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It is all voluntary as members share their knowledge and experience with others in interest groups, running informal activity sessions covering a wide range of subjects and activities. There are learning activities, outdoor pursuits, social events and outings and all these are available to Weston Turville U3A members.

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

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

Message from the Editor

Firstly thanks are given to our outgoing editor Nick Andrews and his very worthy assistant, Julie Jackson, who have compiled and edited the last 6 editions of this magazine. The new editorial team have incorporated several of the ideas they introduced and will build upon that knowledge to continue to produce a local, informative and interesting magazine for the whole community.

As you flick through this edition of the Weston Turville Times you may notice some changes already as we are 'experimenting' with different topics to encourage you to partake in our local community. We are open to suggestions so if you wish to see something covered regularly or as a one off; please contact us.

Wishing a Merry Christmas to all and very best wishes for 2020.

The Editor

Contributions to the magazine are welcomed subject to space and the Editor's decision on suitability. The copy deadline for the Spring issue is 28th January 2020.

We reserve the right to edit all articles.

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Christmas in the Woods



I believe we are really lucky to live near Wendover Woods and all that it offers us throughout the year. It was not that long ago that the then named 'Forestry Commission' were considering closing it down and selling it off for development. Fortunately, our local protests were considered and they decided to keep and develop the site to encourage more visitors.

Now I know not everyone likes the huge car park, the entrance barriers or the big new café but on a hot summer afternoon every space in that car park was taken and you could still walk on the road towards the Iron Age Fort without getting interference from manoeuvring cars or abandoned vehicles on the verges.



As a regular user of the woods I do miss the huge bacon baguettes you could get from the Café in the Woods, but I also remember the days when the only refreshments you could get were from a passing ice cream van and there were no toilets!

Times change, and I need to accept that in the 35 years I have been regularly walking in those woods that I would much rather they were there than a housing development and that, even though sometimes I wish it wasn't so busy when I want to use it; overall I am pleased to see so many people appreciating what I have valued over the years.

You should check out some of the activities taking place in the woods, there are: 4 walking trails including one that's suitable for buggies and wheelchairs, Juniper cycle trail, 3 running Routes including a free '5k Park Run' every Saturday starting at 9am, a fitness trail, horse riding, orienteering trails, Go Ape, Nordic Walking, play area, picnic Area and barbecues, the afore mentioned Café and you can walk the dog away from the crowds and get a bit of peace from the world, amongst the trees.

For Christmas this year, Forestry England has arranged for a company to sell the fresh Christmas Trees until 24th December 10am until 4.30pm each day and for the young at heart, there is the new Shaun the Sheep glow trail. "An alien space ship

has crashed into Wendover Woods and Shaun the Sheep is on a mission to help the inhabitant – a lovable alien called Lu-La”.

They'll need your help to charge Lu-La's communicator using your new app, a UV pen and a series of puzzles, found along a forest trail! Visitors can buy packs from the Information Point and the packs contain a mask, stickers and a UV glow light among some items. You can download an app to support you on your walk. For more information see www.forestryengland.uk/shaunthesheep.



(Photo courtesy of Forestry England)

Stop off at the café for one of their seasonal treats to warm you up after your activities and appreciate the views from the highest point in the Chiltern's.

Let us value what is on our doorstep and enjoy our great outdoors with friends, family or the dog! The Woods are open every day except Christmas day and at this time of year they close at 5pm.

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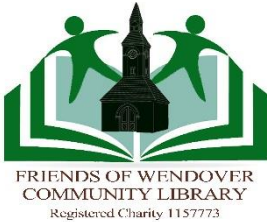
The Weston Turville W.I. meets on the second Thursday each month. We meet at Weston Turville Village Hall at 7:30pm. If you are interested in joining us please just come along or ring Denise on 01296 614814 for more information.



December's Meeting is also our Christmas meal. We have moved our date to the 19th of December and are holding our meeting in the Chandos Arms where, after a short meeting, we will have dinner.

We are now planning our speakers for 2020. So far we have talks on everything from The History of Nursery Rhymes to Bagels and Bacon. From Lucinda Brown a potter at Clayden House to Freya Jones from the goat farm demonstrating felting. Not forgetting our August "garden party "which was a great success this year.

Do come along and join us for a great fun social evening.



OnScreen at Wendover Library is a not for profit service provided by the Friends of Wendover Library to provide the best of new (and possibly some old) films to the community.

