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“The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government”

Thomas Jefferson

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Editorial

The incessant politics of the last few months has been impossible to ignore and it is not my place to comment on those matters here, other than for this magazine to offer some insight into the four levels that impact on us all here in Weston Turville.

David Lidington, is our M.P., and in this issue he explains what he can, and cannot, do for us as constituents. Bill Chapple OBE is our Bucks County Councillor and our District Councillors are Bill Chapple, Michael Collins and Carole Paternoster. Together they give an insight into the changes that are to come with the new Unitary Authority for Buckinghamshire. Finally, there is a profile of our own Parish Councillors. Having met with these politicians, I have to say how impressed I was with their hard work on our behalf. The oft quoted cynical observation that 'they are only in it for themselves' does not seem to be borne out by the evidence; and certainly not at a local level.

Politics is how we choose to organise ourselves and it can produce some remarkable results. It should not be forgotten that the originally purely local, Tredegar Workmen's Medical Aid Society became our beloved National Health Service through political will power and foresight... and apart from the odd zealot, there are very few of us that would want to unstitch that particular example of local politics in action!



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Please let us know well in advance, of any forthcoming events that you think fellow residents and neighbours will want to know about. If the event is non-commercial and can be classed as a 'community event' we will be very pleased to include it free of charge. Ring or text 07583 550676 or email WTT-editor@westonturville-pc.gov.uk



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We have a general meeting at 2.30pm on the fourth Thursday of each month at Aylesbury Rugby Club and prospective new members are very welcome!

Further details about the activities of the WTU3A branch can be found on our website www.wtu3a.org.uk or from the secretary on 01296 613772

Our Member of Parliament



David Lidington, our M.P., was good enough to meet with the Weston Turville Times the day after his resignation from the Cabinet. It is perhaps the measure of the man that when I acknowledged this he said, “my work as a constituency M.P. is very important to me – and always will be; and it is never a party-political issue”. We are exploring the four levels of local democracy in this article and our direct, personal contact with National Government is our M.P. As David goes on to explain, “I

am happy to receive representations in person, and in writing, from constituents on policy matters. These can range from Brexit, immigration through to Universal Credit. However, the majority of constituent surgery time is spent on personal matters of concern.”

David was keen to emphasise both the scope and the limit of his capacity to help. “I can, and often do, contact the head person in an organisation. The House of Commons notepaper can often lift a query or complaint out of the ‘pending’ tray into the ‘action’ tray. I don’t have executive powers very often but as your M.P. I can sometimes influence matters”.

We explored some examples where an approach has been appropriate and worked well. One constituent who owns, and still runs, a medium sized local business received a tax bill that would have led to the bankruptcy of the business. David, through representations at the highest level, was able to have the case reviewed and the errors in the calculations revealed and the bill rescinded. On a slightly smaller scale, David was able to prevent a mobile phone debt collection process proceeding on a very ill constituent who had never used it and was never likely to. So, the message from your M.P. is that he is ready and willing to assist with enquiries or concerns, and residents of Weston Turville should contact his office in advance to organise an appointment at one of the monthly surgeries if they need help.

He adds, “Please prepare matters in advance if you can; reference numbers, documents, dates etc. help the process along. Also, consider getting some help in gathering the information together beforehand and perhaps bring a friend or advocate with you – that’s fine.”

I did ask, as I left, about constituent meetings that had not gone quite so well. “I was once approached by a lady with a carrier bag full of spent lottery tickets and was asked to explain why none of them had won.” This open and friendly man did, for once, appear lost for words.

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Our County Councillor (and one of our 3 District Councillors)

Bill Chapple OBE represents us at a County level and has done so for 43 years now – so there is a depth of experience for us all to draw on. Bill represents Bierton, Aston Clinton, Buckland, Drayton Beauchamp and Weston Turville.

He emphasises the benefits of him serving on both levels of local councils.

“As a County Councillor I am directly involved in the areas of Education, Health and Wellbeing, Social Care and Looked after children, Waste disposal and Highways. Whereas, as a District Councillor we take care of Leisure, Housing, Planning and waste collection. These distinctions are important and can often confuse local residents.”



However, Bill explained that from April 1st 2020 there will be a new unitary authority called Buckinghamshire Council. This single authority will deliver all local government services and the District Council and County Council that we are used to will cease to exist. In the meanwhile, nothing changes. Readers who are interested in finding out more can refer to www.shadow.buckinghamshire.gov.uk or on [twitter@DeliveringBucks](https://twitter.com/DeliveringBucks).

