

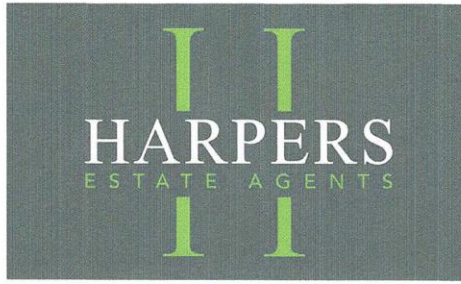
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Message from the Editor

In this autumn edition of the parish magazine, we encourage you to join in and help make our local environment a better place to live in whilst raising awareness of the bigger picture of global warming.

There is an update on the park and community orchard, and we have an introduction to Westongrove (the newish estate on the left at the end of New Road by the Holiday Inn, for those that don't know the name). We introduce our newest parish councillor and see what she has been up to!

The Historical Society is back and explores local relations to a well-known (rich and famous) footballer.

As things slowly open up we tell you about some events going on and things to look forward to. Why not try our street food event at the village hall car park on 17th September or eat cake at the opening of the new church Oak Room?

There is something for everyone so please join in!

Editor

Contributions to the magazine are welcomed subject to space and the Editor's decision on suitability. The copy deadline for the Winter issue is 29th October 021.

We reserve the right to edit all articles.

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Re-engage at Lindengate



Lindengate has flourished this Summer and with the government guidelines easing, why not get together with friends, family or colleagues and come and experience Lindengate at our five acre site in Wendover.

Our staff and team of volunteers have been busy maintaining the site and we are now seeing an abundance of produce from our kitchen gardens, as well as incredible wildflowers and broods of ducklings, who are thriving.

We know that many businesses and local community groups are working towards coming together again, to re-engage and catch up. At Lindengate, we believe the natural environment contributes to improving wellbeing through nature, so why not arrange your next gathering at Lindengate, whether for a business team meeting, or with a group of friends. Bring refreshments or a picnic and take time to re-connect, surrounded by the sights and sounds of nature. Get in touch to book ahead, if coming with a larger group. Email: info@lindengate.org.uk.

We are open to all, so drop in and come and see for yourself. For opening times and full details of all our programmes, go to www.lindengate.org.uk



Improvements to Recreation Ground

We are delighted to confirm that Bucks Council’s Planning Department has now given the go ahead for all aspects of the improvements for the recreation ground, including a new skatepark and multi-use games area (MUGA). Regular visitors to the recreation ground will have seen the works taking place over the summer and below is an update on progress to date:

Children’s playground

The new children’s playground was completed in August and we hope you agree looks amazing fun for children of all ages.

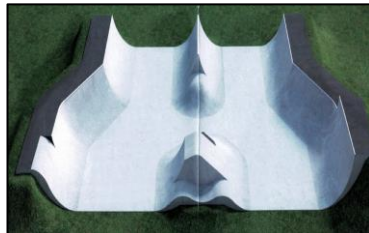


Pathways

The new pathway around the fields is partially complete – the remaining sections will be installed once the Petanque Court, Skate Park and MUGA are completed. The path is suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs and once finished will be just under a mile in length. We hope it will encourage people to walk throughout the year as walking helps to improve your mental and physical health.

Skate Park, MUGA and Petanque

Work will begin on the final new facilities in the autumn, with a skate park and MUGA providing new activities for families and – at the request of the U3A – a Petanque court.



Overgrown hedging and trees

Did you know? Under section 154 of the Highways Act 1980, landowners and householders are required to cut back their hedges and trees to avoid them overhanging a highway, road or footway to which the public have access. This will include any trees along your boundary, whether inside or outside of your fencing – Transport for Bucks only maintain trees and hedges which are within the highways extent.

Please check the boundary of your property to ensure your hedges and trees are not causing an obstruction to people passing your property – whether on foot or in a vehicle.

Community Orchard

The lease for the community orchard has now been signed and work will begin later in the year to clear the brambles and overgrowth ready for landscaping and planting trees in the spring. If you would like to get involved, please contact the Parish Council (details below).

