# THE WESTON TURVILLE TIMES

## **AUTUMN 2020**



CELEBRATING 75<sup>™</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY DURING LOCKDOWN!

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#### Message from the Editor

There is not much I can say except these are strange times we live in!

We put out a shout on our local social media pages for volunteers to help deliver the spring edition of this magazine because so many of our regular deliverers were isolating and over 40 of you came forward to help. The magazines were delivered in record time and the positive feedback we received afterwards from residents made the additional effort worthwhile. The deliverers got the chance to interact with people they would not normally meet and had fun exploring and finding all the houses hidden away up alleyways. As lockdown eases please consider volunteering in the parish. As an electrician once told me "many hands make light work" (think about it...... boom boom!) A parish wide litter pick is planned to clear up all the litter that has reappeared as lockdown eased off. Come join us: details inside.

As the lockdown has eased for the majority, we enter a stage of flux whilst we adjust to the new world order. We don't know what is coming up but whatever the next 3 months brings: stay safe.

#### The Editor

Contributions to the magazine are welcomed subject to space and the Editor's decision on suitability. The copy deadline for the Winter issue is 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

We reserve the right to edit all articles.

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## **COVID 2020 Further ramblings:**

20 weeks and more have passed, and we are slowly coming out of lockdown. We have stopped clapping for NHS and Key workers on a Thursday evening and most of us cheered as the tractor and lorry convoys blasted away on their airhorns. Some of the 'shielders' have now been released from isolation; some home workers have gone back to being office workers; most things are re-opening but life is definitely not as we knew it! Pub gardens are open (at the time of writing) and we can now enjoy meals out again which is a bonus.



The roads are busy and the "be kind" factor seems to

have been replaced with frustration and general grumpiness; the summer holidays may be here but it feels as though it is in name only: the temperature doesn't feel like summer and the vacations are cancelled. If you are going out please consider continuing to support those local businesses who supported us throughout this pandemic.

The Village Virus Volunteers set up at the beginning of the pandemic, is still active and still



accessible if you need them. During the 20 weeks of lockdown they have delivered 169 prescriptions from the Rothschild Surgery in Tring: collected 28 prescriptions from assorted chemists and delivered them; collected 6 lots of shopping for residents and made numerous reassurance phone calls to worried residents. This is in addition to

allocated volunteers who help an individual on an ongoing basis. The way the community has got together to help and assist friends, neighbours and strangers during the lockdown has been amazing. I have had several reports of residents finding and helping neighbours they had never spoken to before. A lot of people discovered the joys of walking and exploring local countryside and we certainly have had an increase in wildlife and landscape photography posted on various social media. I for one, am appreciative of this, not only as record of our environment in 2020 but as a visual diary of "our" lockdown.

The easement of the lockdown has not brought good news to all and some have now lost their jobs as the impact of the recession takes hold. Some of you may not be aware that there is an old and active charity in the parish called Widow Turpin Trust. The history of it is on a plaque in the church. The trust has small sums of money to give to persons in need and can help with buying food etc. If you are in need or know someone who is, please ring the volunteer number and I will forward your details to the man who runs it. There are a lot of people who are putting on a good show pretending that all is right with the world but behind the doors they may be struggling with money issues caused by redundancy or

shortened hours, illness, death of a family member, or just being nervous about going out again because of their health issues. There is a person who can help; (no it's not me!) someone who can help you get the assistance you need from the right department. Again, if you need help or know of someone who may: call on the volunteer number and I will refer you on. Obviously, all calls are confidential.

On a happier note you will see we have included some of the photos taken on VE Day. All

the photos were posted on Facebook but thank you to all the photographers who made a visual record of the celebrations for posterity. I actually think the lockdown made this a more unique day even though the big celebrations were cancelled. It felt good socialising with friends and neighbours at the 'correct social distance' after being shut away and I wonder how many would have joined in if lockdown had not been there?



We have had the longest day and autumn now beckons, due to the strange weather, some of the trees are starting to turn before the tomatoes are ripened! Blackberries are out in the hedgerows; Aylesbury plums are visible in the fields and apples are ready for picking.

