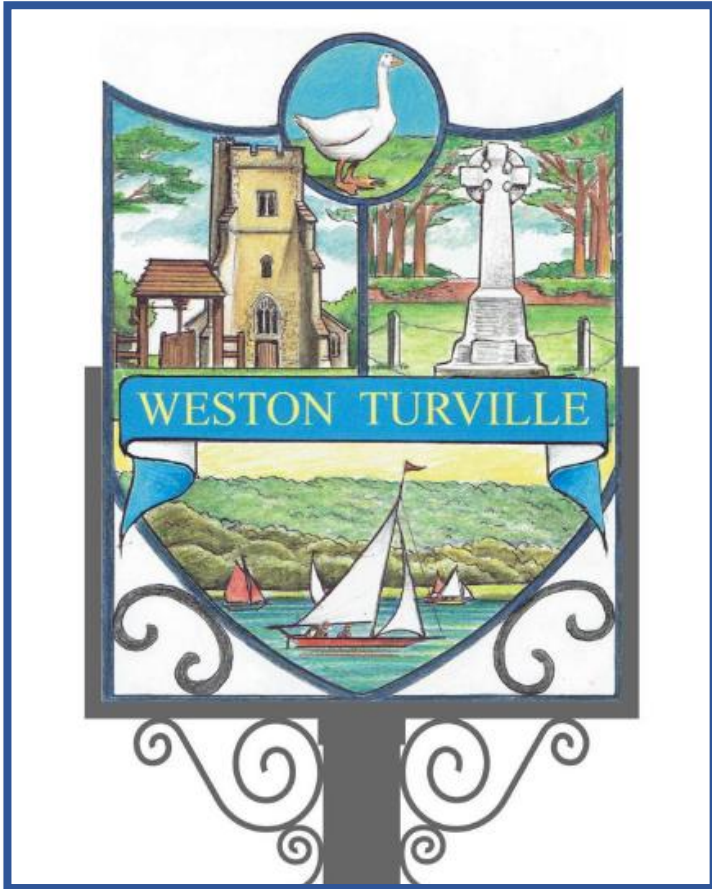


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Message from the Editor

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Weston Turville Times.

As I write 'the autumn edition' I, like others, are thinking what happened to this year? We had Easter, the Jubilee, the heatwave and now it's Autumn! In fact, who stole the last two years? Are you saying 'last year' when you really mean before covid? Maybe we should write "BCV" on stuff so we know it happened at least 3 years ago and not 6 months.

At the time of writing this it is 144 days until Christmas! I think autumn and winter will be different for a lot of us this year. Jobs are aplenty but money isn't. Bills are rising but income isn't. In this edition we have steered the contents towards the environment and our community. Each has an impact on our daily life. We hope some of it is useful for you.

If you have anything you think may be of interest to the residents within the parish please make contact. If you want to suggest a regular article for this magazine; make contact. We will welcome all the help we can get!

Editor

Contributions to the magazine are welcomed subject to space and the Editor's decision on suitability. The copy deadline for the Autumn issue is 28th October 2022.

We reserve the right to edit all articles.

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Volunteering

Often I hear local people comment on something and say how nice it is or how they don't like something or they wouldn't have done it like that, but I have rarely heard anyone say " Who did it?" Whatever it was, just arrived one day and there it was. Poof. Like magic. Did you know all the daffodils planted around the parish were planted by parish councillors or volunteers, helping to keep our streets free of litter is done by volunteers. Assisting the police with information on speeding is done by volunteers. Setting up parish events like the Jubilee event, scarecrow trail, advent trail, easter egg hunt, street food etc are all done by volunteers. The people who run the allotments, who sit on the Wendover and Villages Community Board acting as eyes, ears and liaison with Bucks Council for our area; are volunteers. Volunteers are essential for making our area function as we would wish and for making it a better place to live.

A lot of ex military personal et al will tell you never volunteer for anything. I don't necessarily agree with this as I am ex military and I volunteered for all sorts of things and as a result had adventures I would never have experienced in the normal course of my work. Admittedly it was post WW2 and I wasn't in the front firing line but during my adventures I came close to death and serious injury a few times (or so it felt like at the time) but it never stopped me raising my hand again as it allowed me to test myself and my capabilities as well as my limitations and it generated a real adrenalin rush. Whilst this type of volunteering is not for everyone I know; volunteering in the community is different. Risk assessments are done to prevent you from injury, proper equipment provided and training, if required, is given. New skills can be learnt or dormant ones revived.

Some volunteering roles don't even require you to leave your house! The Wendover and Villages Community board are currently looking for someone to organise the lunch club. Pre covid it was very well attended and fulfilled a need to ensure older persons received a good hot meal and company to help alleviate loneliness and isolation within our community. A local hostelry will be found to provide the venue and meals but a co-ordinator is needed to advertise this event and liaise with the pub on numbers. Could you do it? It is not onerous and doesn't take much time.

So why should you volunteer? You could be getting paid for working so why do it for nothing? Volunteering takes a commitment of regular times and attendance doesn't it?

