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Message from the Editor

All those people born after the 6 February 1952 are officially Elizabethans. We have never lived under another Monarch and probably haven't experienced such strange times as we have now!

Most of us have survived the Covid virus even though some are experiencing long term effects and we are now witnessing a war in Europe and the subsequent repercussions of shortages or price increases in essential services and food.

I cannot promise you a way out of your troubles and woes but there is some information in this edition which may be helpful to you and of course you can always put aside your worries for an afternoon and celebrate at the free Weston Turville Platinum Jubilee celebrations! See inside for details.

Editor

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LET'S CELEBRATE!



Anyone who has not been secreted away on a desert island for the past year must be aware of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations being held on an extended Bank Holiday weekend from 2nd to the 5th June. There is an awful lot of things going on in our area and nationally to mark the occasion of Queen Elizabeth's 70 years on the throne, but it seems that Saturday afternoon is when the community events take place. Even if you are not a monarchist, you have to admit that after the past two years we need a good excuse for a party and a get together with friends and family.

Weston Turville Parish Council cordially invite you to join us on Saturday 4th June at 1pm for a Party in the Park! Bring your own chairs and blankets to sit on. Free parking on playing fields.

The afternoon will include the decision on the renaming of the new park in honour of the Platinum Jubilee and HM achievements. The football pitches at the far end of the park will still be known as the Memorial Playing Fields but the area where the new facilities are, will hopefully get a catchier title than 'The Play Area Behind the Weston Turville Village Hall' which is how it is currently known!

The entertainment comprises the very popular free dog show for all our dog 'crufts' and 'scruffs', with rosettes for each group placing and Best In Show. Royal corgis also welcome. Start practising your biscuit throwing and dog tricks now!

We will be having a skateboard and BMX display from some professional riders to inspire us and show us how it should be done. There will be some coaching as well so bring your boards and bikes!



With the success of the monthly Street Food event, we thought that you may like the opportunity to indulge yourself with three of the vendors that have attended the monthly event as well as Stewart from The Chandos doing the beers and BBQ. We also have an ice creams vendor and tea and homemade cakes baked by those well-known ladies who do the church teas! There will be live music in the village hall to accompany your afternoon tea. I have been informed that there will be vegetarian and vegan options available from the vendors.

There is a tug of war competition with several teams entering and a new trophy shield for the winning team, engraved with your team name for eternity.

The new petanque court will be open for use and our local Weston Turville U3a will be doing lessons or challenges for the afternoon; if you are not in the know; it is like bowls, but you throw the ball not roll it. It is easier to say than do!

There will be a few stands there of things that you may find interesting and some summer bedding plants for sale. The church will be selling pre-read books, and you can collect your free hedgehog door (See article in magazine). There will be rides for the little ones and a bouncy castle and a soft play area!



In case that is not enough we can wear out your offspring with our popular traditional children's games. Some parental or guardianship participation may be expected so come prepared for the egg and spoon races, the 3-legged races with handicaps, various obstacle races and sack races. There is no age or size limitation and the judges'

decisions on appropriate handicaps to make the races fair, and who wins, is non-negotiable!

Come and join us for the afternoon. It is free. It is fun for all ages. You will not live through another royal platinum jubilee celebration!

Mandi Simons



The WI is the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK. It plays a unique role in supporting and enabling women of all ages to meet in the local area, develop new skills and share ideas. There is also the opportunity to discuss issues that matter both on a national and local level. How much you get involved is entirely up to each person.

The Weston Turville WI branch was formed in March 2019 and welcomes women of all ages and backgrounds to our friendly local group. For further information, please contact our President, Denise or Carolyn our Secretary via our email: westonturvillewi@gmail.com

HELP IS OUT THERE!

Living in Weston Turville, it sometimes feels as if we can escape the problems that others are experiencing with food and energy poverty. I mean, we are a relatively prosperous neighbourhood with million-pound housing stock with no obvious signs of deprivation. But is it so? Is not the sort of food or energy poverty that people are suffering now, hidden behind closed doors like domestic violence? We don't want to admit to suffering from it or want to acknowledge it if it is in our road.

The war in Ukraine, the repercussions of Brexit, the recovery from COVID, are all playing a part in our current situation and our expenses are increasing with the rising cost of living; whilst most people's incomes are falling year on year.

