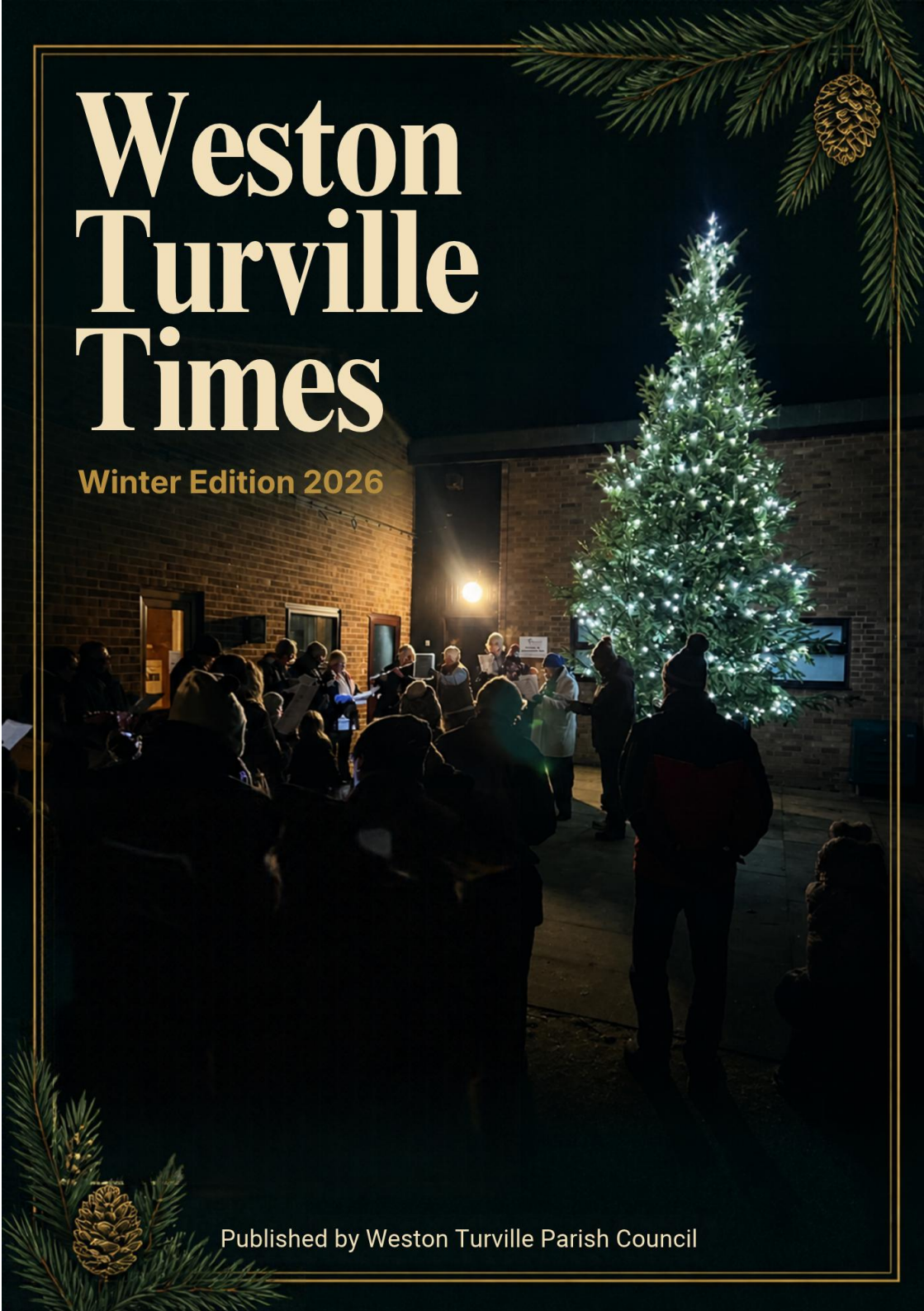
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Parish Council News

A message from the Chair

It has been a busy time for Weston Turville Parish Council, with plenty happening across the parish. We continue to work on improving our community, supporting local residents and addressing the issues that matter to you. As a council, we remain committed to openness, accountability and working together to make Weston Turville a better place to live.

Environment and Community Projects

A big thank you to our Environmental Committee and all the volunteers who supported our recent orchard planting event. It was a fantastic first event, and we look forward to seeing this grow into one of many successful community initiatives. Projects like this demonstrate what can be achieved when residents and the council work together to improve our local environment and create lasting benefits for future generations.