I didn't volunteer for any community work until I retired from paid employment. I had previously worked a 24 hour rotating shift pattern which meant I was not able to commit for anything requiring regular attendance or being awake! That was my excuse and I stuck with it throughout my working years. When I did volunteer I suddenly found out that I had been deluding myself and there were loads of roles which didn't require

me to physically attend on set days although, to be honest, most did require me to be awake.....

As far as being paid was concerned I personally didn't want the pressure of working for money. I didn't want a 'boss' threatening me with loss of wages/bonuses/time off/perks for not performing well enough or having the prospect of being unemployed used to 'encourage' me to work longer hours or not claim for the hours I did work. I didn't want to be obligated because I had signed a contract. I wanted to enjoy myself doing something I liked doing and having that feeling of 'giving back' and the satisfaction that brings. I wanted to walk around my community and say to myself 'I did that' or 'I helped with that'. It is very satisfying. In addition, I personally want to be in a position that I can walk away from it if I no longer enjoy doing it or my circumstances change or the people I come into regular contact with test my tolerance limits to unacceptable levels! Don't be fooled into thinking that volunteering isn't challenging at times but what it does do is allow you to choose whether to do it or not!

There are always volunteers needed for local charities, national charities, and many other organisations but we also need them: local people to help locally, in our community who can make a big difference by doing something they like doing.

Think about it. If you hate speeding cars - volunteer to do something about it. If you like gardening or seeing the spring bulbs arrive - volunteer a few hours a year to help. There are lots of roles and if you want to join in and make a difference, contact the Parish Clerk or Community Impact Bucks.

Mandi Simons

**Thank
you!**

A huge thank you to all those who give up their time to volunteer in the parish.

They deliver the WT Times, litter pick in their roads, staff the Sentinel camera, help out at events, maintain the wildflower verges and more.



CHILTERN HANDBELL RINGERS



We are a friendly and welcoming Handbell group based in Weston Turville. Our aim is to perform, promote and teach Handbell ringing. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to perform or practice very much over the past two years and now find our numbers are dwindling and we are looking to recruit new members. You don't need to read music as we ring by numbers.

The group was founded more than 30 years ago by June and John Beer, sadly we lost June a few years ago. June wrote over 400 pieces of music into the Handbell format for us to play, so we have a very varied repertoire. We have performed for WI's, care homes, clubs and garden parties in the Aylesbury area and beyond.

We charge a fee per booking which goes directly to our given charity of the year along with any donations collected on the day. In 2019 we collected over £1860 for Lindengate and this year our chosen charity is Bucks Young Carers. Over the years many thousands of pounds has been raised for our chosen charities.

We meet weekly on a Thursday at the moment either afternoon or evening. If you are interested in coming along to a practice to see whether it is something that you may like to try out, please contact John Beer on 612344 or email chilternhandbells@gmail.com.

Weston Turville Litter Pick

Saturday 24th September

10am

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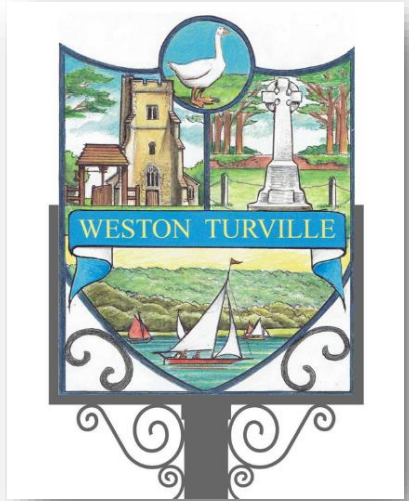
Village Sign – Delivery due in Autumn

The Parish Council last updated you about the new village sign in the Winter 2020 edition of the Weston Turville Times, when we were hoping it would be delivered in the Autumn of 2021. Unfortunately, due to the manufacturing company closing during covid we have had to wait an extra year, but the sign is now actually in production and we anticipate delivery early Autumn.

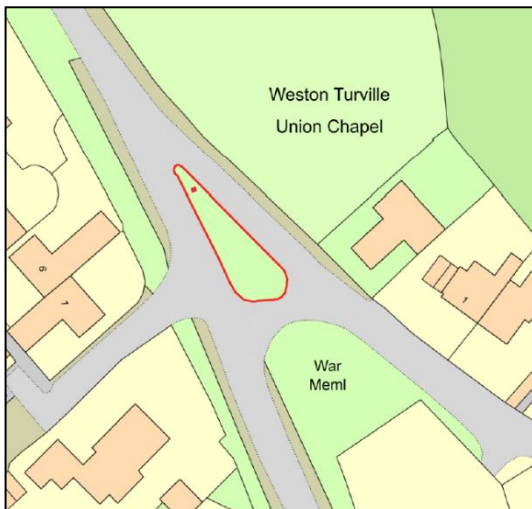
As explained previously, we chose to depict the church, war memorial and reservoir. We added an Aylesbury duck to the sign as they used to be raised here in the 19th century

As soon as the sign is delivered installation will be arranged. It will be sited at the junction of School Lane/Worlds end Lane (see map location below). A planning application (20/03146/AAD) was submitted in 2020 and was subsequently approved.

