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Welcome to the Autumn Edition of the Weston Turville Times

There are a lot of activities to look forward to in the coming months for all ages and interests, from our family Halloween fun day, to working on the new community orchard, joining the cast of a play by the new Weston Turville Theatre group, street food, a parish meeting in October and lots more.

One important achievement is the Parish Council's purchase of land at Barley Close where residents will have the chance to shape its future. See page 5 for futher details.

Check out the details published throughout the magazine including the section "Our Parish Matters" in the centre pages. Please also consider supporting our advertisers who contribute to the publication of the magazine.

May I wish you a pleasant and enjoyable autumn ahead.

Warm regards,

John Kelly and Cllr Laura Cook

Editorial Team

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Report from the Parish Council Chair

Dear all

We are delighted to welcome new members to our parish council George Lait and Michala Robertson with their energy and ideas. You will see several of their initiatives in this magazine, including the introduction of "Our Parish Matters" in the centre pages.

Our purchase of Barley Close field has now completed and you will see on the page opposite that we are asking for your collaboration in planning for this area.

Wildlife on the Glebe Field continues to increase as the habitats for birds and insects are nurtured by Chiltern Wildbelt and supporters. A proposal has been put forward for wildlife cameras in the area, so we will be able to monitor and share what is happening there. We are also looking into having an information board to inform visitors what is there and what to look out for.

Our autumn events include a Halloween event for families at the village hall on 31st October and in November we will have our Remembrance Day service by the War memorial. Dates and times are in the calendar on page 38.

The plans for our Community Theatre Company are progressing and everyone is welcome to join. We look forward to the production from 14-16th November in Weston Turville Village Hall, see the article in this magazine.

We are looking forward to our Community Climate Action planning workshop on Saturday October 11th from 10am – 3pm in Weston Turville Village Hall, lunch and refreshments provided. We are collaborating with Wendover, Stoke Mandeville and Halton parishes.

Places are limited so do book soon if you are keen to join this project with us using the QR code in the article later in this magazine.

Parish Council meetings

All local residents are welcome to attend meetings of the council to observe and at the start of each meeting there is a chance for residents to raise issues with the Council, each person is limited to 3 minutes. The list of meeting dates can be found on the website or noticeboards. Meetings are currently being held in the Parish Meeting room. Please see our website for agenda details or contact the Clerk.

If you would like to meet me to discuss any issues or just say hello I would be very happy to do that, please contact me via rblackmore@westonturville-pc.gov.uk or 07792 475094.

Cllr Rachel Blackmore

Our Community ORCHARD

Get Involved in Creating Our Community Orchard!

We're excited to announce plans for a Community fruit & nut Orchard on the land off Barley Close — and we want your help to make it happen!

We're forming a local working group to shape the project, from choosing the fruit trees to planning planting days and helping the orchard grow into a space we can all enjoy.

Whether you have gardening experience or just enthusiasm for making our green spaces even better, we'd love to hear from you!

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Anyone for cricket?

The Parish Council has been approached with regard to cricket at the recreation ground. If you are interested in playing cricket in the village please would you contact Cllr George Lait, email glait@westonturville-pc.gov.uk to register your interest so that we can gauge the level of support.

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CAWT and Community Climate Action (CCA)

We are excited to share with you plans for the Community Climate Action (CCA) initiative between Wendover and the surrounding parishes of Weston Turville, Halton and Stoke Mandeville. We are being supported in this by CCA: https://www.communityclimateaction.uk

The aim is to enable integrated action on climate and biodiversity through collaborative community engagement.

On **Saturday 11th October** 10am-3pm we are hosting a Community Climate Action planning workshop. Leading up to the day, we have one more of our monthly zooms, to prepare for the event. You'll have the opportunity to meet fellow attendees, network and plan. You can help build capacity, support and volunteer for activity, learn about community engagement, our theory of change and discover how you can get involved. We'll be supported to consider potential projects, prepare for the workshop and outline clear paths to funding. The workshop is interactive and participatory and the preparatory meetings will help us and our community to understand the process and get the most out of the day. Our last preparatory zoom meeting is on:

- Monday 15th September at 7pm https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/TyJpWaHeRRicrFPSpdA2gw#/registration If you open this article online on the parish council website you will be able to click this link.