This has been made possible thanks to subscriptions and donations by the Friends group, enabling us to install a 72 inch screen and Dolby surround sound in the Library meeting room, all of which provides a close to cinema experience.

There is no charge (although donations are welcome) and refreshments and snacks are provided free. It is run purely by volunteers and screening are usually on the third Friday of each month. For December, there will be a Christmas screening (with mulled wine and mince pies) on the 13th December with a Children's Christmas Matinee on the afternoon of the 20th December,

Drop into the library to see what films are upcoming.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Weston Turville Times is distributed around the parish by a team of volunteers to whom we are very grateful. Many of these volunteers have done so for many years now and some are wishing to step down. Can you help?

The magazine is produced and circulated every three months.

If you would welcome some gentle exercise and are able to distribute the magazine in your road or locality – or would like the opportunity to discover unknown areas of the parish – please contact the Parish Clerk

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Meeting Logistics

When: Last Friday in month, Sept – June; excluding December.

Time: 20:00 - 22:00; Doors open at 19:30 for welcoming refreshments

Venue: Weston Turville Village Hall;

Cost: £2 for members, £3 for visitors

Upcoming events

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| 29 th Nov | Mick Thompson “History of Ashridge Gardens & Park” |
| 31 st Jan | Roy Smart “Wallis Simpson and the Abdication Crisis of 1936” |
| 28 th Feb | Roger Fagg “The History and Restoration of the Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway” |
| 27 th Mar | Judy Dewey “Wallingford Castle, Royal Stronghold of the Thames Valley” |
| 24 th Apr | Denise Beddows “Buckinghamshire Spies and Subversives” |
| 29 th May | Stephen Palmer "Cliveden - from Rule Britannia to John Profumo" |

Contact

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



Weston Turville Historical Society aims to promote an active interest in local history by holding lively monthly meetings with a wide variety of speakers on topics of local historical interest, summer outings, and a growing range of publications recording the people, places and history of Weston Turville. Meetings are held in the village hall on the last Friday in the month at 8pm, entrance £2 including refreshments.

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



ImageZ Camera Club - Our thriving club meets on Tuesday evenings from September to April. We are a group of photographers who enjoy taking pictures, learning new photography skills and competing in photographic competitions within the club and with other photo organisations. We offer a beginner's workshop for people interested in taking better pictures and have a membership with a wide range of skills. If your idea of a camera club is a group of gentlemen with grey beards, then come along and let us change that stereotype. Please visit our website for contact information and the latest programme of events and meetings. <http://www.imagezcameraclub.co.uk>

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Parish Council News

As another calendar year draws ever closer to the end we should reflect on what we have achieved. However we prefer to look forward to a New Year and new ambitions so here is our equivalent of a 'Queens Speech' for the next year:

- We are still awaiting planning approval for the skate park but are hopeful that planning permission will be granted and we can start building it in spring next year - or before.
- Included in the planning application is a 'multi-use games area' (MUGA), it is anticipated that this will be built around the same time as the skate park and will provide access to a number of different sports that can be played on it.
- We are on course for the village hall extension and anticipate moving in by the end of the year.
- We will have a new parish office at the village hall where you can meet the parish clerk or councillors by appointment to discuss issues or pass on information.
- We are working on providing a petanque court on the playing fields for those persons who enjoy a more sedate but equally entertaining activity.
- We are working with a few local people about converting some of our green verges and spaces into wild flower areas to attract wildlife and particularly bees.
- We will be putting some picnic benches near the children's play area on the playing fields at the request of residents who regularly use the area.
- We will continue to monitor and report on traffic issues including speeding, HGV's, parking and on community issues including anti-social behaviour.
- On completion of the current building works we will install the fencing in the village hall car park and along School Approach to protect the children going to the play areas.
- Having taken on the responsibility for the Weston Turville Times and the Village Hall, we will undertake to ensure they are 'fit for purpose' and meet the needs of the community.



We would welcome volunteers to assist with the wild flower verges, litter picks and community speed watch, so if you can spare a few hours a month to help us to make this parish a pleasant place to live please make contact. The Council has some litter pickers which can be borrowed by those wishing to help keep our parish tidy.

We are getting reports of overflowing dog bins – Aylesbury Vale District Council empty these on our behalf and are now on their winter schedule which means that the bins are now emptied once a week. Dog owners are reminded that dog waste can be put in litter bins or taken home and put in your own general waste bin. Please do not pile up around the dog waste bins as this is very unpleasant for those living nearby.