We will keep you informed of the progress via our website and face book page.



Cllr Cathy Terry





Community Board
Wendover and
Villages



Weston Turville Home Energy Efficiency Drive

Worried about rising energy prices? Got a draughty home?

The rising cost of energy is on everyone's minds at the moment. In April, energy bills increased by around 50% for millions of households in Great Britain. The average home is now paying an extra £700 for their energy each year and it is set to increase again in October. How can we manage? Well, one way is to make our homes more energy efficient –reducing energy loss by improving draughtproofing and insulation. A second way is to invest in renewable energy technologies like solar panels and heat pumps.

With all this in mind, recently formed community group **Climate Action Weston Turville** (CAWT) applied for funding to the **Wendover and Villages Community Board** to help access some expert advice. CAWT has received a grant to pay for five Home Energy Efficiency Surveys (worth £500 each). The advice will cover everything from draft-proofing and insulating historic timber-framed, listed properties to making new developments ready for solar panels and heat-pump installation. **The surveys will be made freely available to homeowners and will be posted on our website so that everyone can access expert advice** on improvements to increase home energy efficiency and appropriate renewable energy technology for their type of house. The reports will be produced by leading independent home energy consultants, CLPM.

To register for a free home survey please use the QR code to provide your information.



If you're successful you'll receive a visit from a CLPM surveyor and, following that, a free report detailing the age and construction of your property and analysing the existing insulation and heating provision. This will be accompanied by advice on how you can make your home more energy efficient and which renewable energy technologies would be appropriate to install.

Discounts on your bill

With energy bills expected to increase again in October, the UK Government is offering households in Great Britain a £400 discount on their electricity bills, as part of a package of support to help people deal with rising energy costs.

The grant is known as the **Energy Bills Support Scheme**, and it will not need to be repaid. You don't need to apply for the discount. It will be paid out by electricity suppliers to consumers over six months, with the first payments starting in October 2022. You can find out more information on this by visiting **Blog Post 29 July 2022** on the website of the **Energy Saving Trust**.

Grants to help homeowners install low carbon heating systems

The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, in partnership with Ofgem, has launched a new scheme to encourage property owners in England and Wales to install low carbon heating systems. **The Boiler Upgrade Scheme** is offering grants of up to £6,000 towards the cost of having air source heat pumps, ground source heat pumps, or biomass boilers (for rural properties) installed in place of existing gas, oil or electric heating. Homes and small non-domestic buildings on and off the gas grid, including owner-occupiers, private landlords and custom-builds, are eligible for support. Installers will lead the grant application on behalf of the property owner. The £450 million scheme will run until April 2025.

For more information, please visit the UK Government website www.gov.uk and search for Boiler Upgrade Scheme

Want to know more about CAWT?

Newsletter

Please use the code to register and receive our quarterly E-newsletter (First edition Aug/Sep). This will include updates on all our climate supporting activities and local projects plus education, money saving opportunities, hints, tips and advice and how you and your family can get involved and support our planet.



Pint and Planet

Finally, if you would like to find out more about CAWT, why not come along to the Chandos Arms? We meet at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday in the month. We're a friendly and informal group of local residents who want to do our bit to make a more sustainable future for our community, our country and our planet.

ASHRIDGE HOME CARE RECOGNISED FOR ITS SERVICE EXCELLENCE



At a time when the care industry is under huge pressure, local company Ashridge Home Care, is recognised for its' efforts to maintain outstanding customer service despite on-going challenges. The Amersham based company received a silver award in the Service Excellence category at the SME MK and Buckinghamshire Business Awards 2022 ceremony (Small Medium sized Enterprises) held this summer.

Managing Director Mitch Miller said: *“This award is testament to everything we have done to value and look after our carers who in turn do everything they can to care for our customers. The social care sector is constantly changing and is under enormous pressure at the moment due to high demand and recruitment challenges. So, it is reassuring to know that 98% of live-in care clients say the care and support they receive helps them have a better quality of life. This trust inspires us. We’re a diverse, dynamic family-owned business with over 100 care professionals united by one passionate purpose: to deliver the outstanding service that we would want for ourselves, should we ever need help in our own home. And to receive recognition like this award really helps motivate and inspire the team to continue its’ hard work.”*

Ashridge Home Care is built upon the philosophy that in looking after its carers, they in turn will look after their clients. Ashridge is a family of carers, and those family values lie at the heart of its’ care. With a 10/10 rating on homecare.co.uk, the UK’s leading care provider website, this privately owned company has created a caring culture which invests in its staff who feel valued and supported. Ashridge offers both visiting hourly care as well as 24-hour live-in care and has won numerous accolades.

The awards ceremony was a rare opportunity for the team to dress up and celebrate its’ demanding work. Visiting Carer, Carol Holdsworth said: *“We had a fabulous night, and it is really special to be recognised in a category like service excellence. Being a carer is one of the most important jobs there is and getting the little things right makes all the difference to someone’s life. At Ashridge I know I am looked after so I can look after my clients. There is always someone there to help me if I have any questions or need support and I am proud to be part of the team.”*



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We have a general meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month at Aylesbury Rugby Club in the village at 2.30pm. Here you can meet like-minded people, get the latest news on visits, holidays and activities. We normally have a guest speaker who will give an amusing and interesting presentation.

