

A winter scene featuring a snow-covered path leading through a line of trees. The trees are bare and covered in snow. A wooden fence is visible on the right side of the path. The sky is overcast and grey.

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Message from the Editor

Hi and welcome.

My name is Ernesto and I'm the new editor of the Weston Turville Times magazine. In this issue, we pay tribute to long serving council members for their dedication to our community and introduce our new councillors.

We'd like to reach out and encourage you to get involved and support some of the fantastic local initiatives and projects described within these pages. From volunteering as a Lunch Club Coordinator or at the Warm Spaces initiative to creating content for the magazine or joining the activities offered by the WT University of the Third Age, there really is something for everyone and you can make a difference to your local community.

Your parish council wants you to have a say in matters that you care about and affect your daily life. Find out about several parish consultations, participate and help improve our community together.

Editor

Contributions to the magazine are welcomed subject to space and the Editor's decision on suitability. The copy deadline for the Spring is 27th January 2023.

We reserve the right to edit all articles.

The Weston Turville Times is a community magazine for the parish of Weston Turville. It is published quarterly by Weston Turville Parish Council and distributed free of charge to every house and many businesses in Weston Turville. Past editions can be found on the Parish Council website - www.westonturville-pc.gov.uk.

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As we reach the end of the year, there is much to reflect on – and plan for! Please do respond to the consultation in the centre pages to help shape the various facilities in the parish. Your magazine is our way of communicating directly to your household in addition to our web site and Facebook page. We look forward to reviewing the responses to help us shape how we move forward.

The parish is expanding with new developments underway along Aston Clinton Road and the Hampden Fields development due to start soon. This will bring challenges but we are speaking with them regularly in order to keep our residents updated on anything that may affect the village and the wider area. We are also working on plans to see if we can gain some of the section 106 funds for our parish.

We have had a change of councillors, saying goodbye to some long serving members – Mandi Simons, Jim Paterson and Michael Conolly who we thank for their time and service. Each one of them has helped shaped the parish in positive ways for the benefit of us all. We also welcome new councillors – Ernesto Martinez and Saryo Dawkins. They have already shown a great willingness to work on several committees and bring their knowledge and skills to help us look after our parish.

Martin Jarvis, Chairman

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Following the resignation of Cllr Simons, a vacancy has occurred for a parish councillor. The required 10 electors have written to Bucks Council requesting that the vacancy be filled by an election. A date for the election was set for November but sadly there were no nominations received by the deadline. A new election date has been set for 5th January 2023 and the deadline for nominations is 4pm on 6th December. If you are interested but would like to find out more before committing please contact the Chairman, Vice Chair or Clerk.

Road Safety

In the last issue of the Weston Turville Times, you will have read about the work the Parish Council does with regard to monitoring and reporting the speed of vehicles travelling through the parish.

The Parish Council is also regularly contacted about HGVs and skip lorries using village roads. None of the roads within the parish of Weston Turville have weight restrictions so drivers of these vehicles are not breaking any laws by using the highways through the

parish. However, some of the large developments have a Construction Traffic Management Plan in place that has a routing agreement – in these cases if the use of village roads such as Marroway and Main Street is not allowed within the plan then Bucks Council’s Planning Enforcement Team can take action. In order for them to be able to do that, they will need the vehicle registration number and the development site they are accessing. Please forward this information on to the Clerk if you see this happening and she will take it up with Planning Enforcement.

Latest data from the Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs:

Road name	Date	Speed limit	85 th percentile	Average Speed
Church Lane	Oct 2022	30	26.1mph	21.3mph
New Road	Oct 2022	40	37.9mph	30.8mph

Village Hall Car Park

Following repeated damage to the post and chain link fencing which protects the grassed area inside the car park entrance, the Council has agreed to tarmac over the grass and relocate the dog waste bin and sign. One section of railing will also be removed to widen the entrance. It is hoped that these measures will help ease congestion at busy times. At the same time the car park bays will be repainted. This work will be carried out during February half term – **please be aware that the car park will be closed to ALL cars whilst works are being carried out.**

Reminder This car park is for users of the village hall and recreation ground only.