For those who follow the Everything Weston Turville or Parish Council Facebook pages, you will know that we have a couple of collection points in the village for our local foodbank in Aylesbury. One is in School Lane and the other in Church Lane near the Chequers Pub. The following figures are from the foodbank website which covers this area:

OVER 7,587 three-day emergency food supplies given to people in crisis in and around Aylesbury since opening in April 2016.

OVER 17,997 people have been fed by Aylesbury Foodbank.

OVER 161,973 meals have been provided by Aylesbury Foodbank.

Whilst we could debate all day the rights and wrongs of people going hungry in a first world country, we need to do something about it whilst better people than I, try to resolve the situation.

There is help available. Bucks Council list different organisations that can help with food, money, etc and give vouchers to help during school holidays (www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/housing-and-benefits/support-with-food-bills-and-finances or ring 01296 531 151). The foodbank is located in Rabans Close off Rabans Lane and you can access via the number above. Sometimes you only need a one-off bit of assistance to tide you over until payday or to help with a special occasion. In that case consider our local parish charity The Widow Turpin's Trust. Details on the next page.

If you are fortunate enough not to need help please consider helping others by donating to the foodbank and if you need help.....make contact and ask! It is there for you.

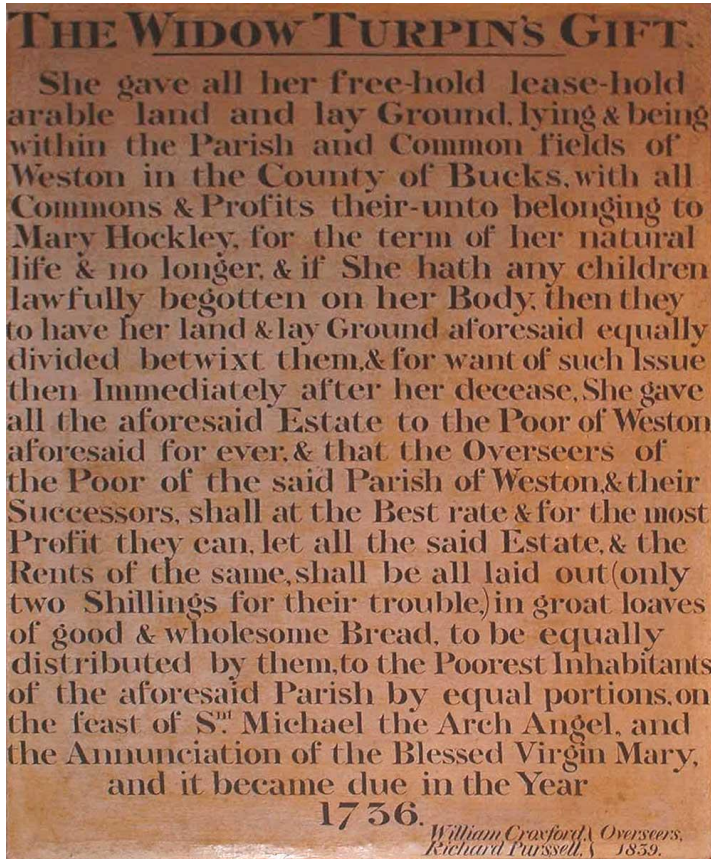
Mandi Simons

Widow Turpin Charity

There is a very large wooden plaque on the wall in Weston Turville church. It sits there largely unnoticed, in spite of its size, but in fact is probably the oldest documentary record of The Widow Turpin's Charity, Weston Turville.

From the photo of it here you can see how a certain Mrs Turpin left her land to the Parish to buy bread for those in need, and indeed for many years this was exactly what was followed by the Overseers (Trustees) of the Charity. However, some years ago this formula was found to be outdated, so instead of loaves of bread being handed out, vouchers to buy groceries were given instead. And so it continues to this day.

This tiny local charity has somehow survived, in spite of so many others either disappearing into thin air, or being swallowed up by larger charities. The total annual income is very modest, but at least is not lost in administration or other outside expenses; there has only been one single non-charitable expense in the past 16 years. The biggest problem the Charity has faced in recent times is trying to identify individuals



or families in the Parish who might benefit from the small help it can offer. With the current economic pressures there may be more people who face hardship, even in a Parish such as ours. So, if you think you know of somebody who would be glad of a little help, please approach me, or speak to the Parish Council or the church, who will be happy to pass the message on. My thanks to all who continue to keep this interesting little charity going.