You don't need to attend the zoom to be able to participate in the workshop but if you can it will help on the day.

To book your place on the workshop event, lunch included, scan the QR code below or open this article online on the pc website and click the Eventbrite link to register for your free ticket. Places are limited so do book soon if you are keen to participate.

Saturday 11th October 10am – 3pm Community Climate Action | Wendover & Villages Planning Workshop Event Link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-climate-action-workshop-wendover-villages-tickets-1491442186729

Following the workshop there will be a series of 9 monthly follow up zoom meetings; to firm up on projects, plan delivery and complete funding bids with the support of the Community Climate Action team.

Do feel free to invite any local climate action enthusiasts you might know!

David and Rachel Blackmore

racheljblackmore@gmail.com

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HGV Construction Traffic

The Parish Council has been in contact with Hampden Fields, HS2, Buckinghamshire Council, and several haulage companies to raise concerns from residents about construction traffic driving through the Village.

If you see what you believe to be HS2 or Hampden Fields construction traffic coming through the Village, the following information is required to address any complaints:

Lorry registration number
Date of sighting
Time of sighting
Photo (only if it is safe to take one)

! PLEASE NOTE:

- Without all of the above information, the developers are unable to investigate complaints and take appropriate action.
- Although large developments such as HS2 and Hampden Fields have traffic management plans this does not prevent other HGVs from using the public highway through the village.

Reporting Instructions:

If the lorry displays an HS2 sign on the dashboard email: hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk including all the information listed above and please copy in office@westonturville-pc.gov.uk so the Parish Council are aware of all the complaints and can follow up if needed.

For Hampden Fields traffic issues email: office@westonturville-pc.gov.uk
Again, please include the full details.

Turning Point at Aston Reach: MP and Councillors Witness Estate Failings Firsthand

This past month, Aston Reach Residents' Association (ARRA) has been actively scrutinising planning documents, collecting on-the-ground evidence and engaging with stakeholders to define what should constitute a *minimum standard of installation and maintenance* for our estate. June marked a significant turning point for the estate. With valuable support from the Aston Reach residents, along with key planning documentation, we conducted an in-depth review of the build history and maintenance of Aston Reach, including original planning obligations agreed to by Taylor Wimpey and Buckinghamshire County Council.

The culmination of this has been to produce a comprehensive document identifying multiple discrepancies between what was promised and agreed to at the planning stages and what has actually been delivered. The findings cover everything from hazards to health and safety to missing installation features to ongoing maintenance neglect.

Site Walk with Local Councillors

On 20th June, ARRA hosted Buckinghamshire Councillors Mark Winn and Andy Huxley, as well as Parish Councillor Chris Popovici-Birkby, for an estate-wide walkaround pointing out issues the residents encounter daily. To date, ARRA has documented over 90 separate outstanding issues—now formally submitted to Buckinghamshire Council, the Parish Council, Taylor Wimpey and FirstPort.

Welcoming Our MP to Aston Reach

Another major development came on Thursday, 3rd July, when Aylesbury MP Laura Kyrke-Smith visited Aston Reach. Joining members of ARRA for a full tour, she was also able to see first-hand the scale of the problems facing our community, similarly echoing the concerns of our Buckinghamshire councillors that these issues are pressing and urgent. Encouragingly, Ms Kyrke-Smith has committed to taking action. She will be writing to Taylor Wimpey, FirstPort, and Buckinghamshire Council to press for swift responses, whilst also pledging to keep lines of communication open with ARRA moving forward.

Looking Ahead

ARRA remains steadfast in our mission: to hold developers and local authorities to account, and to ensure Aston Reach becomes the well-maintained, high-standard neighbourhood that residents were promised and paid for. ARRA is grateful for the support of residents, councillors, and now our local MP, and with this momentum, we believe change is not only possible but within reach.

