library 10am–12noon
Saturdays	Aylesbury Market, Market Square

### **Other Regular Events**

Weston Turville WI – first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm, Union Chapel Hall

Repair Café – 9am – 12noon, second Saturday of each month at St Michael's Church, Aston Clinton

## Update on Sergeant Fiodr (Theodore) Vadimovich Narishkin



Those of you who read the article in the last edition of the Weston Turville Times about the crash of a Hawker Typhoon in the village on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 1943 may be interested to know more about the pilot who we thought was Polish but further research has turned up something of a surprise.

Theodore was in fact British but of Imperial Russian descent. He served as a Sergeant, Pilot Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, 183 Squadron. On the 7<sup>th</sup> March he was flying his second sortie of the day from RAF Cranfield where his squadron was on detachment to take part in Exercise Spartan. This was an operation being run in the planning towards D Day and flights using the Hawker Typhoon were

involved. Sgt. Narishkin had already flown one practice mission that afternoon and was returning from his second sortie to RAF Cranfield having departed at 1527 Hrs on a practice mission to bomb targets at Pangbourne near Reading. For reasons unknown, he encountered issues approaching Weston Turville resulting in the loss of his life and his aircraft in Middle Field.

He was the youngest son of Captain Vadim Alexandrovich Narishkin and Elizaveta Alexandrovna Narishkina who had six children in total. The family left Russia in 1921 a year before Theodore's birth in London on July 15<sup>th</sup> 1922 and they settled in Headington, Oxfordshire. His mother died there in 1945 and is buried alongside her son in Headington Cemetery.

Capt. Narishkin, Theodore's father, was born in St Petersburg in 1891 and lived in Imperial Russia, fought in the Revolution, and finally escaped from the Soviet Union in 1921. He described his experiences at a meeting of the Oxford branch of the International Friendship League and said it was not until the Great War that he really had an opportunity of getting to know the Russian peasant but he found him shrewd and pleasant, with a strain of lofty idealism, and he learnt to like the type. Capt. Narishkin said he thought if the War hadn't happened the Revolution would never have happened. It found the old regime completely unprepared. The old regime may not have been ideal, he said, but in his experience, every regime established by revolution was usually worse than the one it had overthrown. He did not join up with the White Army and after the Revolution he helped build up the new Russia's territorial army. He left Russia with his family because he had lost all faith in the success of the Revolution. Life had become 'nerve-racking and dirty'. He subsequently became a lecturer in French at Brasenose College, Oxford and served in the Intelligence Corps during WWII. Sometime after his first wife's death it

appears he married again to Ariadne. He died in Geneva at the age of 60 on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1952.

Theodore's aunt was Princess Ljuba Alexandrovna Obolensky, nee Narishkina, and she was the mother of another young war hero, Prince Alexander Obolenski, who was a famous rugby player and a pilot with the RAF. The Prince was killed in a Hurricane Mark 1 at Martlesham Heath on 29<sup>th</sup> March 1940 aged 24. For those with an interest in rugby view the video on You Tube of the two tries he scored for England against New Zealand in 1936. [Prince Alexander Obolensky \(England\) – YouTube](#)

Since the original article about Sgt. Narishkin's death was published we have had a good response to the suggestion that a memorial should be placed close to the site of the crash that killed him. The Parish Council is firmly behind the idea and we along with David Smith, who was instrumental in suggesting the idea, hope to have something in place sometime in the Spring of next year.

Tony Irvine & Glynn White.  
Weston Turville Historical Society.

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## How well do you know your Highway Code?

1. What is the safe stopping distance at 30 mph?
2. What is the thinking distance at 40 mph?
3. Signs giving orders are circular, one is not, which one?
4. What do two yellow lines painted on the kerb mean?
5. Round red circle and cross on blue background means?
6. What is the new fixed penalty for parking on pavement?
7. When do vehicles parked at night require lights?
8. Next light after flashing amber at pedestrian crossing?
9. What is maximum motorway speed limit for car towing a trailer?
10. When can you use hazard warning lights when moving?



*Answers on Page 32*

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Wonderful and idyllic. I strongly suspect that I remember the good days and times and memories of the 'wrong summer weather' have faded away; there is always the tendency to remember the past as much better than it was actually experienced.

Memories of horrible events do sadly stay with us and affect the present. Looking back is something we all do. Sometimes with tears and other times with smiles and laughter. What we really cannot do is predict the future. This is particularly true at present when our past year, present day and the future are uncertain. Will we be able to do this or that next month or in November etc.?

