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# Message from the Editor

As the vibrant hues of autumn sweep across our parish, we welcome the season of change with open arms. With this edition, we celebrate the joys of harvest, the warmth of community, and the spirit of togetherness that defines Weston Turville.

We would like these pages to share a delightful array of stories that showcase the talents, achievements, and endeavours of our residents, so if you'd like to contribute, please get in touch as community involvement is always welcomed and appreciated.

As we venture into the fall, let us not forget to cherish the simple pleasures that this time of year brings—rustling leaves underfoot, cozy evenings by a fireplace, and the excitement of upcoming festivities.

Thank you for being a part of our journey. We hope you savour each page and find inspiration, joy, and a sense of connection as we embrace the autumnal beauty around us.

Happy reading!

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 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023. We reserve the right to edit all articles.

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# The Chiltern Society Community WildBelt Project

For almost 60 years, the Chiltern Society has been there to help people improve their part of the Chilterns. With our volunteers, members, and partners, we are tackling some of the most serious threats to the countryside – from climate change, to overbearing development and disappearing green spaces and wildlife – to care for this unique landscape.

The Chiltern Society wants to see a diverse and resilient Chilterns, where people are connected to their communities' nature and local character. Our charity tackles some of the most serious threats to the countryside by giving a voice to local people who conserve, promote and campaign for the landscape. We empower individuals and communities to make a difference on their own doorsteps and take positive action against climate change and for our natural heritage.

## Last year we:

- Cleared 45k+ miles of footpaths so people can easily connect with nature
- Fighting proposal for over 7000 new homes on Green Belt land
- Our walks, talks and events brought 3400 people together with Chiltern's character, and heritage
- And our volunteers gave 89k+ hours of time

We believe the Chilterns is a special place, and that together we can keep it that way.

Community WildBelt is an exciting new project started by the Chiltern Society last year which was funded by the Wendover Community Board and the Rothschild Foundation.

Its core aim is to increase biodiversity and nature recovery on a local level working with Parish councils, community groups, schools, farmers and private landowners. We want to connect people with nature and help them take ownership of where they live. I'm a great believer in the power of nature and how it can improve people's wellbeing.

Our wildlife is in serious decline, and we need to take action to halt this. If you have a project you would like to do or



Aston Clinton Scouts and Cubs plant a new orchard.

know of a patch of land that you think could be improved for nature, no matter how small or big then we would like to hear from you. We are currently working in the Wendover area and surrounding parishes.



We are really looking forward to doing nature recovery projects in the parish of Weston Turville, working closely with the parish council team and community groups. We have already had great success with Aston Clinton and Wendover parishes, planting a new orchard, native hedge planting, wildflower meadow and verge creation and much more!

Well done boys, a fruit tree for the future – Aston Clinton Scouts and Cubs.

If you are interested in volunteering on the Community WildBelt project or joining the Chiltern

Society, have a look at our website or email me. We would love to hear from you.

Amanda Barnicoat
Community WildBelt Project Manager

Email: amandabarnicoat@chilternsociety.org.uk

https://chilternsociety.org.uk/community-wildbelt/





# The Glebe Field – A Nature Reserve?

We would like to hear your views.

As many of you will be aware, the Parish Council had previously proposed the Glebe field as a site for a community orchard. After some feedback from residents about the proposal it was concluded that the best course of action would be to commission an ecological survey and produce a habitat management plan for the site. This has helped the Parish Council and other relevant agencies involved better understand the habitat and wildlife of the area.

After some thoughtful consideration and wanting to be sympathetic to the field I put forward to the parish council a proposal to register the Glebe field site as a local nature reserve through Natural England. At our last parish council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July, the proposal was presented and the council voted unanimously in favour.

It is felt a Local Nature Reserve would be a lovely addition to the village.

Being led by experts in the field and Natural England it's believed that we have a unique opportunity to retain, protect and enhance the Glebe site allowing it to thrive as a strong wildlife corridor.

More details of the proposal can be found on the parish council website along with the habitat management plan and ecological surveys.

During this consultation period we will be closely liaising with the Diocese of Oxford, Natural England, BBOWT, Chiltern Society and The Chiltern Rangers.

Presently we wish to hear from all stakeholders while we continue to consider residents' views and obtain guidance on how to best achieve this goal.

# Now we would like to hear how you feel about this proposal Do you support a nature reserve in the village?

# Please email your comments to <a href="mailto:clerk@westonturville-pc.gov.uk">clerk@westonturville-pc.gov.uk</a>

All updates and relevant information can be found on the parish councils' website.