Roadworks and Traffic Updates

Further road closures are expected around the Woodlands roundabout as work continues in the area. We appreciate that roadworks and diversions can be frustrating for residents and commuters. Please keep an eye on the Parish Council's social media channels for updates, and check One.Network for the latest information on road closures and diversion routes.

A1 Bus Service

The A1 bus service continues to provide an important transport link for our community. The school service provides transport from Weston Grove, Aston Reach and Bedgrove to Kingsbrook School. The service also provides a general public connection from Kingsbrook into Aylesbury town centre. We recognise how important reliable transport is for local families and we will continue to share relevant updates with the community.

Parish Events and Community Involvement

Events working group met recently to discuss future Parish wide events. We want Weston Turville to be a community where residents feel involved, listened to and able to contribute ideas. We are looking to build on our community activities and develop more opportunities for residents to get involved in local events and projects. If you have ideas for future events or would like to volunteer, we would love to hear from you. Working together helps us create a stronger, more connected parish.

Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On

Our Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On will take place on Friday 4 December at 6pm at the start of the Carol singing. We look forward to welcoming residents and families to help us celebrate the start of the festive season and bring our community together. Further details will be shared through the Parish Council's communication channels.

Keeping in Touch

We want to hear from residents about the issues affecting them and the improvements they would like to see across the parish. Please keep an eye on the Parish Council website and social media for news, updates, meetings and opportunities to get involved.

Thank you to everyone who gives their time, shares ideas and supports our community. Your involvement makes a real difference to Weston Turville. I'd like to personally thank my fellow councillors, our parish staff, volunteers and residents for the time, effort and commitment they give to Weston Turville. So much work happens behind the scenes, and every contribution, however big or small, helps make our parish a better place to live.

I'm passionate about our community and believe that by listening to residents, working together and being open about the challenges we face, we can make a real difference. While we can't solve every issue ourselves, I will continue to push for improvements, work with other authorities and do everything I can to ensure residents' voices are heard.

Weston Turville is more than just a place to live; it's a community, and I want everyone to feel they have a part to play in its future. If you have ideas, concerns or would simply like to get involved, please get in touch. I genuinely welcome your input, because together **we can build on what makes our parish such a special place.**

Cllr Darren Willmin
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Woodlands Roundabout

Work continues on changes to the Woodlands Roundabout (at the end of the A41 bypass) and is expected to go on until next autumn. For up to date information about traffic management in the area please use this QR code or visit https://www.eclcivils.co.uk/a41-woodlands-roundabout




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Weston Turville WI Celebrates Another Successful Year

Members of Weston Turville Women's Institute (WTWI) recently gathered for their Annual General Meeting, providing an opportunity to reflect on a busy and rewarding year while looking ahead to the next.

The WI has a proud history in the village. The original Weston Turville Women's Institute was founded after the First World War as part of a national movement that brought women together to learn, share skills, and support their communities. Although the group disbanded in 2003, it was successfully reformed in 2019 thanks to the dedication of local residents Denise Sisson and Mary Heathcote-Smith. Since then, it has gone from strength to strength, growing into a thriving and welcoming organisation at the heart of village life.

Today, WTWI meets on the first Wednesday of every month in the meeting room of the Union Chapel on School Lane. Over the past year, members have enjoyed a varied programme of speakers, workshops, and social events. Topics have ranged from traditional Chinese medicine and acupuncture to colour and wardrobe styling, silver jewellery making, the conservation work of the Chiltern Society, and the occupation of Jersey during the Second World War.

The popular Summer Garden Party, cake decorating sessions and talks from local organisations, including Aylesbury Homeless Action Group, have all featured in a programme designed to inform, inspire, and entertain. There can't be many organisations where you can discuss wartime history one month and perfect your icing skills the next.

The WI's activities extend well beyond its monthly meetings. The Book Club and Craft Club continue to flourish, while the recently formed Food Club is looking forward to sampling local cafés, restaurants, and other culinary delights. After all, researching cake is clearly an important community service.

Members have also enjoyed bowling, archery, and charity bingo, with further activities already being planned. Our members are proving remarkably difficult to keep at home.

WTWI has also continued to make its mark across Buckinghamshire. The quiz team achieved the remarkable feat of winning the Buckinghamshire North Federation Quiz Competition for the third consecutive year, cementing their reputation as a force to be reckoned with whenever obscure facts are involved.