Aston Reach Residents Association

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Our Last 3 Months Discussions

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Improving Local Facilities

The Recreation Ground—one of the village's most popular spaces—has been a key focus for maintenance and upgrades. Upcoming improvements within the next year, funded through S106 developer contributions, include:

- New wetpour surfacing for safety and durability
- Replacement springers and benches to refresh the play area
- A brand-new toddler multiplay unit

In response to increased use during events, extra bins have been installed, and a new waste collection service has also been introduced. Repairs to the pétanque court have been carried out to maintain this well-used facility.

Elsewhere, the Council has agreed to install an information board at The Glebe and purchase two wildlife cameras to support biodiversity monitoring. Plans for a memorial and celebration tree, to be lit throughout the year in recognition of national and faith-based events, will be included in next year's budget along with a flagpole.

New Projects and Community Spaces

A significant milestone was achieved with the purchase of land off Barley Close, which will become a community orchard and green space. A dedicated working group is being formed to include both councillors and residents to help shape its future.

The Council also launched the "Donate a Gate" initiative, inviting local businesses to sponsor footpath gates. This community-minded project is run in partnership with the Ramblers Association and supports accessibility across the local rights of way network.

Community Engagement and Events

So far this year we have held the following successful events,

- **Games Morning** - In March we held a games morning in the Village Hall with the support of the U3A, this relaxed morning brought residents together for fun and games.
- **Easter Event-** In April then came the return of our yearly Easter event, which was the biggest yet! Families enjoyed a scavenger hunt, bulb planting, pin-the-tail-on-the-bunny, games, colouring, and delicious cupcakes kindly provided by the Village Retreat Café for every child who completed the hunt.

- **VE DAY** – In May with the move from The Village Hall to the Chandos we enjoyed a beautiful tribute from the Military Wives, fantastic food and drinks from Stuart and his team, and stunning Union Jack displays. The memorabilia on display from the Historical Society put the icing on the celebratory cake.
- **WI Event** – In June we had a wonderful event hosted by the WI featuring an informative talk about discovering what goes into judging the Best Kept Village Competition.

What's still to come ……

- Two summer play sessions during August
- Councillor surgeries now held twice a month.
- A Halloween community event has been approved for October
- Preparations are underway for this year's Remembrance Day service
- A public engagement meeting will take place in October to discuss plans for The Glebe and wider parish developments
- The annual Christmas carols event will be held on Friday 5th December.

Looking Ahead

The Parish Council remains committed to serving the Weston Turville community by investing in improvements, responding to local concerns, and planning for the future.

For more information, full meeting minutes, or to stay updated, please visit the Parish Council website or follow our updates in the Weston Turville Times.

The Glebe Field

Visit the Glebe through our on-line video on the Parish Council website - www.westonturville-pc.gov.uk. Click on "About the Parish" and then "The Glebe Field"

You are also invited to our "Parish Shaping" on the 23rd October in the village hall, please see page 24.

At this parish meeting, we will explain our vision for the Glebe, with an invitation to get involved. For further information, please contact Cllr George Lait glait@westonturville-pc.gov.uk

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DATES

Parish Council Meetings - Held in the Parish office meeting room
September- Thursday 18th 7pm
October- Thursday 16th 7pm
November- Thursday 20th 7pm
December- Thursday 18th 7pm

Planning & Highways - Held in the Parish office meeting room
September- Thursday 11th 7pm
October- Thursday 9th 7pm
November- Thursday 13th 7pm
December- Thursday 11th 7pm

Public Meeting
Thursday 23rd October - 6:45pm Parish Shaping Meeting in the Village Hall

Councillor Surgery Dates - Held in the Parish office meeting room

September -	Tuesday 2nd 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Parish Office
	Tuesday 16th 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Parish Office
October -	Tuesday 7th 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Parish Office
	Tuesday 21st 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Parish Office
November -	Tuesday 4th 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Parish Office
	Tuesday 18th 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Parish Office
December -	Tuesday 2nd 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Parish Office
	Tuesday 16th 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Parish Office

