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Message from the Editor

I thought I would give you a break from my ramblings so this edition has several articles written by local residents, I hope you enjoy them and feel encouraged to submit something yourself!

We have concentrated this edition on transportation: be it Shanks's pony or aircraft: something a lot of us miss, our personal airshow in the garden. I have great pictures of aircraft, particularly Vulcans, flying so close over the house I could see the colour of the pilots eyes (at least that's what I tell everyone!). The red arrows often fly over on their way back from 'The Palace' and Jim managed to capture the front cover picture on their last visit. We have a history with airplanes with RAF Halton being the flying school during the first world war, and we have included stories about two planes which never left the village having crashed locally.

During this past year a lot of us have taken to exploring our local area on foot as part of our daily exercise routine. As a regular dog walker, I have appreciated seeing 'non dog owning' people enjoying the countryside as I do and meeting new faces on my walks. To assist you, we have reprinted the official footpaths map and tried to give you a choice of walks for you to explore, COVID rules permitting. We ask that you remember to follow the countryside code and shut gates, don't feed any animals (except ducks!), keep your dogs under control and stay on the footpaths. Let us all enjoy this shared space.

Contributions to the magazine are welcomed subject to space and the Editor's decision on suitability. The copy deadline for the Summer issue is 30th April 2021.

We reserve the right to edit all articles.

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Normally in this spring issue would be advertising the annual village fete and dog show, but alas, as with the Chelsea Flower Show and Glastonbury, we cannot hold it as we had intended. However, we want to hold a community event for everyone to join in with, to celebrate the release from lockdown (fingers crossed it hasn't changed since writing this!).

So we are going to try and have a Picnic in the Park on Saturday 19th June in the afternoon; COVID and weather permitting. There will be some food and alcohol available and traditional kids games to participate in. Wear flat shoes....you may be taking part in the adults and children three legged race.

Bring the whole family and enjoy a picnic with family and friends.

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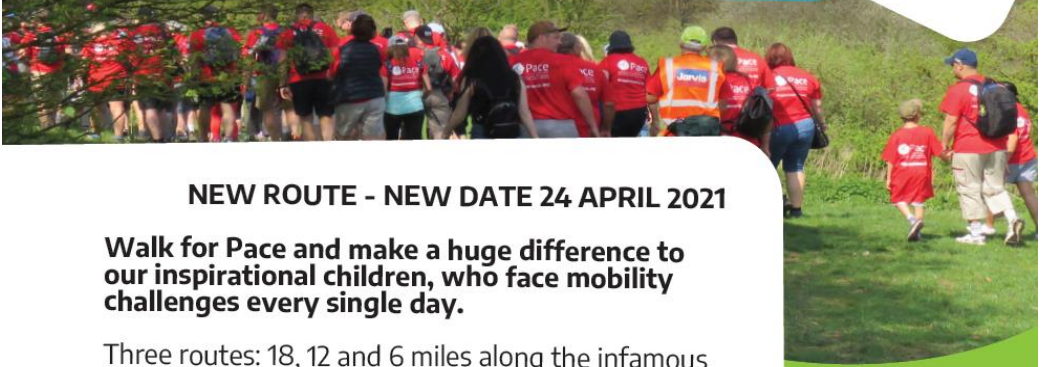


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St Mary's Church

We were very pleased to be asked to take part in the village "Walking Advent Calendar" event. Our allocated day was 24th December. We managed to find enough Christmas lights left in the shops to decorate areas of the church and churchyard over the Christmas period and, due to the success of this, we extended it over the New Year period.

In spite of cold and wet weather there were many visitors and we received well over 200 enthusiastic comments on social media as well as in person. This was a great success for the church in making people aware that we are still there, in spite of being closed to visitors for now, and that the extension is under way.

I thank and congratulate the organisers of this event to cheer us all up in what was a very strange Christmas and New Year. I hope this will now become an annual event. We are already planning for a bigger and better show next year.

Roger Fellows, Churchwarden

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- Decision-making;
- Monitoring;
- Getting involved locally.

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- at least 18 years old;
- an elector of the local council; or in the past 12 months lived or worked in Weston Turville parish (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the local council boundary.

**To find out more information please speak to the Clerk
or one of your current parish councillors.**

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Parish Council elections are currently due to take place in May 2021.

At the time of writing the country is in the midst of lockdown but the vaccine rollout appears to be on target and we hope that life will soon be back to some sort of normality. The Weston Turville Coronavirus Support volunteers are still active and if you need any help please contact them (details on page 4).