There are several places around the parish where free food is ready for picking. To keep it legal and to stop you getting arrested for theft: you can pick the fruit for your own use but not to dig the plant up, you also can not enter someone's property to pick their fruit without their consent. Behind the village hall there are several apple trees on the left-hand side. I have been reliably informed that the first couple of trees have the tastiest apples around. There are also apple trees by the shops and in Brook End. They are free to pick. At the far end of the fields near to the golf club you need to keep an eye out for the blackberries.

We have loads of elderberry bushes around here and if you search online for elderberry recipes you can make a syrup that is purported to be good for colds or make a nice warming soup full of essential vitamins. The flowers make good wine or presse; but I am reliably informed by a friend who makes the wine, that you have to get up at the crack of sparrows to pick the flowers when the dew is still showing on the flower heads! Look out for persons giving away surplus veg and apples in baskets on front gardens.

If anyone else knows of a good free food resource in the countryside I will compile a list so we can all make use of it!

Mandi Simons

# **Weston Turville Coronavirus Support**

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## **Digging Down**

I can't honestly say that I envy anyone's garden, as I spend too much time head down beavering away on my own corner patch. Lockdown has brought out the best in me, introducing a novelty amongst the flower beds.....calebrese. My husband absolutely hates broccoli, so with that in mind I had hoped to sneak this vegetable onto the dinner table under another guise. Unfortunately, it's been spotted already and I watched as the nostrils quivered then flared with distaste. Shame, as I shall now have to resort to plan B, a good rich broccoli and stilton soup.

However, my small contribution towards the family larder is negligible. It would take an allotment. I'm not sure whether I now have the time or the inclination. As lockdown has loosened slightly, our walks around the village have led to admiring gardens, renovation work, house sales and lets and some lovely dogs taking their owners out. One particular dawdle led us past a good friend's house, whom we hadn't seen for months. We knocked at the door and stood well back. Middle child answered, informing us that mum and dad were on the allotment.

I used to have a small plot years ago, but because of ill health was forced to give it up. It did give me some clue thankfully to the lay of the land; so with upper management following, we set off, chuckling to ourselves how surprised our friends would be to see us again.

I think I have grown a bit shabby over the last six months. I haven't been to a hairdresser since February. The bizarre image of an elderly wild woman, enthusiastically waving, must have been unnerving. However, after about two or three seconds of trying to fathom out that I was not there to sell clothes pegs, or lucky white heather, it dawned on her who I was. One of the great drawbacks of lockdown is not cuddling friends. It was really weird. We sort of walked around one another instead, very strange indeed.

Anyway, husband was found dibbling away and called, so the men were parked, while we two went round their plots. Pristine is the only way I can describe the experience. Everything was growing there from peppers to asparagus. We talked and caught up in the open air, feeling great that our meeting up was so beneficial. When we left, we came laden with spinach, rhubarb, runner beans and a mass of courgettes. Their wild flower area was a joy. I could have stayed for ages, and I was envious. Mr. C and I discussed this on the way home, deciding that really I had the best of both worlds. I was content, happy to get home to start on a very large batch of ratatouille.

Susan Conolly

## **Weston Turville Village Hall Update**

In line with government guidance, the village hall was closed on 20<sup>th</sup> March due to the coronavirus pandemic. During the closure, we took the opportunity to carry out some maintenance - the hall has been repainted throughout, the ladies and gents toilets have been completely refurbished and storage has been rearranged.

The hall reopened on 3<sup>rd</sup> August and we are able to take bookings again, although there are restrictions on the numbers that can be inside the hall at any time and the types of activities that are permitted. At the time of writing the maximum group size in the hall is 30 people and many activities such as birthday parties are still not permitted.

Some exercise classes have resumed, eg pilates, and dog training classes will start in September. Please see the website for information relating to regular classes/clubs.

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#### OPINIONS MAY DIFFER. EVIDENCE IS THE KEY.

Most readers will be aware of the District, now Bucks, Council's plans for a development ('Hampden Fields') of 3,000 houses filling the space between Weston Turville and Bedgrove. If you are not, go to the Bucks Council Aylesbury Vale Area planning website and search for 16/00424/AOP.

The proposal is currently (July 2020) still under discussion between council officers and the developers to seek agreement over the plans. The developers have made their own case at length and in detail. You may indeed feel sympathetic to some or all of the proposals. So why does the local Hampden Fields Action Group have a different opinion about these plans?