Bill has held many important posts over the years and is currently the Cabinet member for planning and the environment. He is actively involved in Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP), which is out for consultation over the summer and will be adopted by the end of 2019.

Bill was keen to emphasise that he warmly welcomes any enquiries or contact from residents with any issues that fall into the local authority remit. “I would far rather someone contact me sooner while the problem is manageable, please don’t hesitate.”

This extraordinary public servant left me in no doubt that local democracy on a County and District level deserves our closer attention, understanding and support.

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AVDC District Councillor - Mike Collins

Mike Collins is one of our Aylesbury Vale District Councillors, with a commitment to serving the communities of Stoke Mandeville, Buckland, Aston Clinton, Weston Turville and Drayton Beauchamp.

We met recently to discuss the role of the District Council in local affairs.



He traces his commitment to local democracy and public service back to his upbringing in the docklands of the East End of London, as he explains “I want to do all I can to replicate that sense of community – something we need to work hard to protect and preserve.”

Mike’s father died young, at the age of forty, from heart disease and explains his second key influence. “I then went on to work for the British Heart Foundation – running 464 local branches, all embedded in their local communities.”

He sits on the planning committee of the District Council and is acutely aware of the misunderstandings that can so easily occur. “Objections to planning proposals can only be successful if they refer to an objective set of criteria, commonly known as the NPPF (www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2) We work best with local residents who have familiarised themselves with this document and use the points from it to frame their objections”.

Mike sees the forthcoming Unitary Authority as a good thing in that financial savings will be made and processes will be streamlined. He urges us all to engage with the election process; “It is everyone’s democratic duty. The decisions being made are political, sometimes party political, but the issues are not. What I care about is the welfare of my community.”

He welcomes contact from residents on issues that fall within the remit of the District Council: housing, leisure and recreation, environmental health, waste collection, planning applications and local taxation collections. He emphasises that although he is always able to listen and help where he can, “up to 80% of the calls I get are for areas that are beyond my control”.

Mike, and his wife Joan, foster children – specifically from mothers suffering from drug addiction. As he reflected, “I am blessed with a quality of life now I hardly expected when I started, so ...”

The conversation tailed off – actions speak louder than words, I guess.

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Contact: <http://www.wthsoc.org.uk/>



Fergie's Fitness 7 - 8pm Tuesday evenings. Sandra loves the fitness industry and believes it is so important for people to not only get moving and get fit, but to also have fun and enjoy what they are doing. Whilst she takes personal safety and proper technique very seriously, she does not judge people on their level of ability or experience, and welcomes all those who just want to come along and have a go, and hopefully return for more fitness and fun!!

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Weston Turville Youth Café 2011 – 2019

What an amazing chapter to have shared with so many of you! Huge thanks to all the young people who have been to our 'Weston Turville Youth Café' at different times over the past 8 years. Your presence and participation have enriched the lives of all at the Café in so many ways.

Huge thanks to our volunteers of all ages. You have set-up, put-away, run the 'Café' food and drinks, enabled cooking, crafts, fun and games and our tuck shop. You have been our committee, our planners and shared of yourselves.

We opened in March 2011 following inspiration from the young people of Southcourt Youth Café. Dave Rollins, AVYFC Director at the time, started this successful, country-wide 'Youth Café' model and so WT Youth Café set up with the aim of enabling young people of the village to have a safe space to socialize in a warm supportive atmosphere, encouraging mutual respect and a sense of responsibility.



One of our many highlights was a camp in Green Park. We have had trips out at Thorpe Park, Kidzone and Zoomania. Other achievements have been two YouTube videos made by our young people in collaboration with Aylesbury Youth Action and Wendover Youth.

Our final Café on Tuesday 16th July saw 22 young people in and out of the village hall on a warm summer day, baking cakes, out on the rec zip wire, back in for pool, a game of cards, Café toast and milkshakes, then out in the park again as we closed.

We must confess to feeling a little sad now Youth Café has closed and if anyone wants to re-open the Youth Café at any point, we will be more than happy to meet and pass on our experiences!