I am hoping for a glorious sunshine. Ideally, warm sunshine during the day and soaking rain through each night (in your dreams Wales!). I plead for caution; a steady and measured walk into the future. We have borne much and are still suffering the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The government road map is a real hope but once we are allowed to do more in different places let's be sensible, considerate and mindful of how our behaviour might affect others. We have come so far, survived so much, come through (I hope) pain and distress and the time is coming to rebuild our lives, catch up with families and friends and be able to live a less restrictive life.

*May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*  
(Gaelic Blessing, author unknown)

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Outside, the oak cladding will soon be completed and the ground levelled and paved, giving smooth access for wheelchairs from the gate.

In spite of many generous donations and grants received the costs continue to rise as new situations are revealed. The old south door, possibly 14th century, was shown to be unsuitable for repair and re-use and the stonework revealed in the arch in which it had been fixed since about 1900 needs some expensive repairs.

Our funding shortage is now estimated at between £15-20k and we will need to pay the final instalment to the contractor by July. We have been unable to hold any fundraising events for some 18 months. You have all been so supportive of these events in the past and I know you have enjoyed them as well as helping our funds. If you are able to make a donation in lieu of what you may have spent at our Fun Day and various sales it would help to make up for what we have lost and for the additional costs we have suffered.

Please help us now by sending your donation to the Rector, Revd David Wales, The Rectory, Church Walk, Weston Turville HP22 5SH or to me, Roger Fellows (SWIFT Treasurer) at 65 Craigwell Avenue, Aylesbury, HP21 7AG. Cheques should be made payable to "PCC Weston Turville, SWIFT". Transfers can be made to our bank account, PCC Weston Turville, SWIFT, a/c number 51685922, sort code 60-01-31 or on-line to [www.goldengiving.com/wall/swift](http://www.goldengiving.com/wall/swift) Please use Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25% at no additional cost to yourself. Contact me if you need a form to do so.

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## Answers to Highway Quiz

1. 23m (75ft)
2. 12m (39)
3. Give Way
4. No loading at any time
5. Clearway
6. £70
7. When parked in a 40mph area
8. Green
9. 60mph
10. To warn of a hazard on a dual carriageway or motorway

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## Our Upper Field

McClure considered himself rather sedentary. Born and brought up in a city, he worked in offices researching, writing reports and such like. Work allowed him to visit a street lined with trees. He thought that they give the street dignity and distinction. There he felt enjoyment and pleasure. His flat had no garden for he lived up the stairs. The terrace house had tiny gardens back and front lovingly cared for by Ms. Beale, a keen gardener, who lived on the ground floor. Around the corner, the road went over a railway bridge and curved sharply leftwards at the wide imposing gates to the local park. McClure liked the park too. There were many trees lining the paths that crisscrossed the large green area, rolling grassy banks and sporting amenities. There was even a café.



When he moved to the village on retirement, he knew little of nature or rural life. In the village everything was green for there were many open spaces and small grassy fields, often divided by clumps of trees. After the wars house building enlarged the village to its present size. Between houses and gardens were hedges in which an astonishing range of birds lived. He noted that there were many Rights of Way, all carefully marked. Having settled in, he explored them. He found that the village hall had two fields lying behind it. And he was fortunate that he lived close to the parish fields.

There were two of them, upper and lower. The lower field had a children's playground, tennis courts and other sports equipment. McClure had heard a rumour that more leisure equipment was planned. There was even a cricket crease, he noticed as he walked around the field. It was surrounded by trees and beside the tennis courts there were three beautiful apple trees, pink and white blossomed, in a huddle like sisters having a chat.

He found the upper field, reached from the lower, a very different place. It was large and almost square, surrounded by trees. There were several football pitches marked out and benches to sit on. McClure had noticed how quiet it was in spite of the sound of birds, sometimes the distant drone of a remote plane, or fragmented snatches of children's voices from the primary school nearby. Magpies could be seen walking on the



pitches, then to flit from place to place. McClure sat on one of the benches. The stillness of the air undisturbed by the constant roar from the main road beyond. The trees, all differ in shapes and sizes, displayed a myriad of greens so varied that he was overwhelmed. A floral carpet of daisies and dandelions. The day was bright with clouds of different hues of white covering this tranquil scene. Little seemed to happen in the upper field. It was a silent resource for peaceful contemplation. He was enveloped by calm and contentment. Nature's bounty – natural therapy, he thought, transported out of himself.

Michael Conolly



## Weston Turville U3A

**We are coming out of hibernation!!**

**After many months of not being able to meet (apart from on Zoom) Weston Turville U3A members will now have the chance to get together again as we expect to return to Aylesbury Rugby Club on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July for our monthly general meeting.**

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Hospital - Stoke Mandeville	01296 315000
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