You are welcome to come along to one of our meetings or find out more about all our many activities on our website: www.wtu3a.org.uk

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Road Safety

The Parish Council is regularly contacted by residents concerned about road safety, in particular the speed of vehicles travelling through the parish and why there is no weight limit through the village to prevent HGVs using the route. Enforcement of speed limits is the responsibility of Thames Valley Police, however the Parish Council does have tools at its disposal to help highlight areas of concern so that police resources can be targeted appropriately.

1. **Sentinel** - this camera is available for use within the community and records footage of speeding vehicles. The data/time, speed and registration number is recorded and passed to Thames Valley Police who can then write to the owner of the vehicle. The Sentinel equipment needs to be staffed by 2 volunteers and the Parish Council would like to hear from anyone who would be willing to give up some time to help, full training will be provided. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to volunteer - clerk@westonturville-pc.gov.uk

2. **Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS)** - you may see these signs being moved around the parish. They are usually in situ for a month or so and collect data on the volume and speed of traffic. It does not collect information on the vehicle, ie number plate. The data collected is put on our website and also shared with Thames Valley Police. Recent data is shown below, the figure in red is the traffic volumes in 2019 (pre pandemic).

Road name	Date	Speed limit	85 th percentile	Average Speed	Volume of cars M-F	No of cars 7 days
Brook End	June 2022	30	27.2	23.2	1,190	1,108
Church Lane	July 2022	30	26.1	21.2	416 647	394 582
Marroway	Sept 2021	40	41.7	33.5	2,901 3,605	2,786 3,378
New Road (Westongrove)	June 2022	40	38.4	31.3	1,737 2,068	1,636 1,784
New Road (village)	February 2022	30	35.2	29.5	1,870 1,732	1,716 1,662
Worlds End Lane	March 2022	30	34.3	28	1,136 1,695	1,070 1,497

Bucks Council no longer fund speed limit changes unless it is part of a casualty reduction scheme. It is now down to parish councils or community boards to fund these, the cost to change a speed limit is approximately £10,000. The costs to install traffic calming aimed at reducing traffic speeds are significantly higher. However, part of the mitigation measures for Hampden Fields include changes to traffic calming and road layout through the parish as follows:

- Changes to road priority in Marroway which will direct traffic through Hampden Fields with a side road off to the village
- New Road will no longer be a long straight road once the new link road is in place, it will pass through the new facilities being built in Hampden Fields (shops, community centre etc)
- 20mph limit in Main Street between New Road and School Approach
- Raised cushion with zebra crossing at junction of Main Street and Bates Lane
- Carriageway narrowing with coloured surface in Brook End

The changes will be progressed once the new link road is complete and subject to Bucks Council's processes.

The PC continues to lobby for a weight restriction or at the minimum signage to deter HGVs using the village but unfortunately to date this has not been supported by the highway authority (Buckinghamshire Council).

Hedgehog Highway

We still have some of the hedgehog gateway markers available, please contact the Clerk to arrange to collect from the Parish Office.



Litter

Litter picks are regularly carried out by a contractor but we all need to do our part to keep the parish tidy and safe for people and wildlife. The Parish Council has litter pickers, black sacks, hoops etc available for anyone to borrow or if you would prefer, please join the organised litter pick on 24th September – see details on page 12.

A lot of rubbish is left in the Jubilee Park and around the reservoir, if you know your children/teens are having picnics etc please remind them to put their rubbish in the bin or take it home with them!

Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Council was sad to receive the resignation of Michael Conolly, Michael has been a parish councillor since 2015 and will be sorely missed.

If you are interested in being co-opted to the Council, please contact the Clerk, all applications must be received by 10th September.

Coffee Van and Street Food

A coffee van will be at the Jubilee Park 1.30pm – 3.30pm on Mondays providing refreshments for those using the park and its facilities.

The monthly street food events continue to be popular – please come along and support this community evening on the third Friday of each month. The November one will include a Christmas theme as it is the last one before Christmas.

What else is the Council doing this year?

- Install a village sign in Worlds End Lane
- New litter bins in the playground and petanque, larger one at the reservoir layby
- Develop the wildflower meadow at Jubilee Park, create a bug hotel
- Installation of a bench to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee
- Replace a broken bench at the junction of Worlds End Lane and Wendover Road
- Redesign the entrance and layout to the village hall car park, including repainting the white lining. It is hoped this will help create additional spaces and make the entrance/exit easier to navigate in busy times.
- Install an anchor point and power for a Christmas tree to be put up each year in front of the village hall

Parish Council Meetings

All local residents are welcome to attend meetings of the council and its committees to observe and at the start of each meeting there is a chance for residents to raise any issues with the Council. Meetings are held in either the Village Hall or the parish meeting room, adjacent to the hall.

Please see our website for agenda details or contact the Clerk.