Litter and Dog bins

Following the consultation carried out a few months ago, new dog bins are due to be installed around the parish. Two new litter bins will also be installed at Hampden Hall. Both types of bins are emptied by Bucks Council, if you notice a bin overflowing, please report via their website - www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/section/street-scene

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 at the Village Hall and we hope to be able to move back into the parish meeting room – covid guidelines permitting. Please see our website for agenda details or contact the Clerk. Full Council meetings for the remainder of the year are: 16th September, 21st October and 18th November.

Welcome to new Parish Councillor, Georgie Fincham

Georgie was co-opted to the Parish Council in June and is already getting involved with the Council's work – particularly the wildflower meadow. Welcome Georgie!



Nurturing and growing of all things is my true passion, an improved work/life balance is my calling, and Weston Turville is the answer.

A Naval veteran, ex city slicker, project manager, training guru, Bucks Food and Drink 2015 – Best Independent Retailer, semi-retired gardening mentor. I hope some of my skills and knowledge can benefit the village as an active (and vocal) member of the Weston Turville Parish Council.

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Progress update on the development of the wildflower meadow

As some of you may have noticed, pockets of progress are taking shape across the park, as part of the Government Walk a Mile campaign a fabulous path has been created. To minimise the carbon footprint of the village, the soil from the excavation has been recycled to create the mounds in the wildflower meadow. The mounds have a variety of purposes, for example separation of areas to add an identity to the space, add some privacy and reduce noise, create another layer to a flat area of grassland.



Creating the wildflower meadow in the village park offers many advantages and benefits:

- The plant diversity will help to attract butterflies, bees, birds and lots more
- The wildflowers will help add a changing palate of colour to the park environment throughout the four seasons
- Active involvement of the village community in helping establish the area will hopefully encourage participation – activities may range from planting wildflowers, creating the bug hotels
- Opportunities for individual or groups to take full advantage of the biodiversity on offer, ranging from nature studies to art lessons
- Help rejuvenate the area, as planting a wildflower meadow can create a feeling of change to the park, bringing a sense of wellbeing and serenity

The area will also have additional picnic benches, bug hotels, purposely mowed grass paths to meander through.

Until the mounds are finished, picnic table areas are created, and bug hotels built, the grass will still be mowed, the last cut will be in October. The plan is to start sowing the yellow rattle seed at the end of October/beginning of November, as it requires 4 months of chilling to trigger its germination in Spring. The wildflower seeds will be scattered in March.

What we would really appreciate is your help filling the contents of the bug hotels, wildflower seed donations, help scatter the seeds in the designated areas next year. If you can spare some time or unwanted plants, please contact the Parish Council.

Georgie Fincham and Mandi Simons

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What can I do to help?

A considerable amount of this autumn issue is about our local environment and how we can impact on our surroundings. There is so much in the news about wildfires, storms, freezing, unusual weather patterns and it is easy to say how can I change my way of life to stop global warming that will make any difference. Well, honestly you won't have an impact on your own, same as your £2 that you donate to The Royal British Legion on Remembrance Day won't feed an old soldier or mend a disabled one. But that's not how it works is it? We don't contribute thinking our donation will mend the ways of the world on its own, we contribute to add to a bigger pot, to join with others in reaching a goal that may and should make a difference!

Everyone can make a bit of a difference. I, personally, am not going to protest in Scotland, bang drums, climb trees or shout evangelical messages from the roof tops. It's not what I do.



What I have done is reduced my use of plastics in the house by refilling containers, reduced my micro plastic pollution of the sea and our rivers by reducing the chemicals I flush away. I use a bar of shampoo not a plastic bottle of chemicals, I use washing sheets rather than bleach laden pods. I buy veg that is in season so it doesn't have to travel across the world to get to me; I am lucky and have a garden so can grow most of my summer veg in pots, which means I can pick it as I need it and can freeze

the rest for later. I buy meat that hasn't travelled from foreign counties but has been transported locally. We have a great choice of farm shops within 10 miles of us, and since I don't eat meat every day, I choose to buy better quality, tasty meat from local farms where I can also get loose frozen veg and desserts, so there is no food wastage. Most of these farm shops have really good cafes as well so it's no sacrifice...I like cake! I know this is hard if you shop in a major supermarket, the temptation to get everything at the same time from the same place is overwhelming. Its quicker, often cheaper, and requires little or no thought. It is a difficult decision. Balancing up the future for your children and grandchildren against the convenience of now.