Elections

Local elections are due to take place in May this year, if you are interested in becoming a parish councillor please contact the Clerk or one of your current councillors for further information. Candidate nomination forms will be available from Buckinghamshire Council in March.

Village Fete

After much deliberation and with great sadness it has been decided to cancel the village fete this year. It takes a lot of organisation which would usually have started by now but due to the uncertainty caused by the pandemic it was felt it would be irresponsible to go ahead. If restrictions allow, we hope to hold a family fun day on the recreation ground on 19th June which can be organised at shorter notice. See advert on page 7.

Precept

The Parish Council have considered the budget requirements for 2021-22 and are pleased to say that the increase to the precept has been kept to 2%. The precept is collected via your Council Tax and the Parish Council's proportion for a Band D property for the forthcoming year will be £58.40 – or £1.12 per week. The precept is used to fund the majority of the work the parish council does, including, but not limited to:

- maintenance of the village hall, recreation ground, playground, tennis courts
- street furniture (eg streetlights, seats, noticeboards)
- services devolved by Bucks Council, such as grass verge cutting.

Climate Action

The Parish Council is working on reducing its carbon footprint and the first project will be to install solar panels at the village hall. It is hoped this will be completed in 2021. Please see the website for ideas on how to reduce your carbon footprint.

Community Orchard

The Parish Council is in discussions with a local landowner to lease an area of unused land in order to plant a community orchard, the costs of clearing the land and planting the trees will be met from Section 106 funds which are paid by developers and not the precept. It is hoped that the community orchard will become somewhere for people to come together to cultivate and enjoy free fruit from planted trees as well as being a haven for wildlife.

Volunteers needed!

A suggestion has been received that the Parish Council set up a group of volunteers who will help look after the parish by litter picking (particularly just before the verges are due to be cut) and reporting issues that need attention such as overhanging hedges. If you are interested in joining such a group, please contact the Parish Clerk (details at the end of this article). Litter pickers, high viz jackets and black sacks will be provided.

Grass verges in the Parish

The Parish Council was approached by a local resident asking that some of the grass verges and green areas around the parish are left to grow rather than cut monthly, in order to encourage grasses and wildflowers to grow.


In the last issue of the WT Times we asked for your feedback, suggestions and ideas of which areas of the parish could be left to grow. As expected, although the response rate was low, this proved a very divisive topic with some in favour and others adamantly opposed, asking for verges to be cut more often.


The Parish Council have considered the responses and agreed that verges without a footpath (eg one side of Worlds End Lane) will be left to grow wild, being cut in April and September. Monthly cuts will continue of verges at junctions for road safety reasons and verges alongside pedestrian paths to allow people to pass each other safely in line with the 2m social distancing rules. Keeping grass short will also help with litter picking.

Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings are currently being held electronically via Zoom. You are all welcome to log in and take part or just listen to local democracy in action. Look at the website for agenda and log in details or contact the Clerk.

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Should we go for a walk?

Or as someone said to me walking with sole to Soul

How many times in the past year have we said should we go for a walk? With or without our pet dogs we have walked the lovely streets, pathways and bridleways around the village, this pandemic has given us all the opportunity to pause and appreciate village life. Meeting people by sight (maybe not by name) has been great. We enjoy the diversity of people passing the time of day which has been a breath of fresh air (see what I did there) very often turning our planned one hour walk around the village into two.



Rain or shine we stroll around the village.

Our favourite walk in dry weather - starting at Church lane, through the church follow the pathways to the canal, through the wood to the reservoir then back to the village via the allotments. (Spending a few minutes at the canal and the reservoir watching the wildlife)

With our wet weather walk being- around the village starting at Barley close, Church lane, Brookside to Brook end then home via Walton court. This walk is 3.18 km or for the old school like me nearly 2 miles. (Stopping on route to say hello to the donkeys, goats, sheep and chickens)

We must never forget what is going on around us all or indeed the world but we need to stay positive looking after ourselves and appreciating the village and what it offers – Fresh air, less pollution, wonderful peace and quiet with wonderful walks. Self-distancing become the norm, with at first everyone being apologetic, with someone moving over to self-distance. However, the verges are taking a battering due to the social distancing but the spring/summer months will soon repair the damage as the grass grows. The village has certainly become a friendlier place.

