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Hello and welcome to the Weston Turville Times summer edition.

Thank you to all those who attended the parish councils Easter Eggstravaganza event during the Easter half term. We had a brilliant turn out with the PTA joining us and raising essential funds for the local school, another great success and we look forward to doing it all again next year!

April also saw the Annual Parish Meeting, where we had new and regular speakers helping form stronger connections within the community, with free nibbles and wine it's a nice opportunity to meet you all so please do come and join us next April.

So what's happening that you all should be aware about??

Firstly.....The village café! It's official the plans have been approved and our village will soon have its own beautiful café with bi folding doors overlooking the playing fields. How exciting! By the time it has been constructed the park will be looking a bit different with a brand new outdoor adult gym, set to be one of the best outdoor gyms locally! Grand opening date to be confirmed. See noticeboards, socials and PC website for upcoming updates.

With cranking up a more social vibe to the community being a top priority we're currently making a bid for funding from HS2! Please take a look on page 12 for full details. We've really been thinking hard as to how we can return the village hall into a place for the whole community and potentially we've come up with some great ideas. But we won't get funding unless we have evidence of support from the local community. Therefore I really implore you to take some time and reply to our consultation, wouldn't it be lovely to have a small Christmas panto each year for example. Let us hear your thoughts.

Some more great news is the creation of a working sub-group within the Parish Council - Weston Turville Wombles, which was formed to help with the hands on jobs like maintenance of the Glebe field and autumn bulb planting. Interested in joining? check out the advert on page 14.

I hope everyone's summer is packed full of joy, don't forget for those with school age children we have two play in the park dates during this years summer holidays so come and join in the games. Have a great summer – Enjoy.

*Clr Laura Cook, Editor*

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# Parish Council News



## Chair's Report

We enjoyed our Annual Parish Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall. Thank you to so many of you for attending. We had great speakers, including Amanda Barnicoat from Chiltern Wildbelt and Malcolm Allison from Climate Action Weston Turville (CAWT), giving us illustrated presentations and engaging with parishioners. Amanda has been supporting us in increasing biodiversity in the village. Malcolm and all from CAWT work closely with the community and the parish council doing what we can to improve the situation in our current climate and ecological crises.

We also had our regular speakers. Hugh Chamberlin from Widow Turpin's Charity gave us a history of the charity and an update. If any of you know of anyone in need in the village needing a helping hand, in the form of a food voucher to use in the village shop, do get in touch with Hugh via the parish council. Cathy Terry gave us an update on the village hall and myself, Rachel, on the work of the parish council, hopefully encouraging more of you to join us! Full copies of the reports can be found on the parish council website. We were delighted to have new councillors Amanda Buchanan and Peter Routledge join us recently, bringing enthusiasm, experience and expertise in several areas.

We were very sorry to lose Martin Jarvis as a parish councillor this month as he moves from the area. Martin has done great work chairing our parish council for over 10 years, overseeing many of the projects that are enjoyed today, such as the new facilities on the recreation ground. I remember him visiting us in the Youth Café and engaging with the young people there about their wish for a skate park. They were consulted before and during the planning process until the skate park came into fruition. Huge gratitude to Martin for his great commitment to all that he has done for us over so many years. We wish him well as he moves to pastures new.

The Annual Parish Meeting is a great opportunity for us to meet with parishioners and hear your concerns. We heard from you about the lack of cycle paths in Weston Turville and will be looking into this great need to see what we can do to improve the situation. We also heard your concerns about road infrastructure - although this is under the jurisdiction of Bucks Council we do have influence.

Do keep your feedback coming in!

## Café Update

We are delighted to report that the planning application for the conversion of the changing rooms to a café has been approved! This will be a great addition to the facilities at the recreation ground and hopefully well used by the community. The next

stage will be to tender for the work, this process started in May and we hope to have the café open sometime in Autumn. Watch this space...

### Other Projects

The Parish Council is continuing to progress the provision of **outdoor gym equipment** and are in the final stages of the procurement process. The installation of the **table tennis table** has sadly been delayed due to the excessive wet conditions which prevented the grounds works, hopefully we will have some drier weather over the next few weeks.