Well, it all comes down to scrutiny. Are the vision statements backed up by believable promises? Can the promises be delivered? Will delivery lead to the planned results? Are any risks being properly considered, or ignored? Put simply, have the developers and the council done their homework? We are of the opinion that they have not.

To demonstrate this, let's start with some recent history. The 'Hampden Fields' proposal was first put forward nearly 10 years ago. Our scrutiny led us to oppose it and this was accepted by the Planning Inspector and Secretary of State in 2015. They said that the plans would not lead to a desirable result, especially regarding traffic congestion.

The key word in all of this is 'evidence'. If the evidence in 2016 had showed that the resubmitted 'Hampden Fields' could be created without still having serious effects on traffic congestion and the local environment, our campaign would not have needed to continue. But the evidence does not show that. For example:

- Where is the evidence that building a link road and an additional 15,000 houses including 'Hampden Fields' will relieve congestion in the town and on radial routes?
- Recent data put forward in the South East Aylesbury Link Road application shows that fewer than 5% of journeys want to bypass Aylesbury. What is the point of building a link road around some of Aylesbury when 95% of journeys end up in the town anyway?
- The development of the town centre is welcome. But where is the evidence that upgraded town centre will not be choked and made unattractive by the extra traffic from all the new housing developments around Aylesbury?
- Thinking more widely and long-term, where is the evidence that Bucks Council considered
  a real, new Garden Town to the north of the county exploiting opportunities offered by
  East West Rail and the Oxford Cambridge corridor to fulfil its housing need rather
  than taking the easy option of cramming in housing between the town and the
  surrounding villages?

Nobody should pretend that major town planning is easy. But it is the 20-year, hard results that will count, not optimistic opinions at the outset. Once it's built, it's built.

For more information and frequent updates about the Hampden Fields Action Group and our campaign, please go to www.hfag.net

Chris Webbley, Chairman, HFAG

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One of the seasonal favourites are "root" vegetables, these grow in the ground, like potatoes and carrots, with lots of colour and goodness. More and more of us are "growing our own" and digging deep for Britain again.

Vegetables are also deep rooted in our history. In WW2, to disguise the RAF's new top secret radar detection system, the Government led an advertising campaign, saying eating lots of carrots helps you see in the dark. Although this was hyped up to fool the enemy, the basis was true. Carrots are good for the health of your eyes. However, eating too many, causes a condition called "carotenemia" where people turn orange, just like a carrot!

Fruit and vegetables don't just come in the colours you usually see in the supermarket. Take a look at the pictures below. What other different coloured veggies have you seen or even better eaten?



## Veggie "Vexers"

- 1. What is Popeye's super veg?
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### Parish Council Wildflower Gardens

Getting involved in this project, has been a very enjoyable experience. Working alongside Susie Wells to create wildflower gardens around the village.

My involvement started with a conversation with Susie in early spring. With time against us we picked areas around the village and started to dig and sow seeds.

We would like to say thank you to all the kind volunteers who helped water the areas whilst we were experiencing the long drought earlier in the year. Also thanking the lovely people of Weston Turville who commented as they passed by.



Memorial grounds – Junction Worlds end lane and School lane

#### Our vision for the future

"To put wildflowers top of the list of importance in the village for wildlife"

We hope when you are taking your walk around the village you will enjoy our efforts. Moving forward we aim to carry on next year. Anyone wanting to join us?

Susie Wells and George Lait





#### **Wendover Neighbourhood Team Notice**

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- We do not monitor social media accounts
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## **Weston Turville Women's Institute**

The Weston Turville W.I. meets on the second Thursday of each month in Weston Turville Village Hall at 7.30pm.

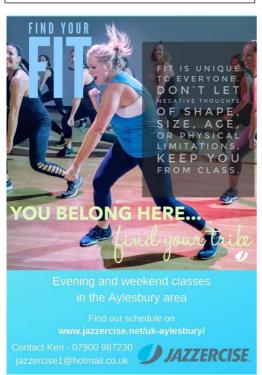
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## What have you learned during the pandemic?

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You could have learnt how to chop like a sushi chef or do fifty press ups, but it is important to not forget that everything has its purpose.

Perhaps the lockdown was something you thought you would struggle with? Your achievement could be that you overcame what you were so frightened of before.

Some of us feel like changed people, who are totally different individuals to the ones we were prior to the drastic change of routine.