Meet new Parish Councillor Ernesto Martinez



My name is Ernesto and I'm a language teacher. I love nature and have a passion for hiking, travelling and animals. I moved in the Aston Reach development with my wife almost 2 years ago and we absolutely love it here. Although located far at the north edge of the parish, the area is developing rapidly and I'm eager to get involved and find ways to link it to the village,

Parish Council Meetings

All local residents are welcome to attend meetings of the council and its committees to observe and at the start of each meeting there is a chance for residents to raise any issues with the Council. The list of meeting dates can be found on the website or noticeboards. Meetings are held in either the Village Hall or the parish meeting room, adjacent to the hall. Please see our website for agenda details or contact the Clerk.

Email: clerk@westonturville-pc.gov.uk Tel: 01296 612838

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Lunch Club - Can you help?



VOLUNTEER PUB LUNCH COORDINATORS

Community Impact Bucks' mission is to inspire voluntary and community action in Buckinghamshire. We support and enable people and groups to get involved and make a difference in their communities. <https://communityimpactbucks.org.uk/>

We are looking for volunteers to work with our County Coordinator to support Pub Lunch Club in Weston Turville. This is a new and exciting project. If you have two – three hours a month, like meeting people and want to make a difference in your community then this role is for you!

Aim of volunteer role	To act as local coordinator for a monthly Lunch Club.
Reporting to	County Coordinator provides back-up support though this is effectively an independent role.
Starting date	December 2022 - January 2023
Assignment length	Ideally long term, but there is no limit.
Main tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain a record of the names and contact details of attendees at the monthly lunches.• Act as a host / organiser at the lunches. Collecting payment for the meals.• Take bookings for each month. Occasional telephone calls to members during the month.• Advising the pub venue of the number booked each lunch. This is usually done 3 or 4 days prior to the lunch date.• All aspects of the role take about 2 - 3 hours per month including having lunch!
Skills/Experience	An outgoing personality, good organiser / communicator. Telephone essential. Basic IT skills helpful (email) but not essential.
What we can offer you	This is a volunteer role. However, there is pleasure to be obtained from being involved in your community and make new friends and acquaintances within your community.
Additional information	The role does not require DBS check or any specific qualifications.
Get in touch	If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lew Headley, VCSE & Community Development Officer, on 01844 617229 or lew@communityimpactbucks.org.uk to arrange a meeting.

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If you are thinking of purchasing a Christmas tree this year for the festive season could we ask you to purchase a “live” tree planted in a pot. After the season has finished you then donate the pot to the community for replanting within the village.

The tree would need to be watered during the festive season so not to dry out. A handy tip is to place the potted tree inside a larger pot with no holes for drainage, this would allow for you to water without water damage to floor or furniture. This may mean buying a smaller tree. The tree would be planted in a position within the village showing our commitment to saving our environment.

Please contact: George Lait
westonturville.ourcommunity@hotmail.co.uk

Weston Turville Warm Spaces

Our Community – who are you?

As part of our drive to find out “who you are” we are launching Warm Spaces this winter.

Many residents spend a lot of time especially in the cold winter months wishing they had a friend who they could talk to. Could you be that friend? We would love you to get in touch in a bid to link our community together.

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Word search puzzle

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Twas the night before Christmas
and all thru the house,
not a creature was stirring,
not even a mouse.
All the stockings were hung
by the chimney with care
In the hope that St. Nicholas
soon would be there.

Then what to my
wondering eyes should appear,
A miniature sleigh
and eight tiny reindeer.
A little old driver
so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment
it must be St. Nick.

And more rapid than eagles
his reindeer all came
As he shouted, "On Dasher!"
and each reindeer's name.
And so up to the housetop
the reindeer soon flew,
with the sleigh full of toys
and St. Nicholas too.

Down the chimney he came
with a leap and a bound
He was dressed all in fur
and his belly was round
He spoke not a word
but went straight to his work
And filled all the stockings
then turned with a jerk.

And laying his finger
aside of his nose,
then giving a nod,
up the chimney he rose
But I heard him exclaim
as he drove out of sight
"Merry Christmas to all
and to all a Good Night!"