So what else can you do? You can get stuff repaired instead of throwing things out. Try the repair café in Aston Clinton or the repair barn at Princes Risborough. Think if you can reuse it in another way.....plastic bottles make great containers, scoops, bird feeders (see page 22), pencil holders. Check out YouTube for ideas. If you really don't want to keep it try putting it on the local free-recycle sites as it may be just what someone else needs. Sell it locally on Facebook Marketplace.

Think about what you buy: is another shirt, pair of jeans, pair of shoes worth the cost both financially and environmentally when you have several at home not being worn?

Check labels on things: the use of palm oil in foods accounts for a considerable destruction of the rainforest which is cleared to grow the palms for the oil.....or on a smaller scale if you buy a plant for your own garden is it an indigenous one? If it came from abroad there is a good chance that our insects and animals won't like it and will not be able to feed of or from it.



When you are out and about pick up a bit of litter and put it in the bin. On some of the south coast beaches they reward litter pickers with free drinks, do we have to be bribed to look after our own area? Join in the parish litter pick if you don't want to do it on your own, details on page 23.



You could get involved in building bug houses, donating plants and seeds from your gardens, helping with building or maintaining our new community orchard and wildflower area. You could make hedgehog holes in your fencing so they can cross gardens, you can put up swift boxes, bat boxes, or just nail an old walking boot on a fence for a robin to nest in. You can use peat free compost, try organic gardening and stop using slug pellets. You can use wildflower and locally sourced bouquets of flowers instead of imported ones from abroad.

If we all did a little bit, then together we can make a difference to our area and then the wider area and then the county and maybe eventually the world!

Mandi Simons

Weston Grove – who are we?

Weston Grove is a small development off New Road comprising of 120 homes, a children's play area and green, with a large public open space enjoyed by residents and the wider community. The first residents were welcomed to the development in 2017 when a small Facebook group was formed where we welcomed new neighbours. As a new community, we were all very keen to get to know each other and create a friendly and supportive community.

In 2018, a few residents came together to organise a gathering on the green. This idea quickly evolved and turned into West fest; an afternoon of fun with four live artists, PA and stage, bouncy castle, 'Hook a Duck,' 'Splatt the Rat' and a face painter, with BBQs and picnics galore. It was a terrific success thanks to a small team of volunteers. Since then, we have gone on to repeat WestFest every year apart from last year (due to covid restrictions) and we have also come together at Christmas with singing around the Christmas tree which everyone decorated, with mulled wine, home-made sausage rolls, mince pies, singing sheets and candles provided for all. We have organised a fireworks display on the POS and an Easter bunny trail in support of Rennie Grove Hospice Care.

Alongside our community events, we are a community who care about supporting local charities, donating new toys to children of the Domestic Abuse Survivors, collecting food donations for Food Banks and purchasing presents to give to residents of Hampden Hall Care Home at Christmas.

In 4 short years, we are proud to have become an established community where we all genuinely care and look out for each other. We enjoy where we live and take pride in our surroundings. We come together to celebrate special occasions, which is all thanks to lovely volunteers. We are not just neighbours; we are friends with many fond memories made together.

Amy Chambers, resident of Weston Grove

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Are You Related to David Beckham?



I was recently given some back copies of the Origins magazine published by the Buckinghamshire Family History Society. An article in the December 2010 particularly caught my attention. It is titled “Are you Related to David Beckham” written by Graham Taylor-Paddick and it had particular relevance to Weston Turville. Graham said in the article that he was preparing to teach some young people to trace their family history. One famous person he had chosen as an example was David Beckham. Using the Centre for Buckinghamshire Studies and the Bucks Names Database he discovered part of his

family tree led to Weston Turville. We are not talking that far back with his great-great-grandfather, John Eldridge, being born in Weston Turville in 1870. The farthest that the family tree goes back to associations with Weston Turville is his 8X Great Grandparents.