For me, I have learnt patience. Patience towards things that you would not necessarily have to wait for and work at before. Patience towards my family, my friends and everyone else who surrounds me.

The world that is around us is pictured distinctly and I am much more grateful for that now. When life returns, I will not forget what I have learnt and I hope that you will not either. Sometimes adaptation is the best gift we have been given in these uncertain times. The skill of adapting might not be something we all portray, but it is deep inside of us.



Noticing the essence of wildlife and nature, we are adjoined together to comfort and help each other in unsettling circumstances.

Bring away from this the question that I began with. What have you learnt?

Sophia Pluck

Age 11

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## **Parish Council News**

Parish Council meetings have resumed but due to current regulations we have been holding them electronically via Zoom. It has been a learning curve for us but until government guidelines change we will continue with our monthly meetings in this format. You are all welcome to log in and take part or just listen to local democracy in action! Look at the website or read the notices on the parish notice boards for agenda and log in details.

#### Litter Pick - September

A Parish Litter Pick is planned for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September, meeting at the village hall at 2pm. The Parish Council will support the Litter Pick and provide litter pickers, black sacks and high viz jackets to volunteers. Please come along and meet up at the village hall car park on the day or if you want to litter pick in your area on another day, let the Clerk know and she can arrange for you to borrow the equipment. Watch the village noticeboards and website for further details.

#### **Trees**

The trees on the playing field were inspected by an arborist earlier this year and over the summer you may have seen maintenance which has been carried out in line with the recommendations from the report. This sadly includes the felling of a large mature oak tree in the playing field which unfortunately was too badly damaged/diseased to retain in a public space. The Parish Council will be planting a replacement oak in this area very soon.

The Allotments Association will also be planting a conifer type tree by the entrance to the car park in commemoration of their 100 year anniversary. The Council is planning to light this tree every December with Christmas lights and it is hoped that carol singing will take place this year, social distancing permitting.

#### Skate park and Multi-Use Games Area

The planning application for the proposed MUGA and Skate Park has still not been determined, an objection from Sport England has meant that the planning authority could not approve the application. The Parish Council is engaging with Sport England, the planning authority and our local MP in order to try to overcome this objection. If there is no progress by next meeting of the Parish Council in September then the application will be withdrawn and the layout of the recreation ground will be redesigned and a new application submitted.

#### Wildflowers

We hope you have seen and enjoyed the wildflower beds that have popped up around the village. We are thinking of expanding them to some verges and other suitable locations so if you wish to help out with planting or watering or to plant some seeds at a location near to you please contact the parish clerk. The Parish Council is also keen to create a wildflower garden and picnic



area on the playing fields and possibly create a community orchard. If anyone has expertise in this area or is just willing to donate time and muscles to this community project could you register your interest with the clerk.

#### Football

The FA has drawn up guidelines for local football teams with regard to coronavirus and matches will resume at Weston Turville in September. Teams are already training again in the evening and Saturday mornings. The new changing facilities will be used by the adult team whose matches will be played on Saturday afternoons. Please be aware that the car park at the hall may be busy during match times, although players are encouraged to car share where possible.

#### Antisocial behaviour

We have experienced a few incidences of ASB at the playing field during the nice weather, Thames Valley Police do regularly patrol but the Wendover team cover a large area so cannot be here all the time. Please do report all incidences of ASB to the police, either via 999 if in progress at the time or 101 or their website if later. If they don't know it is happening, they cannot do anything about it or target resources to our area.

Check the website for any changes to dates, minutes and agendas. The Clerk to Weston Turville Parish Council can be contacted as below – please note the new telephone numbers.

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Prep Time: 15 mins Cook Time: 20 mins

#### **Ingredients**

- 2 cups plain flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup pumpkin puree
- 1/2 cup whipped cream cheese
- 3 tablespoon honey
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon



#### Preparation

- 1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
- 2. In a bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt.
- 3. In a separate bowl or the bowl of a standing mixer, cream together the butter and sugar, then mix in pumpkin puree. Add the flour mixture to the pumpkin mixture and stir to combine.
- 4. On a well floured surface, roll the dough to a 1/4 inch thick rectangle about 16 x 12 inches. Spread the cream cheese on top of the dough, drizzle with honey and sprinkle with cinnamon.
- 5. Carefully roll up the dough, starting with the long side and cut into 1-inch pieces. 6. Place the rolls on a parchment or silpat-lined baking sheet and bake for 20 minutes, or until golden brown







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Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the Historical Society has reluctantly made the decision to cancel all meetings for the remainder of the year. It is hope that monthly meetings will be able to resume in January 2021.