The installation of batteries for the solar panels at the village hall and electric vehicle charge points in the car park are planned for this financial year.

Cllr Cook is setting up a working group of volunteers to help maintain our communal areas – see the advert on page 14.

### Rights of Way – stiles and gates

The Parish Council is working with the ramblers association to replace some of the older stiles with gates in order to make the rights of way network more accessible to all. The first stiles were replaced earlier this year and are located in the fields between Wendover Road and Worlds End Lane. Many thanks to the Ramblers for their hard work.



### Parish Council meetings

All local residents are welcome to attend meetings of the council and its committees to observe and at the start of each meeting there is a chance for residents to raise any issues with the Council. The list of meeting dates can be found on the website or noticeboards. Meetings are currently being held in the Parish Meeting room as the hall is providing a temporary base for the Scouts whilst their new accommodation is built. Please see our website for agenda details or contact the Clerk.

### Contacting the Parish Council

Email: [clerk@westonturville-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@westonturville-pc.gov.uk) Tel: 01296 612838

Weston Turville Parish Council, Village Hall, School Approach, Weston Turville HP22 5RW  
Parish councillor contact details can be found on our website or noticeboards



If you would like to meet me to discuss any issues or just say hello I would be very happy to do that, please contact me via [rblackmore@westonturville-pc.gov.uk](mailto:rblackmore@westonturville-pc.gov.uk) or 07792 475094.

*Cllr Rachel Blackmore*



## Meet your new parish councillors



### **Cllr Amanda Buchanan**

I have lived in the village fifteen years with my husband and two children and Ruffles our dog . I have worked in Local Government for the last eighteen years and currently work for London Councils. Some of you may remember me or seen my name previously with the Hampden Fields Action group, I was a former founder member and fought hard alongside many of you at the time to stop Hampden Fields. This is part of my reason for joining the Parish Council. The village faces major development over the next few years, and I hope with both my council and planning knowledge, that I along with my fellow Councillors can ensure the impacts of such developments are mitigated for you, our residents.

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### **Cllr Peter Routledge**

Joining the Parish Council came about for me following lengthy communication with Buckinghamshire Council regarding the road surface along the A41 which has dramatically affected the day to day lives of the surrounding residents. I was able to assure my neighbours of imminent resurfacing which should help us all sleep without loud noise and excessive vibration throughout the night.

I am a local businessman and have lived here for almost 22 years. In that time, I have seen a lot of change, some for the good but mostly sadly not so. I don't know what I can bring to the Community, but I trust my interest and knowledge of the area will help support fellow Councillors and enable change where needed and inspiration to nurture what we already have.



**The Parish Council is delighted to be awarded the Foundation level of the Local Council Award Scheme which is run by NALC (the National Association of Local Councils)**

**Receiving the Foundation Award is an excellent achievement demonstrating that the Parish Council achieves good practices in governance, community engagement and council improvement.**



# Councillor Mike Collins

Hello I would like to formally introduce myself to you all.

I am Councillor Mike Collins, as well as being one of your parish councillors I am also your Buckinghamshire Councillor.

I am here to help you.

You can contact me to raise any issues or queries by calling me on 07947 359081 or emailing me at [mike.collins@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:mike.collins@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)



Hello All

It is your friendly community Climate Action Weston Turville (CAWT) group here. Some of you have attended and enjoyed our previous free Climate Fresk workshops. We are running another this month on Saturday June 15th 2-5pm in Weston Turville Village Hall. Refreshments are provided.



We are inviting other parishes and climate groups but would like to give priority access to Weston Turvillites.

<https://climatefresk.org> is an NGO dedicated to raising awareness of the science behind our climate and ecological crises to create a shared understanding of the challenges and encourage positive individual and collective action. They operate in over 40 countries worldwide and run fantastic, engaging, interactive and accessible workshops. The CAWT team attended a session and learnt a LOT. In fact we enjoyed it so much that our own Chairperson, Rachel Blackmore, trained to be a facilitator and now offers more of these workshops locally.