Members also demonstrated their creativity at the Bucks County Show with an imaginative "Under the Sea" competition entry. While the top prize eluded us, our members embraced the challenge with enthusiasm and spent several weeks giving serious consideration to mermaids, seaweed, and shells, which is not something everyone can put on their CV.

Supporting local charities remains an important part of WI life. The annual Autumn Quiz once again proved a tremendous success, raising valuable funds for The Florence Nightingale Hospice, The Chilterns Neurological Centre and WTWI itself. The event received excellent feedback and brought together members of the local community for an enjoyable evening of friendly competition.

Looking back since the WI's reformation in 2019, members reflected on how much has been achieved by a relatively small group. Having successfully navigated the challenges of the pandemic, the organisation has continued to grow in confidence, membership and community involvement while remaining true to its founding principles of friendship, learning, and service.

The AGM also provided an opportunity to thank the committee and the many members who volunteer behind the scenes to keep the organisation's events running smoothly. As members look ahead to another year of speakers, activities and new adventures, there is a strong sense that Weston Turville WI may be one of the smaller WIs in Buckinghamshire, but it is certainly a busy one. With an active membership, a packed programme and plenty of laughter along the way, it continues to prove that a small WI can be a very mighty one indeed.

Welcoming New Members

Whether you are looking to make new friendships, try something different, learn a new skill, or simply enjoy good company, WTWI offers a warm welcome to women of all ages.

Alongside our monthly meetings, members can take part in book and craft clubs, social outings, and our new Food Club, as well as wider WI activities across Buckinghamshire and beyond. Community spirit remains at the heart of everything we do.

Interested in Joining Us?

WTWI meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Union Chapel, School Lane, Weston Turville. Prospective members are warmly invited to attend as a guest before deciding whether to join. A visitor fee of £3.50 helps cover refreshments and meeting expenses.

For further information, or to let us know you are planning to come along, please contact our Secretary, Carolyn, at **westonturvillewi@gmail.com**.

We can't promise you'll leave with a prize-winning quiz team, a perfectly decorated cake, or a silver bracelet, but you'll certainly receive a warm welcome.






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Celebrating Growth: The Launch of our Community Orchard

The planting day was great success. We were blessed with perfect autumn weather—sunshine and a gentle, calm breeze. Cracklewick Morris Dancing Team joined us. Their colourful costumes and lively dancing bringing energy and cheer to the field.



Cracklewick Morris Dancers

We had some wonderful support from across our community. It was lovely to see some of our younger neighbours rolling up their sleeves; they will be the ones watching these very trees mature and thrive for decades to come. We were also incredibly fortunate to have the guidance of some exceptionally knowledgeable local horticulturalists. Combined with plenty of community muscle-power and shared enthusiasm, the planting was completed efficiently, safely, and with plenty of laughter.



Amy and Robert planting a Pig's Nose Pippin

In total, 20 traditional and heritage trees associated with our local area were planted. They follow a deliberate path across the field: starting at the north end nearest the Village Hall, you will find eight apple trees. Moving south, there are four cherry trees, four pear trees, and finally, four plum trees at the south end nearest the Parish Church.

Our apple collection features a mix of culinary and dessert varieties. We have received a few enquiries about whether any "russet" varieties were included. Our orchard experts explained that while many believe "russet" describes a specific flavour, the term actually just refers to the rough, brownish texture on the skin of certain varieties, and has no bearing on how the apple tastes!



Many of our new leafy residents have delightfully quirky, historic names,

including the Pig's Nose Pippin apple, the Crooked Billet cherry, the hefty Pound pear, and the classic Damascene plum.



Alice planted a Cambridge Gage Plum wtih help from her brother

Over the coming weeks, we will be adding individual identity labels to each tree, alongside a central interpretive board with more details.

Our orchard is entirely funded through Section 106 monies - developer contributions strictly allocated for specific community infrastructure. As a result, this project has been delivered at no cost to the parish precept.

We are grateful to the following local businesses for their generous support: Chiltern View Nurseries, Thames Valley Skip Hire and J R Groundcare.



Connor and his Dad clearing up



Esme who planted a Pound Pear

We hope you enjoy some of the photos of the day!





Daniel planted a Buerre D'Angleterre pear tree



Five to Thrive: helping our neighbours build a safer future

As the nights draw in and we move towards the colder months, many of us will be enjoying the familiar comforts of home: warmth, security, and the reassurance of knowing exactly where we will sleep tonight. For some people living here and in our neighbouring towns and villages, that certainty is missing.