For further information on the Society, visit www.WTHSoc.org.uk, or email: secretary@WTHSoc.org.uk.

New members and visitors welcome.

#### **Weston Turville Historical Society Speaker Programme**

Weston further historical society speaker i rogramme			
Date	Speaker	Title of Talk	
January 29 <sup>th</sup> 2021	Judy Dewey	Wallingford Castle, Royal Stronghold	
		of the Thames valley	
February 26 <sup>th</sup> 2021	Denise Beddows	Buckinghamshire Spies & Subversives	
March 26 <sup>th</sup> 2021	Michael Hardy	Lacey Green Windmill after 350 Years	
April 30 <sup>th</sup> 2021	Penny	Dunstable and the Hat Trade (T.B.C.)	
May 28 <sup>th</sup> 2021	Emily Toettcher	Amersham in Victorian Times	
June 25 <sup>th</sup> 2021	Glynn White	AGM + The History of Weston Turville	



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The current COVID-19 crisis has resulted in people making connections in many ways we could never have dreamed of and we want you to stay connected long after the current crisis has passed.

If you are an **older person living in Buckinghamshire** or know an older person who might find this very beneficial, please contact us on the following number and select the 'Befriending' option 2 on the dial pad to get the right person to contact you.

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## **Weston Turville U3A**

Learn and laugh and live is the motto of the U3A (University of the Third Age) and that is certainly true of the Weston Turville branch of this national body. With our 40 different groups ranging from table tennis to wine appreciation and from local history to extreme activities there is certainly plenty of learning, laughing and living.

Although we have a general meeting scheduled for the fourth Thursday of each month, the coronavirus has prevented this happening, so we are currently having "virtual" meetings at this time and many groups are still finding ways to meet despite the lockdown.

Further details about the various activities of the Weston Turville U3A branch can be found on the website: www.wtu3a.org.uk or from our Secretary on 01296 613217



# We are open (sort of) and as always you are WELCOME

In the Spring edition of *The Weston Turville Times* I said everyone is WELCOME in the church. This was true at the time but then we went into lock down and the church was closed!

Fortunately the church is not simply a building. The church is the people of God. Although we have not been able to meet in the church building the church has continued, here and everywhere, to pray, read the Bible and try, in difficult circumstances, to take care of neighbours and those who are vulnerable.

The good news is that, at the present time, as I write this, we are beginning to use the church building. We initially held a trial service of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) with a few people, mainly members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and people felt they were safe and we were able to worship God together.

The WELCOME is always here and remains true today but I am afraid that we cannot all turn up on the same Sunday because we need to keep to a safe social distance (I prefer physical distance, rather than suggest a 'social' distance). We will be having a Eucharist (Holy Communion) service on Sundays, at 10:00 am. in the Church. In order to maintain the safest celebration we have set up a booking system for those wishing to attend, and the numbers in you self/family/bubble/ or whatever, in your group. Please book in by contacting Clare: - Telephone: 07596 997339 Email: clarisa1968@hotmail.co.uk

The church door will open at 9:45am. You will have to sanitise your hands and will be asked your name and contact number for the NHS Track and Trace. You do not have to do this but it is strongly advised. The details are kept in a sealed envelope and destroyed three weeks after a particular service. Equally, as I write this, you do not have to wear a face covering but it is strongly recommended by our Bishops. You will then be directed to a pew or seat. Thereafter you will be in the hands (not literally) of the clergy!!! Another benefit of the booking system is that we will be able to contact you if, for some reason, we cannot hold the service you have booked to attend.

We are not singing at the moment and we keep the service as short as possible. I am sorry we have to do all this but it is essential to each of us, families, friends, neighbours, the community, and the UK, if not the world, that we keep infections as low as is humanly possible.

As always Susan and I are here for you. If you need to chat, have concerns or would like us to pray for you please contact one of us. Remember you are not alone, God is with you.

Fr. David.