Many common Weston Turville family names are included in the family tree including: Fitkin, Ridgeway, Tompkins, Bunce, Horn, Ingram, Purcell, Brooks, and Mobley(Moberly). For the purposes of this article, I will take you back as far as his 5X Great Grandparents.

2X Great Grandparents

John ELDRIDGE, baptized in WT in 1870, married in Islington in 1895

3X Great Grandparents

John ELDRIDGE, baptized in WT in 1850, married in WT in 1870, buried in WT in 1898
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Isabella RIDGEWAY, baptized in WT in 1849, buried in WT in 1921

4X Great Grandparents

John ELDRIDGE, baptized in WT in 1811, married in WT in 1847, buried in WT in 1869
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Mary FITKIN, baptized in WT in 1812, buried in WT in 1871

John RIDGEWAY, baptized in WT in 1819, married in WT in 1841, buried in WT in 1898
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Ann BUNCE, baptized in Aston Clinton in 1823, buried in WT in 1900
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5X Great Grandparents

James ELDRIDGE, baptized in WT in 1786, married in WT in 1811, buried in WT in 1862

Catherine INGRAM, baptized in WT in 1787, buried in WT in 1874
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Thomas FITKIN, baptized in WT in 1782, married in WT in 1809, buried in WT in 1858
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Priscilla TOMPKINS, baptized in Tring in 1787, buried I WT in 1814
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William RIDGEWAY, born in 1791, married in WT in 1819, buried in WT in 1836

Elizabeth HORN, baptized in WT in 1791, buried in WT in 1854
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Joseph BUNCE, baptized in WT in 1801, buried in WT in 1866
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I have been through the records of baptisms, marriages and burials in the church of St Mary the Virgin, Weston Turville and these names and dates in the article correspond to

those records. If any of you that read this article have a family tree and any of their ancestors appear above, they are related to David Beckham.

If anyone would like more information on these names or would like additional information on earlier ancestors, please contact me via email on secretary@WTHSoc.org.uk. As the Village Historical Society has access back to the Census of 1841 we can identify where in the village these people lived.

Glynn White (Secretary of WT Historical Society)



WESTON TURVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We hope that all our members and the people of Weston Turville have remained safe since the Covid pandemic started in March 2020. Having cancelled all the monthly meetings of the Weston Turville Historical Society since that time we are now planning to recommence in September 2021. Our chairman, Tony Irvine, is working on a programme of speakers that we are sure you will find interesting.

We hope to welcome back our existing members and that many new people might come along and enjoy the meetings. We will continue to meet on the last Friday of each month, except July and August and December in the Village Hall at 8:00pm

The first meeting will be held on **Friday 24th September 2021**, and we will combine the AGM (only lasts 10 minutes) with a talk by Glynn White entitled "A Brief History of Weston Turville".

In the meantime, 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, link to other relevant historical sites etc. The website has undergone significant revision by Adrain Randall which makes it easier to navigate your way through.

Local History Books currently in Stock

- ***School Memories*** - a book of memories of school life collected from past pupils of the Old School in School Lane. £7.50
- ***Weston Turville A History*** - a reprint of Hamish Eaton's definitive book first published in 1997. £15.00
- ***Memories of a Weston Turville Boy*** By Mick Dubberley £8.25
- ***The History of the Church of St Mary the Virgin*** By Glynn White £10.00

Contact

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



Climate Change – what can each of us do?

You will all be aware of the recent terrible floods in Germany and fires in Canada, yet again reminding us of the seriousness of the Climate and Ecological crisis we are in.