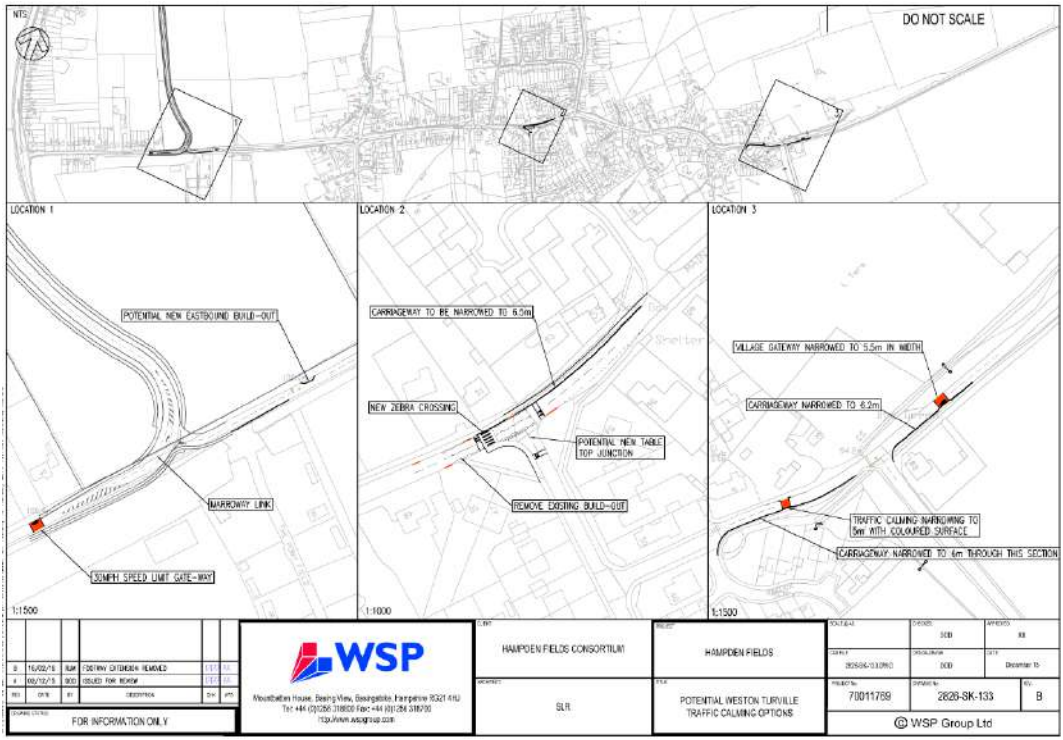
HAMPDEN FIELDS UPDATE

The Hampden Fields development is now making visible progress. Construction of houses to the west of the site and the new southern link road (SLR) is already underway with the first residents expected to move in by the end of the year. Updates on roads are:

- Due to a delay in the planning process, works to improve the A41 Woodlands Roundabout are now expected to begin later in 2026. Residents will be notified of further details before works commence
- It is anticipated that the SLR from the A41 to the A413 will open by the end of 2026 or early 2027, aligned with the completion of the A41 Woodlands Roundabout - subject to planning
- Work to construct the SLR includes diverting New Road through the Hampden Fields development. Two new junctions will be built starting September 2025, with temporary traffic signals and a planned four-week road closure in October, supported by clear diversion signage to minimise disruption
- As part of the Green Infrastructure (Public Open Space) plans for the development, the hard landscaping works for the first phase are now expected to commence in August 2025. These works include the construction of the public gardenway and greenway that will go through Hampden Fields - a key aspiration of Buckinghamshire Council and one that Taylor Wimpey believes will benefit both existing and future residents

Traffic Calming – Weston Turville Village

As part of the legal agreement tied to the development, traffic calming measures will be introduced in the village once the new link road is completed. These changes are designed to manage increased traffic flow and maintain safety for residents. The map of the proposed changes is below and is also available on the Parish Council website so residents can see exactly what's planned.



Location 1: Marroway – A new build-out and a 30mph speed limit gateway are proposed to encourage drivers to slow down. The Marroway priority will be changed to go through Hampden Fields, with a right turn off there to drive into the village.

Location 2: Bates Lane/Main Street junction – The road will be narrowed to calm traffic, and a new zebra crossing will make it easier and safer for pedestrians to cross. A raised "table-top" junction is also being considered to further reduce speeds and improve safety.