Email: d.wales512@btinternet.com Telephone: 01296 613212

The Rev'd Susan: Email: susan.sefellows@btinternet.com Telephone: 01296 424982

## St Mary's Weston Turville Improving Facilities Team, SWIFT

On behalf of the SWIFT team and, indeed, the PCC and all at St Mary's Church, I hope you are reading this while in good health and managing to lead a near-normal life in these extraordinary times.

In spite of the present difficulties, the work of SWIFT continues at an increasing pace. We are in the process of appointing a contractor and are hopeful of construction work starting in the autumn.

Funding for the construction is almost in place and we are only about £15,000 short of the sums needed for the work to begin. A delay of one year would double this shortfall by inflation on the entire contract sum so the PCC has agreed to go ahead whilst raising this sum as soon as possible.

As you will be aware, all of our fundraising events this year had to be cancelled and we know that many of you will have been disappointed. You support us every year in these events and donate prizes and items for sale as well as coming on the day, when you enjoy the events and contribute generously.

We are asking you, therefore, if you will please make a donation towards the outstanding £15,000 to enable the work to go ahead. By the time you read this the start date will be known and we will probably be committed.

If all goes to plan, the extension, with its community meeting room, accessible toilet and baby-changing facilities, will be ready for use by late spring or early summer next year. Let us hope that the coronavirus situation will by then be such that you, the community, are able to take advantage of these new facilities.

Please help us now by sending your donation to the Rector, Revd David Wales, The Rectory, Church Walk, Weston Turville HP22 5SH or to Roger Fellows (SWIFT Treasurer) at 65 Craigwell Avenue, Aylesbury, HP21 7AG. Cheques should be made payable to "PCC Weston Turville, SWIFT". Transfers can be made to our bank account, PCC Weston Turville, SWIFT, a/c number 51685922, sort code 60-01-31. Please use Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25% at no additional cost to yourself. Contact me if you need a form to do so.

For information about SWIFT or any other ways in which you can contribute, eg by standing order, loan or through your will, please contact Roger Fellows.

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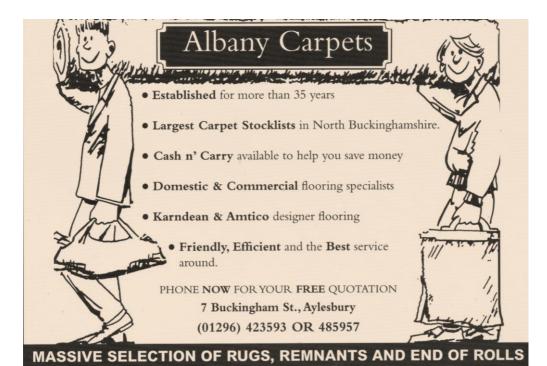
# Weston Turville Allotments Association – Celebrates 100 years

You may recall that in the last issue of WTT we wrote about our 100 years in existence and to celebrate this a wildflower garden has been created. At that time the garden was newly planted and we were all eagerly waiting for the wildflower seeds to bloom, which they have and very beautiful they look too. Many thanks go to Susie and George who have done all the work and are constantly tending and adding to the garden.

Look out for a further update in the next issue.

Cathy Terry
Weston Turville Allotment Association









# Consultation on location for new dog waste bins in Weston Turville

In response to requests for more dog waste bins, the Parish Council is consulting on the preferred locations for new bins. Weston Turville Parish Council will be funding the new bins and would like to know if you have any objections or support any of these potential locations.

#### 1. Church Lane

at the end of the footpath opposite Bates Lane (yellow X)





## 2. BROOKSIDE

In addition to a new bin for Church Lane, it is proposed to relocate the bin in Brookside from 1 to 2 in the photo above.

#### 3. WENDOVER ROAD

A request has been received for bins to be placed in Wendover Road, suggested locations are near the PACE Centre (opposite Station Road) and/or at one of the two locations in the map to the right.





# Consultation on location for a new dog waste bins in Weston Turville - Response form

Name	
Address / Postcode	
Please provide an email address if you would like to be notified once the locations are agreed	
1. Do you support the provision of a bin in Church Lane to be installed at the end of the footpath opposite Bates Lane?	YES / NO
Comments	
2. Do you support the relocation of dog bin AV347 from Brookside to near the entrance to the footpath across to Mill Lane?	YES / NO
Comments:	
3. Do you support the provision of dog bins in Wendover Road?	PACE Centre - YES / NO Preferred location? A or B
Comments:	
Any other suggested locations for dog waste bins	

Please let the Parish Council know your views by 30<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you.