Hugh Chamberlin (Trustee)
Tel: 01296 613234

Midnight Walk returns for one last night

Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity's annual Midnight Walk returns to Aylesbury for the final time after a two year hiatus on Saturday 16th July.

Since it began in 2010, the Midnight Walk has seen hundreds of men and women come together and take to the streets of Aylesbury, walking over 50,000 miles and raising over £650,000 for the charity over the years. But this will be the last opportunity to take part in the event.

The charity is hoping its local community will support their Farewell Midnight Walk, with walkers joining them to remember loved ones and support their local hospice as they walk the final miles for one last time.

Walkers can choose from 5 mile or 10 mile circular routes – both starting from Aylesbury College at midnight on Saturday 16th July, with refreshments at pit stops along the way. Each walker will also receive a commemorative Farewell Midnight Walk 2022 T-shirt, as well as a Finisher's medal and complimentary breakfast at the end of the walk.

For more information and to sign up, please visit

www.fnhospice.org.uk/midnightwalk or call 01296 429975



Lindengate – Better Health & Wellbeing for All, Through Nature



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Now the clocks have gone forward, there is an air of anticipation for longer & warmer days. Our resident ducks are back and sampling our new ponds, one within the Heritage Orchard and another 3 in our 1.5 acre Nature Reserve, where we also have a thriving community of Bees and are hoping for our first pots of honey later this year.

We are delighted to be able to continue to welcome visitors to Lindengate, with new extended Summer opening times, enabling everyone the opportunity to enjoy our unique 6 acre gardens. Wander at your own pace through the gardens, marvelling at all the new sights and sounds that have been created over the past few months, including our Yurt Garden, Forest Walk & Heritage Orchard.

We have wifi across our site, so why not bring your laptop and a flask of coffee and work in calm and creative surroundings , by yourself, or bring a group for a team meeting.

Come and enjoy our gardens with friends and family – bring a picnic & sit amongst the wildlife – children can take part in a nature trail around the site, where we have plenty of new areas to explore. Please check our website before visiting.

From 19th April – Summer opening times (please note last entry 30 minutes before closing)

Wednesdays 4.30pm – 7.30pm

Saturdays 1.30pm – 4.30pm

For more information on our programmes, events, volunteer opportunities & opening times, go to: www.lindengate.org.uk



Get fit, be healthy, play Tennis....at Aston Park Tennis Club

You may not know that, compared to other sports, tennis players have the lowest incidence of cardiovascular disease according to a 40 year study by John Hopkins University. Playing tennis has been proven to have many health benefits including:

- Improved fitness
- Weight loss (a 2 hour singles game burns 600-1300 calories)*
- Healthy heart
- Reduces high blood pressure
- Improves stamina, agility & coordination
- Reduces stress

Playing 3 hours tennis a week will reduce your risk of Heart Disease by 56% according to a 2016 study by Harvard University.

So if you want to get fit and stay healthy you should think about joining a tennis club. It doesn't matter if you have never played or haven't played for years you will be able to find players of similar ability by joining a club. Playing Tennis is very sociable and is great fun and at Aston Park Tennis Club you can be sure of a warm & friendly welcome. We are always looking for new members of all abilities and ages to join our rapidly growing club <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/AstonParkLTC>.

Aston Park Tennis Club runs club nights every Wednesday evening and Sunday morning where all members are welcome to come along and play. We also offer competitive tennis and run several teams competing in league matches at various standards during the summer and winter seasons. Our courts are fully floodlit to accommodate evening play and winter games so members can fit tennis in around their everyday life.

Adult membership is £140 per year and Family membership (2 adults plus children) £300 so for more information contact Membership: membership@astonparktennis.co.uk

To celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee Aston Park Tennis Club are running a free open day weekend at our courts in Aston Clinton Park. Everyone welcome to come along and give tennis a try, see our website for details. The ball is in your court !

*Source: American Dietetic Association

There are also tennis courts in Weston Turville in the recreation ground behind the village hall. The courts are free for anyone to use on a first come first served basis.