Our Parish Council has been doing a huge amount towards reducing the Parish Council and village hall emissions and restoring biodiversity locally, and we all need to play our parts too. Looking at what each of us can do:

1. **Food waste and composting** – currently estimated at 10%. If we plan our meals and try to buy the right amount, or freeze excess for another day, we can reduce this. Compost as much as you can in your garden – peelings, uncooked fruit & veg, coffee grounds.
2. **Water consumption** – you could monitor your usage of water and reduce your consumption by reusing rain water from water butts to water the garden and wash the car. When you next replace appliances (washing machine, dishwasher) look for water consumption and energy data – always run with a full load or see if your washing machine has a half load programme.
3. **Plastic consumption** – avoid buying bottled water, our free domestic supply is drinkable, use a refill bottle for when you are out and about. Have your refill coffee cup ready for take aways. Be aware of excess plastic wrapping and try to buy loose produce, take reusable bags.
4. **Air Travel** – as travel returns to normal consider about how much you choose to fly, support the UK with a regular staycation option. Much of Europe and even further afield is readily accessible by rail, use long haul flights sparingly. Consider making a carbon offset contribution via a recognised charity – many projects exist, for example helping communities in the developing nations invest in solar power and less polluting stoves.
5. **New purchases** - the “stuff” we buy comes with a carbon footprint because of the materials needed to produce it and the transport to get it to us and recycling / disposing of items causes a further carbon burden. Make things last a bit longer, look for repair options before replacing, consider “previously loved” (posh second hand!) items.
6. **Green energy** tariffs are now comparable with fossil fuel, many supplier options are available on the comparison websites. Part of your payments will be invested in more wind and solar power.

7. **Eating less red meat** and dairy and having more plant based meals will make a great difference. 24% of global greenhouse emissions come from producing our food, the majority of that, 87%, is from meat and dairy production
8. **Switch banks** - some banks invest heavily in fossil fuel companies. It is easy to change using <https://switchit.money> It is easy to change banks, your standing orders and direct debits are transferred for you. You can check the company out to ensure funds are invested ethically.
9. **Solar panels** are becoming more affordable now, whilst the feed-in tariffs are no longer available, there are still benefits to installing panels such as free electricity during daylight hours.
10. **Electric vehicles** – the sale of new petrol/diesel cars and vans will be banned from the end of the decade. Next time you need to change your car, consider an electric or hybrid. Remember, if you have bought solar panels, you can charge your car for free!

Not all of these are easy, but what is important is to make a start. Choose the things you know you can stick with and begin to make a difference. If you can do all 10 of these actions you could be reducing your carbon footprint by up to 45%!

The Parish Council will be setting up a working group which will comprise parish councillors and local residents, if you are interested and would like to join please let me know. The working group will look at ways the local community can improve the environment in Weston Turville and we can reduce our carbon footprint.

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'I notice and I reward'

Life can be so busy and the 'hurly burly' is never more intense than at the beginning of the school year. Your child will be facing new teachers, new friends, different classrooms, maybe even a different school. Their internal world will be full of excitements, fears and dilemmas; yet at the heart of that you still have a central role in noticing their achievements and rewarding them. Here are two things you can do:



I notice

Take a moment to create, and mount, a board at home. It can be on a wall, a fridge; anywhere public in the home, and let each board be named with each child. On the board begin to mount achievements. These can be pieces of writing, photographs of a football game, evidence of kindness to a friend or family member, a leaf picked up on a long walk. Anything that acknowledges your child and who they are. You are affirming them – and you are making it public.

As the school year develops the board may become more closely linked to school achievements; that's up you, but please don't make it exclusively so. You are showing your child how much you notice who they really are and how much you appreciate them. Don't worry about the effect – just enjoy the process with them. They will learn about you too, and you will probably surprise them with what you have noticed.

I reward

A glass jar and some pebbles is ideal. Looking at the board, once it is established, agree with your child what they would most like to improve on. Guide them but let them choose. Once you have a thread going, agree that each step of improvement will add a pebble in the jar. Once you have reached the agreed target the reward is given and the jar is emptied and you start again.