Location 3: Brook End/Halton Lane junction – Narrowing the road and adding traffic-calming features, including coloured surfaces, to make drivers more aware that they're entering a community area.

Happy To Chat Bench

Check out our new 'Happy to Chat' bench!
Located at the corner of School Lane and Church Lane – a friendly spot where you're always welcome to sit and say hello.

Weston Turville Village Hall Update

Weston Turville Village Hall is proud to be a thriving community space, welcoming a wide variety of regular hirers each week. From Pilates and keep fit classes to children's activities, dance sessions, our local camera club, historical society, and many more – there's something for everyone taking place in our hall.

We encourage you to visit our website to check out the full schedule of classes and activities. Whether you're looking to join a new class or reconnect with a hobby, the Village Hall is the perfect place to get involved.

Room Hire Availability

We also have some availability for new regular hirers and would love to welcome more community groups or classes into our schedule. Currently, the hall is available for regular bookings at the following times:

Tuesdays: 11:45am – 6:30pm
Wednesdays: 1:00pm – 2:30pm
Thursdays: 9:00am – 1:30pm and from 3:30pm onwards
Fridays: 11:30am – 1:30pm

If you're interested in starting a new group or running a regular class, please get in touch at **westonturvillehall@gmail.com** for booking enquiries.

New Equipment – Free to Use for Hirers!

Thanks to additional funding from our HS2 grant, we've recently purchased a variety of equipment to support new clubs and activities in the hall. These include: a piano, table tennis table, Tag rugby equipment, badminton net.

These items are free to use for all hall hirers, so if you've ever thought about starting a music group, a sports club, or a social game night – now's the perfect time!

Planning & Highways Committee report

We Want to Hear from You

Since March 2025, we've received a total of 15 planning applications in the Parish including 2 for new developments of 51 dwellings & 21 dwellings.

The Planning Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm in the Parish Council Office Meeting Room to consider any planning applications affecting our village.

To stay informed, please note that the agenda listing the planning applications to be discussed is published on our website on the Thursday prior to each meeting.

Unfortunately, we no longer have access to public comments submitted through Bucks Council planning portal. This makes it difficult for us to understand residents' views and properly represent your concerns. If you would like to share your thoughts on a planning application, please attend the relevant Planning Committee meeting, or email your comments directly to the Chair of Planning, Mark Baylis, at: mbaylis@westonturville-pc.gov.uk or office@westonturville-pc.gov.uk

Your feedback is important—help us support the community by making your voice heard.

Weston Turville Parish Council

Parish Shaping

Have Your Say at the Parish Shaping Meeting

📍 Weston Turville Village Hall

📅 Thursday, 23rd October

🕕 6:45 PM Start

We invite all residents to join us for a Parish Shaping Meeting—an open forum to discuss the future of our parish and share your views on key local issues.

Topics for discussion will include:

This is a fantastic chance to connect with fellow residents and Parish Council members, share your concerns, and help influence the priorities for Weston Turville.

Your input is important—please join us and be part of the discussion. If you have any specific questions you'd like addressed, please email Cllr George in advance at glait@westonturville-pc.gov.uk so we can ensure they're included in the event.

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New Beginnings

As the new school year begins and we welcome back our pupils – along with some brand new faces in Pre-School and Reception – we find ourselves reflecting on the idea of new beginnings.

Just a few weeks ago, we said goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children in a special Leavers' Assembly. It was a joyful and emotional celebration of their time at Weston Turville CE School, full of memories, laughter, and a few tears. Some of our leavers had been with us since Reception Class, and it was truly moving to hear them share stories of their journey; from those first steps into school life to the confident young people they are today.

Now they begin a new chapter at secondary school, carrying with them far more than just what they've learned in lessons. They leave us with resilience, kindness, and a strong sense of community – all values we hold close as a school. Perhaps most importantly, they take with them friendships – some formed all the way back in Reception – that may well last a lifetime. We are incredibly proud of each of them and will watch their next steps with great interest.

We also said farewell to a number of parents and carers who have been part of our school family for many years. Their support – whether cheering at sports day, helping on trips and events, or simply being there at the gate with a smile – has helped shape the school we are. It's never easy to say goodbye, and we will miss them greatly.