Aylesbury Homeless Action Group (AHAG) is a small local charity supporting individuals and families across the north of the county who are facing homelessness or housing crisis. Every week, people come to AHAG because they are frightened, overwhelmed, or at risk of losing the roof over their heads. Some are sleeping in unsafe temporary accommodation; others are sofa-surfing, living in vehicles, or struggling to navigate complex housing systems alone. In October 2026, we helped 169 individuals -this is roughly the same amount that we saw in a whole year pre-pandemic.

Homelessness is often invisible in rural and semi-rural communities like ours. It doesn't always look like someone sleeping on a bench or in a shop doorway. More often, it is a young person quietly moving between friends' houses, a family suddenly priced out of their rental home, or an older resident unable to keep up with rising costs. These are our neighbours — people who live, work, and contribute to the same communities we do.

AHAG exists to make sure they are not left to face crisis alone.

What AHAG Does

The charity provides practical, compassionate support to help people move from crisis to stability. This includes:

- A busy helpline offering immediate guidance
- Drop-in sessions providing calm, face-to-face support
- Specialist accommodation advice to help people secure safe, suitable housing
- Legal support for those navigating complex housing challenges
- Financial inclusion work delivered with The Trussell Trust, ensuring people access grants and funding they're entitled to

AHAG is not a shelter and does not run food kitchens — instead, it focuses on long-term solutions that help people rebuild their lives and stay securely housed.

Introducing Five to Thrive

This year, AHAG has launched *Five to Thrive*, a regular-giving campaign built on a simple idea: **when many people give a little, together we create something powerful.**

Regular donations — starting from just £5 a year — give AHAG the stability it needs to plan ahead, respond quickly, and be there the moment someone reaches out for help. For a small charity, predictable income is transformative. It means staff can spend less time chasing emergency funding and more time supporting the people who need them.

The Mayor of Aylesbury, Cllr Sherrilyn Bateman, has chosen AHAG as her Charity of the Year and is championing Five to Thrive across the district. Her challenge is bold: **555 supporters giving regularly to help prevent homelessness in our community.**

Together we are a community. Many residents already support local causes, volunteer their time, or give generously to charities that make a difference close to home.

Housing crisis does not respect parish boundaries, and the stability created by regular donors helps ensure support is available to anyone in our area who needs it.

By joining Five to Thrive, we can all help build a safer, more secure future for people who may even be our neighbours.

How You Can Help

If you believe everyone deserves somewhere safe to sleep tonight, please consider becoming a Five to Thrive supporter. You can give monthly, quarterly, biannually or annually — whatever suits your household best. Your steady support helps someone move from fear to stability, from crisis to clarity, from surviving to thriving.

To join, simply scan the QR code included in this article or visit the link provided. It takes just a few minutes to set up a Direct Debit, and your gift will make a lasting difference.

Together, we can ensure that no one in our community faces homelessness alone.

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Keeping Warm Without Breaking the Bank

Many households remain concerned about energy costs during winter. While prices have stabilised compared with previous peaks, heating bills remain a significant expense for many families.



Money-saving ideas

- Bleed radiators.
- Use thermostatic radiator valves correctly.
- Close curtains at dusk.
- Draught-proof doors and letterboxes.
- Only heat rooms being used.

Neighbourhood spirit matters

If you know an elderly neighbour living alone, a quick check-in during cold weather can make a real difference. The strongest communities are the ones where people look after each other.

Protecting your home as the evenings draw in

As the clocks go back and the autumn evenings grow longer, many of us like the cosy feeling of turning on the lights and settling in at home. But, unfortunately, the decrease of daylight hours is of benefit to burglars. Indeed, in the past few weeks, there have been a spate of burglaries in our neighbourhood.

So, do please take a look at your home and make sure that you are not giving thieves any opportunity to access your property or belongings. The Neighbourhood Watch Network has effective and budget friendly advice on how we can make our communities stronger and safer. For example, their WIDEN acronym stands for Windows, Interior, Doors, Exterior, and Neighbours and these pointers break down into specific home security actions

W – Windows: Keep your windows locked.

I – Interior: Put inside lights on a timer or smart bulb to look like someone is home.

D – Doors: Double lock or deadlock your doors.

E – Exterior: Put outside lights on a motion sensor.

N – Neighbours: Keep an eye out for your neighbours and look after each other.