Answers on page 30

Thank you Mandi

Weston Turville parish councillor Mandi Simons has recently decided to stand down from her role on the parish council. She has served the residents of our parish for more than a decade and I would like to give my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the dedication and perseverance in carrying out her many roles. As our Vice Chair she took on a great deal of responsibility in helping the council function by working very closely with our clerk. Mandi was responsible for bringing back the annual village fete, setting up and running the Parish magazine, running the village hall and more recently she championed the Street Food Nights which after Covid brought the whole village together after the tough period of lockdown. There are countless other responsibilities she took on and each one meticulously to ensure the best was achieved for our parish. She played a huge role in bringing to fruition the wonderful new facilities at the Jubilee Park and Memorial Playing Field.



We are very sorry to see her leave the council but know that she has left her mark on the council and myself for the way she looked after the whole Parish and fully deserves to take more time to enjoy her many other activities.

Cllr Martin Jarvis

Chair Weston Turville Parish Council



CHILTERN HANDBELL RINGERS



We are a friendly and welcoming Handbell group based in Weston Turville. Our aim is to perform, promote and teach Handbell ringing. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to perform or practice very much over the past two years and now find our numbers are dwindling and we are looking to recruit new members. You don't need to read music as we ring by numbers.

The group was founded more than 30 years ago by June and John Beer, sadly we lost June a few years ago. June wrote over 400 pieces of music into the Handbell format for us to play, so we have a very varied repertoire. We have performed for WI's, care homes, clubs and garden parties in the Aylesbury area and beyond.

We charge a fee per booking which goes directly to our given charity of the year along with any donations collected on the day. In 2019 we collected over £1860 for Lindengate and this year our chosen charity is Bucks Young Carers. Over the years many thousands of pounds has been raised for our chosen charities.

We meet weekly on a Thursday at the moment either afternoon or evening. If you are interested in coming along to a practice to see whether it is something that you may like to try out, please contact John Beer on 612344 or email chilternhandbells@gmail.com.

New home energy schemes for low- income residents

Climate Action Weston Turville (CAWT) working in conjunction with the Parish Council is pleased to announce the **Sustainable Warmth** scheme, a grant funding opportunity delivered by City Energy and the Greater South-East Net Zero Hub on behalf of Buckinghamshire Council. The funding, provided by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy could see hundreds of households benefit from energy efficiency and low carbon heating measures to reduce bills and carbon emissions.

The grants are for households with a gross annual income of less than £30,000 or a household income of less than £20,000 after housing costs **and where the property has an energy (EPC) rating of D or lower.**

The scheme is open to both homeowners and those who rent privately. For owner occupiers, the work will be carried out for free. For rental properties (whether private or social), the landlord will be expected to pay at least one third of the cost towards the work.

Applications are open now to eligible households at: www.buckinghamshire-applications.co.uk.

The closing date for applications is 31st December 2022.

Buckinghamshire Council has secured just under £5m of capital funding. This will be allocated as follows:

- £3.2 million through the Local Authority Delivery 3 (LAD3) scheme to support low-income households in Bucks on the gas grid with energy efficiency and low carbon heating measures such as **cavity wall insulation, solar PV and loft insulation**
- £1.7 million through the Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) to support low-income households in Bucks that are not connected to the gas grid with energy efficiency and low carbon heating measures such as **external wall insulation, underfloor insulation and air source heat pumps**

For more information on the funding visit www.gsenetzerohub.org.uk.

Anyone worried about their energy bills can access free advice and information via the Big Energy Saving campaign being run jointly by Citizen's Advice and the Energy Saving Trust: <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/energy-at-home/>

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Active – by walking or playing sports such as petanque or table tennis.

Informed – by listening to a variety of speakers on a host of interesting subjects

Learning new skills – such as bridge or flower arranging

Social – by going on trips or attending various social events

If you are interested come along to a general meeting at 2.30pm on the fourth Thursday of each month at Aylesbury Rugby Club, Weston Turville HP22 5RN.