Special thanks go to:

Glynn and Barbara White who have been with us from the start in all areas of the Café including accounting, kitchen management, setting-up, clearing-away, games, tuck-shop, and all-round support! The Parish Council for their encouragement and support. Jules Whitehead – Café, Jan Potter – Cooking, Lewis Pluck – Cooking, Peter Hall – PCSO,

And in former years: Rosemary Cox (crafts), Margaret Cox (cooking), Aziz Abdulrahman, Sandie and Richard Atfield, Jonny and Lucy Blackmore, Matt Copcutt, Ian McLellan, Myra White, Mary Willets, Caroline Moran, Virginia Young and David Blackmore and Dave Rollins supporting us in getting the café up and running in 2011.

We can't thank you all enough.

Rachel Blackmore

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Weston Turville Parish Council News:



You will probably have had your summer holidays, attended all the good things put on locally to entertain you and the family, and quietly cursing as the traffic delays are aggravated by the schools going back.

So, I will tell you about the village fete which was held in June this year. It was a great success with lots of positive comments being received. If you still haven't seen the photos you can do so on the parish council website where they are free to download. The ethos of the fete is to provide a great family afternoon out for minimum spending. We achieved that this year even if some of the stall holders wished you had spent more! Any surplus money made is given away to local charities and this year we gave money to the newly formed Weston Turville Women's Institute to assist with the cost of speakers. We also gave money to the 1st Halton RAF Scout Group as they turned out in force on the day and made a real effort to fund raise for one of their adventures. Finally, we gave some money to the 14th Vale of Aylesbury Sea Scouts who are based in the parish. Thank you to all who attended and assisted on the day. Next year's fete is on 20th June.

Disappointingly I cannot report on the completion of the Skate Park and Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) as at the time of writing: the planning permission has not yet been approved. We were hoping to have it up and running by the school holidays but several residents expressed concerns about the noise generated by the park and we have had to do further research and noise testing for the planning department: should we get the planning approval we hope to have it done by December. The village hall extension is on schedule and will be finished by Christmas. When this work has been completed, we will extend the fencing across the car park to protect the children going to the park from manoeuvring cars and extend the fencing along School Approach to prevent the cars driving on the pavement.

A new notice board has been installed in Worlds End Lane junction with Church Lane at residents' suggestions and is free to use to advertise local events on. The council is also looking at installing a requested Petanque Court for everyone to use on the playing fields and is exploring the installation of an adult outdoor gym in Hampden Hall and in Weston Turville village as well as a wheel chair accessible swing for the existing children's play area.

You will see in this edition of the Weston Turville Times that there are a lot of changes impending locally which may affect us in the future and changes nationally which may have an impact directly or indirectly on the councils. The Parish Council is working hard to minimise the effects these changes may instigate but we are still a councillor short and would like to hear from anyone who may be interested in joining us. We would particularly like to hear from some of the underrepresented areas out of the village. Please think about joining us, the work is not onerous (normally!) and you could have a real impact on the future of this parish.

Parish Council meetings are normally held at 7pm in the Village Hall on the 3rd Thursday of the month (excluding August and December when there are no meetings)

Planning meetings are at 6pm on the 1st Thursday in the hall. Please check the website for any changes to dates.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Clerk to Weston Turville Parish Council can be contacted on:

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*A sample of photos
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Events listing for September - November

September

4 th	School Term starts
5 th	CANCELLED - Parish Council Planning Committee
8 th	Tudor Fayre at Bucks County Museum
9 th	Topsy Turvy term starts
10 th	Scam Aware at Aylesbury Library 10.30am
11 th	Drop in at Lindengate, 5-7pm
12 th	Wendover Local Area Forum at John Colet School
12 th	Weston Turville W.I.
13-22	Heritage Open Days, various locations
14 th	Artisan Food Market, Aylesbury Market Square
19 th	Parish Council Meeting, starts at 7pm
20 th	Aylesbury Job Fair, The Vineyard, Gatehouse Close
21 st	Wendover Local Produce Market – bring your own containers to refill
27 th	Historical Society
28 th	“Murder in Wendover” in aid of Florence Nightingale Hospice

October

3 rd	Parish Council Planning Committee meeting, starts at 6pm
5 th	Ridgeway 200 Cycling weekend
10 th	Weston Turville W.I.
17 th	Parish Council meeting, starts at 7pm
18 th	Quiz & Chips in aid of Chiltern MS Centre, at Wendover Memorial Hall
19 th	NCT Nearly New Sale at The Grange School
19 th	Wendover Local Produce Market – bring your own containers to refill
25 th	Historical Society
26 th	Drop in at Lindengate, 5-7pm
27 th	Half term week

November

7 th	Parish Council Planning Committee meeting, starts at 6pm
14 th	Weston Turville W.I.
14 th	Christmas Light Switch on, Aylesbury Town Centre
16 th	Wendover Local Produce Market – bring your own containers to refill
21 st	Parish Council meeting, starts at 7pm
24 th	Santa’s Sunday, Aylesbury Town Centre
29 th	Historical Society

Date for your diary...