In the meantime, we plan to repair the right of way across the field, while retaining the naturally formed blackthorn archway. These works will be carried out on the path between Sept  $^\prime$ 23 - Mar  $^\prime$ 24

There will also be opportunities for volunteers to get involved, helping alongside the Chiltern Society as well as The Chiltern Rangers. If you would like more information or to be added to the volunteer list, please email clerk@westonturville-pc.gov.uk. Volunteer days will be advertised in the near future.

My name is Laura Cook and I am the lead councillor on this proposal, please feel free to contact me or the Clerk if you have any feedback or questions.

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# Parish Council News

Hello everyone and welcome to Autumn, this is a very strange statement as whilst I write this I'm still anticipating the Lionesses reaching (and winning) the World Cup Final.

Firstly, as the newly appointed Chair, I would like to thank Martin Jarvis for his long term service in the position of Chair and I feel honoured to have the baton passed to me. Our newly appointed Vice Chair position is now taken up by Martin Watson, who brings a plenitude of knowledge and experience to the role. Whilst we are on the subject of newly appointed positions, I would like to take the opportunity of welcoming and introducing Francesca our newly appointed Assistant Clerk to everyone. Francesca is also part time and will be working alongside Sarah.

I want to thank all of our wonderful volunteers for their time and commitment assisting and working alongside the Parish Council on numerous initiatives across the community. Just a heads up we still need volunteers to help deliver the Weston Turville Times around the parish. It's a great opportunity to meet people in your community and get outside for a walk and some fresh air. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to help.

On the subject of the Weston Turville Times, it would be great to receive locally focused articles from the community for us all to enjoy. Please send them to the clerk, the deadline for the next issue is the end of October.

A few of the many projects currently being worked on include:

**The Glebe** - progress is being made and we would like to hear your views on the proposal to transform this area into a Nature Reserve for the whole community to enjoy. For more details please take a look at the article on page 4. Updates will be published on the Parish Council Website.

**Village Hall Café** - We have faced a few hurdles regarding the plans, but new ones are being provisionally discussed and will soon be drawn up following discussions with the planning authority.

**Hampden Fields** - Meetings with Taylor Wimpey are now taking place on a monthly basis, updates are published on the Parish Council Website monthly.

**Sunflower Competition** – Well done to everyone who participated, by the time you read this the winner(s) would have been announced.

As always everyone is welcome to attend the Parish Council monthly meeting, held at the Village Hall. It has been wonderful to see attendance numbers increasing each month. For those of you on social media, you can keep updated with news and progress on our Facebook Page and Website. The noticeboards are also kept up to date for those of you out and about.

Regards

Cllr Georgie Fincham Chair

# **Parish Council Meetings**

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

# **Contacting the Parish Council**

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

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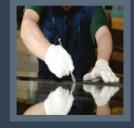
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1 WHAT IS THE SURNAME OF THE SISTERS IN THE FILM HOCUS POCUS?

- 2. IN THE BOOK "THE WITCHES" BY ROALD DAHL, WHAT ANIMAL DID THE GRAND HIGH WITCH WANT TO TURN THE CHILDREN INTO?
  - 3. IF THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD, WHO YA GONNA CALL?
  - 4 WHAT FRUIT IS TRADITIONALLY 'BOBBED FOR' ON HALLOWEEN?
    - 5 WHAT IS HALLOWEEN ALSO KNOWN AS?
    - 6 WHAT OTHER NAME ARE CARVED PUMPKINS CALLED?
- 7 WHAT ANIMALS ARE TRADITIONALLY ASSOCIATED WITH WITCHES?
  - 8 HOW MANY WITCHES APPEAR IN SHAKESPEARE'S MACBETH?



- 9. WHAT DO YOU CALL A GROUP OF WITCHES?
- 10. COMPLETE THE PHRASE "DOUBLE, DOUBLE......"



Answers on page 15



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Within a section, the young people learn and develop new skills that will last them a lifetime whilst also meeting new people and getting opportunities that will make lasting memories.

As a group, we are lucky enough to have our own Scout Hut that is based behind the Pace Centre on Wendover Road which has been our home since our registration in 1970. The building is in desperate need of repair and therefore we are currently on the fundraising track to raise enough money to be able to transform and rebuild the Scout Hut into a Scout Headquarters.