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Further details are on our website: www.wtu3a.org.uk

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Wendover Canal Trust

The Wendover Canal Trust was formed in 1989 at a time when there was a danger of the canal suffering further deterioration due to neglect. Wendover Canal is 6.75 miles long and links Wendover to the Grand Union Canal at Bulbourne. The Trust is working hard to restore the canal by rebuilding and relining it. All work is carried out by volunteers and the Trust holds regular working parties to carry out the restoration of the canal. It is possible to walk the entire length of the canal. You can also walk around the nearby Weston Turville and Tring reservoirs which were created to store water for the canal.

The Wendover Canal Trust's Restoration project has been divided into three phases:

in the first, the Grand Union Canal from Bulbourne to Little Tring now has full navigation for narrowboats following restoration work and the complete rebuilding of the bridge at Little Tring.

The second phase, from Little Tring to Buckland Wharf, is currently

underway. The stretch used to be almost impassable and is now being transformed into a watertight navigable canal with extensive biodiversity. By the end of this phase the whole canal will be in water for the first time in over 100 years.

In the third phase, when the canal is restored via dredging to sufficient navigable depth, and three bridges have been raised, narrowboats will be able to reach Wendover.

Towpaths The Canal and River Trust has recently been awarded grant funding to improve the towpath on the Wendover Arm which will improve the surface, making it resistant to flooding and accessible year round.

The Trust relies entirely on grants, donations and volunteers. If you would like to get involved or maybe purchase a bridge plaque please visit the website www.wendovercanal.org.uk for more information.



Home Energy Efficiency Surveys



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Villages



Applications are still open for the CAWT scheme funded by **Wendover and Villages Community Board** for five free Home Energy Efficiency Surveys (worth £500 each). The advice will cover everything from draft-proofing and insulating historic timber-framed, listed properties to making new developments ready for solar panels and heat-pump installation. **The surveys will be made freely available to homeowners and will be posted on our website so that everyone can access expert advice** on improvements to increase home energy efficiency and appropriate renewable energy technology for their type of house. The reports will be produced by leading independent home energy consultants, CLPM.

To register for a free home survey please use the QR code to provide your information



If you're successful you'll receive a visit from a CLPM surveyor and, following that, a free report detailing the age and construction of your property and analysing the existing insulation and heating provision. This will be accompanied by advice on how you can make your home more energy efficient and which renewable energy technologies would be appropriate to install.

Want to know more about CAWT?

Newsletter

Please use the code to register and receive our quarterly E-newsletter. This will include updates on all our climate supporting activities and local projects plus education, money saving opportunities, hints, tips, and advice and how you and your family can get involved and support our planet.



Pint and Planet

Finally, if you would like to find out more about CAWT, why not come along to the Chandos Arms? **We meet at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday in the month.** We're a friendly and informal group of local residents who want to do our bit to make a more sustainable future for our community, our country and our planet.

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By the time you read this article about the Weston Turville Historical Society we will have had 3 very entertaining and informative presentations. Tony Irvine (our chairman) has been busy putting together the remainder of the programme for the 2022/2023 season. We do not have a meeting in December and will start with the meeting in January 2023. We have had many new members sign up as well as previous members rejoining for the 2022/2023 season. If you have not come to any of our meetings, please come and join us the last Friday of each month in the Village Hall.

Attached is the list of meetings for the coming months up to and including May 2023. We are sure there are topics that will be of interest.

If you wish 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.

The Historical Society have completed the update of the book on the Weston Turville Reservoir which was last issued in 2006. The book was written by Tessa Taylor who was one of our members. We have included many new colour photographs and amended the text appropriately.

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.

Date for Weston Turville Historical Society Speaker Programme 2023

Date	Speaker	Title of Talk
January 27 th	Nick da Costa	The Mystery & Magic of Egyptian Hieroglyphs
February 24 th	Edward Biddulph	Fleet Marston – HS2 Excavation Results
March 31 st	Towse Harrison	Science and Superstition – Medicine in the Roman Empire
April 28 th	Helen Fry	The History of MI6 at Wilton Park Beaconsfield
May 26 th	Neil Rees	Subject to be confirmed
June 30 th	Glynn White	Scenes from Weston Turville 100 years apart

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The Weston Turville WI branch welcomes women of all ages and backgrounds to our friendly local group. For further information, please contact westonturvillewi@gmail.com