But as some families move on, others are just beginning their Weston Turville journey. We're delighted to welcome new pupils and their families this term and look forward to getting to know them in the months ahead. Our school is a strong, supportive community, and we know they'll quickly feel part of something special.

To all our children – new, returning, and recently departed – we send our warmest wishes for a successful year ahead. Here's to a fresh start, exciting challenges, and the many memories still to be made.

By Sue Fitzpatrick, Headteacher, Weston Turville CE School

Weston Turville WI News:

It has been a busy few months for the WI in Weston Turville. We have had some interesting speakers and activities at our monthly meetings over the Spring and early summer months. An Italian cookery demonstration was a highlight, as was our annual summer garden party. Talks on decluttering, baby farming in Victorian times, stained glass and African mammal conservation from local experts featured in our early 2025 programme. A monthly craft club and bimonthly book club are also new in 2025. We try and cover a wide range of interests and whether you're a long-time resident or new to the area, WTWI offers a welcoming space to women of all ages and backgrounds to connect and contribute to the local community.

The WI also offers the opportunity to participate in county and national WI events and activities. We have had representatives at both the Bucks and national annual meetings this year and for the second year running our quiz team were winners of the Bucks 2025 quiz. As the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK the WI has been instrumental in achieving positive changes for society as a whole and over the years has been involved in various national social campaigns. This year's campaign," Bystanders can be life savers" aims to improve knowledge and skills of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) across the UK as it is well documented that early CPR and defibrillating can more than double chances of survival. To support this national campaign WTWI ran an enjoyable and informative level 2 basic life support and safe use of a defibrillator course in July 2025 and which was facilitated by David Gwillams from Kaill Training.

The WI's primary focus is on empowering women and fostering a sense of community; an ethos reflected in the diverse activities and projects that the WI can offer. Why not come along and experience a meeting or two for yourself. We meet monthly in the meeting room attached to the Chapel on the evening of the first Wednesday of each month. Visitors are welcome at a small charge of £3.50 to help cover refreshments and costs. If you would like to come along or would like more information, please contact our secretary via westonturvillewi@gmail.com. We look forward to welcoming you!

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 –Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Wednesday 1st October 2025 – "In a nutshell" – The natural world in miniature

WESTON TURVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The 2025/2026 season of monthly talks of the Weston Turville Historical Society commences on Friday 26th September 2025 after the summer recess. At the September meeting we will be renewing subscriptions and welcoming any new members for the coming season of meetings. The committee has decided to keep the fees unchanged for at least this coming year. If you wish to renew your membership or to join the society the fees are £5 for a family membership and £3 for a single membership and the meeting fee of £2 per member and £3 for non-members for the coming year. Doors open at 7:30pm and coffee/tea will be available.

We will welcome back existing members and also any new people that wish to come along to the meetings. You do not have to be a member to attend a meeting as all are welcome. If you have not come to any of our meetings, please come and join us on the last Friday of each month in the Village Hall.

We had a membership of 111 members for our previous year with attendances at each monthly meeting of over 70. The talks we offer are varied and have topics that will interest most people. The programme for the last 3 months of 2025 is shown below and our chairman, Tony Irvine is finalizing the complete programme for 2026. Please look out for the postings on the EWT Facebook page where we post more details of each meeting in the week leading up to each monthly meeting.

For existing members and non-members, we can recommend that you have a look at our website, www.WTHSoc.org.uk. The site contains a great deal of information about the history of Weston Turville, copies of old postcards, links to other relevant historical sites etc. Our website has drawn praise from a number of people over the year. It has been updated to include some further material and is a great resource along with the archive which we are in the process of re-organising.

Dates for Weston Turville Historical Society Speakers 2025

Date	Speaker	Title of Talk
25 Sept 2025	Carl Whitmore	Peaky Blinders – Fact or Fiction
31 Oct 2025	Sarah Slater	Secrets, Sex, Scandal & Salacious Gossip of the Royal Court, 1660 to 1830
28 Nov 2025	Dr Stephen Goss	Caversham Park

Contact

Website: WTHSoc.org.uk | email: secretary@WTHSoc.org.uk.