Following requests for additional bins, we are looking to install two in Wendover Road (near the PACE Centre and opposite Triangle Business Park) and one in Church Lane.

Parish Council meetings are normally held on the 3rd Thursday of the month (excluding August and December when there are no meetings) at 7pm in the Village Hall. Most meetings finish about 9pm. **Everyone is welcome to attend.**

Planning meetings are at 6pm on the 1st Thursday in the hall.

Check the website for any changes to dates, minutes and agendas. The Clerk to Weston Turville Parish Council can be contacted at:



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We wish all our residents a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



An Emergency Plan for Weston Turville

Weston Turville Parish Council is putting together an Emergency Plan for the parish.



We all know that we have Emergency Services who deal with most types of emergency, BUT a major incident could occur in our parish when they could not reach us quickly (such as deep snow, extensive flooding or they are busy with a major incident elsewhere). This means that we need a Plan to help ourselves if the Emergency Services cannot reach us.

Please help us to put together the Plan - we need to know certain things from you:

- Are you a First-aider or ex health professional?
- Do you have a tractor/trailer or 4x4 vehicle?
- Do you have a chainsaw and licence to operate?
- Are you an electrician/plumber/builder?
- Are you a caterer?
- Do you have any other skills that would be valuable in an emergency?
- Could you provide sleeping accommodation, either in your business premises or your own home? If so, how many -and can you take their pets?
- Could you provide shelter/paddocks for pets or livestock?

If you can answer YES to any of the above and would like to help, please contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@westonturville-pc.gov.uk or 01296 531432.

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Hurtle Turtle

I don't think the word 'hurtle-turtle' exists in English. With its resonance of contradiction, it is curious to imagine a turtle approaching at breakneck speed. Of course, there is a confusion here between turtles and tortoises, the giant variety of which moves quite slowly indeed. On the other hand sea-going turtles move quite speedily even on land especially when racing back to sea after laying eggs. Tortoises can move too. I have a friend with a garden tortoise so consumed with sexual ardour that it races after anything at its level. Mounting leather shoes seems to be a particular pleasure.

I have no idea what hurtle-turtle means. It seems to refer to nonsense and confusion particularly in a crowded place. It has that feeling about it. You know how it is with words, don't you? They have flavours and auras catching a hidden pocket of memory which pop-up unbidden, nagging you for recognition and regard. Hurtle-turtle, as a word, sounds as though it is a contemporary word like 'robust' or 'harsh'. It also seems to be unreservedly English like the Last Night of the Proms or frustrating understatement. Almost a cultural object as it were. Certainly the form of it, a repeated sound with differing initial letters is curious but not so striking for there are many such in English.

An Italian translator friend of mind was astonished, if not alarmed, when I glossed an Italian verb for him as dilly-dally. "You have words like that in English?" he spluttered. Unintentionally, I had opened up a new world of English to him, and I think, to me. I wondered just how many words of this kind existed in English. I began to collect them. Where do you stop and what do you include? Does this kind of word have a name or designation?

Apparently they are called reduplicative words. 'Dilly-dally', for example, employs a vowel change, the same word with the change of 'i' to 'a'. Some examples are 'chit-chat', 'shilly-shally', 'tittle-tattle', 'topsy-turvy', 'creepy-crawly' and 'fiddle-faddle'. Different from them and rather more numerous are repeated words such as 'boogie-woogie', 'clap-trap', which I am often accused of; 'hurdy-gurdy', a musical instrument with folk roots; 'higgledy-piggledy' which accurately describes the state of my room. There is 'heebie-jeebie' which never comes alone and 'mumbo-jumbo' of which we hear far too much today. These have the same vowel but a different initial consonant. A casual scan of a newspaper reveals just how common such words are.

There is an even simpler form. A syllable is just repeated such as 'so-so' or 'night-night'. Some such words refer to birds and animals like the 'aye-aye' which is a lemur from Madagascar or the 'dik-dik' which is the tiniest of the antelopes, so small that it is barely noticeable in the lowest reaches of bushes. We all know the 'chow-chow', the beautiful sand-brown Chinese dog. Buckinghamshire has the 'glis-glis', a kind of unwelcome dormouse. When we next meet we can toast one another with 'chin-chin' which has even crept into Italian. I do hope we can keep 'hurtle-turtle', whatever it means.