Parish Council Consultations

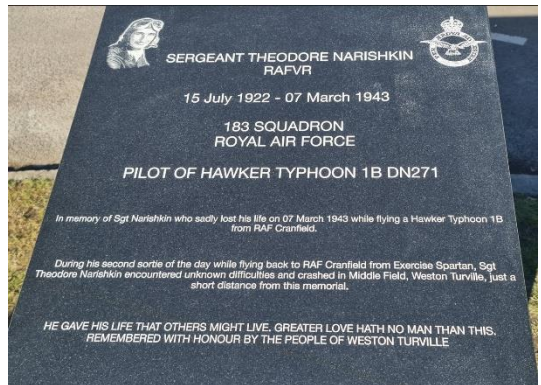
The Parish Council would like to know your views on various proposals, please complete and return to the Clerk by 3rd January 2023.

Either by email clerk@westonturville-pc.gov.uk or return these pages to the Village Hall, School Approach, Weston Turville, Bucks HP22 5RW

To avoid the risk of duplication please include your name and postcode

1. Memorial to the fallen pilot, Worlds End Lane

As you may recall from previous issues of the Weston Turville Times, the Parish Council was approached some time ago with the idea of a memorial to commemorate the life, and ultimate sacrifice, of a young pilot whose plane crashed in the centre of the village during World War 2. Articles about the crash appeared in 2021 editions of the WT Times, copies of which can be found on the parish council website. A design was produced for the memorial by a local resident and the Parish Council agreed to proceed with the installation.



Since the installation of the memorial a complaint has been received and the Council would like to understand the views of the community before considering its future.

Please select one of the options below:

No opinion

I believe the memorial is a suitable tribute to the pilot who lost his life in WW2 and should remain unchanged

I think the height of the plinth should be lowered

What would you like to see at the Jubilee Park and Memorial Playing Field?



Adult Outdoor Equipment

Outdoor gyms are aimed at adults and help to improve fitness and wellbeing



Drinking Fountain

For both humans and dogs.



Outdoor Table Tennis

Bring your own paddles and ping pong balls!



Dog agility equipment

Parks are for everyone, including dogs. Dogs, like humans benefit from physical exercise.



Solar Lighting



Tree planting

2. New facilities for the Jubilee Park and Memorial Playing Field

To further enhance the recreation facilities available for residents' use, we would like your vote on the following suggestions that have been put forward. Please see photos opposite for examples.

New Facility	Yes / No	If Yes, how often would members of your household use it? Eg daily, weekly, never
Outdoor Gym equipment		
Human and dog water fountain		
Dog agility equipment		
Outdoor table tennis table		

Landscaping ideas – do you support the installation of:

New Facility	Yes / No	Comments
Additional trees planted		
Solar lamps along the pathways		
Lighting for the skate park and multi use games area		

Any other suggestions?

3. Café in the Park

Another facility the Council have been approached about and are considering is a café facility at the Jubilee Park. To begin with it may be housed in a temporary structure but the aim would be to extend the village hall to provide a permanent building for it. What do you think, would you use it?



Do you support the idea of a café at the park?

YES / NO

Would members of your household use the café?

YES / NO

If yes, how often?

DAILY / WEEKLY / LESS OFTEN

Do you have any other comments and suggestions with regard to a cafe?

4. Chat Benches for Weston Turville

Chat benches are specially designated benches in local parks that encourage people to interact and get to know each other. They are for people who feel isolated in their daily lives, the benches are an opportunity to make a connection with someone new. They also give people who want to help the lonely members of their community a way to do so. The Parish Council would like to install a chat bench within the parish and would like your views on where you think would be a suitable location – it can be anywhere in the parish.

Name _____ Postcode _____

Can't sleep?



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You're not the only one!

According to a recent study, 71% of British adults do not get the recommended 7-9 hours of sleep per night, with 14% surviving on less than 5 hours per night (1). Here are some tips from a Psychotherapist which could help to improve your sleep:

Find your routine!

Train your body to sleep by going to bed and waking at the same times every day - even weekends! Try to create a bedtime routine with gentle stretches, mindfulness or reading. Exercise in your day can help you sleep, but not too close to bedtime.



Think about your space!