We have a number of different ways you can keep up to date with what's going on & what the new building will look like at your local scout group that includes our website (www.14valeofaylesburyseascouts.co.uk) & our Facebook page: 14th Vale Of Aylesbury Sea Scouts.

Feel free to contact us via our email: enquiries@14valeofaylesburyseascouts.co.uk

# HALLOWEEN FAMILY QUIZ ANSWERS

1. THE SANDERSON SISTERS 2. MICE 3. GHOSTBUSTERS

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7. BLACK CATS 8. THREE 9. A COVEN 10. TOIL AND TROUBLE

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# New Headteacher at Weston Turville Church of England School

Headteacher Ms Sue Fitzpatrick has taken on the leadership role of Weston Turville CE School, following in the footsteps of Ms Karen Brooks, who retired earlier this year.

Discussing her new position with Councillor Georgie
Fincham and Parish Clerk Sarah Copley at the end of term, Ms Fitzpatrick said:

"I have received such a warm welcome from the school community and I am thrilled to be here. It has been great to settle in this term to find that Weston Turville village is a treasure trove of rich history and a supportive, friendly place to be. I find getting out on the playground and field most lunchtimes has been the best way to get to know our children quickly, and it gets me away from my laptop and meetings for a few minutes! We are really fortunate with our spacious grounds and learning spaces here, especially with our nature reserve having so much potential. I am keen to continue the development of our school and have been listening carefully to the children to see what they feel will make our school the best it can possibly be. Although I don't think I can make the 1980's swimming pool reappear! One of the best things I have noticed is how our school's Christian values are embedded here; and the staff team always work so hard to give the children the best experiences. I am really looking forward to the new term in September when we can welcome our new preschool children and Reception class into our Weston Turville family."

The school's mission statement of "inspire, believe, achieve - together" is of great significance, as Ms Fitzpatrick explained to Councillor Fincham.

"Children should have every opportunity to play an important role in their surroundings and be inspired by the world around them. Working together with the church, the parish council, local businesses and our extended families will help to ensure this happens, and I know the children will be excited to represent our school at key village events going forwards."





# What does being a Parish Councillor involve?

Some of our regular readers may recognise my name and be aware that I was on the Parish Council for 13 years ending as Vice Chairman. During my time I was always a bit sad when we had vacancies on the council and no one wanted to apply for the role. So now I am no longer a councillor I can tell you all about it!

Firstly, it is a voluntary role. You don't get paid but can claim for certain things. I don't actually remember what they are because I never put a claim in. There is a meeting once a month except August and December and if you become a member of a committee or working group there will be meetings to attend at no more than once a month. The monthly meeting normally lasts less than 2 hours and committee meetings are often a lot shorter. How much time and effort you put into the role completely depends on you. You are encouraged to attend the meetings but are allowed to miss some! I found myself doing a fair bit because I cared about what was happening around the parish and wanted to get the correct information on it and maybe influence any decisions made.

Contrary to what a lot of people think; Parish Councillors do not have great powers and cannot control the police, Bucks Council, Planning Authority, the Health Service or any other statutory organisation. We can ask questions on behalf of the residents as required but can only request answers and have no formal authority to demand action.

Everyone knows there is a perceived speeding issue on every main road in the parish: as a council we can obtain information from the mobile speed cameras and pass it on to the police who are responsible for speeding issues, but we cannot make them take action. We also cannot make Bucks Council reduce speed limits or implement anti speeding measures without a lot of evidence and any cost would be borne by the parish.

The other thing you need to understand is that whatever you do someone will complain about it. I know that appears to be a reflection of our times, but it is certainly true on the council. Every year people complain about the grass being cut and as many people complain that the grass has not been cut. We get complaints about the street lights being too bright and just as many complaints about it being too dark and more lights are needed. The list goes on.

For me the most frustrating aspect is when you publicise something on notice boards, social media, the parish magazine etc and then people make contact to say they knew nothing about it! There is a saying that you can take a horse to water but you can't make it drink. If something has been advertised for months it's not the council's fault that you didn't read it.

Sadly whilst there are lots of perceived complaints circulated around the parish about the work the council has or has not done, not many attend the monthly meetings to actually find out what is going on. I know the minutes of the meetings are available afterwards but they tell you the decisions made not the discussions that took place to

reach the decisions. If you can't attend the meeting itself then ask a councillor who did take part in the discussion rather than local rumour mongers.

OK so that's the bad and frustrating side of being a councillor: what are the positives?