If you would like to join us on June 15th please email Rachel on: [racheljblackmore@googlemail.com](mailto:racheljblackmore@googlemail.com) or message her on 07792 475 094

Very best regards

The Climate Action Weston Turville Team



**COMMEMORATION OF THE D DAY  
LANDINGS,  
LEST WE FORGET.**

**Free Event**

On Thursday, 6th June, there will be an event to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the D Day landings.

This event is open to all but places are limited, please apply early to avoid disappointment.

**6:30pm for 7pm start  
at Weston Turville Village Hall**

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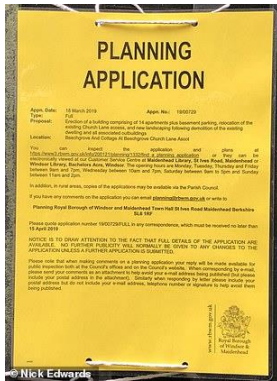




The event programme will be as follows:

- A brief act of remembrance
- Lt Col Derek Plews (retired) Irish Regiment will talk about the contribution made by Buckinghamshire military personnel on D Day.
- News footage of the D Day landings and the Normandy Campaign which was the beginning of the end of World War II.
- Free light buffet will then be served, accompanied by music from the 40's.
- Colonel Pews, Chairman of the Buckinghamshire Military Archive, will be displaying interesting memorabilia from the Archive.

To reserve tickets, email [office@westonturville-pc.gov.uk](mailto:office@westonturville-pc.gov.uk) stating your name, email address, contact telephone number and the number of places you would like to reserve.



# Planning Notices

Whether you have lived in the area for many years or have moved here more recently you may have spotted this common sight across the parish. These signs can be spotted on lampposts or attached to random walls and buildings sometimes very visible others less so. Mostly yellow in colour and look something like the image to the left.

If you do come across these notices nearby where you live or as you walk/drive about the parish, please do take notice of them. So why are they so important?

## 1. Public Awareness:

- Yellow notices play a critical role in informing the public about proposed developments.
- When someone submits a planning application, the local council must ensure that nearby residents and interested parties are aware of it.
- These notices serve as a vital link between the planning process and the community.

## 2. Subsequent Amendments:

- Yellow planning notices specifically denote subsequent changes or amendments to existing planning applications.
- If an applicant modifies their plans after the initial submission, the yellow notice informs the public about these alterations.
- This transparency ensures that affected parties can provide feedback or raise concerns.

## 3. Display Requirements:

- The local planning authority (LPA) is responsible for displaying yellow notices.
- The notice must be placed on or near the land to which the application relates.
- It should remain visible for at least 21 days.
- Adjoining property owners and residents can then review the proposed changes.

## 4. Legal Mandate:

- The use of yellow notices is legally mandated under Article 15 (1) of the Development Management Procedure Order (DMPO).
- They are part of the broader effort to ensure transparency and community engagement in the planning process.

You can view planning applications via Bucks Council’s website or via the Parish Council website and click on Planning Tracker.

Whilst the Parish Council through its planning committee examines all planning applications and where necessary raises objections to address concerns, having the views and comments of our residents on applications, strengthens our ability to ensure any impacts of development are mitigated within the planning permissions. If not, your views will not be considered when Buckinghamshire Council is deciding on the application. Once planning has been granted there will be no other opportunity to voice your concerns.

You may have seen quite a few recently dotted around New Road and the village which is why we wanted to raise awareness of them. We often have residents' comment or come along to parish council meetings upset about not being aware of planning applications affecting them or the wider village. That's why these yellow notices are so important they are the only way you will know about any proposed development. They will all have an application ref number on them which you can search on the Bucks Council website. This will give you more detailed information of the proposed plans and allow you to make any comments directly to Buckinghamshire Council. Or alternatively come along to the monthly parish council meetings we meet the third Thursday of every month. So, if you do happen to spot one lurking on a lamppost or even hiding behind a hedge, please do stop and read it. They are vital in ensuring we uphold transparency in the development of our village and neighbourhoods over the coming years.