Bye-bye.

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December

1 st	10.30am Chiltern Hand Bells at the Chapel, Worlds End Lane
1 st	Christmas Craft and Gift Fair, Aylesbury Market Square
4 th	Christmas Celebration, Manor Waste Wendover
5 th	Parish Council Planning Committee, starts at 6pm
7 th	Church Christmas Fete at the Village Hall
8 th	Festive Family Fun in Aylesbury Market Square
13 th	Carols around the Tree, Manor Waste Wendover
15 th	11.30am Christingle at St Marys Church
19 th	School Term end
21 st	Wendover Santa Dash at 11am
22 nd	3pm Nativity Service at St Marys Church
24 th	6pm Carols by Candlelight at the Chapel, Worlds End Lane
24 th	11.45pm Midnight Mass at St Marys Church
25 th	10am Parish Eucharist at St Marys Church
25 th	10.30am Christmas Day Service at the Chapel, Worlds End Lane

January

4 th	School Term Starts
5 th	St Marys Church - <i>A celebration of the Epiphany</i> 8:00 am. Holy Communion. Breakfast from 9.45am, and Eucharist service at 10.30
11 th	2-4pm Bring and Buy sale at St Marys Church (see p24)
14 th	Parish Council WT Times Committee meeting, starts at 6.30pm
9 th	Weston Turville W.I.
16 th	Parish Council meeting, starts at 7pm
31 st	Historical Society

February

1 st	Quiz night at the Village Hall (see advert on p16)
2 nd	Snowdrop Walk, West Wycombe Park
6 th	Parish Council Planning Committee meeting, starts at 6pm
13 th	Weston Turville W.I.
17 th -21 st	Half Term
20 th	Parish Council meeting, starts at 7pm
28 th	Historical Society
29 th	Wendover Woods 5k and 10k CaniCross Challenge

Future Date for your diary...

23 rd April	Annual Parish Meeting
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Regular Events

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

Classes/clubs at the Village Hall, School Approach

Mondays 4.15pm	JoAnn Latus School of Dance
Mondays 8-9pm	Pilates
Tuesdays 7-8pm	Fergie's Fitness
Tuesdays 8-10pm	Imagez Camera Club
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Fridays 2.30-5pm	Keep Fit Exercise Class
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Monday	7.30pm	William Harding School	Dance Mixx
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Wednesday	7.30pm	Wendover Memorial Hall	Dance Mixx
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Thursday	7.30pm	Weston Turville School	Strength45
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For Giggles....

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What did the hat say to the scarf?
You hang around, and I'll go ahead

What do snowmen call their fancy annual dance?
The Snowball.

What's black and white and eats like a horse?
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A Curious Event

Listen carefully readers, for this is a tale you will only hear once.

It occurred during the severe winter we had a couple of years ago, Christmas Eve to be precise. Snow had fallen, thick and heavy, which was unusual for us as a southern English village. Yes, in Buckinghamshire, we usually escape the worst that winter throws at everyone else. Not this year, however, and the children were delighting in it.

Festivities in our local pub were loud and jolly. Standing apart from the locals, a stranger stood by the fire. He appeared to be resting, and surveying his surroundings at the same time. Gradually, the infectious merriment of locals absorbed him into their celebrations.

Encouraged, by the friendliness, he warmly shook hands and was offered a drink. At first, he emphatically refused, letting them know kindly, that he had a long way to drive, and that he had only stopped to rest a while.

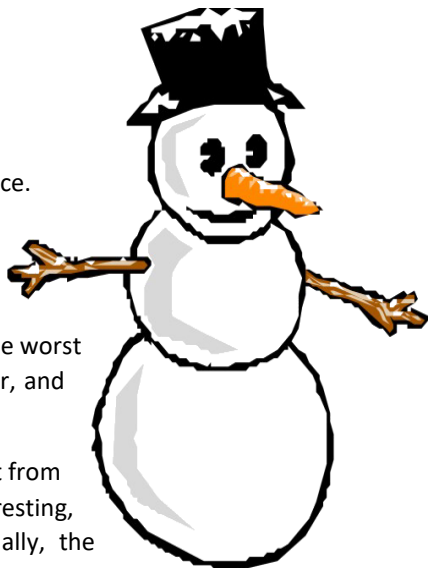
However, perseverance won over. Eventually a small glass of port wine was accepted. The stranger revived, colour returned to his cheeks, laughter reigned. It was a magical night and everyone groaned when 'TIME' was shouted. Our new customer shook hands with nearly everyone yet again, thanking them for their kindness and hospitality. He said that he had a long way to go and must get on, before he reached home.