7 th December	Church Christmas Fete at the Village Hall
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*To include your event in this listing, please contact the Parish Clerk
01296 531432 or clerk@westonturville-pc.gov.uk*

Regular Weekly Events

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

Regular classes/clubs at the Village Hall, School Approach

Mondays 4.15pm	JoAnn Latus School of Dance
Mondays 8-9pm	Pilates
Tuesdays 7-8pm	Fergie's Fitness
Tuesdays 8-10pm	Imagez Camera Club
Wednesdays 4-8pm	JoAnn Latus School of Dance
Fridays 2.30-5pm	Keep Fit Exercise Class
Second Thursday of each month	Weston Turville Womens Institute
Last Friday of the month	Historical Society
Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.15am	Bootcamp (recreation ground, behind the village hall)



What matters to you Please send us your thoughts, letters, short articles and we will do our best to include them.

Since 2016 Lauren has been holding her annual Lemon'aid' stall. When she was 5, she was admitted to hospital with a virus. Thankfully nothing serious but scary at the time. Lauren wanted to give something back to the hospital for taking good care of her and that's when the Lemon'aid' stall began. She raised £110.00 for the children's ward at Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

The following year, aged just 40, Lauren's dad had a heart attack. It was a massive shock for all of us but thankfully due to great care again, he had a stent fitted and is doing well. He received rehabilitation care from Hearts & Souls at Wycombe Hospital and so that was Lauren's chosen charity in 2017. She raised £122.00.

In 2018 Lauren held her stall at the local church fete to help them raise funds for the extension to the current building. Rev Susan & Fr. David were very pleased with approx. £50.00 that Lauren raised on this occasion.

This year her chosen charity was Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. The donation was in memory of her Great Aunt who passed away at the hospice after a brave battle with cancer. Lauren wanted to reach a target of £200.00 and she did!

I guess you might say compared to the amounts some people raise, her total of almost £500 isn't much, but for a child so young to want to give back to the community in this way, we parents think it's pretty inspirational and we're very proud of the kind, loving girl that she is.

Belinda Beattie (Lauren's mum)





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Julian Hunt

Meeting on Friday 27th Sep 2019

Julian Hunt will provide an account of the coming of the railways to Buckinghamshire for the first time in the 19th century - a tale of business rivalry and a veritable cornucopia of steam!

Julian was appointed Buckinghamshire's first local studies librarian. He established the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies in Aylesbury in 2002 and was also in charge of the County Museum. He retired in 2003 and is now a freelance researcher, lecturer and writer on English local history. He has written numerous histories of Buckinghamshire market towns., including, A History of Amersham (2001), a History of Gerrards Cross (2006) and A History of Beaconsfield (2009).



Julian has visited us twice before, to talk about Buckinghamshire Breweries and Favourite Churches.

The meeting starts at 8pm in the village hall and is open to all. Entrance £2 for members and £3 visitors. Doors open at 19:30 for welcoming refreshments. For further information about the Society visit the Society's web page www.WTHSoc.org.uk or email Secretary@WTHSoc.org.uk



AVDC District Councillors – Carole Paternoster

Carole Paternoster is our third District Councillor – she has served on the District Council for 20 years now, having begun as a Parish Councillor. Now retired from her career as a Maths teacher she dedicates her working time to Council work, apart from the ‘school run’ for her seven-year-old grandson.



This gives Carole direct experience of the effects of planning decisions and the vital necessity of parallel infrastructure being ‘built in’ to residential development. Carole is the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure, so it is she and her colleagues who are wrestling with the national requirements for house building imposed on local authorities whilst maintaining the integrity of local communities. She looks forward to the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (V.A.L.P.) being implemented, saying “Decisions will then be plan led, not developer led”.

Carole explained “While residential development has to take place, of course, we are acutely aware of the pressure this is putting on local school places, doctors surgeries and other local amenities. There are approximately 31,000 houses that need to be built in Aylesbury Vale alone – all as part of the ‘up to 1 million homes’ that Government requires to be built in the Oxford – Cambridge corridor by 2050”.