The rule is that the reward involves your one-to-one time. It can be baking together, playing sport together – it doesn't matter – but it must be one-to-one, and **they must have you exclusively for that hour or that afternoon or that morning.**

These two ideas may seem simple, but they take thought and commitment, and you will be surprised at the positive effects. Please let us know at how you get on (some pictures of the boards would be great!) and enjoy the start of another year in those 'factories of fun and learning' called schools.

Nick Andrews is a retired Headteacher, who writes on aspects of education. If you have any queries about education, he can be contacted at nickubiq@gmail.com or via the Editor.

Hedging Our Bets

Somebody said to me recently - Have you been round the parish recently? Whether down at the A41 or on the Wendover road or in the village there is something we take for granted and seems to be of little importance. Indeed the government has encouraged everyone to plant as many trees as possible to cut down carbon emissions. Look around our parish you will certainly see trees but look more carefully and you will see hedgerows. New Road is lined by hedgerows almost the whole way along until the new developments. The A41 would have been lined with hedges until the flurry of building along its flanks banished the hedgerows that separated road from field. Look along the Wendover Road and you see hedges behind which houses and developments lurk, seeking to be unseen and anonymous.



This is not possible for many while even the smallest hedge can aid our environment. In villages we take them for granted. Even in a large city hedges demark the public and the private indicating the boundary between them. In the country, fields were surrounded by hedges, until they were banished by the development of industrial-sized farms. They and the path often to be found skirting them utilizing land that could be turned to growing.

I sit in my garden, surrounded by hedges. How varied they are. The panoply of greens is striking, dependent on the kind of hedge it is. Even in our local fields trees perform like hedges as points of demarcation. Certainly there is a cult of over scrupulous tidiness which demands that hedges be even and level. I have come to realise that nature unconstrained by humans, is far from tidy. And I rather like unruly hedges for the eye is constantly stimulated by shape as well as colour.

I have learnt recently that hedges should not be cut too often and only at certain times. They contain small worlds that for I know little of. Some of them can be disrupted and damaged by cutting and shaping at the wrong time. Around in the full flood of life are bird families.

The blackbirds, there are several families, have two or three broods a year. It is intriguing watching the male collecting food for the youngsters. The gait of the blackbird is something again as it runs on spindly legs and disappear into the bushes and plants that make up the front hedge. We have wrens and tits of various kinds all managing their lives. Their cries and shouts of impending danger fill the air. One day last week I

heard the tiny cheeps of baby birds wanting to be fed. The next day I heard nothing. I can only assume that a cat or a rat had feasted on them. So even the density of the hedge is not a protection. Pollinating bees and butterflies abound, even a painted lady.

- Stop soil erosion
- Stop flooding in fields
- Their roots contain mycorrhizal fungi which keeps the soil healthy and promotes the growth of all plants
- As good as trees if not better for CO2 containment which they absorb and filter releasing oxygen back into the air for our benefit
- Ideal especially in winter for hibernating animals – small other worlds of natural activity



Michael Conolly

Bird Box Survey 2022

With our Village having been recognised as a champion in wildflowers leading to attracting wildlife in 2021, we are now asking all villagers if you would like to take part in a bird box survey.

Our aim: To increase the number of nest sites available to small birds in Weston Turville



Should you wish to take up the challenge to increase the number of visitors taking up residence in your garden in spring 2022, please email georgelait@hotmail.co.uk or call George Lait on 01296 613397

If you don't have a bird box, or would like more, then we can provide one for a small charge. **Robin, Sparrow or Tit Boxes are available**, the boxes will be hand made with recycled materials with all proceeds donated to charities.

- In late autumn you will be sent information on where to site your boxes to ensure you get the best results, so please don't worry if you are not sure. You will also receive a simple form to record your events.
- In late May 2022 you will be asked to return your form.
- We will then collate all the information and report findings for the whole of the village.
- If you have any concerns or need any advice, please contact us. The important thing is to enjoy the experience.
- Although we are focusing on bird boxes, we will also be interested to hear about other bird life visiting your garden.

George Lait, Suzy Wells and Ann Webbley

Make a Bird Feeder from a plastic bottle!