Additionally, why not think of joining your local Neighbourhood Watch community? Neighbourhood Watch is the largest volunteer-led crime prevention charity in the community whose mission is to support people and communities to be connected, active and safe. There are several Neighbourhood Watch schemes running in Weston Turville and adjacent parishes. Use this link to find the one nearest your home.
https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/

Crime rates, particularly property crimes like burglary, are lower in areas with an active Neighbourhood Watch scheme. This is because of:

- Deterrence via visibility: Prominent Neighbourhood Watch signs and window stickers signal to potential offenders that residents are alert, increasing the perceived risk of being caught.
- Faster intelligence sharing: Real-time communication channels (such as local WhatsApp groups, email lists, or community forums) let residents quickly warn each other about suspicious behaviour, rogue traders, or local scams.
- Police partnership: Schemes act as a bridge to local policing teams, supplying timely local intelligence that assists in the detection and apprehension of offenders

Research shows that there are other benefits of being part of a local Neighbourhood Watch scheme. We'll be exploring this in WT Times future editions.

Cllr Helen Jones

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Discover The Glebe Wildbelt Project!

Next Session: Thursday 19th November at 10:00 am



Have you visited The Glebe Field lately?

This beautiful 2.5-acre green space near our parish church is a haven for local wildlife, including song thrushes and blackcaps. To help nature recover, the Parish Council teamed up with the Chiltern Society's Community Wildbelt Project. While our initial heritage grants have ended, a fantastic, passionate team of local volunteers keeps the project thriving! Together, we meet twice a year to clear scrub, create sunny glades, and restore the habitat after some years of neglect. By positioning information boards and publicising wildlife activity, our aim is that The Glebe continues to provide enjoyment and education for the community.

Want to make a difference on your doorstep?

Come along and roll up your sleeves! Join Councillor Helen Jones for our next restoration session.

- **When:** Thursday 19th November, 10:00 am. We aim to finish by 2pm, though many of us just do an hour or two
- **Where**: The Glebe, Weston Turville (Meet at the end of Barley Close at the metal gate, HP22 5SF)
- **Task:** Ride management and coppicing blackthorn to create some deeper scallops along the first part of the path, some clearing nearer the back and if possible cutting some Hazel for hedge laying stakes. Some brush cutting will be required.



Song thrush

Gloves are a must. Bring secateurs if you can! Don't forget to bring snacks/lunch and something to sit on so we can have a proper break(s)

There is always room for more hands—we look forward to seeing you there!

Cllr Helen Jones
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Join the Weston Turville Wombles!



When: Sunday 22nd November 2026

Time: 10:00 am – 11:30 am (approx.)

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What's Happening?

Come and team up with the **Weston Turville Wombles** for a fun morning of fresh air and community spirit! It's a wonderful chance to catch up with neighbours and chat with **Cllr Helen Jones.**

Why We Womble: We want to keep our community clean and tidy and safe for local wildlife.

What to Bring:

- Just grab your favourite pair of **sturdy gardening gloves**!

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The Grand Finale! 🎄

This will be our **last official litter pick of 2026**! Don't worry, we won't drag you out of the house on Sunday 27th December—we imagine you'll still be recovering from your Christmas dinner! Instead, we'll kick off the New Year back at the Village Hall on **Sunday 24th January 2027**. Looking even further ahead, on Sun Feb 28 2027 - we will be meeting for litter pick at Aston Reach, 10am - 11.30ish, by Parish Noticeboard next to NISA supermarket.

See you there, Wombles!

Wildlife tip

The Woodland Trust recommends leaving fallen leaves under hedges where possible. They provide shelter for insects and help improve soil quality over winter.

Peter Weedon Way: A Village Name, A Family's History

As Weston Turville grows and its familiar landscape changes, a new road will carry the name of a man whose family has been part of village life for over 300 years.

There is something particularly fitting about a new road being named after someone whose family has been connected to the village for generations. As Weston Turville continues to expand, with new housing developments and changing road networks transforming its landscape, Peter Weedon Way offers an opportunity to remember not just one man, but an entire family whose story is woven into the history of the village.

Private Peter Weedon was born on 6 May 1888, one of eight children of William and Mary Ann Weedon. His family's roots in Weston Turville, however, stretch back much further.



Private Peter Weedon

A family rooted in the village

Research into Weston Turville and Halton's parish registers has uncovered Weedons dating back to 1687 with baptisms at St Mary's Church dating back to at least 1738, including the unusually named Howse Weedon, son of John and Mary. Subsequent generations carried familiar family names such as John, William and Peter, alongside marriages with other longstanding village families, including the Purssells and Axtells.

Peter's grandfather, William Weedon, born in 1833, was an agricultural labourer. He married Fanny Brandram at St Mary's Church in 1853, but tragically died just three years later, aged only 23, leaving behind his young children and wife including baby son, William, Peter's father.