Sadly village life has changed with pubs not open and activities at the village hall all postponed with outdoor activities limited with walking around the village becoming the social hub of the village life. We all need to be optimistic, with spring just around the corner, flower beds waking from the long winter months displaying spring flowers and the short days now drawing out.

I have to mention how inspired we are by the generosity of people leaving free books, children's toys and other household items outside their houses for us all to share, with a special mention to the food charity boxes in the village.

We are all custodians of the village of Weston Turville, recording how we got through the pandemic is important in its history. I would be interested in your take on how it has changed your life, especially your walks, meeting people, hobbies and community spirit hoping we can document and record our experiences. I would particularly be interested in all ages of the community from school age upwards. Please use this magazine to make contact.

George (Barley close)

(Please send any contact via the Parish Council – clerk@westonturville-pc.gov.uk)

Are you fed-up with doing the same old walks?

Walking in Buckinghamshire www.walkinginengland.co.uk/bucks is the website for you! With hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.



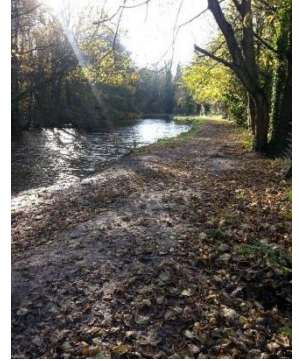
John said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Buckinghamshire (part of the Walking in England suite of websites – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

John Harris email: john@walkinginengland.co.uk

Footpaths and Rights of Way

At the time of writing the country is in the midst of Lockdown 3 and once again we are limited to what we can do and where we can go. We are very fortunate in Weston Turville to be surrounded by countryside with wonderful walks. The following pages show the the rights of way within our parish, you might find some lovely new walks. Please be aware that some routes are very wet and muddy at this time of year so appropriate footwear is a must!



Footpath 3 which goes from the village (West End) to Bedgove joins up with the Aylesbury Ring walk which will form part of the new “Aylesbury Gardenway”, a circular route around Aylesbury. Aylesbury Garden Town are currently asking for feedback and suggestions from local residents on what they would like to see in the Gardenway.

The full 22mile route has been broken down into eight Nature and Heritage Walks and maps and information produced for each walking route – please visit www.aylesburygardenway.co to download the maps and find further information about how you can influence the new gardenway.

If you discover any issues with the path when walking, eg path blocked by overgrowth, fallen tree or broken stile etc, please report these to the Rights of Way team at Buckinghamshire Council on 01296 395000.



Enjoy our beautiful countryside but please be respectful of it and those who work there.

- Keep dogs under control and away from livestock
- Do not feed horses and ponies without permission from their owner
- Stay on the footpath/right of way to minimise damage to crops/fields




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Bedgrove

-  Parish Boundary
-  Footpath
-  Bridleway







Pedal Pusher



The red bike arrived-
Outgrown by cousin,
Freshly painted by granddad.
It was love at first sight.

That affair's first young flush
Has never diminished.
Although today's wary onlookers
Show signs it should finish.

Aghast consternation, when I decide
To shake cobwebs off and go for a ride.
For this elderly primate away on a spin
They regard as some sort of suicide mission.

Buttocks up high and head down low,
I'm confident of where I should go.
The sign that I wear is not for me
I'm not the one who is scared, you see.

So if you see me about the town
And notice traffic is slowing down.
They're trying to read my upper portion
Which says '**Wide load, please pass with caution!**'

Susan Conolly

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2020 Weston Turville District



As the RBL Poppy Appeal organizer's for Weston Turville we would like to thank all who contributed and helped us during the appeal. Considering we were unable to collect house to house and only able to have six collecting pots out against our usual sixteen with all your generosity we still managed to collect £1,135.00.

Improvements to Recreation Ground

The Parish Council has been working hard to put Section 106 funds to good use for the benefit of both our younger residents and also for those not so young. After many, many months of working with the local planning authority we believe we have now found a way forward and you will see the proposed new layout below.

We have plans now in place to build our skate park and also a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area). We also plan to install a permeable surface walkway around the fields for walking / running along with a Pentanque court. So that we can fit all of this into the space in a cohesive way, we will be moving some of the existing children's play area and developing with residents a wild flower Area for everyone to enjoy throughout the year. All of this will be incorporated on the main field behind the village hall. The currently underused cricket square will be in the middle of this so we will move this on to the far field between the 2 existing football pitches so that cricket can be played in a safe area. We will keep you updated on the progress of the works with notices at the village hall and also our web site. We hope you will all enjoy these new facilities.