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Weston Turville Village Hall Annual Report 2021-2022

It has been an almost normal year for the village hall since the last lock down was lifted, with regular hirers starting to return in April 2021 and children's parties permitted again from the summer onwards.

BOOKINGS: We have several new regular hirers which have assisted in filling the letting void left by the closure of the children's preschool Topsy Turvey pre lockdown and are slowly filling all the available booking slots. We now have a total of 14 regular hirers throughout the week. Weekends are still kept available for local parties and activities.

We started working with 'Street Food' in September 2021: initially organising it as a 'one off' with a few vendors, so we could gauge the response from the community. The turnout on the first night exceeded our expectations with an estimated 400 + buying food from the available vendors. Another event was organised for October, and we listened to the feedback received so increased the number of vendors, included food suitable for younger palates and added more seating, some indoors and put on live music to entertain. Again the event proved popular and a similar number of people attended. We were not scheduled to hold an event in November due to a high possibility of inclement weather, but we had so many requests to hold another one and to make it 'Christmassy' that we organised a Christmas Street Food and found volunteers to lead community carol singing in the hall; which we opened up and decorated appropriately for the occasion. Our next event was in March of 2022 and again the hall was opened up, live music supplied, and different vendors sold food. At the time of writing, we have not been given numbers of persons buying food but indications on the night suggest it may have been the best attendance so far. The hall is booked for the 3rd Friday of each month for the rest of the year (excluding Good Friday in April and December!). The hall receives a % of any profits made to cover electric etc and because it cannot be hired out whilst an event is being held.

FINANCES: Our lettings for 2021-22 have given us an income of £16,741 and we were fortunate to get a further government grant to assist during lockdown which amounted to £8000. We had a total of £1075 given to the hall as donations with the majority of the money coming from the monthly 'Street Food' events. With the money from the Parish Council for services at £1947.81 our

total income for the year was £27,788.81. Our annual expenses were £17,145.14p (figures subject to audit).

MAINTENANCE: We have had the solar panels installed in April which will reduce the daily running costs and is part of our ongoing commitment to reduce our carbon footprint. We made use of lockdown by refreshing the paint work and undertaking deep cleaning whilst the hall could not be hired.

Clr Mandi Simons, Chair Village Hall Committee

Would you like to help keep Weston Turville tidy?



Weston Turville Parish Council have some litter pickers, hoops and refuse bags which residents can borrow at any time. Contact the Parish Clerk on 01296 612838 or clerk@westonturville-pc.gov.uk

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Regular weekday slots currently available.

Coronation Chicken Pie

Ingredients

6 x boneless, skinless chicken thighs
1 tsp turmeric
Large chunk of ginger – peel and finely grate
1 tsp cumin seeds
3tbsp korma curry paste
400ml can coconut milk
400g spinach
60g dried mango – chop into chunks
50g raisins
500g block puff pastry
PI flour for dusting
1 egg – beaten
Mixture of black onion seeds / flaked almonds / cumin seeds for sprinkling
Small bunch of coriander – chopped

Dressing

100g Greek yoghurt
1 tsp mild curry powder
½ lemon – juiced

- Mix chicken, turmeric, ginger, cumin seeds, korma paste and a pinch of salt. Marinate for a few hours or overnight.
- Tip chicken into a medium saucepan and pour over the coconut milk, stir, and bring to a simmer and cook for 40 minutes over a low heat until very tender. Leave to cool.
- Tip the spinach into a colander and pour over a kettleful of boiled water to wilt. Cool and squeeze out as much water as you can and roughly chop. Shred the chicken into the sauce then stir through the spinach, mango, raisins and coriander [this can be done a day ahead].
- Half the pastry making sure one half is slightly larger. Roll the smaller half into a 25 cm circle then put on a baking tray. Pile the filling into the middle, leaving a border. Roll out the remaining pastry to a 30cm circle and drape over filling, pressing, or crimping the edge to seal. Chill for 20 minutes.

Heat the oven to 200°C / 180C fan / Gas 6.

Score a criss-cross pattern over the pie and brush with some of the egg. Bake for 20 minutes then brush over with the remaining egg and sprinkle over the seeds and flaked almond mix and some sea salt. Bake for another 20 minutes until the pie is deep golden and the almonds are toasted.

Leave the pie to cool and combine the dressing ingredients. Serve in wedges with the dressing and some mango chutney if you like.