Fanny later remarried John Inwood, and young William grew up within the extended Inwood household in West End.

William went on to marry Mary Ann and raised their own family of 8 establishing more Weedon farmers, laborers and plaitmakers.

Three brothers and the Great War

Peter grew up in West End and Brook End, and, like his father and brothers, was associated with agricultural work. By the time he enlisted in 1914, however, he was working for Nestlé in Aylesbury.

Peter joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment as Private 4750. His brothers John and James also served during the First World War. John was a driver with the Royal Field Artillery, while James served with the Buckinghamshire Battalion of the Territorial Army.

Peter served in France and Flanders but was wounded in late 1916. He was transferred to military hospital in Birmingham, where he died on 21 December 1916, aged just 28.

His body was brought home to Weston Turville, and he was buried at St Mary's Church on 29 December. Peter is commemorated on the Weston Turville War Memorial and also on the Aylesbury Market Square memorial, where his name appears under the mis-spelt recorded inscription R. Weedon.

He was one of 26 men from Weston Turville who lost their lives during the First World War. His brothers John and James both survived and returned to civilian life.

In 2014, the Weston Turville Historical Society organised an exhibition of photographs, medals and personal memories from the Great War. Beryl Weedon, kindly lent his medals and photograph, helping bring his story to life for a new generation.

Generations of village memories

James Weedon married Laura May Bishop, and their son Douglas James Weedon born in 1933 continued the family's connection with Weston Turville. Known locally as Doug, DJ or Jimmy, Douglas was born in the yellow thatched cottage in School Lane. He later married Beryl, from the Cooper family.

Beryl was born at Botney Bay, the distinctive house standing alone on New Road, now awaiting the expansion of the surrounding housing development. She remembered a childhood in a household of eleven children, where her father bought a runt pig each year, feeding it family scraps so that its meat would last the household throughout the year.

Douglas and Beryl raised three children: Keith, born at Walton Place, followed by Carole and Clive, born on New Road.

Douglas loved his gardens, aviary and allotments, some of which had originally belonged to his father. Their origins reflected the Second World War, when land was put to use growing food to help villages feed themselves. Beryl was equally passionate about gardening, winning numerous horticultural prizes and becoming well known for her wonderful storytelling and memories of village life. Douglas died in 2011 and Beryl in 2019, but their stories remain an important part of the family's history.

A village changing, a history remembered

Like many longstanding village families, the Weedons have experienced the changes that have transformed Weston Turville. Some descendants have moved away, yet the family connection continues with younger generations being born at home in Bates Lane in 2010 and 2013.

The idea of commemorating Peter through a road name was first suggested by a family member several years ago. Initially, the surname alone was considered unsuitable because of similarly named places nearby. The proposal was later revived by a great-granddaughter of James Weedon. This time, Peter's full name was put forward and accepted.



A name for the future

For the family, Peter Weedon Way is about far more than a street sign. It recognises a young man who gave his life during the First World War, while celebrating a family whose history has been part of Weston Turville for more than three centuries.

As new homes appear and familiar landmarks change, the road will provide a lasting reminder of the people who came before.

Peter Weedon may have died more than a century ago, but his name will continue to belong to the village where his story began.

We Will Remember Them.

More can be found about Weston Turville and WWI on the Historical Society website – www.WTHistSoc.co.uk

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WESTON TURVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Now that the hot weather is behind us and winter is upon us what better way to spend the last Friday evening of each month in coming along to the Weston Turville Historical Society meetings. The society has been going for over 25 years and continues to offer great talks on local and general history. The 2026/2027 season began on Friday 25th September with many existing members renewing their membership as well as welcoming new members. We hope that we can continue our excellent regular attendance of well over 70 people coming along to the Historical Society's monthly meetings. The regular attendance numbers must indicate that we continue to provide a diverse, engaging program of talks.

As I reported in the Autmn edition of the WTT our reserves have been stable due to our level of membership and the large numbers turning up at the meetings and also sales of the society's publications. Because of this we are pleased to confirm there will be no increase in our subscription fees or the cost of entry for the 2026/2027 season of meetings. The programme up to and including June 2027 is shown below and thanks to Tony Irvine for arranging these talks.

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.

If you have not renewed your membership or 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 at no additional cost.