If anyone has any ideas on any other recreation equipment we could provide for the Parish please let the clerk know so that we can include this in future plans.



Fatal Aircraft Crashes in Weston Turville No.1

10th August 1940

Early last year a village resident sent us an e-mail mentioning an article he had read about a Miles Magister crash in the village during 1940. We were aware of a fatal crash that had occurred on 7th March 1943 involving a Hawker Typhoon but had no previous knowledge of this particular incident.

We referred the query to a member of the RAF Museum at Halton but whilst his initial search turned up a couple of Magister crashes around that time he could find no reference to one in our village. Some days later, after further searches, the Museum discovered that the Station Flight at Halton had a Magister as part of it's Flight and that a sortie was carried out as part of a Station Defence Exercise. This led to the National Archives at Kew where it is listed as Air 81/2564 piloted by Sqn. Ldr. Walker.

A couple of days later our investigator discovered a number of postings on the RAF website almost 18 years ago and one of these came from the Stornoway Historical Society, the area of the Isle of Harris where Sqn. Ldr. Walker's family hail from. Contacting the Society brought an almost immediate response with an attachment from their records. It contained a brief biography of the pilot and his family history. The section referring to the crash reads: "Sqn. Ldr. Ian Henry Douglas Walker's death was registered at Aylesbury and the certificate states that the cause of death was 'shock following upon multiple injuries caused by the aeroplane which the deceased was flying crashing into the ground ... but there is no evidence to show what caused the aeroplane to crash" The location of death is given as Longhill Field, Weston Turville. Ian was 27 when he died and was interred at Halton (St Michael) Churchyard, Bucks (WG) 330073." Apparently there were no witnesses to the crash and it's cause remains unknown.



A Miles Magister of the type flown by Sqn. Ldr. Walker

The Miles Magister was a two seat, open cockpit basic trainer. Because of it's low wing monoplane characteristics and split trailing edge flaps it reproduced the handling qualities of the Spitfire and the Hurricane in a safe manner . It was, therefore, used to train many of the pilots who subsequently flew these aircraft.

The full account of this research and information regarding the Hawker Typhoon crash can be found on our website at www.wthsoc.org.uk. We would be interested to hear from anybody that may have any further information about this or any other incident.

Fatal Aircraft Crashes in Weston Turville No.2

Hawker Typhoon 7th March 1943



The Hawker Typhoon has been described as one of World War II's forgotten aircraft. It had a relatively short service life having first flown on 24th February 1940 and entering service on 11th September the same year, finally retiring in October 1945. It's most successful role was as a low-altitude interceptor and long range fighter. It ultimately became one of the Second World War's most successful ground-attack aircraft.

We have a number of recorded accounts of a crash of one of these aircraft in the village in 1943. John Lawton, the then Headmaster of the village school, wrote in his diary at the time:

"I heard a crash above the noise of the wireless, but did not take any notice until Mary, who was outside sitting in the sun, came running in to say that there had been a crash in Barley Close. When I got there the plane was in a thousand pieces & many of them were blazing and giving off volumes of black smoke. The pilot's brains were scattered about the field & old Moss had covered the poor remains with his jacket – a kindly action. The plane was a Typhoon – our latest fighter & the pilot lopped off the top of an elm tree in Tom Gadsden's meadow, and dropped a great piece of wood through his cow shed roof, just missing his head as he was milking. The plane then crashed out of control into Munger's kitchen garden, cut two feet off his wall, bounced into the air again, hit a tree by the side of the moat (setting it on fire) & finally ended up near the far side of the field, the pilot, God rest his soul, being flung clear & lying 50 yards away from the tail & fuselage."

Other accounts of the incident can be found in 'Memories of a Weston Turville Boy' written by Mick Dubberley and published by the Historical Society. The book is available by applying to treasurer@wthsoc.org.uk.

The account given above is taken from 'Much More than the Village Schoolmaster ... excerpts from John Lawton's personal Diaries 1939 – 1945' Unfortunately, this book is no longer in print but the society has a copy which can be loaned, for a small fee, on application to the Treasurer.



David Smith, who lives in the village, has provided the sketch above of the probable final flight path of the Typhoon. It seems from all accounts that Sgt. Theodore Narishkin, the Polish pilot, heroically brought the aircraft down without any serious damage to property or loss of life, other than his own. Quite a feat, particularly for someone so young. He was only 20 years old. It would be nice to think that we in the village could find a way of recording this event. Perhaps with a plaque close to the War Memorial.