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Weston Turville Parish Council, Village Hall, School Approach, Weston Turville HP22 5RW



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

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

Project Pollinator

Jubilee Park Wildflower Meadow Progress

As many of you are aware, a flower meadow is a fabulous way to increase the biodiversity of an area, establishing a flower meadow takes time and patience. It can take between 3 to 5 years to establish, with careful maintenance and re seeding.

Year One Overview

Last October the Parish Council installed two additional picnic benches and established natural pathways to the area right of the Tennis Courts, in preparation for Project Pollinator.



(Taken on 1st August 2022)

In late Autumn (November) the team scarified the area to prepare it for the Flower Meadow. We then scattered 7,000 Yellow Rattle seeds across the area which were vitally important in helping to create the meadow. As the rattle is semi-parasitic and helps to reduce the vigour and growth of the grass to enable the wildflowers to grow and it also needs a few months of cold weather before it will germinate.

In March we scattered the wild flower seeds across the area, including the mounds. Then it was just a waiting game, as we were keen to see what naturally would grow in the area as well as the progress on the sown seeds.

Once the Yellow Rattle and any flowers have self seeded, sometime in September the area will be cut down and left, to allow seeds to drop and then the clippings will be collected over the Autumn/Winter.



Recently we met the head groundsman who manages the Flower Meadow scheme in Amersham. We were shown the areas around Hervines Park and the Stanley Hill Cemetery and got some very helpful tips on how to create a wildflower meadow. He highlighted that it had been a difficult year across the county, due to the shortage of rain, but as the picture to the left shows, their display looked beautiful this year.

Next Steps

To prepare the soil and reseed in the Autumn. As we progress on this important project, we will keep you updated.

Cllr Georgie Fincham

Weston Turville

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As an enthusiastic amateur gardener, I am working closely with Climate Action Weston Turville (CAWT). I have also approached The Parish council to discuss my proposal at their next council meeting in September with a view to getting support. The Parish council are already actively planting wildflowers and trees in the Jubilee Park and Memorial Playing field, with the planting of primroses at Church lane and the grassed verges around the village being left longer before cutting to allow for wildlife and wildflowers to establish a home.

Could I invite keen gardeners amateur or experts, young and mature to join me in making a difference?

My proposal is not new, around the country ideas like this are popping up to make a difference – see links below

www.wildlifefriendlyvillage.co.uk

www.stpa.life/community-garden

If this is something you might interested in, please contact me and I will send you my proposal submitted to the Parish council.

Please contact: georgelait@hotmail.co.uk



WESTON TURVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

After the summer recess of meetings, the Historical Society will be restarting on Friday 30th September 2022. Following her talk on the significant finds at the old church in Stoke Mandeville and the Roman sculptures in March, Rachel Woods has kindly agreed to give us another talk. As part of the archaeological works for the HS2 scheme, archaeologists have made an astounding discovery near Wendover. Throughout 2020 and 2021 a specialist team worked to uncover 141 burials that contain an amazing array of grave goods. These include jewellery, a sword, spears, shield bosses, knives, grooming kits, beads, glass vessels and buckets, to name a few. The objects date the burials to the 5th and 6th centuries, a period for which the archaeological and written records are sparse. Dr Rachel Wood will tell the story of this nationally important discovery and what we understand of the site so far. This find is of national interest.

If you wish to join the society the fees are £5 for a family membership and £3 for a single membership and the meeting fee of £2 per member and £3 for non-members for the coming year. Doors open at 7:30pm and coffee/tea will be available.

The Historical Society have completed the update of the book on the Weston Turville Reservoir which was last issued in 2006. The book was written by Tessa Taylor who was one of our members. We have included many new colour photographs and amended the text appropriately.

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

Date for Weston Turville Historical Society Speaker Programme 2022/203

Date	Speaker	Title of Talk
September 30 th 2022	Dr Rachel Wood	The Living & the Dead – an Anglo-Saxon cemetery near Wendover
October 28 th 2022	Adrian Randall	AGM + Weston Turville Reservoir Tales
November 25 th 2022	Adam Smith	Two Victorian Country Houses in the Chilterns
January 27 th 2023	Nick da Costa	The Mystery & Magic of Egyptian Hieroglyphs
February 24 th 2023	Glynn White	Scenes from Weston Turville 100 years apart

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Weston Turville Allotment Association



Did you know: A public footpath and bridle path runs through the allotments? We welcome visitors to walk through the allotments but do ask that they stay on the route and not stray on to the allotments as this is private land.

Our allotment holders work hard through the seasons planning, sowing and growing produce with the intention of enjoying fresh fruit and vegetables. With plenty of pickling, jam making and freezing going on for the winter months ahead.

We also have an environmental side to the allotments with some plots semi-retired, left to nature with wildlife ponds added, grasses and wild flowers sown, tree branches and logs are piled to allow for insects, hedgehog's and other wildlife to make homes. Bird boxes are sited in "friendly" places with bird baths and bird tables sited in our centennial garden.