Can be eaten hot or cold.

Coronation chicken was served at the Queen's coronation; however it is based on a dish served at George V's Silver Jubilee that mixed chicken with mayonnaise and curry!

Very Very Rich chocolate mousse

170g dark chocolate

275 ml single cream

1 egg

½ tsp vanilla essence

Pinch of salt

Break chocolate into small pieces. Heat cream until just bubbling then pour onto the chocolate and blend until smooth. Add the egg, vanilla essence and salt and whizz until smooth. Put in tiny cups – it's very very rich. Can be made the night before – keep in fridge.

If you find it's too rich, use a mixture of dark and milk chocolate – 70 dark / 30 milk.

Another way to lessen the dark chocolate impact is to mix a little honey + water, make some holes in the mousse and drizzle the honey mixture over. Pop a couple of raspberries or strawberries on top, drizzle the honey mixture over and then shake a light dusting of icing sugar.

Thank you to Sian Lorrimer for sharing these recipes.

Chairman's Report

Our Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for me to update our residents on what your Parish Council has achieved over the last 12 months and what we have planned for the coming year.

We currently have a full complement of councillors who have worked throughout Covid and I would like to thank them for their diligent work to ensure that we provide a service to our whole parish.

The key concerns of our residents include Speeding and new housing developments. We work with developers where appropriate and support residents where they have issues over planning. In particular we have represented our parish on the strategic planning meetings where several new developments on Aston Clinton Road have been heard. Although these have been approved, we are working with developers to mitigate residents' concerns including plans for traffic calming and new recreation facilities through section 106 agreements. The most disappointing outcome was where Bucks Council took all of the Section 106 funds from the Hampden Fields development to be spent on the Theatre and Aqua Vale instead of recreation within our Parish. As a council we have now secured an agreement to review this and are putting together a costed plan for facilities within the parish.

BBOWT will be carrying out a survey on the Glebe field in the coming months and the results of this will be communicated to the whole parish.

The Council would like to thank Susie and her team of volunteers who have been planting wild flowers around the parish and ensuring they look amazing for all the residents to enjoy.

The playing fields have had a major investment over the last 12 months with new facilities including the Multi Use Games Area, Skate Park, a pathway around both fields and a revamped play area with our new Petanque court next to be installed.

Other plans for 2022-23 include:

- Redesign layout of village hall car park and repaint white lines
- Electric vehicle charging points in the village hall car park
- Replace old, worn out benches
- Wildflower area in the playing field
- 3 yearly inspection of trees on the Parish Council's land

- Village sign is expected to be completed later this year and will be installed in Worlds End Lane, on the island near the war memorial

The Parish Council will also be working with CAWT (Climate Action Weston Turville). It has started looking at ways to reduce the carbon footprint of the hall and other ways. This includes solar panels on the village hall roof, investigating insulation for the hall roof, EV charging points, planting to improve biodiversity in the parish, promoting other initiatives such as the Repair Café and grants available from Bucks Council to residents.

Finally I would like to thank our Clerk and my fellow councillors for their hard work over the last 12 months, working on many projects and helping to make our Parish a better place.

Cllr Martin Jarvis, Chair Weston Turville Parish Council

Improvements to Recreation Ground

At the end of April work started on the new petanque court at the recreation ground, by the time this magazine is distributed it will be completed and open for use. We hope everyone enjoys the new facility, petanque is suitable for all ages and fitness levels. At the Picnic in the Park taking place on 4th June, members of the U3A Petanque team will be providing instruction to newcomers to the sport, everyone is welcome to have a go!



The wildflower area is starting to take shape, seeds have been scattered and we wait to see the results of the hard work that has taken place.

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. 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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Did you know you have Hedgehogs on your street?

Thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet. Hedgehogs need all of the help we can give them!

Did you know that rough estimates put the current Hedgehog population in England, Wales and Scotland at less than one million, compared with a staggering 30 million in the 1950s!?

Hedgehogs have been spotted nearby and the fact that they can travel up to 2 miles a night means that YOU have Hedgehogs near you!

Some of the reasons for Hedgehog decline in the UK:

HEDGEHOG DECLINE... can you help?