Carole will not be standing in the new Unitary Authority elections in May 2020 – in that time-honoured phrase, “I would like more time with my family”.

Given the complexities of the planning decisions and debates that are central to Carole’s service as a councillor, who can blame her?

Carole welcomes contact from any resident of Weston Turville;
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Our Parish Councillors

What to go to the Parish Council for....

Parish Councils are the first tier of local government and are closest to the issues within the parish and surrounding area. Parish councils have the power to carry out a range of activities which include provision and maintenance of street lighting, planting of trees and flowers, provision and maintenance of street furniture – benches, bus shelters, noticeboards, planters, bollards. In Weston Turville, it also owns and maintains the village hall and recreation ground.

Weston Turville Parish Council is made up of 10 parish councillors and one part time clerk. Details of your parish councillors can be found on our website and noticeboards – and below. There is currently a vacancy so if you are interested in becoming a parish councillor, please come along to a meeting or speak to one of the existing councillors to find out more.

Your parish councillors are unpaid and as well as attending Parish Council meetings, carry out a variety of tasks to help improve life in the parish – they operate the speed monitoring equipment and pass data on to Thames Valley Police to help target their enforcement operations. They attend meetings and conferences run by Bucks County Council and Aylesbury Vale District Council to get Weston Turville's voice and opinions heard. They get involved with litter picking, organising the village fete, helping with the Remembrance Day parade and many other tasks around the parish.

To report any issues within the parish, contact the Parish Clerk or one of the Parish Councillors. All meetings of the Council and its Committees are open to the public to attend.

Cllr Martin Jarvis – I have lived in our Parish since 2008 and prior to that on Bedgrove, I first became interested in the Parish council when I moved from Bedgrove where I was actively involved with the residents' association. When our Parish council ran an event to ask residents their views on the future I went along and offered my services to work on the Jubilee event for 2012. I was co-opted as a councillor and eventually became the Chair. I enjoy my role and hopefully ensure our meetings (which can be very formal) have a lighter side and make sure that our councillors and residents are able to speak and get across their views for consideration. I still work full time in a technical sales role which takes me to all corners of the UK. I enjoy returning to Weston Turville as our village is such a friendly and restful place to live. Tel 01296 428507 Email mjarvis@westonturville-pc.gov.uk



Cllr Mandi Simons - I have lived in the village along Brook End since 1984. I retired in 2010 and then made a conscious decision to get immersed in village life. My community activities started in 2010 when I was asked to start a local branch of the U3A. My participation in this led me to become Vice Chair of the village hall and soon afterwards Chair when the previous chairman retired. This role led to joining the Parish Council and I became involved in the writing of the parish magazine, organising the village fete and undertaking the refurbishment of the village hall, as well as bulb planting! My main interest is in ensuring that this lovely place in which we live will give pleasure and enjoyment to future residents and not become a dormitory settlement of Aylesbury. Tel: 01296 613958 Email msimons@westonturville-pc.gov.uk



Cllr Quentin Morgan - I have lived in Weston Turville for coming up for 20 years. The main reason for joining the parish council was to have a say in how the village is developed and also to be involved in ensuring our village is safe for children and families. Tel 07584 092634 Email qmorgan@westonturville-pc.gov.uk



Cllr Helen Backus - Born an Aylesbury Duck, I joined the RAF at 17, serving for a number of years as a Medic. After taking a break to raise my family, I now work with children and young people with disabilities, a job that I find incredibly rewarding.



I have always taken a keen interest in community matters and enjoy being part of the Weston Turville family. In my spare time I enjoy looking after my chickens, gardening, reading and walking my beautiful therapy dog Bella.