Christmas morning crept in quietly, a hush lay over the whole village. Struggling out of bed, the pub landlady called her dogs, and went downstairs to let them out for a run. She'd pulled on wellies and coat from the hall so that she could supervise them. While she was wandering about the front of the pub garden, she noticed large tracks in the snow. They looked like large hoof prints. Just to make sure she called her fiancé. At the far end of the beer garden, where tables are used in summer months, was a large half eaten bale of hay.

To make matters more confusing there also appeared to be marks left by some huge sledge. The snow glittered all around like fairy dust. Puzzled, the young couple walked around again, to see if they had missed anything. It was then that they heard their dogs barking by the pub's front door. To their amazement, there stood an enormous snowman, perfect in every way, and in his arms he held a bottle of the very best port wine.

No one knows how he got there and no one has a clue who built him.....

Susan Conolly



Christmas Biscuits



Ingredients

For the biscuits

125g butter, softened
125g golden caster sugar
1 egg, beaten
1tsp vanilla extract

For the decoration

400g white fondant icing
Icing sugar for dusting
100g pack of mixed colour ready to roll icing
tube of white icing
tube of black icing

Method

1. Heat the oven to 190C/170C fan / Gas mark 5.
2. Cream the butter and sugar until pale and fluffy, then beat in the egg and vanilla.
3. Stir in the flour and mix to a soft dough. Tip onto a lightly floured surface and knead gently. Put the dough on a plate, cover and chill for at least 2 hours.
4. On a lightly floured surface, roll out the dough to a thickness of around 0.5cm. Use a cookie cutter or water glass to stamp out 7cm rounds. Re-roll the trimmings and repeat.
5. Transfer the biscuits to two lined baking trays and bake for 8-14 minutes until the edges turn lightly golden in colour. Leave to cool.
6. To decorate, roll out the white fondant icing on a surface lightly dusted with icing sugar. Stamp out 7cm circles using the same cookie cutter/glass as before, then use a dab of the white tube of icing to stick a fondant round on each biscuit.
7. Roll out one icing colour at a time (mix colours to make green, orange etc if wished). Stamp out a 7cm circle of coloured icing, cut in half and stick on the biscuit for a hat. Cut a strip of another colour and make some markings to make it look like the elasticated band of a hat.
8. Decorate the hats with icing spots and stripes, you could also poke holes in a ball of icing to make a pom pom for the hat. Mould lumpy balls of orange icing for the nose and black icing for the eyes. Press down to flatten and then stick on with the white tube icing. Use the tube of black icing to pipe rows of dots for the smiles. *Will keep in an air tight container for up to 5 days.*

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**I hope you have a Joyful Christmas
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Yes, I really do mean it. It is a deeply felt desire that everyone will have a joyful Christmas and a wonderful 2020. We associate Christmas with presents and it is good to give and receive presents. Well, I like it. It can be a time when family, friends and neighbours get together in a spirit of goodwill. Lots of us will have a break from work. Some will be at home, others travelling far away to somewhere warm (please bring some sunshine back with you ... thanks). There are many services in the church over the coming months and I hope you will be able to join us for some, if not all of them. You will be most welcome. A list of some of the events can be found below.

For some Christmas is not a good time. You might be lonely, mourning on the death of someone you loved and Christmas is not the same as it used to be. Some of us will be working and our thanks go to those who work in our emergency, and essential services, in our hospitals and community. If this is you please accept our thanks. For others life just might not be good and this might be accentuated when it seems to us that everyone else is having a good time.

However life is for you now and over the Christmas period let us all recall what Christmas is all about!

Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ. God's incarnation; God taking on our flesh, sharing life with us. Loving us so much He died on the cross for us and was resurrected so He could be with us all. Be with us now and again on Christmas Day and in the future. The greatest present we have been given is God's love for us, and His desire to save us, primarily from ourselves.

If you'll excuse the pun, God's present for us is His presence with us, now and always. All we need do is receive this love. Sometimes it is difficult to receive such a massive present but it is for all of us and for ever.

Wherever we are and however life is for us God knows and is with us. We are not alone and He understands our joys and sorrows. He is with us in our celebrations, in our day to day lives and with us in even the darkest moments of our lives. Receive His love with joy.