Tony Irvine, Chair, Weston Turville Historical Society.

Water Supply

There have been some short term water supply issues recently in various areas due to water leaks. To be prepared for any possible future interruption to water supply we would urge vulnerable residents to sign up to their 'Priority Services Register' this gives access to a range of free support including bottled water delivery if needed.

Go to www.anglianwater.co.uk/help-and-advice/water-care/priority-services/ or call 03457 919 155 to discuss any specific concerns.

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Spring and Lent 2021

I am one of those who looks forward to Spring. I'm writing this at the end of January on a day which has had wet snow, been overcast and grey. I long for the sunshine.

As the season brightens the Churches' Calendar takes a sort of downward dip, (well sort of), but a positive and life giving dip. The season of Lent looks towards the events of Good Friday and Easter Day, death and resurrection. It is a time of preparation for Easter. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday (Wednesday, 17 February, this year) and we would, usually, be holding a Service in the church in which people would be marked in ash, with the sign of the cross (which is why it's called Ash Wednesday). I do not have any idea as to what we will be able or permitted to do on that day, in the Church.

Can I suggest we all pause, please. Could we all mark the beginning of Lent with some mark of repentance and the pattern of the season. We might want to pause and pray a little longer than usual, or just stop and remind ourselves that wherever we are and however we are, we are in the presence of Almighty God. Enjoy the moment.

I know some of us will give things up during Lent, some give up chocolate, some stay off the alcohol or other treats. Might I suggest any savings we might make from our abstinence we give to the church or to a charity? Otherwise it might just be an act of self denial and fasting but I (and its person) like to hope others will benefit in some way from our disciplines.

The threat from the Covid-19 virus is still real and a cause of much anxiety. Please keep safe and well. I know it is hard not to meet up with family and friends, I know it is difficult not to gather in the church to celebrate the Eucharist together. I know some of us will be grieving and that funerals will not be as we imagined. I know we are fed up! I do not know when things will improve. I suspect we'll emerge gradually over time but I hope we do not go back to 'normal'. I hope that during this time we stand before Almighty God we take stock of our lives. I pray we will emerge into a better world in which people care for each other, near and far away, a world in which we humans take better care of the environment.

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St Mary's Weston Turville Improving Facilities Team, SWIFT

Looking back at my article in the December issue of Weston Turville Times I am amazed by how the situation has changed. Everything that I mentioned then is now complete, except the funding. The timber frame of the building gives a very good idea of the shape and size, the roof is now on and weatherproofed with its final surface. The centuries-old framework of the south porch, which was in dreadful condition, has been reconstructed and strengthened with new oak sections but the historic timbers retained. By the time you actually read this the internal walls of the building and the window frames should be in place.

There have been delays, as in any major development, some caused by weather and some by the unknown elements of archaeology and of the condition of the porch and other areas which could not be assessed until the demolition revealed its ancient secrets. A further delay was caused by a subcontractor being forced to isolate due to coronavirus, a sign of the times. Unfortunately, delays cost money, especially when the contractor is unable to work and heavy, hired plant is standing idle. This has cost at least £6,000 over budget.

Unfortunately, the planning officer has also cost us an estimated £7,000 by insisting on the exterior being oak, rather than the Douglas fir which we planned for. Our architect, quantity surveyor and the contractor all agree there is no appreciable difference in appearance, stability or expected life of the two timbers but we have no choice other than to comply with the decision.

Progress is still being made and the completion date is hoped to be by Easter, not that we will be able to make full use of the building until the effects of the virus have receded. However, we will be happy to receive any enquiries about future use of the building by groups or individuals.

Our funding shortage is now over £25,000 and we have been unable to hold any fundraising events in 2020 or for at least the first 6 months of 2021. You have all been so supportive of these events in the past and I know you have enjoyed them as well as helping our funds. If you are able to make a donation in lieu of what you may have spent at our Fun Day and various sales it would help to make up for what we have lost and for the additional costs we have suffered.

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

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.

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WESTON TURVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Weston Turville Historical Society Committee hope you and your families are safe and well. With the continued high number of Covid-19 cases, along with the current lockdown, we now consider the earliest we can foresee a resumption of meetings will be September 2021. This assumes the virus situation improves significantly, the social distancing guidelines are relaxed further, and we can meet in larger groups. We will, of course, only recommence the monthly meetings when it is safe to do so. If we can hold a meeting in September, we will make this our AGM where we can talk about membership and our forward plans. There will also be a speaker. In the meantime, the committee has agreed to hold over any membership until that time. We hope that any of you who have not been members of the society will come along to our monthly meetings. If you are interested in local history, we do have an extensive archive of photographs, books and articles about Weston Turville.