Well, you can influence loads of different stuff that affect the future of the parish, from planning applications to public recreational facilities.

You can be involved in naming the new streets on approved housing developments. You can be involved in the production of the parish magazine and let your creative writing skills be exercised.

You can get involved in parish activities which may include the annual fete, any national celebrations, Christmas Carols around the tree, remembrance parade, play around the parishes, street food, the village hall, bulb planting or helping to maintain public spaces.

You meet loads of different people from the parish; the majority of whom say thank you for what you do and truly appreciate the time and effort you make.

Weston Turville Parish Council is non political and non discriminatory, everyone is welcome to apply. So if you want to make a difference to your community join the parish council next time there is a vacancy!

Mandi SImons Ex parish councillor

# Love Exploring?

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The Wendover Neighbourhood team consists of

PC Natasha Blake P0914

PCSO Rose Paton C9855

**PCSO Lisa Steward C9145** 

**PCSO Peter Hall C9614** 

We cover the following areas: Wendover, Aston Clinton, Weston Turville, Buckland, Drayton Beauchamp, Bierton, Kingsbrook and Stoke Mandeville.

Our role is vast including engagement, dealing with ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) scene watch and road closures for RTC'S. We deal with the vulnerable including scams, we visit Schools and toddler groups and homes for the elderly.

We have priorities for the month and we have to carry out regular foot patrols in areas of concern. We help out with our local CID dept. carrying out house to house enquiries and CCTV enquiries.

Every day is a different day and we never know what lies ahead, but our role is very interesting often working alongside the shift officers.

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# Climate, Fossil Fuels and Banks

Me again and climate. You may be thinking, yes, yes, we know about climate..... heatwaves scorching Europe, Acropolis closed on Friday as temperatures head to 48C, biblical downpours in New York state, unquenchable fires



in Canada.... But do you also know about tipping points of no return into chaotic weather patterns and unliveable conditions for humans and many other species of animals and plants?

It sounds dramatic and unfortunately it is. We can carry on with small actions such as recycling, but it will not be enough to curb what is happening. If we want to stop temperatures rising we have to stop emitting CO2. There are much bigger things we can all do to reduce our carbon output by moving our money away from oil firms. Banks and pension funds invest heavily in companies searching for new fossil fuels. We have the power to pull the plug on this funding.

It is one of the areas where we as consumers can have a big impact. We can change our bank to one that does not invest in fossil fuels. Many people do not know that their choice of bank has such an impact on our climate.

Switching banks now is easier than ever and is one of the best things UK consumers can do to help our planet and everything on it. This link will take you to a site showing banks that not only don't invest in fossil fuels but do invest in renewable energy and socially beneficial projects, and give you information on your current bank:

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Many pension funds also invest heavily in fossil fuels. We can move our pensions to ones which do not: www.thepath.co.uk

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This is so urgent. We have to act now. If you feel the same please share this with everyone you know.

Rachel Blackmore, Climate Action Weston Turville

Climate Action Weston Turville (CAWT) is a community group aiming to reduce Weston Turville's carbon footprint, improve biodiversity and support initiatives to reduce our impact on the climate. Do join us on www.facebook.com/groups/climateactionwt

www.climateactionwestonturville.org or one of our regular meetings in The Chequers on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 (except August)

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# **Hampden Fields Update**



The Parish Council are meeting monthly with Taylor Wimpey in order to keep abreast of developments. A page has been created on our website which will be updated regularly.

The latest timeline provided to us in July is below, please be aware that these dates are subject to the planning process and may change.

- Reserved Matters Applications are due to be submitted August, September and October and will include
  - Western section of the SLR (Southern Link Road)
  - Northern 3 parcels of the Western Neighbourhood
  - Southernmost parcel of the Western Neighbourhood
  - First phase of green infrastructure
  - A41/Woodlands roundabout and SLR (East)
  - Easternmost parcel of the Eastern Neighbourhood
  - Haul roads from A413 and A41 or Aylesbury Road
- Current programmed start on site is late 2023/early 2024
- Southern Link Road open August 2025
- Weston Turville traffic calming late 2025
- First primary school open (delivered by Bucks Council, funded by Taylor Wimpey) – Autumn 2026
- Larger health centre, located within the new Local Centre (shaded red in the map above) – in discussions with NHS integrated care board to determine the size they are seeking



# WESTON TURVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

The Historical Society will have finished its summer break and will be looking forward to commencing our 2023/2024 meetings on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September. The meetings in 2022/2023 were well attended with some excellent topics and speakers. Tony Irvine has arranged the programme of talks up to November 2023 and is finalizing those for 2024. The talks for the last 3 months of 2023 look particularly interesting with excellent speakers. These talks are shown in the table below. As September will be the first meeting of the new year, we will be renewing membership for existing members and also welcoming any new members. Our fees have remained the same for a number of years and the committee is delighted to let you know that we will maintain the cost for at least another year.