- Loss of Hedgerows and field margins.
- Loss of habitat in Urbans areas due to housing developments, car parks etc.
- New roads, fences and walls carve up suitable habitat and sometimes isolate populations which in turn prevents breeding.
- Lack of wild areas means a lack of bugs and beetles resulting in a lack of suitable food sources for the Hedgehogs. This is often a result of 'over-tidy' gardens.
- With more cars on the roads than ever before, roadkill is a big problem.
- Use of pesticides and slug pellets can poison Hedgehogs and also kill the bugs that Hedgehogs eat.

What can you do to help? PTO!

Hedgehogs R Us

Purchase this leaflet along with many other items to help with hedgehog conservation at:

www.hedgehogsrus.co.uk



1. Link your garden - Hedgehogs roam between 1-2km each night during their active season. It's therefore critical that they can access a wide range of gardens. 13 x 13cm (5 x 5") holes in walls or fences will let hedgehogs through but be too small for most pets.

Why not create a feature of your highway with a Hedgehogs R Us Highway?



2. Make Ponds / Holes / Drains safe - Hedgehogs are adept swimmers and climbers, but they can't climb out of steep-sided ponds, pools or deep holes. Use a pile of stones, a piece of wood wrapped in chicken wire to create a simple ramp to prevent drowning in ponds. Cover up drains and holes to prevent hogs getting trapped and dying of starvation.

3. Create a Wild Corner - Let the plants go mad in a corner of your garden, and don't cut them back in winter and hedgehogs might nest here. They'll also benefit from the abundant insects. Try adding log piles, a compost heap and bug hotels!

Why not buy some seedballs from Hedgehogs R Us to help?

4. Deal with Netting and Litter - Hedgehogs are prone to getting tangled. Polystyrene cups, plastic, and elastic bands are all common offenders. Replace netting with a rigid structure or use a thick cordage and keep taut. Sports and garden netting should be tied up or stored inside when not in use.



5. Put out Food and Water - Hedgehogs really benefit from extra food, using it as a supplement to their natural diet. Meaty cat or dog food, hedgehog food and kitten biscuits are all suitable. (Avoid foods such as mealworms & peanuts). Water can also be scarce at certain times of the year and is the only thing you should give them to drink. If you are worried about the local cats and rats getting to it, why not buy a Hedgehogs R Us feeding station?

6. Stop using Chemicals - Lawn treatments reduce worm populations. Pesticides, insecticides and slug pellets are toxic and reduce hedgehogs' creepy crawlly prey. They are all unnecessary in a healthy, well managed garden.

7. Check before Strimming - Check before you cut and avoid causing horrific injuries or death. Single hedgehogs are easily moved, but use gloves! Moving a hedgehog family is more complicated and ideally they should be left undisturbed – Call your local rescue centre or for advice.

8. Be Careful with Bonfires - Piles of debris are irresistible to a hedgehog looking for somewhere to hibernate or nest – build it on the day of burning or move the pile on the day of burning to avoid a tragic end.

9. Make a home for Hedgehogs – Houses available from Hedgehogs R Us.



10. Help hogs in need – Hedgehogs are nocturnal animals and should therefore only come out at night. If you see a Hedgehog out during the day, not moving, moving slowly, looking sick or injured then using gloves, put it in a high-sided box. Place a hot water bottle wrapped in a towel in with the hedgehog and cover with a blanket. Offer food and water and then seek help from a rescue centre. For a list of local rescue centres call BHPS on 01584 890801. If you see a Hedgehog in the daytime moving with purpose then leave it alone as it could be a busy Mum!



WESTON TURVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

For information and enquiries, contact:
secretary@WTHSoc.org.uk

We hope that all readers of the Weston Turville Times are safe and well and beginning to enjoy the freedoms from the Covid restrictions. The monthly meetings of the society this year have been very well attended and we have increased our membership considerably. We have tried to keep the topics offered varied and having excellent quality of speakers. The talk by Rachel Wood on the archaeological finds along the HS2 Route in March was particularly interesting. The presentation covered the significant finds at the old church in Stoke Mandeville. If you watch the “Digging for Britain” on the BBC Iplayer or on Youtube, you can see her talking about the Roman sculptures that made it into national news.

Attached is the list of meetings for the coming months up to and including November 2022. 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 committee have been working on updating 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 and also a member of BBOWT. We have included many new colour photographs and amended the text appropriately. This book is now available for purchase at £10 per copy (see separate item for more details).