Hedgerows are filled with bullas and Mirabella nestling alongside the Hawthorne, elderflower and blackberries. Leaving all fallen fruits on the ground to encourage hedgehogs, mice and other creatures to take and store for the autumn and winter months just like ourselves.

We are a good example of living alongside nature I always say – Plant one for yourself and two to the birds, mice and insects. Although it does get a little frustrating when you find your share has also been taken.



Imagine sitting under our wild cherry tree located in the middle of the allotments which is situated along the bridal path just beyond the car park identified with a table and chairs. Each season creates a different view especially if you visit regularly sitting and listening to the blackbird singing to attract attention, to the whistle of the red kites being chased high in the sky by a crow. To the ducks and swans, flying past, seeing the reservoir in the distance ready to have shelter for the night,

We are so lucky to live in this place we call home, enjoy.

A place to relax and reflect (Not just for the allotments holders but our visitors too!)



George Lait

Serving our community

How well do we serve the vulnerable members of our community? Last year, at the height of the pandemic, I launched *Right at Home* with a mission to offer outstanding care to people living locally.

I have witnessed what great care looks like with my 94-year-old mother, who is still supported by the same team of wonderful CareGivers seven years on. This inspired me to start *Right at Home Aylesbury Vale and Chiltern*. We offer a service built on trust. Our care is person-centred. It focuses entirely on the needs and wishes of those we care for, with packages tailored to suit them and give their loved ones peace of mind. Call visits last at least one hour, allowing time for a special relationship to develop between CareGiver and client, enabling us to genuinely improve their quality of life. The client's family may also be supporting them, so we make every effort to involve them and reassure them that their loved one is receiving the best care.

Our care packages cater for adults of all ages: linking hospital discharge with support at home, offering services including meal preparation, personal care, rehabilitation, dementia and end of life care, live-in care as well as companionship and maintaining links within the community.

Case Study

Geoffrey Noble lived in Weston Turville for 30 years. Whilst still relatively independent, Geoffrey was diagnosed with early stage dementia. He was struggling to complete daily tasks such as paying bills and speaking on the telephone. We were able to support Geoffrey with this, and enabled him to get back out into his local community and enjoy social contact at the Wendover Dementia Support café, as well as shopping trips and visits to Dobbies garden centre. I thoroughly enjoyed Geoffrey's company. He maintained a wide variety of interests, including Richard III and Dorothy L Sayers. Social engagement is a core focus of our visits. As Geoffrey's care needs changed, we adapted our care package, and kept family informed about his condition.

Going the extra mile We offered Geoffrey a lift to his local polling station to meet local councillor Bill Chapple on Polling Day. Geoffrey had been voting since 1945, so it was an emotional experience to be able to vote again! Sadly, Geoffrey died in January this year. I can truly say that it was a privilege to support him at home. Weston Turville has some fascinating residents look out for them and take a moment to pass the time of day!

Giles Ellerton is Managing Director of Right at Home Aylesbury Vale and Chiltern

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We continue to grow (excuse the pun!) our wildflower, plant & tree collections and a wide selection are available to purchase. In addition, our team of expert volunteers work tirelessly to craft hand made wooden items, including wildlife boxes, benches and planters, details of which can be found on our website.

Having recently been awarded the Green Flag Community Award for green spaces, along with our Queens Award for Voluntary Services and Gold Award for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR-A), we are incredibly proud of our team, community of volunteers & supporters, who have helped Lindengate become a multi award winning charity.

Our programmes have never been more needed by our community, with a variety of wellbeing programmes, which are all age, fully-integrated – including our open gardens, free for all, on Wednesdays 4.30 – 7.30pm & Saturdays 1.30 – 4.30pm, Green Volunteers, for 13-18 years, working with our team weekly in our Nature Reserve & Memory Pathways, for anyone living with dementia or memory loss and their carers. If you're looking for that unique venue to hold your special event, whether a birthday afternoon tea, or a team meeting, our Yurt & Gardens are available for hire.

Lindengate welcomes new volunteers so if you would like to join a warm and friendly community, meet new friends, working together to support the wellbeing of people and the environment and help us maintain the beautiful 6 acre Lindengate gardens, go to our website, where you'll find full details of volunteering, our programmes, items for sale & venue hire. www.lindengate.org.uk.





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Petanque comes to Weston Turville !

In 2019 the Parish Council was approached by local residents and members of the U3A with a request to provide a Petanque court. Using s106 funds from nearby developments, the Parish Council has now installed a court in Jubilee Park by the tennis courts which was opened at the end of May.



The new facility is proving very popular. Currently it is being operated on a “first come first served” basis, but this will be reviewed if demand leads to this being a requirement.

If you are interested in learning, a copy of the rules are on the fence or the U3A play on Monday afternoons and are always happy to introduce newcomers to this sport.

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Christmas Carol Service Choir

St. Mary's Weston Turville

An invitation!

You are invited to join a community choir specially to sing at the **Carol Service** at 5.00 p.m. on Sunday 18th December in the church.

The only requirements are that firstly, you love singing carols and secondly can sing in tune. If you are joining as an alto, tenor or bass, it would be helpful if you have sung those parts before. We will learn a couple of special things and loads of carols and descants and basically have a really good time.