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 years. 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-organizing

Dates for Weston Turville Historical Society Speaker Programme 2026/2027

Date	Speaker	Title of Talk
November 27th 2026	Robert Mee	Christmas Radio Times
December 25th 2026	No Meeting Christmas Day	
January 29th 2027	Tony Fergusan	Rebellion, Regicide, Graffiti & Body Snatching: A colourful history of a Bucks village church
February 26th 2027	Dr Stephen Goss	Secret History: Britain and the Cold War

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
to all our members and friends

After our final general meeting of the year on Thursday 26th November, the first meeting of 2027 will be on Thursday 28th January. We meet at Aylesbury Rugby Club in the village and start at 2.30pm. Prospective new members are always welcome.

Nevertheless many of our 40 interest groups will be continuing over the festive period. Further information is on our website.

If you are interested in any of our many and varied activities contact the Membership Secretary at membership@wtu3a.org.uk or visit our website: www.wtu3a.org.uk

St. Mary's, Parish Church of Weston Turville



As we leave summer behind and turn our thoughts and plans to the winter months, the most immediate one is December. In St. Mary's this is a particularly exciting time planning the Christmas services and events. It is a good time for children of course, but for all ages in St. Mary's.

St. Mary's invites you to…….

The Christingle: Sunday 13th December 11.30 a.m.

Bring a large orange each (sweets provided!)

All are welcome, children and adults to this beautiful service to raise money for the Children's Society

Carol Service of 5 Lessons and Carols: Sunday 20th December 5.00 p.m. By CANDLELIGHT.

An atmospheric Service of Christmas carols for all the family, with choir, with readings telling the Christmas Story. All Welcome.

The Nativity Service (run by Explorers!) on Tuesday December 22nd at 2.30 p.m.

If you would like to take part as a shepherd, angel or King, please come to the Rehearsal on Tuesday 15th December 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. (Normal Explorers time.) The more the merrier!

On the day those taking part, please arrive 1.30 p.m. to dress up.

This is a relaxed service and the congregation are invited to dress up too. (including adults!) Followed by Refreshments!!

All are welcome. Bring family and friends.

Traditional Midnight Mass 11.45 p.m. Thursday 24th December

CHRISTMAS DAY 10.00 a.m. Family Eucharist.

Wear a Christmas pullover if you have one, bring one of your presents to show us if you want to.

As we Look towards January and the New Year 2027, we pray for peace in our world and among nations, an end to so much conflict and suffering and also peace and harmony in our community and homes.

Revd. Susan

Union Chapel – All are systems go!

Accessibility - Thanks to everyone who has supported the accessible toilet project, work starts on 23rd November and over the next three weeks we should:

- Gut the existing toilets and build a new accessible one.
- Fit a wheelchair ramp from the hall to the chapel.
- Remove a heater in the chapel to make more space for wheelchairs.
- Fit a smaller 'ambulant' ramp from the hall to the chapel.
- Upgrade the church sound system.

There will be a serviced Portaloo available while we are inter-regnum, and we aim to have everything done before the Christmas Eve candle-lit carol service. We will then be properly wheelchair friendly and accessible to all – at last.

Auracast - As part of the sound system upgrade, we have looked at installing an Auracast Bluetooth transmitter for enabled hearing aids. It is difficult for us to assess how useful that would be. Whether you come to the chapel or not, if you have Auracast enabled hearing aids could you email us and let us know how useful or easy you find the service? We would appreciate any feedback or advice you can give before we decide whether it is worth fitting or not. You will be more honest than the manufacturer.



Christmas Eve Candle-lit Carol Service 6.00 pm.

We will be handing out Christmas Candles at the Candle-lit Carol service again this year. So many of us are scattered around the country at Christmas. We each light our candle and place it in the middle of the table when we have our Christmas Dinner so we can celebrate together even though we are apart.

Foodbank Collection - During our Christmas Eve service we will take a collection for the Foodbank. This will add to the 114.8Kg of food and £143 we were able to donate after our harvest celebration.

In the new year we also will be starting a regular collection for the foodbank. We will have a crate in the hall for people to place their donations in. This can be food, but the foodbank is also asking for sanitary products, toothpaste and shower gel, pet food, and other non-food items. Please give if you can. Small amounts given often, add together to make a huge difference to people in need.

theunionchapel.co.uk Tel: 01296 839777 welcome@theunionchapel.co.uk

Hampden Fields – How Weston Turville Could Change Over the Next Five Years

As one of the most significant milestones in our local history, the Hampden Fields development represents a defining chapter in the future of Weston Turville. While much of the debate has focused on new housing, the wider plans include a new primary school, community facilities, employment land, recreational areas and open spaces. The challenge for residents is understanding what these changes will mean for everyday life in the parish.