As we learn more about the relaxation of lockdown and meeting in larger groups, we will contact our members and others through the EWT Facebook to find out your views on restarting monthly meetings. In the meantime, whilst we are all living under the current restrictions, we can recommend that you have a look at our revamped website, www.WTHSoc.org.uk.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Parish Meeting for Weston Turville will be held virtually via Zoom on Thursday 15th April at 7pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7410 5866

Passcode: 933722

This is an opportunity for you to raise any queries with your Parish Councillors and find out more about the plans for new facilities at the recreation ground.

There will be a report from the Parish Council and Village Hall Charity covering 2020-21.

Quiz - How well do you know the Highway Code?

Inconsiderate parking, poor driving and speeding vehicles are regularly complained about in our parish and beyond but how well do you know the Highway Code?

1. What is the difference between Pelican and Puffin crossings?
2. Which type of crossing, named after a big billed bird, are cyclists also allowed to use?
3. What must you not do when riding a horse?
4. If riding at night, what four (or five) things must a cycle manufactured after 1985 have fitted?
5. What should be switched on if a car is parked on a road with 40mph or greater speed limit?
6. What shape is a warning sign (mostly)?
7. Who has priority on a shared pavement – cyclists, invalid carriages or pedestrians?
8. You are first to arrive at the scene of an accident – what should you do?
9. Signs giving orders are generally which shape?
10. You must not park opposite or within what distance of a junction?
11. Where would you see amber studs?
12. What should a pedestrian not do with a reversing vehicle?

Answers

1. On Puffin crossings the red and green figures are above the control box on your side of the road and there is no flashing green phase.
2. Toucan crossing
3. Take the horse on a footpath or pavement
4. White front lights, red rear lights, a red rear deflector and amber deflectors on the pedals
5. Parking lights – the car should also be parked in the direction of traffic flow
6. Triangular
7. Pedestrians – cyclists and invalid carriages/mobility scooters must give way
8. Call emergency services
9. Circular
10. 10 metres or 32 feet
11. Amber studs mark the central reservation on a dual carriageway or motorway
12. Not cross behind it!



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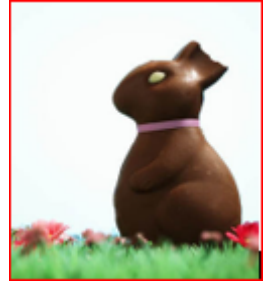
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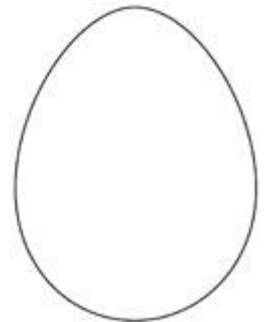
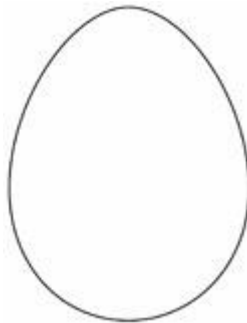
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Where does the Easter bunny get his eggs?

From an eggplant

What happened to the Easter bunny at school?

He was eggspelled

What do you call a rabbit with fleas?

Bugs bunny



Weston Turville Easter Bunny Trail

Following on from the very successful WT Village Advent Calender, on Easter Sunday and Easter Monday you can join in the Easter Bunny Trail

Around the village there will be 20 Easter Bunnies waiting to be found by the children. All you have to do is find the bunnies, make a note of their names and if you find all 20 you will win an Easter Egg.

More information will be published on the Everything Weston Turville Facebook page and local notice boards.

Sharon Elmidoro

Easter Bunny trails are also being organised for Hampden Hall and for Weston Grove / The Paddocks.



Weston Turville U3A

Although Coronavirus has curtailed some of our activities, the monthly general meetings have continued on Zoom with some interesting and entertaining talks and many more are planned for the rest of 2021. Once restrictions are lifted these meetings will continue at our usual venue.

During the winter months some of the outdoor activities such as petanque and walking have stopped, but these will restart as soon as possible. Other sections such as the Book groups and Patchwork & Quilting are continuing to meet thanks to social media

Despite lockdowns and restrictions we are still going strong and 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.

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