Your bedroom should be super comfy. Do you need new pillows? Is your room too bright? Do you watch the clock? Try to keep your room nice and cool. Only use your bed for sleep and intimacy - no working or watching TV!



Beware of stimulants!

Caffeine is a stimulant. Tea, coffee, fizzy drinks, energy drinks and even chocolate can contain caffeine. Try not to drink caffeine within 6 hours of bedtime. Be aware of sugary foods and nicotine too close to bedtime.



Naps are banned!

You need a certain amount of sleep each night. If you nap during the day, you may struggle to sleep as you have used some of that allowance. If you lose sleep, you only need to make up around one third of your lost sleep.

Turn off those screens!

Turn on your device's blue light filter or your brain could be alert and suppress sleep hormones (2). Try to limit screen time (including TV) in the hour before bed. Remove the TV from your bedroom or turn it off at the wall.



If at first you don't succeed...

...Get up! Try to go to sleep when you are sleepy. If you struggle to fall asleep, get up and do something relaxing until you feel sleepy and then go back to bed. If you are overthinking, write it down and come back to it in the morning.

If you need more support to improve your sleep, you could consider a course of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy for Insomnia (CBT-I), or speak to your GP.

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Lindengate Mental Health Charity is home to 2 Gold Award Winning Exhibits from RHS Chelsea Flower Show

Located across a stunning six acre wildlife garden in Wendover, Lindengate promotes better health and wellbeing for all through nature. Providing nature based seasonal activities for schools, young people, anyone needing support with low to moderate mental health, as well as those living with dementia and memory loss and their carers.

With a dedicated team and over 200 volunteers, the six acre site is home to a Heritage Orchard, Nature Reserve, Kitchen Gardens and 2 RHS Chelsea Gold Award Winning Exhibits and is open to all to come and experience the sights and sounds of nature.

Taking pride of place in The Clare Foundation Nature Reserve, is a recently completed project, the donated Chelsea Gold Award winning, A Rewilding Britain Landscape garden designed by Urquhart & Hunt in support of Rewilding. This incredible donation has enabled Lindengate to create a new conservation pond and landscape with a purpose built hide, which is now ready for everyone to come and admire.

In addition, there is a second Chelsea Gold Award winning exhibit to be found at Lindengate. Nature – A Fragile Beauty was part of an award winning floral installation which won Gold at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2021 by the brilliantly talented, In Water Flowers' florist company based in London.

Lindengate were delighted to be awarded two prestigious awards in 2022, the first being the Queens Award for Voluntary Services. Equivalent to an MBE, this award is the highest award given to voluntary groups in the UK and is awarded for life.

Following on from this success, Lindengate were also awarded the much-coveted Green Flag Community Award, in recognition of the hard work and dedication of the team that make the green space a great space that everyone can enjoy.

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Monday – Thursday: 10.30am – 3.30pm

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Whilst entry is free, we ask that you consider a suggested donation of £5 per person, to help us to continue to support our community and environment. Please support the Lindengate Emergency Winter Appeal, Full details of how you can donate can be found on our website:

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St Mary's Church

Advent and Christmas

I hope you, your family and friends all have a good Christmas. A good Christmas when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, no matter what else is going on or not in our lives and in the world.

The last two Christmas have been 'different' and in many ways this will be too. There are many uncertainties; Covid infections, the flu, what happens in the economy, what will happen in Ukraine, will we have heat and food? Lots of people ask these sorts of questions, and some do so in great fear. We cannot see a clear easy path ahead.

Other things do not change. God's love for us is constant, we are loved by family and friends, near and far away. People and neighbours will have to pull together so we can all get through the times ahead.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus it's worth remembering God does not save us from life but saves us in life, the real life of celebration and sadness, war and peace, success and failure, in life and in death.

In a messy world we celebrate and thank the God who comes to us in the mess. God calls upon us all to pray and work for a better world which reflects God's love.

Fr. David.