If you wish to renew your membership or 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.

If you have not come to any of our meetings, please come and join us on the last Friday of each month in the Village Hall.

For existing members and non-members, we can recommend that you have a look at our website, <a href="www.WTHSoc.org.uk">www.WTHSoc.org.uk</a>. The site contains a great deal of information about the history of Weston Turville, copies of old postcards, links to other relevant historical sites etc.

# Date for Weston Turville Historical Society Speaker Programme 2023

Date	Speaker	Title of Talk	
Sept 29 <sup>th</sup> 2023	Sophie Jones	Windsor Castle	
Oct 27 <sup>th</sup> 2023	Sarah Slater	Working with ghosts of Hampton Court Palace	
Nov 24 <sup>th</sup> 2023	John Benjamin	amin Georgian Jewellery	

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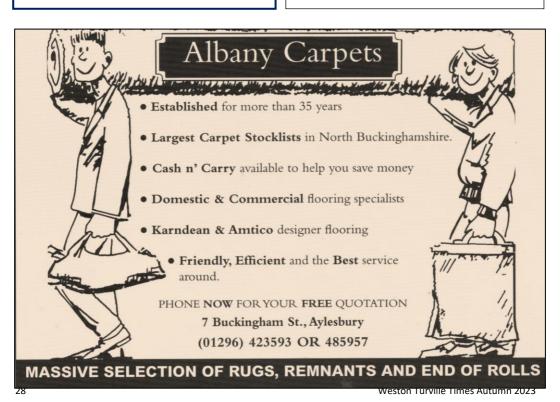
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# **Blooming Flowers**

I love flowers and I am fascinated by them. I am not a gardener and nor am I good at their names but I love them. They bloom in many



colours and shapes. Their scents vary. They are also to me a metaphor, reminding me about something important. Imagine looking at a flower bud. It's all closed up and you cannot be sure when it will flower, but it does. Has anyone actually seen a flower flower (apart from a time lapse film)? I have not. One day there is a bud and then it blooms, it unfurls and it brings me and many others great joy.

I imagine people are like flowers. We are all different, each has his or her own particular character and we have various abilities, like and dislikes. We should all be appreciated! I imagine a person struggling to be themselves, with a subject at school, a problem at

work or learning a skill or sport. The bud is closed. And then .... one day...in a particular moment she or he gets it! Wham, bam they bloom, they blossom they open out showing their true colours, their true shape and they are glorious.

Perhaps in this garden of the world be it at home, school, work or sport or wherever we can each allow and encourage people to be people, enjoying the variety and rejoicing in the infinite variety of blooms.

And may you bloom for ever in the presence of the God who knows you by name so becoming the beautiful person God has called you to be.

Fr. David

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

We have now received possible solutions to our problem with the heating system and await approval from our insurance company and the Oxford diocese before the work can start. Hopefully it will be completed before the onset of cold weather.

We are also still waiting for the organ repair works to be scheduled.

Even if you are not a regular church member you may have attended, or wish to hold, weddings or funerals in the church and recognise how important this instrument is to worship in the village. If you feel you would like to make a contribution to the cost of this work please do so at the Rectory or by the methods outlined below, leaving out the word "SWIFT" from cheques and with a note that it is for the organ.

Last year, we suffered a major fraud on our bank accounts. Our bank, NatWest, refused to accept any responsibility for this or answer many of our questions, in spite of lengthy correspondence. The matter was referred to the financial ombudsman this year and within a very short time NatWest "offered a full repayment as a gesture of goodwill". I

would recommend this course of action to anybody who has experienced similar problems with any financial organisation. The procedure is simple, provided that you have a good case with dates and details of the problems.

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If you are able to help to support your church's work in the parish, 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 <a href="www.goldengiving.com/wall/swift">www.goldengiving.com/wall/swift</a> 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.

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Disabled access is very limited and Halton House has no disabled toilets.