Tel: 01296 615504 Email hbackus@westonturville-pc.gov.uk

Cllr David Hillier - I have been a member of Weston Turville Parish Council, for almost seven years now where I currently hold the position of Chair of the Planning Committee. In addition to this I represent the Council on both the Arla Dairies, and the RAF Disposal liaison forums. I have known Weston Turville village for some seven decades now, where I take a very keen interest in its local history being a member of its Society from the beginning. I have recently become a member of the village U3A which I find very interesting with some 44 interest groups. I have a lifelong interest in the Built and Natural Environment. Tel : (01296 625833



Email dhillier@westonturville-pc.gov.uk

Cllr Cathy Terry - I have lived in Weston Turville since 1982. My son went to the village school and then John Colet. I have served on the Parish Council for 10 years and I particularly enjoy the bulb and tree planting that we undertake during the autumn. I currently work full time, but am looking forward to my approaching retirement next year. Tel 01296 613998
Email cterry@westonturville-pc.gov.uk



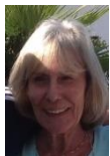
Cllr Jim Paterson - My family moved to Weston Turville in February 1984. I was a Traffic Officer and Accident Investigator examining the vehicles in the collisions. I am from Morayshire, and joined Bucks Constabulary in 1959, retiring in October 2001.

In early 2009 I was "volunteered" to chair the Community Led Plan Steering Group that resulted in the publication of the Parish Plan. In 2014 I was co-opted as a Parish Councillor. I have responsibilities for speeding matters, roads and foot paths. My aim is to have the "Stoke Mandeville" sign near Hampden Hall replaced with one reading "Weston Turville". Tel: (01296 – 612352) Email jpaterson@westonturville-pc.gov.uk



Cllr Michael Conolly – I consider myself very privileged to serve the parish of Weston Turville as a councillor. I am sure that my fellow councillors have political preferences as I do, but this has never prevented the council from making sensible decisions for the good of the parish. What I enjoy is that we are pragmatic rather than ideological. As Alan Bennett once said – the trouble with ideology is that it gets in the way of thought. Tel 01296 613099 Email mconolly@westonturville-pc.gov.uk

Cllr Valerie Trowell - I have lived in the parish for many years, albeit not in the village, but on the Wendover Road. I am fairly new to the council, having been co-opted to the Council after raising some concerns specific to the Wendover Road. I am a retired teacher and prior to retiring taught in a secondary school in Aylesbury. My main interests are sport ,especially tennis, and music. I had been rather sceptical regarding local government, however since joining WTPC and gaining first hand experience of the knowledge and dedication of the councillors, my unfair negativity has become one of positivity. Tel 01296 613235 Email vtrowell@westonturville-pc.gov.uk



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Summer Holiday and the Church

I hope you all have a good summer whether you get away or stay at home. Holidays are important (and I would say essential) if we are to remain healthy and sane! In years past the people of Weston Turville did not have as many holidays as we enjoy today. The only holidays people had were the holy-days (Christmas, Good Friday, Easter Day, Ascension Day and the odd Saints Day). The holy day(s) became the holiday(s).



Perhaps, therefore, we could think of our summer holidays as holy days; a time of recreation (that is re-creation) when we can realise we are all God's people, whether or not we think of ourselves in that way. God knows who we are and he wants us to be who we really are meant to be in his eyes, a person loved by God.

Your parish church can be found at the top of Church Walk (HP22 5SH) and if you have not been there yet, please do come and find it. Below are a number of special events in the church and the regular services can be found on our website, www.stmaryswt.org, and in the Horizons magazine (subscriptions available from Liz Arnold, 01296 613639)

Please do join us on a Sunday and at other times for teas, concerts and anything else listed below.

Some are reluctant to come to church because they feel unworthy (we all are) but we are all loved by God. Some fear making a fool of themselves because they do not know the way the service will go and when to do what; please do not worry: if you like, just be here a few times and let the worship and the Spirit of God just flow through you so as to re-create you. Remember that praying is simply taking time to let God look at you and you look at God.

If you do not believe there is a God you will still be welcome in the church. I think unbelief is a good starting point! Most of us have an idea of what God would be like (even if you think there cannot be one). Our ideas can easily be a projection as to who we might like God to be or the God we might fear. You might find that what you reject could be a 'false god' so at least have the courtesy to reject the right One, or if God is just not in your experience then perhaps we could introduce you to each other? No, we do not convert people; that is between God and you, but we can introduce you.

The Bible is always a good place to find out more and I suggest you start by reading the Gospel according to St. Mark, in the New Testament (i.e. the second part of the Bible). It is the shortest account of the life and teaching of Jesus.

With all due respect to our forebears, do not read it in the Authorised Version (King James) but try a more modern translation.

If you'd like to explore further please contact one of the clergy (our phone numbers are below) or via the church website.

I do hope you have a good summer and that in various ways it is a holy day(s) with sunshine, laughter, exploration and love.

Fr. David.