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Weston Turville

Much of our success over recent years comes from the lively and interesting presentations we have at our monthly general meetings
These meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at Aylesbury Rugby Club in the village starting at 2.30pm where you can have a cup of tea, meet like-minded people and get the latest news on the many group activities we can offer. Prospective new members are welcome to come along and see what we can offer.

Speakers for the remainder of this year are:
25th September – How Rainforests Work
23rd October – Tring Market Auctions
27th November – The History of the Pantomime

Interested? Then contact Mike Munday our Membership Secretary – email membership@wtu3a.org.uk or visit our website: www.wtu3a.org.uk

A New term

I hope the summer months have been good and hopefully most of us have had some time off even if not time away.

Having a break from normal routines is good for all of us even if we are retired. The longer days of summer are a treat with the light evenings. June and July were so hot that the evenings were the best times to emerge! Hopefully, the gardens are recovering from the drought now and we think especially of our famers.

In September our thoughts turn to those starting school for the first time, new university students, those changing schools and those starting new jobs. We hope and pray that all those stepping out into new places, be it education or work, will have a good and positive start and those around them will give them the support they need.

On a school wall, not a million miles from here, is a slogan I particularly like. It is:

'Life is a journey, not a race. Enjoy the moment.'

Remembering to enjoy the moment is such good advice. (As long as it is good, of course!)

Here are the particular dates to look out for at St. Mary's this term, to which everyone is welcome – it is YOUR Parish Church!

Sunday 14th September The Annual Patronal Festival 10.00 a.m.

Cake and Bubbly after the Service. All welcome to celebrate 800 years of worship and service of your Parish Church

Sunday 5th October HARVEST FESTIVAL

9.30 a.m. Harvest Breakfast

10.30 a.m. Harvest Thanksgiving service.

As many donations as you can to the Food Bank!

Sunday 26th October 3.30 p.m.

A service of memorial and thanksgiving for the lives of those we love who have died. A quiet reflective service with candles, music and prayers.

Sunday 9th November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10.00 a.m. A Shortened service of remembrance before the village act of Remembrance at the village memorial.

Advance diary dates for December in St. Mary's

Christingle Sunday 14th December 11.30 a.m.

Lessons and Carols 21st December 5.00 p.m.

Nativity 23rd December 2.30 p.m.

Midnight Mass 24th December 11.30 p.m.

Christmas Day 10.00 a.m. Family Service

Blessings, Revd. Susan

Union Chapel Refurbishment Project

In July the Chapel Refurbishment took another step as the hall was revamped. If you haven't seen it, the hall now has a wheelchair ramp into the main doors. The hall itself has been redecorated. Thanks to the Village Hall we have 'new to us' folding tables and thanks to a church in Gloucestershire we have gained some banqueting style chairs. Much of the old furniture has been cleared out and the old electronic organ has been removed. (The organ is awaiting collection by a museum where two organs will be combined into one that works.)

That was all the easy part. The next part is the conversion of the existing old school ladies' and gents' toilets to make a single, modern, accessible toilet with baby changing station, widen the door from the hall to give easy access to the toilet and the rear garden and make a ramp from the hall to the church. Doing the work is not the main problem. The main problem is the grade 2 listing. The original building is a traditional 'Preaching House' and there are not many original ones left. You can still see the pully where a brazier was raised to provide heating for the congregation. A Health and Safety officer would have palpitations if we brought the brazier back into use! The building has been listed inside and out, and even much later additions have been swept up into the listing. That means we are caught up in miles of red tape and significant costs just to have a plan approved to change parts of the building that are not original.

However, we will prevail. Our aim is to offer a welcoming space that accommodates everyone's needs. A space for celebrating and a space for meditating. A place where everyone feels included. The chapel is not just used on a Sunday morning. The hall is used by a number of local groups. Contact us if you would like to have a look around or hire the hall for a club or function. Email welcome@theunionchapel.co.uk

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A Community Play for Weston Turville

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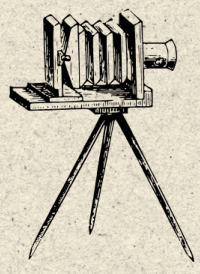

5 teenage girls

4 teenage boys

6 female actors

6 male actors - plus

an experienced actor to play the central character (male or female)

Auditions will be held in early September for the production in late November.
Please text or email with your interest and a few details about yourself and we will contact you.