Dates for December

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| 4 th | 9:30 am Breakfast Service at St Marys Church. The Eucharist will begin at 10:30 am. |
| 8 th | Parish Council Planning Committee, 7pm |
| 9 th | Carols around the Christmas tree, Village Hall |
| 11 th | 11:15am Christingle Service at St Marys Church, please bring a large orange if possible |
| 18 th | 10am. Eucharist at St Marys Church
5pm Carol service at St Marys Church |
| 21 st | 2:30pm Informal Nativity Service at St Marys Church. Dress up as an angel, shepherd, sheep or king. Adults invited to dress up too as well as children. Carols and the nativity story |
| 24 th | 11.45pm Midnight Mass at St Marys Church |
| 25 th | 10am Eucharist at St Marys Church |

The Oak Room@ St Mary's

The meeting room is now coming into its own as the cooler weather makes the church less comfortable and more expensive to heat. The new baby-play group and the explorers group are using it as well as the local U3A art group. We are also using it for PCC and other church meetings. It is so comfortable, easy and economical to heat and has the luxury of modern toilets, one accessible and with baby-changing facilities, which are proving to be very popular. The level access is helpful for the baby buggies as well as wheelchairs.

Our SWIFT book sale on 15th October was a great success.. With the addition of refreshments and a tombola we raised £200, far more than we had hoped for. Thank you to all who helped on the day and to all from the village who came and supported us, many donating more than we asked for the books chosen. We hope to repeat this event in the new year.

Just to remind you, the meeting room will accommodate about 35 people seated. A children's party or small reception is another option. If you would like to book the room please contact Clare Chamberlain on 07596 997339.

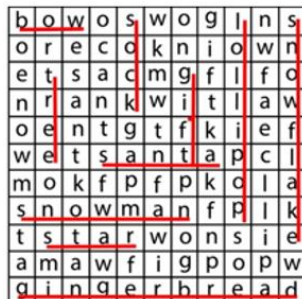
We are very close to covering costs now and need about £5,000 for remaining costs and to repay a small loan.

If you are able to help, please send donations to the Rectory, Church Walk, Weston Turville, HP22 5SH or to me Roger Fellows, 65 Craigwell Avenue, Aylesbury, HP21 7AG. Cheques should be payable to "PCC Weston Turville, SWIFT". Transfers to "PCC Weston Turville SWIFT" at NatWest, 60-01-31, account 51685922 or online to www.goldengiving.com/wall/swift are also welcome. Please use gift aid to increase your donation by 25% at no additional cost to yourself, if you are a UK taxpayer.

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What's on in the local area.....

December

3 rd	Quiz and Chips at Wendover Library, 7pm
8 th	Parish Council Planning Committee, 7pm
9 th	Carols around the Christmas tree, Village Hall

January

12 th	Parish Council Planning Committee, 7pm
19 th	Parish Council meeting, 7pm
26 th	2.30pm U3A meeting at Aylesbury Rugby Club
27 th	Weston Turville Historical Society at the Village Hall

February

9 th	Parish Council Planning Committee, 7pm
16 th	Parish Council meeting, 7pm
23 rd	2:30pm U3A meeting at Aylesbury Rugby Club
24 th	Weston Turville Historical Society at the Village Hall

Regular Events

- Mondays 1.30 – 3.30pm – Coffee Van at Jubilee Park (behind the Village Hall)
- Second Saturday monthly – Repair Café, St Michael's Church, Aston Clinton 9am - 12noon

Welcoming Spaces

The Village Hall will be open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1.30 – 3.30pm on the following dates, refreshments will be provided:

December	6 th , 8 th , 13 th , 15 th , 20 th , 22 nd
January	17 th , 19 th , 24 th , 26 th , 31 st
February	2 nd , 7 th , 9 th , 14 th , 16 th , 21 st , 23 rd , 28 th
March	2 nd , 7 th , 9 th , 14 th , 16 th , 21 st , 23 rd , 28 th , 30 th

Future date for your diary

25 th March	Barn Dance at Weston Turville Village Hall
March	Street food events restart at the Village Hall on 3 rd Friday of the month

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2 tsp rapeseed oil
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thumb-sized piece of ginger , finely chopped
½ tsp cumin seeds
½ tsp ground cinnamon
6-8 cardamom pods , seeds crushed
1½ tsp ground turmeric
1½ tsp ground coriander
1 red chilli , deseeded and sliced
1 garlic clove , finely chopped
1 large red pepper , deseeded and roughly chopped
70g brown basmati rice
375ml vegetable stock , made with 2 tsp bouillon powder
160g baby spinach leaves , roughly chopped