Clergy

Fr. David Wales: 01296 613212

The Rev'd. Susan Fellows: 01296 424982

Some highlights:-

Sunday 25 August. Cream Tea from 3:00pm. to 5:00pm.

Monday 26 August. Cream Tea from 3:00pm. to 5:00pm

Sunday 8th September Patronal Festival

8:00 am. Holy Communion

10:00 am. Parish Eucharist



Sunday 22nd September - Choral Evensong 6pm

Sunday 29 September - Cream Tea 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Sunday 6th October Harvest Festival

Saturday 23rd November - Dixieland Swing Kings concert 7.30pm in church, trad. jazz 1960's style. Tickets £10 at the door, including refreshments and a glass of wine, U18's free. Enquiries 424982

Sunday 1 December. Festive Cream Tea from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

Saturday 7th December - Grand Christmas and Craft Fayre - 11am to 4pm at the Village Hall. To book a table please phone 424982

Throughout summer we hope people will contribute to our SWIFT Project (see the SWIFT Report) to build an accessible room next to the church for church and community use. See www.swift-wt.co.uk .

St Mary's Weston Turville Improving Facilities Team, SWIFT

SWIFT was formed in 2011 to look into ways of improving accessibility to and within the Church for those with any sort of disability. The project includes the provision of a small meeting room, attached to the church, available for use by small groups (up to about 30 seated) from the village community, complete with wheelchair-accessible toilet and baby-changing facilities. The church will thus be better able to cater for children, the elderly and less able members of the community, both for services and for social or educational events.

We are preparing a list of clubs or other local groups who may be interested in using these new facilities, once completed and look forward to hearing from you if this may apply. It will also be available for children's parties, etc. Please let us know what facilities you would wish for so that we can fine-tune the detailed plans and facilities for best effect.

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To donate, please send cheques "PCC Weston Turville, SWIFT" to the Rector, Revd David Wales, The Rectory, Church Walk, Weston Turville HP22 5SH or to Roger Fellows (Treasurer) at 65 Craigwell Avenue, Aylesbury, HP21 7AG

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SWIFT website: www.swift.co.uk

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Contact for all of the above: Roger Fellows 01296 424982 or roger@rwfellows.co.uk

Weston Turville WI

Weston Turville has its very own W.I. which meets on the second Thursday of every month at the Village Hall at 7:30pm.



Please contact Denise, the President of this new branch, on 07478 896371 or Mary, the Secretary, on 07584 195327 for more information and an informal chat.



Our membership has now grown to 16 plus 6 prospective new members. Our first money raising event was at the village fete where our Tombola stall was supported by many local pubs, shops and businesses. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those that donated to our cause. We are now able to build an interesting program of speakers for the following months and into the new year.

August is our summer event and we are holding a garden party at our secretary's home. New members are welcome at the cost of £3:50. Please ring Denise 01296 614814 if you are thinking of coming.

September's meeting: an introduction to the thermo-mix cooking system.

October's meeting: Daphne Preece on Foot and Stitches

November's meeting : Cardboard crafts.

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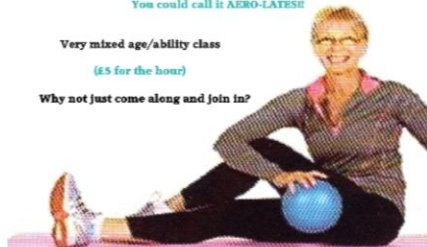
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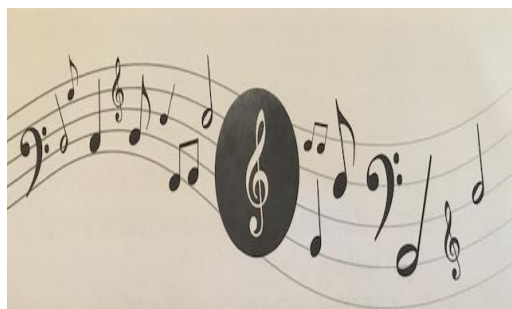
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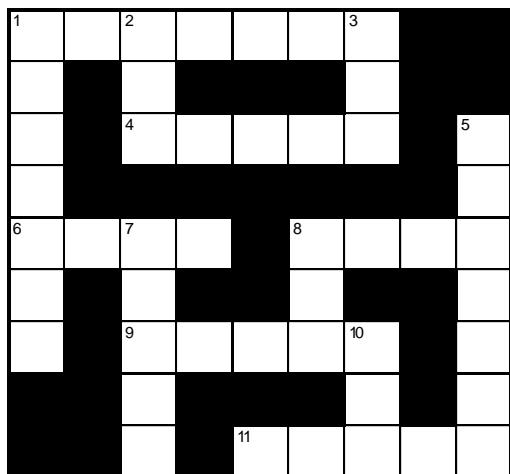
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3 Village resident Richard Lapthorne has been one since 2010

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JOHN COLET SCHOOL

As part of an occasional set of articles about local schools and colleges we met with Patrick Harty, the headteacher of John Colet School in Wendover – the secondary school of a number of families in the village.