Materials

Empty plastic bottle, scissors (you might want to use a craft knife too if that's easier), bird seed, two plastic or wooden spoons and some string.



Step 1

Cut two holes in your plastic bottle, make sure they are directly opposite each other. Repeat this with another two holes, slightly higher up.



Step 2

Make sure that your holes aren't too small, you might need to open them up a little more with a pair of scissors (aim for the size of a penny).



Step 3

Now push your two spoons through the holes.



Step 4

Fill the bottle with bird seed and place the lid back on.



Step 5

Tie your string around the top of the bottle. It's then ready to hang in your garden. Sit and wait for the birds to come in to eat!

With thanks to The National Trust for this idea and instructions.





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- **Imagez Camera Club** meets on Tuesday evenings, www.imagezcameraclub.co.uk (meeting virtually via Zoom until Sept 2021)
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 - Fran Gerrans – www.franspilates.com
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September

1 st	Weston Turville WI, 7.30pm at the Union Chapel Hall
2 nd	School term resumes
9 th	Parish Council Planning Committee, 6pm
10 th	Heritage Week starts - www.heritageopendays.org.uk
11 th	Tring Farmers Market, 9-12:30
16 th	Parish Council meeting, 7pm
17 th	Street Food Market at the Village Hall, 4-9pm
18 th	Weston Turville Litter Pick, 10am at the Village Hall
18 th	Open Day at the Oak Room, St Marys Church, 11am – 4pm
23 rd	Weston Turville U3A, 2pm at Aylesbury Rugby Club
25 th	Tring Farmers Market, 9-12:30

October

6 th	Weston Turville WI, 7.30pm at the Union Chapel Hall
7 th	PACE 30 th anniversary dinner dance
9 th	Tring Farmers Market, 9-12:30
14 th	Parish Council Planning Committee, 6pm
21 st	Parish Council meeting, 7pm
22 nd	Half term starts
23 rd	Tring Farmers Market, 9-12:30
26 th	PACE quiz night
28 th	Weston Turville U3A, 2pm at Aylesbury Rugby Club

November

3 rd	Weston Turville WI, 7.30pm at the Union Chapel Hall
11 th	Parish Council Planning Committee, 6pm
13 th	Tring Farmers Market, 9-12:30
13 th	Waddesdon Manor's Christmas Fair opens, ends 23 rd December
14 th	Remembrance Sunday at the War Memorial, 10.30am
18 th	Parish Council meeting, 7pm
25 th	Weston Turville U3A, 2pm at Aylesbury Rugby Club
27 th	Tring Farmers Market, 9-12:30

Regular Weekly Events

Tuesdays	Vintage and Craft Bazaar, Aylesbury Market Square
Wednesdays	Aylesbury Market, Market Square
Thursdays	Wendover Market
Fridays	Aylesbury Market, Market Square Aylesbury Food Hub Market, Market Square Wendover Neighbourhood Police Drop In, Wendover Library 10am–12noon
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How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of

nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. (James 3. 5b-10, NRSV.)

Why draw your attention to this reading now? Well first of all I was reading it again recently and it resonated with me. I feel quite strongly about this passage of the Bible because I think it hits a nail on the head! Of course, these days, it's not just about what we say out loud but what we say in letters, emails and on social media.

Nothing can destroy relationships within a family, a school, a place of work, a committee, the office, a village, a town, a nation and the church. Please feel free to add others to the list (eg a sports club). In the old days (and still today) it was the village gossips who stirred things up either through malice or just for the sake of gossip. These days we now have social media through which to share our news, good and bad, show people our family photographs, let people know what we've been up to recently. This is all well and good. Sadly some people use words of mouth or the social media to spread misinformation (e.g. COVID-19 or vaccinations) or some use it as a way of getting at others (e.g. instead of raising an issue with a responsible person about an issue and get a sensible answer (hopefully) people decide to stir things up on the social media or at a meeting. Let's face it, this way causes more embarrassment or simply shows off what a mean-spirited person one actually is. The tongue which can and should be used to praise God and build people up is used as a weapon to destroy or cause trouble.