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 2021/22

Date	Speaker	Title of Talk
June 24 th 2022	Judy Dewey	Wallingford Castle, Royal Stronghold of the Thames valley
September 30 th 2022	Glynn White	Scenes from Weston Turville 100 years apart
October 30 th 2022	Adrian Randall	Weston Turville Reservoir Tales
November 25 th 2022	Adam Smith	Two Victorian Country Houses in the Chilterns



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“Weston Turville Reservoir – Tessa Taylor”



In 1991, following more than a year of intensive research, Tessa Taylor self published “WESTON TURVILLE RESERVOIR - An Historical and Ecological Study”. In 2006, it was updated and a second edition published.

Following the death of Tessa in 2020, it was decided to honour her memory by printing a third edition, in A5 format, adding colour where possible and reflecting some of the changes that have occurred in the 16 years since the 2nd Edition. We also

strived to keep some of the hand drawn, kitchen table character of the original.

The book covers the geography and history of the reservoir’s inception to mitigate the loss of water to local mills caused by the construction of the Grand Junction Canal, through a period where it supplimented the water in the Wendover Arm flowing to the Canal Summit, and finally to it’s use for recreation and wildlife protection.



The profits raised by the sale of this publication are being shared by BBOWT and Weston Turville Historical Society as Tessa had instructed. Copies available at £10.00

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Cattle and Climate Change

It was a slow start to Spring this year. The cautious emergence of shoots and buds was tempered by frost and cool air from the north. Whichever way Spring chooses to arrive, whether slowly or in a warm rush, it always brings an optimistic mood to the farm. After a barren winter with no bounty to harvest or guarantee of income, and the seemingly endless damp, cold days stretching into the distance ahead, Spring breathes life into all that managed to hold on through the dark months.

The cattle on our farm go out to grass at around mid-April each year, although the timing varies depending on the weather. There needs to be enough grass growing in the fields to support their appetite, however the ground also needs to be firm so that they do not churn the pasture to a quagmire and damage any future grass growth.



The pastures on any farm are a carefully managed resource, and ours are no different. A grass field, contrary to popular belief, is not simply a place to let an energetic pooch loose. It is an important and vibrant ecology of many different plant species, supporting a wealth of bird, insect, fungal and bacterial life. To a farm, this biology is vital as the diversity brings resilience and health to the soil and all the life that the soil supports.

This country is good at growing grass. Our climate is temperate, which suits the growing conditions for the forage which makes up the natural diet of ruminant livestock such as sheep and cattle. Our native breeds of these animals are extremely well adapted to benefit most when they are left to graze in the fields, and farmers in the UK make use of these adaptations as much as they can. The cattle will graze the pastures for as long as the grass is growing throughout the summer, before they are housed again back on the farm over winter. Their diet will remain grass-based when they are inside- only now it is in the form of hay or silage.

Hay and silage are types of forage made from grass which has been harvested in the abundance of summer then preserved for the long dark months of winter when the fields are dormant and unproductive. Raising cattle this way is known as extensive and is directly opposed to the intensive beef industry of other continents who are not able to grow the grass that we can. Farmers in countries where grass is not plentiful have to artificially use unnatural diets of grains and pulses, often transported from elsewhere to feed their livestock.

The carbon footprint of beef production varies massively across the globe. Latin America and Asia produce significantly more greenhouse gas emissions per animal compared to herds in the UK. Feedlots in these continents contain vast numbers of cattle, and are responsible for gigantic areas of deforestation, soil erosion and pollution. By contrast, grass fields in the UK have an astonishing ability to store carbon, which in fact means British Beef can be good for the environment!

Transport has the biggest impact on global emissions today. The effect of reducing travel was plain to see during the pandemic lock-downs, when the air became clear and quiet, and nature was allowed a chance to recover. Minimising food-miles is key to reducing the travelled distance for which we are responsible, and it's easy to do: buy locally-produced, seasonal food.

As with all topics, there is nuance to the debate around the effect that the consumption of meat has on the environment, but it can be neatly summarised in the expression "It's the how, not the cow!"

If you'd like to know more about where your food comes from, where to buy locally, and the role that food production has in the environment, talk to your nearest farmer!