More People, More Activity

Perhaps the most obvious change will be an increase in population. New families will bring fresh energy to parish life, potentially benefiting local clubs, sports teams, schools and community organisations.

Weston Turville has always evolved. New residents have become parish councillors, school governors, scout leaders, football coaches and organisers of community events. The same opportunities will arise again. The challenge will be ensuring newcomers become part of the existing community rather than living separately alongside it.

A Boost for Local Shops and Businesses

More residents generally means more customers. Local shops, cafés, pubs, tradespeople and service providers could all benefit from increased demand.

The plans also include employment land, creating opportunities for businesses and jobs closer to home. If successful, this could strengthen the local economy, reduce commuting and provide younger residents with additional apprenticeships, part-time work and career opportunities.

New School Places

Two new primary schools is one of the most significant infrastructure elements of the development. School capacity has long been a concern whenever new housing is proposed, so additional provision should help meet future demand as the population grows.

More young families could also strengthen local youth organisations, sports teams and community activities.

New Community Facilities

The development includes plans for community facilities to support its growing neighbourhoods. Residents will naturally hope these complement existing amenities rather than compete with them.

Ideally, facilities will serve both new and existing residents, creating a more connected parish stretching from the traditional village centre towards Wendover Road, Aston Clinton Road and the expanding Hampden Fields area.

Another important element is the planned recreational areas, sports facilities and open spaces. New parks, play areas and walking routes could benefit the whole parish, provided they are delivered to a good standard and properly maintained.

Weston Turville Parish Council has agreed to take responsibility for these new open spaces and sports facilities, with funding provided by the developers. This will bring additional responsibilities and require the Council to expand its operations.

The Traffic Question

Ask most residents about their biggest concern and traffic is likely to be the first answer. More homes inevitably mean more journeys, adding pressure to roads already experiencing increasing demand.

Over the next five years, important issues will include:

- Junction capacity and road safety.
- Walking and cycling connections.
- School traffic and congestion.
- Public transport provision.
- Construction-related vehicle movements.

Many residents will judge the development less by the number of homes built and more by whether supporting infrastructure keeps pace with growth.

Pressure on Health Services

Population growth also raises concerns about GP appointments and healthcare capacity. Residents will hope NHS investment keeps pace with growth across the wider Aylesbury area. Dental services, community healthcare and pharmacy provision are also likely to remain important issues.

What It Means for Aston Reach Ward

Residents of Aston Reach Ward sometimes feel that discussions about Weston Turville focus mainly on the historic village centre. However, the ward will experience many of the same changes.

Improved facilities, additional green spaces and new services could bring benefits, while increased traffic and changes to the surrounding landscape may create challenges. Ensuring Aston Reach is fully represented in future consultations and community discussions will be essential.

Can Weston Turville Keep Its Character?

Every growing parish faces the same challenge: how do you welcome new residents, provide homes and improve facilities while preserving the character that made the place attractive in the first place?

The answer will not rest with planners and developers alone. It will depend on residents, volunteers, community groups, schools, businesses and the Parish Council working together.

Five years from now, Weston Turville will undoubtedly look different. The real test will be whether, despite all the changes, it still feels like Weston Turville.

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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 clerk@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: clerk@westonturville-pc.gov.uk
Again, please include the full details.

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*"Leo Woodall's breakout TV roles in the **White Lotus** and **One Day** offered a megawatt charisma, but for his biggest film role to date he dims it to a soft glow with gentle performance opposite Dustin Hoffman as one of a pair of New York piano tuners. And what a pair they are; they are a real pleasure to watch in an easy, unforced drama that mixes romcom moments with a relaxed crime thriller."* The Guardian

"Jazzy soundtrack. Smart script. Moving medical condition. Sweet love story. Oh, and the Sydney Opera House namechecked as a highly coveted gig on the composing circuit. What's not to love?" The Australian.

Doors open at 7pm for time to chat over drinks from the bar. The film runs from 7:30 9:30pm followed by more time to socialise afterwards until 10pm

Tickets are £8.50 and can be booked in advance from Rachel Blackmore at racheljblackmore@gmail.com. Please pay by bank transfer to the Weston Turville Wells for Tanzania charity account, 00087400, 30-90-38.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Rachel and David Blackmore

Weston Turville Movie Night is a fundraising initiative for our poverty-relief charity Weston Turville Wells for Tanzania, https://wellsfortanzania.org

USEFUL CONTACTS

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