I hope that as we emerge from lock downs and restrictions we remember the virus has not gone away, we'll all have to continue to adjust to changing circumstances and that we are all under strain and feeling anxious about the future. We need be patient and kind to each other, with each other and for each other. May our words, our emails, our use of social media and all our communications be to the glory of God and for the uplifting of others.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. (Ps. 19.14)

Fr. David.

St Mary's Weston Turville Improving Facilities Team, SWIFT

The Oak Room @ St Mary's

Our new extension, named "**The Oak Room @ St Mary's**" because of the external oak cladding and the wonderful oak interior, both modern doors and the ancient, restored archway, is now complete and in use. It will be available for lettings from September.

On Saturday 11th September the Bishop of Buckingham will formally bless the extension. Unfortunately, due to covid 19 precautions this has to be for a limited invited congregation. However, on the following Saturday, 18th September, from 11am to 4pm we will have an Open Day to which all are invited. Tea and cake will be served. Please come and see the new facilities and whether it will suit you for any family, social or business use.

We have experimented with various settings of chairs and tables and have photographs of what can be done in the space available. It will take 35+ chairs plus a committee table for meetings, 7 small tables with chairs for events such as a chess or mah-jong session, 7 large tables for a display or sales event, or 6 large tables with 30 chairs in a "classroom" set-up.

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Ghost:

- Paint the toilet roll all white.
- Draw eyes and mouth with a marker

Jack-O-Lantern:

- Paint all orange.
- Draw a face.
- Stuff some green crepe paper inside for the stem.

Frankenstein:

- Paint the top black and the rest green.
- Cut slits at the top for spiky hair.
- Draw mouth or scar.
- Glue on google eyes.
- Glue on mini-marshmallows for electrodes.

Mummy:

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The Weston Turville WI branch was formed in March 2019 and welcomes women of all ages and backgrounds to our friendly local group.

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*The copy deadline for the Winter issue is
29th October 2021.*

What is nicer in autumn/winter than a cup of tea and slice of freshly baked cake?

Lemon Drizzle Cake

Cake

200g caster sugar
200g Stork or unsalted butter
2 lemons and the zest
3 eggs
200g self raising flour

Filling

2 eggs
75g caster sugar
50g unsalted butter
2 lemons
100g mascarpone

Drizzle

4 lemons
75g caster sugar

Oven: 180C / 350F / Gas 4

To make the drizzle

Mix juice from lemons with the sugar until the sugar has dissolved

To make cake

Mix butter & sugar until smooth, add eggs, lemon juice / zest and flour and mix until smooth. Bung in oven for about 45 mins [if you are using 2 cake tins cooking time is shorter]. As soon as you take the cake out of the oven pour the drizzle over the cake and leave to cool in the cake tin.

To make filling

Mix egg yolks and sugar in a pan over a low heat until sugar has dissolved. Add butter and lemon juice and stir for about 5 mins - do not let it boil. Leave to cool - overnight is good if you have the time as it will become really thick, if not, just make sure it's really cold. When you are ready to put the filling in the cake, mix the mascarpone into the lemon curd and plonk it into the cake and eat - yum!

Cheat's tip for the filling - buy a jar of lemon curd and mix it into mascarpone or whipped cream it will still taste delicious



Peanut Butter Squares

Ingredients

150g butter

200g chocolate - I use a mixture of dark and milk

250g digestive biscuits or a mixture of ginger nuts and digestive

200g soft light brown sugar

300g crunch peanut butter

1tsp vanilla extract

1. Crush biscuits and mix with sugar.
2. Melt butter and mix into biscuit mixture.
3. Stir in peanut butter and vanilla extract.
4. Tip into a tin and squash down.
5. Melt chocolate and pour over mixture.
6. Leave in fridge for about an hour.



Cut into 16 squares and munch with a lovely cup of tea 😊

With thanks to Sian Lorimer for the recipes.



Weston Turville U3A

Normal service has resumed after lockdown and almost all our groups are back in action.

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