Wonder is also a response to God's love. On the Feast of the Epiphany (celebrating the visit of the magi to the Christ Child) we remember the wise men. We are invited to live in awe and wonder as we think of God's love for us, and the whole of creation, (in itself full of awesome sight, smell, touch, sounds and tastes).

I wish you at this time and forever a wish that you, me, and everyone will live in Joy and Wonder.

Fr. David.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 1st December. *Breakfast service in church. Breakfast from 9.45am, and a relaxed Eucharist service at 10.30*

Saturday 7th December, 11am to 4pm,

St Mary's Church Christmas and Craft Fayre, in the village hall with *the usual stalls, including Christmas gifts, cakes, books, tombola, raffle and refreshments. There will be a "Kidz Corner" with special stalls and gifts. There are also tables for hire so if you would like to sell your own craft work or make money for a charity please contact Roger Fellows on 01296 424982.*

Sunday, 15th December, 11.30 am, Christingle Service in church.

For all the family, please bring an orange. You'll find out what you need the orange for if you don't already know.

Sunday, 15th December, 6pm, Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in church.

The annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, with the church choir and the Weston Turville School Friday Choir is on Sunday 15th December at 6pm. Come early to get a seat! Please stay for a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie after the service.

Sunday, 22nd December. 3.00pm, Nativity Service in church

Tuesday, 24th December (Christmas Eve), 11.45pm, Midnight Mass

Wednesday, 25th Christmas Day, 10.am. Parish Eucharist

Sunday, 5 January 2020. *A celebration of the Epiphany 8:00 am. Holy Communion. Breakfast from 9.45am, and a relaxed Eucharist service at 10.30*

St Mary's Weston Turville Improving Facilities Team, SWIFT

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

We are preparing a list of clubs or other local groups who may be interested in using these new facilities and look forward to hearing from you if this may apply. It will also be available for children's parties, etc. Please let us know what facilities you would wish for so that we can fine-tune the detailed plans to best effect. The use of the meeting room will be managed by a committee comprising members of the PCC and some regular users of the facility. If you would be interested in being involved please contact me or the clergy.

We are in the process of renewing our planning permission and engaging a structural engineer. We are aiming to complete contracts so that we can start building this much-needed facility for the whole village in 2020. We do, however, need to raise approximately £45k to meet the estimated contract sum before we can start. Please think about the benefits this will bring to the local community and the many small groups looking for somewhere to meet, including those who need the accessible toilet and baby-changing facilities. We welcome your donations, large or small and any ideas you can provide towards this final fundraising phase. This is our mission to the community but we do need your help!

We will have a SWIFT stall at the St Mary's Christmas and Craft Fayre on Saturday 7th December (see the Church article in this magazine for more details) and plans, pictures and more details of the project will be available. We also have our annual Bring and Buy Sale of unwanted Christmas Presents at the Church on Saturday 11th January, from 2pm to 4pm. Please come and support SWIFT at this fun afternoon

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

For information about SWIFT or how you can help by donating or raising funds for the project, for standing order or Gift Aid forms, or if you wish to receive regular information on our progress please give your e-mail address to Roger Fellows or visit our website www.swift.co.uk.

Reminder that our popular Soup lunch in church is at 12 noon to 1.30pm on the third Thursday of each month from 16th January 2020. There will be no soup lunch in December.

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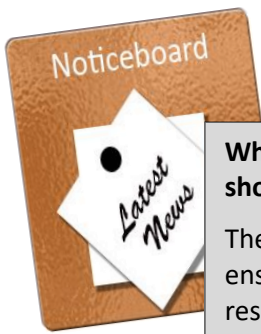
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Rabbits - Droppings are left in clusters of little, round, hard balls.

They are usually yellowy-brown or green in colour, and full of grass.



Foxes have dog-like droppings that are usually pointy at one end and full of fur, feathers, tiny bones, seeds and berries.

Badgers poo in shallow pits. Their droppings vary from firm and sausage-shaped, to softer, slimier and darker if they've been eating lots of worms!



Deer have shiny, dark pellets that are pointy at one end and often stuck together in clusters.



Bats leave droppings where they roost, so they can often be found stuck to walls or on the ground under holes or trees. They have a rough appearance

and are filled with chewed-up bits of insect.



Hedgehog poos are about 5 cm long, cylindrical and generally quite dark. They might be filled with bits of insects and worms.



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