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#### WENDOVER COMMUNITY BOARD

#### New way to tackle the issues that matter most to our community

There is a new way to tackle the issues that matter most to your community – through Buckinghamshire Council's new Community Boards. The boards will connect local people, organisations and groups with the council to improve our local areas. Wendover Community Board held an introductory meeting in July to start this conversation, and over the next few weeks will be getting people, groups and organisations in the community involved and helping to identify our key priorities ahead of the official launch in September. Everyone is welcomeread on to find out more about what the board will do, how it will work and how you can get involved.

#### What is a Community Board?

Wendover Community Board will identify the themes and issues that most need to be addressed for this area and create an action plan to do this, with working groups to look at specific projects and issues. The board will - represent the voices of local people; capture thoughts, ideas and suggestions in new ways; enable local conversations about priorities; identify needs within local communities and work to produce creative solutions; explore areas of interest; influence how decisions are made and public services are delivered.

#### How does it work?

Partnerships created in response to Covid-19 are enabling the new Community Boards to quickly get up and running. All boards have a leader, as well as a coordinator who makes sure local people, groups and organisations feel connected with the boards and the council, ensuring information is shared and views are heard.

There will be a mixture of core meetings and working groups who will focus on a specific issue or local project. Core meetings will agree priorities, allocate funding and feedback on the plan of action. Anyone who wants to get involved won't need to attend every session. You'll be able to read the agendas and minutes online and can participate in the issues that you feel passionate about. You can join meetings, or take part in a specific priority or project working group. You can complete surveys, take part in polls or share your views.

#### Who's in the Wendover Community Board?

The chairman for Wendover is Councillor Julie Ward, who like all of the boards' chairs is a member of Buckinghamshire Council. The Wendover board's vice chair is Councillor Mike Collins, and its dedicated coordinator is Michelle Parker.

If you would like to get involved, email Michelle.Parker@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or visit www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-boards

#### **USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Allotment Association	04000 040000
7 Wilderfelt (1880 Glacion)	01296 613998
Aston Clinton Surgery	01296 630241
Bedgrove Surgery	01296 330330
Buckinghamshire Council	01296 395000
Citizens Advice	0344 411 1444
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Electricity Emergency (UK Power Networks)	0800 783 8838
Environmental Health out of hours	01296 585093
Gas Emergency	0800 111 999
Hospital – High Wycombe	01494 526161
Hospital - Stoke Mandeville	01296 315000
NHS Direct	111
Police – non emergency	101
School – Weston Turville Combined	01296 613436
Transport for Bucks	01296 395000 opt 2
Village Hall, Weston Turville	07909 485369
Wendover Health Centre	01296 623452
Wendover Library	01296 382415
Weston Turville Parish Council	01296 612838
Local Councillors	
Cllr Bill Chapple OBE	01296 426814
Cllr Carole Paternoster	01296 630710
Cllr Michael Collins	01296 632039
Support Services	
Age UK	0800 169 6565
Childline	0800 1111
Domestic Violence Hotline	0808 2000 247
Mind	0300 123 3393
Samaritans	116 123

#### WHO TO REPORT ISSUES TO

	999 - to report a crime in progress
	101 – to report a crime after the fact
Antisocial behaviour	01296 383962 Mon-Fri or 0800 999 7677
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	about children to Social Services First Response
	01296 585858 – to report antisocial behaviour
	to Buckinghamshire Council
	Buckinghamshire Council - 01296 585858
Dog bins (full or damaged)	(please quote the bin reference number eg
	AV123 which is on each bin)
Environmental Health issues – including noise complaints	Buckinghamshire Council - 01296 585858
Fly Tipping	Buckinghamshire Council - 01296 585858
Highway and Bights of Way	Transport for Bucks – 01296 395000, option 2
Highways and Rights of Way	Or www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/
Litter – missed bin collections, overflowing public litter bins	Buckinghamshire Council - 01296 585858
Park and recreation ground	Parish Council – 01296 612838
Planning matters, including enforcement	Buckinghamshire Council - 01296 585858
Street furniture, eg benches, bins, bus shelters, noticeboards	Parish Council – 01296 612838
Street lights located in Hampden	Transport for Bucks – 01296 395000, option 2
Hall, A413 or A41	Or report online via
	www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/
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