Nick Andrews
07583550676
westonturvilletheatreproject@gmail.com

Weston Turville Parish Council
SAVE THE DATE
Christmas Carols
DEC 5th 6 PM
Weston Turville Village Hall
Gather your friends and family to sing along to classic carols, enjoy refreshments, and soak in the holiday spirit as we kick off the festive season together.
Everyone is welcome – it's a perfect way to start December with joy and community!
More details coming soon... but for now, pop it in your diary and save the date!

REMEMBRANCE DAY
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Antisocial behaviour	999 - to report a crime in progress 101 – to report a crime after the fact
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Environmental Health issues	Buckinghamshire Council - 01296 585858
Fly Tipping	Buckinghamshire Council - 01296 585858
Highways and Rights of Way, incl streetlights outside the village	www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/
Housing and Benefits	0300 131 6000
Litter – missed bin collections, overflowing public litter bins	Buckinghamshire Council - 01296 585858
Park and recreation ground	Parish Council – 01296 612838
Planning matters, incl enforcement	Buckinghamshire Council - 01296 585858
Street furniture, eg benches, bins, bus shelters, noticeboards, streetlights in the village	Parish Council – 01296 612838
Water leaks	Thames Water – 0800 714 614

WHAT'S ON

September – November 2025

September

3rd Weston Turville Luncheon Club 12:30 (Chandos Arms)
5th Street Food 6-9pm (Village Hall)
6th Repair Cafe 10am-12pm (Village Hall)
11th Planning & Highways Committee Meeting 7pm
17th Weston Turville Luncheon Club 12:30 (Chandos Arms)
18th Parish Council Meeting 7pm
25th Weston Turville Historical Society 7.30pm (Village Hall)
27-28th Church Farm pop up shop and cafe

October

Various Pumpkin Patch, see p29
1st Weston Turville Luncheon Club 12:30 (Chandos Arms)
3rd Street Food 6-9pm (Village Hall)
4th Repair Cafe 10am-12pm (Village Hall)
4th Weston Turville WI Quiz night, 7.30pm Village Hall
9th Planning & Highways Committee Meeting 7pm
11th Community Climate Action at the Village Hall (see p15)
15th Weston Turville Luncheon Club 12:30 (Chandos Arms)
16th Parish Council Meeting 7pm
23rd Parish Meeting – "Parish Shaping" see p24 for details
29th Weston Turville Luncheon Club 12:30 (Chandos Arms)
30th Halloween Event at the Village Hall
31st Weston Turville Historical Society 7.30pm (Village Hall)

November

1st Repair Cafe 10am-12pm (Village Hall)
9th 10.45 Remembrance Service at the War Memorial, Worlds End Lane
12th Weston Turville Luncheon Club 12:30 (Chandos Arms)
13th Planning & Highways Committee Meeting 7pm
14-16th Weston Turville Theatre at the Village Hall
20th Parish Council Meeting 7pm
26th Weston Turville Luncheon Club 12:30 (Chandos Arms)
28th Weston Turville Historical Society 7.30pm (Village Hall)
29th Weston Turville Wells for Tanzania Quiz night, 7pm with supper and a bar
Contact racheljblackmore@gmail.com for more information
29-30th Church Farm pop up shop and cafe

REGULAR EVENTS

- Tuesday afternoons – Welcoming Spaces at the Chandos
- First Wednesday – CAWT meet up "Pint and Planet", 7.30pm at the Five Bells
- First Wednesday – Weston Turville WI at The Chapel
- First Saturday – Repair Café at the Village Hall
- Fourth Sunday – Weston Turville Wombles 10am to midday, meet at Village Hall garden

Weston Turville Parish Council
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EVENT
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Throw the Spider at the Web – A creepy-crawly challenge!
Make a Ghost – Get crafty and spooky!
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