The practices will be on Thursdays in the church from 6.45p.m. to 7.30 p.m. and begin on Thursday 3rd November. We will also have an extra practice on Saturday 17th December at 3.00 p.m. to make sure we are fine and maybe some refreshments? There is no age limit at either end. Children who can manage are welcome too.

Please let me know if you are interested. The more the merrier! I will need numbers to make sure I have enough copies. Let me know if you want more information or have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Revd Susan

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St Mary's Weston Turville Improving Facilities Team, SWIFT - The Oak Room@ St Mary's

The Oak Room is now available to hire, it has a meeting room which can accommodate at least 35 people seated, with a variety of tables and chairs and level access from the car park. This is a great facility, not just for the church but for the benefit of the whole community. If you are interested in the possibility of using the room please contact Clare Chamberlain on 07596 997339.

SWIFT will have a grand clearance sale of second-hand books and perhaps a few other items of interest at the church on Saturday 24th September from 11am to 4pm. Please, come and buy but no more books yet as we have a huge number to sell.

We are very close to covering costs now and need about £5,000 for remaining costs and to repay a small loan. If you are able to help, please send donations to the Rectory, Church Walk, Weston Turville, HP22 5SH or to me Roger Fellows, 65 Craigwell Avenue, Aylesbury, HP21 7AG. Cheques should be payable to "PCC Weston Turville, SWIFT". Transfers to "PCC Weston Turville SWIFT" at NatWest, 60-01-31, account 51685922 or online to www.goldengiving.com/wall/swift are also welcome. *Roger Fellows*

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

September

- 1st Bucks County Show, Weedon
8th Parish Council Planning Committee, 7pm
15th Parish Council meeting, 7pm
16th Street Food at Weston Turville Village Hall
24th Parish Litter Pick, meet at the Village Hall at 10am
30th Weston Turville Historical Society at the Village Hall

October

- 1st Weston Turville WI Quiz Night at the Village Hall, 7.30pm
13th Parish Council Planning Committee, 7pm
20th Parish Council meeting, 7pm
21st Street Food at Weston Turville Village Hall
28th Weston Turville Historical Society at the Village Hall

November

- 10th Parish Council Planning Committee, 7pm
13th Remembrance Service, 10.30 at the War Memorial, Worlds End Lane
Followed by refreshments in the Chapel
17th Parish Council meeting, 7pm
18th Street Food at Weston Turville Village Hall
25th Weston Turville Historical Society at the Village Hall

Regular Events

- Mondays 1.30 – 3.30pm – Coffee Van at Jubilee Park (behind the Village Hall)
- Second Saturday monthly – Repair Café, St Michael's Church, Aston Clinton 9am - 12noon
- Third Friday of each month - Street Food events at the Village Hall, Weston Turville



WESTON TURVILLE WI ARE HOSTING A
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What events would you like to see in Weston Turville?

This issue of the WT Times is focusing on community and the environment. The Parish Council is keen to engage with the community and to help with that is considering some events and competitions that anyone can get involved with. We would appreciate your feedback on the ideas so far - and welcome any other suggestions you may have.

- Monthly street food events at the village hall
- Christmas events - eg Christmas tree with lights, Advent windows around the parish
- Sunflower challenge - who can grow the tallest?
- Easter Egg hunt
- Parish Litter Pick - with a "bingo" card of items to collect
- Quiz nights
- Silent cinema
- Build a bug hotel for Jubilee Park
- Enter the Best Kept Village competition in 2023
- Village Fete
- Afternoon tea
- Barn dance
- Scarecrow or Halloween Pumpkin trail or competition
- Cafe at the park

Please email clerk@westonturville-pc.gov.uk with your feedback and suggestions

Rhubarb & White Chocolate Victoria Sponge

If you don't have rhubarb – try strawberries / peaches or berries [or cheat and use a jar of ready made jam!]

For the Jam:

260g rhubarb
100g caster sugar
1 tsp vanilla paste

For the buttercream:

50g unsalted butter soft]
50g white chocolate chips
60g icing sugar
1 tbsp double cream [optional]

For the Cake:

200g unsalted butter [soft]
180g caster sugar
180g self-raising flour
4 eggs
1 tsp baking powder
Pinch of salt

Make the jam

Chop rhubarb into chunks and place in a saucepan with the sugar and vanilla. Cook over a medium heat for ~20 minutes until it is a jam consistency. When ready, turn off the heat and leave to cool [you can make this in advance and leave in fridge, it will thicken up.

Make the cake

Preheat the oven to 108 °C / 160 fan / 4 gas mark. Cream together the butter, sugar and eggs until light + fluffy. Add the flour a little at a time whisking until combined. Spoon into a lightly greased cake tin and cook for ~30 mins. Leave to cool.

Make the buttercream

Melt the chocolate chips – microwave in short bursts or over a pan of hot water. Beat the butter, add the icing sugar and beat until combined. Add the melted chocolate and beat until smooth, add the double cream if you like.

Split the cake, spread the bottom half with the jam and a little buttercream, sandwich together, and spread the rest of the buttercream on top.