Tom Walton



Weston Turville U3A

One of the main benefits from U3A membership is the opportunity to join one of our many activity groups. Here in Weston Turville U3A we have some 40 groups which vary from bridge to book reading, petanque to patchwork and walking to wine appreciation.

We are always looking to start new activity groups and amongst those currently under consideration are cycling, sequence dancing and modern technology.

Details of everything we do can be found on our website: www.wtu3a.org.uk or by coming along to one of our monthly meetings (fourth Thursday afternoon of each month at Aylesbury Rugby Club) or by speaking to our Secretary on 01296 613217

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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.



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

June

- 4th Picnic in the Park – Platinum Jubilee celebration
- 7th Parish Council Policy and Resources Committee meeting, 7pm
- 9th Parish Council Planning Committee, 7pm
- 16th Parish Council meeting, 7pm
- 17th Street Food Event at the Village Hall, 6-9pm
- 19th Aylesbury Soapbox Derby
- 22nd Weston Turville Historical Society at the Village Hall 7.30pm

July

- 2nd WhizzFizzFest, Aylesbury
- 3rd Aylesbury on Sea, Vale Park, Aylesbury 11am – 4pm
- 14th Parish Council Planning Committee, 7pm
- 21st Parish Council meeting, 7pm
- 22nd Street Food Event at the Village Hall, 6-9pm

August

- 11th Play around the Parishes, 2-4pm, Recreation Ground
- 11th Parish Council Planning Committee, 7pm
- 19th Street Food Event at the Village Hall, 6-9pm
- 25th Play around the Parishes, 10am – 12noon, Recreation Ground
- 27th - 28th Parklife Weekend, Vale Park, Aylesbury. Free event

September

- 1st Bucks County Show, Weedon

Regular Events

- Second Saturday monthly – Repair Café at St Michael's Church, Aston Clinton 9am - 12noon
- Thursdays – Wendover Market
- Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays – Aylesbury Market
- Street Food events at the Village Hall, Weston Turville on the third Friday of each month.

St Mary's Weston Turville Improving Facilities Team, SWIFT

The Oak Room@ St Mary's

The new door and screen between the church and extension is now complete and should be painted by the time you read this. Our regular users are very pleased with the facilities and we have enquiries for one-off events. It is also proving to be a great benefit for church use.

We now have a meeting room which can accommodate at least 35 people seated, plus a committee table, for a meeting; 7 tables with chairs for a chess, bridge, etc event; 7 large tables for a sale or display; or a classroom set-up with 6 large tables and 30 chairs. A children's party or small reception is another option. We have two toilets, one accessible with baby-changing facility, and a tea-point where light refreshments can be served. The whole has level access from the car park. This is a great facility, not just for the church but for the benefit of the whole community. It is largely due to the support of the community that it has been achieved and in such difficult times.

If you are interested in the possibility of using the room please contact Clare Chamberlain on 07596 997339.

SWIFT will have a stall at the village Jubilee Fete on Saturday 4th June, where we will be selling a large selection of second-hand books and perhaps a few other items of interest. Please visit us there and help us to raise the final sums we need. There will also be a special service at the church on Sunday 5th June when the choir will sing music including anthems sung at the Coronation in 1953.

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.

For any other information about SWIFT or ways in which you can help or contribute please contact the clergy, or me, or Clare.

Roger Fellows, 01296 424982



All things bright and beautiful ..

Most of us will have sung or know the hymn, *All things bright and beautiful* written by Cecil F. Alexander, a celebration of God's creation. I am writing this in spring as the trees blossom and the daisies brighten up my lawn.

I hope for a good summer too but in England we have to put up with the weather whatever it throws at us.

So too in life; good days, bad ones, times of love and joy, periods of gloom and so the list could go on. Whatever we experience God is with us and for us, even if we do not feel so at the time or even over a long period of time.

When we first locked down at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic I saw lots of people and families walking around and many commented on the beautiful setting of the parish. Perhaps one of the things we might continue to do in the future is to stop and stare, appreciate, enjoy and thank God for the beauty of creation.

Whilst we enjoy our lives let us also remember those nearby and those far away who suffer and struggle through illness, hardship, war or famine. Please pray for all these people and support the various charities and organisation which seek to offer medicines, food and shelter, and any other kind of support.

Please pray and work for peace in our world, which is of course God's world.

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