For the salmon

3 tbsp fat-free natural yogurt
1 tbsp finely chopped mint or coriander
2 skinless wild salmon fillets
1 tbsp toasted almonds , to serve

Heat the oil in a large frying pan and fry the onion and ginger for 5 mins or until soft. Add the cumin, cinnamon, crushed cardamom seeds, and 1 tsp each of the turmeric and coriander. Cook for 30 secs until fragrant. Add the chilli, garlic, pepper and rice, stir briefly, then pour in the stock. Cover and simmer for 35 mins or until the rice is tender and the stock has been absorbed. If the rice is cooked but some liquid remains, remove the lid and simmer uncovered to allow the liquid to evaporate. Add the spinach, cover and cook for 3 mins to wilt.

Meanwhile, prepare the salmon. Heat the grill to medium and line a baking sheet with foil. Mix the yogurt with the mint or coriander and the remaining turmeric and ground coriander. Spread the yogurt mixture over the salmon, then transfer to the prepared baking sheet and grill for 8-10 mins until the fish can be flaked easily with a fork. Top the kedgeree with the salmon fillets or flake the fish into it, and scatter over the almonds to serve.

Coffee Crunch Cake

Ingredients

175g softened butter , plus extra for greasing
175g caster sugar
3 medium eggs
175g self-raising flour
1 tsp baking powder

For the meringue topping

2 egg whites
100g caster sugar
3 tsp instant coffee granules
25g chopped walnuts

For the filling

100g softened butter
50g icing sugar, sifted

For the drizzle icing

3 tbsp icing sugar

Make the meringue: whisk the egg whites until stiff, add half the sugar, whisk again until stiff, then repeat with the remaining sugar. Mix the coffee with 3 tbsp boiling water to dissolve the granules. Gently fold the walnuts and 1 tsp of the coffee into the meringue. Set aside while you make the cake mixture.

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Grease 2 x 20cm loose-bottomed sandwich tins and line the bases with baking parchment. Beat together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy, then gradually whisk in the eggs. Fold in the flour and baking powder, then finally fold in 2 tsp of the coffee liquid. Divide the mixture between the 2 tins, putting a little more mixture in one than the other.

Spread the meringue on top of the tin containing less cake mix. Bake the untopped sponge for about 20 mins until an inserted skewer comes out clean. Continue baking the meringue-topped sponge for an additional 20 mins, then carefully remove both cakes from their tins and leave to cool on a wire rack.

To make the filling, beat the butter and icing sugar together, adding 2 tsp more coffee. To make the icing, mix a final tsp of the coffee into the icing sugar. Add a drop more water to make a runny icing. Sandwich the 2 cakes together with the coffee filling, putting the meringue topped sponge on top. Drizzle all over with the coffee icing to finish.

Thank you to Sian Lorimer for sharing these recipes.

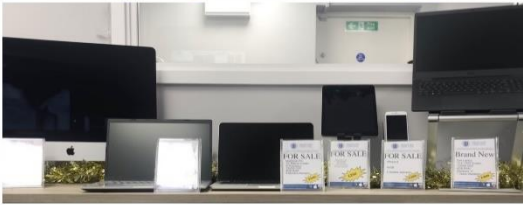
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The Local Heritage List Project aims to help by identifying and celebrating these important local heritage assets which can include buildings, archaeological remains, parks, gardens or public works of art.



If you would like to get involved in this national initiative to improve the provision and standard of locally held lists of non -designated heritage assets please visit their website www.local-heritage-list.org.uk/Buckinghamshire to find out more and nominate assets.

There are also volunteer opportunities for those with an interest in local heritage and details of these can also be found on their website.



Weston Turville Neighbourhood Plan

Weston Turville's Neighbourhood Plan came into effect following a referendum in July 2019. It is now time to review the plan to ensure it remains up to date, relevant and is being used as expected. To do this, a steering group of parish councillors and local residents is needed.

If you are interested in helping to shape the future development of the parish and would like to join the steering group to review the current plan please contact the Clerk to the Council – clerk@westonturville-pc.gov.uk

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