It's quite sweet, but very yummy - goes well with a pot of Earl Grey

No Bake Savoury Melon Cheesecake

Honestly, it really does work!

For the cheesecake

1 Cantaloup melon
200g cream cheese
200g double cream
1 garlic clove [chopped]
Black pepper
10 mint leaves [chopped]

For the base

140g savoury biscuits or cracker
80g unsalted butter

Make the biscuit base

Place the crackers in a food processor and blend into a powder [or put them in a plastic bag and bash with a rolling pin!]. Then mix in the butter.

Prepare the melon

Cut the melon in half and make balls – these are for decoration, so just make as many as you want - teaspoon will work well if you haven't got a melon scoop. With the rest of the melon, cut into wedges, peel and finely chop the melon flesh.

Make the cheesecake

Mix the cream cheese and double cream in a bowl, add the chopped garlic and mint – whisk until smooth. Fold in the chopped melon.

Finish

Line a cake tin with baking paper, put a layer of the cracker base in the bottom and press until compact and flat. Cover with the cheesecake mixture and place in the freezer for ~6 hours or overnight.

Serve with the fresh melon balls on top

Thank you to Sian Lorimer for sharing these recipes.

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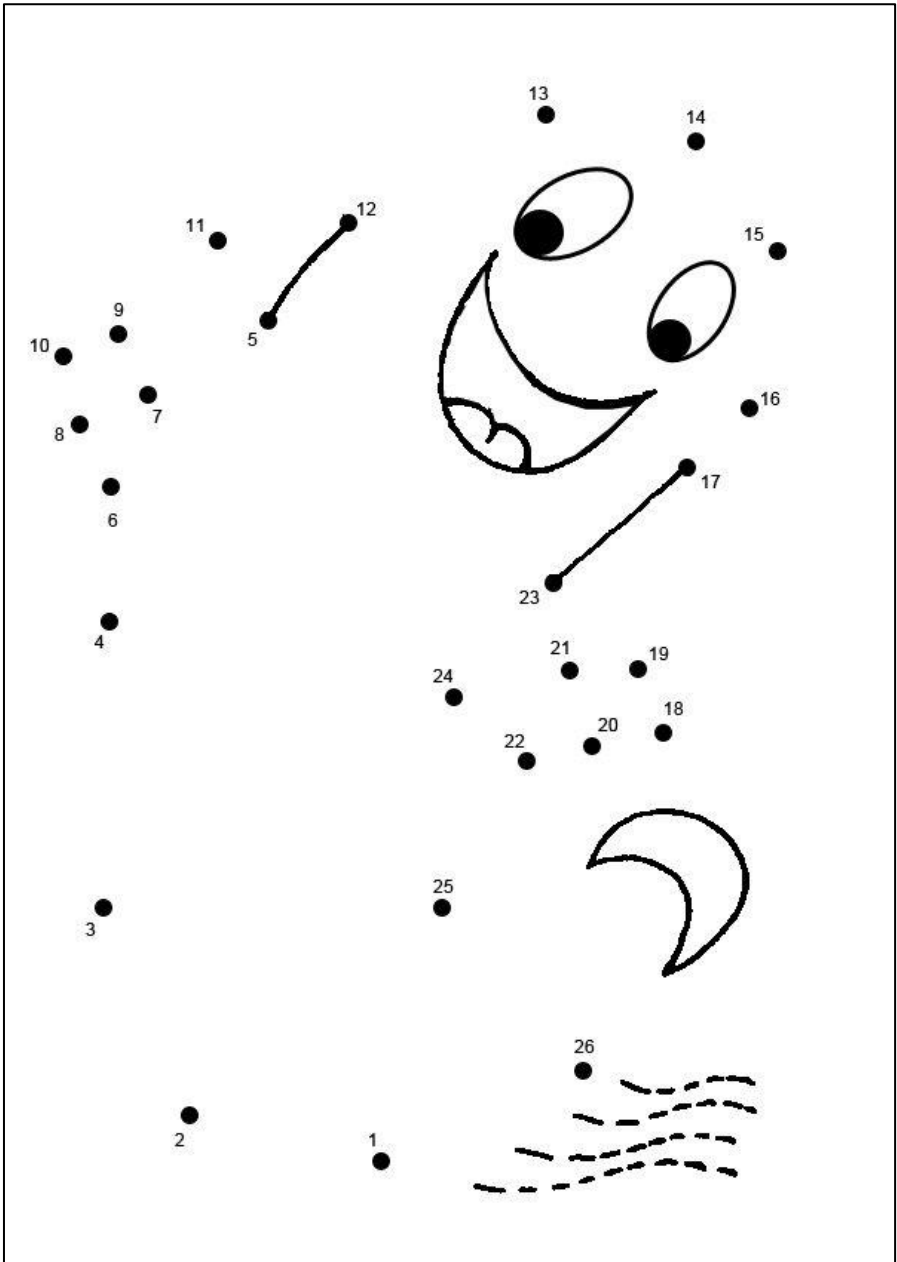


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Children's Corner

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