Light refreshments and souvenirs will be on sale.

www.heritageopendays.org.uk





# **September**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Street Food Night at the Village Hall, 6-9pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Halton House Open Day 10am – 4pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Planning Committee, 7pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Parish Council meeting, 7pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parish Litter Pick – meet at the village hall at 10am
24 <sup>th</sup>	Cream Teas at St Marys Church, 3-5pm
30 <sup>th</sup>	Weston Turville Historical Society at the Village Hall

# <u>October</u>

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12 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Planning Committee, 7pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Celebrating Womenhood Day Event at the Holiday Inn, 11am

Street Food Night at the Village Hall 6nm

19<sup>th</sup> Parish Council meeting, 7pm

Weston Turville Historical Society at the Village Hall 27<sup>th</sup>

27<sup>th</sup> Lindengate Floral Pumpkin Arrangement Workshop 11.30am

Weekends Pick your own pumpkin at Church Farm (see page 7)

# November

9 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Planning Committee, 7pm	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Service at the War Memorial, Worlds End Lane	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council meeting, 7pm	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Weston Turville Historical Society at the Village Hall	

# **Regular Events**

- Mondays Coffee Van at the Village Hall
- Second Saturday monthly Repair Café, St Michael's Church, Aston Clinton 9am -12noon

# Date for your Diary

8<sup>th</sup> December Carols around the Christmas Tree at the Village Hall

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### SALTED FLAPJACK BROWNIE TART

# Flapjack

100g salted butter

100g dark brown soft sugar

25g golden syrup200g porridge oats

### **Brownies**

90g salted butter – cubed

90g dark chocolate roughly chopped

2 eggs

150g caster sugar 40g plain flour

25g unsweetened cocoa powder

50g white chocolate chopped into chunks

1tsp sea salt flakes



Heat oven to 180°C/160C fan/gas 4 and line base of an 18cm loose-bottom round cake tin with baking parchment.

# **Flapjack**

- Melt butter, brown sugar and syrup in a saucepan over a low heat, then
  pour in the oats and mix until combined;
- Tip into lined tin and push the flapjack mixture into the base and up the side of the tin until evenly spread. Bake for 10 mins until golden, then leave to cool.

# Brownie

- Melt butter and dark chocolate in a heatproof bowl in the microwave or over a small pan of simmering water, stirring until melted, then set aside to cool;
- Whisk the eggs and caster sugar for ~5 mins until mixture is thick, pale and has doubled in size;
- Fold the melted chocolate mixture into the egg mixture followed by the flour, cocoa powder and white chocolate chunks until fully combined;
- Pour into flapjack case, sprinkle over the sea salt flakes, then back for 20
   28 mins until it has a slight wobble in the centre but is set around the edges.

Leave to cool completely in the tin. Once cool, it can be refrigerated overnight if you wish. Will keep in an airtight container for up to 4 days.

# **GAZPACHO** – perfect for a late Summer!

- 1kg ripe tomatoes chopped [you could use tinned, but fresh tasted much nicer]
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 small slices slightly stale white sourdough
- 1 ripe red pepper
- ½ cucumber peeled + finely chopped [plus extra for serving]
- 2-3 tbsp sherry vinegar
- 2 garlic cloves crushed
- 75 ml extra virgin olive oil, plus extra to serve

Basil leaves, to serve

### Serves 4

- Put chopped tomatoes in a large bowl and set aside. Heat the olive oil and fry
  the sourdough until golden, then tear into rough pieces and add to the
  tomato bowl;
- Hold the pepper over a flame/ or under the grill / blowtorch until blackened
   5-10mins, turning regularly to make sure it's evenly charred;
- Transfer to a food bag, seal + leave to steam for 10 mins, then peel off the skin and discard along with the seeds. Tear into pieces and add to tomato/bread bowl along with the chopped cucumber, pinch of sea salt, 2tbsp vinegar and the garlic;
- Leave for ~2 hours at room temp for the tomatoes to macerate slightly;
- Pass through a course sieve into a jug or bowl and season to taste add more vinegar if needed. Whisk in the extra virgin olive oil then chill for at least 4 hours, or overnight – will keep chilled for 3 days;
- Serve finished with some black pepper, a drizzle of extra virgin olive oil, basil leaves, a little more chopped cucumber if you like.

### Delicious!

With thanks to Sian Lorimer-Jarvis for sharing these recipes

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Cllr Julie Ward	07766 545236
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Friends of Wendover (weekdays 1-3pm)	01296 622585
Mind	0300 123 3393
Samaritans	116 123
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