Mr. Harty has been in education for 32 years, starting as a physics teacher. John Colet is his 9th school and 4th headship, his previous post being at The Hemel Hempstead School. He has a very clear educational philosophy and this runs through every aspect of school life at John Colet.



“At John Colet School we want students to progress both academically and in terms of their character. They can achieve the first of these goals with the support of staff, by having a positive attitude to learning in the classroom and sing determination and effort to succeed in everything they undertake. A student's character is formed first and foremost at home under the guidance and example of parents and carers. In school a wide range of extracurricular opportunities in which students can participate and lead will

ensure that the young people in our care leave as well-developed individuals of good character who are confident and capable to contribute to society. This is a good school that is striving to become better.”

We discussed the changes in education and schools over the last twenty years or so. “The essentials have remained largely unchanged, the essential transmission of positive values and the importance of social integration. However, it is technology that has changed; its contribution to and the distraction from education is one of our biggest challenges.”

Mr. Harty accepts the special challenges of the selective system in Bucks – “It is what it is,” he reflects “but one of the aspects of our development here I am most proud of is that we have more 1st choices made for us, than we have places. That tells me what I want to know about how we are doing.”

As our time came to an end, a young teacher was waiting to accompany Mr. Harty to a lesson – to check on the teaching and learning. “Every day, every single day, out and about in the school – it’s the key part of my job” he remarked as we parted.

As I left, handed in the pass and headed for the exit, a young pupil held open the door and cheerfully said “Goodbye Sir, thank you for visiting us.” That told me what I wanted to know about how Mr. Harty and his team are doing.

Celebrating 25 years of Fergie's Fitness at the Village hall

We are constantly being bombarded about how important exercise is for us with headlines such as 'How Staying Active at all Ages Leads to a Longer Life, and how 'Muscle Power is the Key to Living a Healthier Life'!! I for one absolutely agree with these statements - at the grand old age of 76, I have been running Exercise to Music Classes for the past 40 years.



Having originally trained with the YMCA in London in 1984, and a few years later with the Keep Fit Association and the Pilates Studio in London, I am grateful that I have helped my class members to keep fit in a safe and enjoyable way.

For the past 25 years (next year) I have been hiring Weston Turville Village Hall on Tuesday evenings for my Exercise to Music Classes. Many of my class members

have been with me since the first evening. I have only had to cancel one class in all that time - my daughter was in hospital having her baby and I thought I should be around!

The classes incorporate aerobic, strength, endurance and flexibility sections - simple and effective exercise to music - it's fun and as challenging as class participants want it to be. After 25 years I thought it might be a good idea if we ran a Charity Event at the Hall - perhaps for the September Term 2020.

This year will also be 25 years of hiring Bedgrove Pavilion for my classes, and, with the help of the Rotary Club here in Aylesbury, we are running a Silent Disco for the British Heart Foundation Charity on Saturday 12th October

Stay fit!

Sarah Ferguson

Wendover Evening WI meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month at St Ann's Hall, Aylesbury Rd, Wendover, 7.30pm

Programme for Autumn 2019

*10th September - **Tales from the Auction Room.** Steven Bruce.

*8 Oct – **Food poverty and Food banks** Trussell Trust

*23 Oct – Beechwood Group meeting (St Leonards Parish hall)

*12 Nov AGM

*16 Aug – Autumn Fair 10-12, (Wendover Library)

10 Dec – Tales from the Opera, Patricia Purcell

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Crossword Answers

Across

1 Chandos, 4 Manor, 6 Blue, 8 Bell, 9 Green, 11 Rugby

Down

1 Calibre, 2 Arm, 3 Sir, 5 Holiday, 7 Urged, 8 Bye, 10 Nag

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Transport for Bucks	01296 395000 opt 2
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