*Cllr Amanda Buchanan*



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# Consultation

## What would YOU like to see at Weston Turville Village Hall?

Weston Turville Village Hall is a registered charity, most of our income comes from hiring out the hall or from grants. The village hall committee is looking at ways to improve the space; the hall is being repainted during May half term and the committee would also like to submit a grant application to HS2 for funding to improve the facilities and equipment available at the village hall.

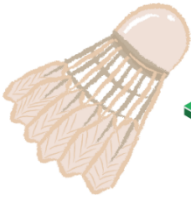
The hall is mainly hired for classes and private events but community events are also held there including the Easter and Christmas events. There is the opportunity to extend these to include for example, jumble sales, the repair cafe, performances such as panto, plays and concerts to make the hall the hub of the community again.

Community support is vital for the success of the funding application and we also need to demonstrate how the construction of HS2 has impacted you, your family and/or the parish. Please let us know your thoughts on the proposal or any suggestions for additional facilities that you or your group would find useful.

- How has the construction works for HS2 affected you or your family?
- What facilities/equipment would you like to see at the hall?
- What would make it more desirable for you to hire?
- What groups/classes could you start up with equipment we buy?
- Would you be interested in a regular community group?

Please email your feedback and suggestions to  
[office@westonturville-pc.gov.uk](mailto:office@westonturville-pc.gov.uk)

Or complete the slip at the bottom of the next page and return it to the Village Hall, School Approach, Weston Turville HP22 5RW



**Ideas that have been put forward so far :**

- a new piano
- stage lighting
- improvements to the sound system, including table microphones for meetings
- Sports equipment - table tennis, tag rugby, badminton nets
- new curtains to replace the old worn ones
- replace tables and chairs
- improve exterior lighting
- ceiling projector in main hall

**What else do you think is needed, what would make the space more usable for your community groups?**

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**I support the bid to HS2 for funding to improve the facilities at Weston Turville Village Hall**

**Yes / No**

**I support the new equipment suggested**

**Yes / No**

**I would like to propose the following facilities / improvements**

**How have you/your family been affected by HS2 construction works?**



# WESTON TURVILLE WOMBLES **VOLUNTEERS**

**NEEDED**



Weston Turville Wombles is a volunteer group set up by the parish council.  
By creating a dedicated team of volunteers, together we can create a beautiful, enjoyable parish for all.

## **OUR GOALS**

**Litter Picking**  
**Wild Flower Planting**  
**Maintaining the Glebe field**  
**Autumn Bulb Planting**  
**Supporting Community Events**

**If you would like to get involved with any of the above please get in contact.**

**JOIN US!**

**Please contact Cllr Laura Cook on 07576 654130 or email [lcook@westonturville-pc.gov](mailto:lcook@westonturville-pc.gov)**

# New bus service to Princes Risborough from 9<sup>th</sup> May!

Risborough Area Community Bus are extending their local bus service to the two garden centres situated on the A413 at World's End and Weston Turville.

The service will operate on Mondays and Thursdays, three times a day, and twice on Saturday mornings.

The bus is a green and white 16-seater mini bus and operates as a 'hail and ride' model, so anyone putting their hand out at any point on the route, the bus will stop for them. Bus pass holders travel for free and fare-payers will pay a flat one-way fare of £2.50 on a cash only basis.

Catching the bus to Princes Risborough will enable you to visit the many local facilities, such as the highly regarded Leisure Centre and Swimming Pool, M & S and Tesco, plus many other shops and cafes all within a very short walk from the main bus stop outside the George and Dragon in Princes Risborough High Street.

You will also be able to enjoy the local countryside and walks around Princes Risborough and even catch the main line bus services to High Wycombe and the Chiltern Rail Service into London or continue on with RACB's bus services to Monks Risborough and Longwick.

For more details, routes and timetables please visit [www.racb.co.uk](http://www.racb.co.uk)



# WESTON TURVILLE LITTER PICK



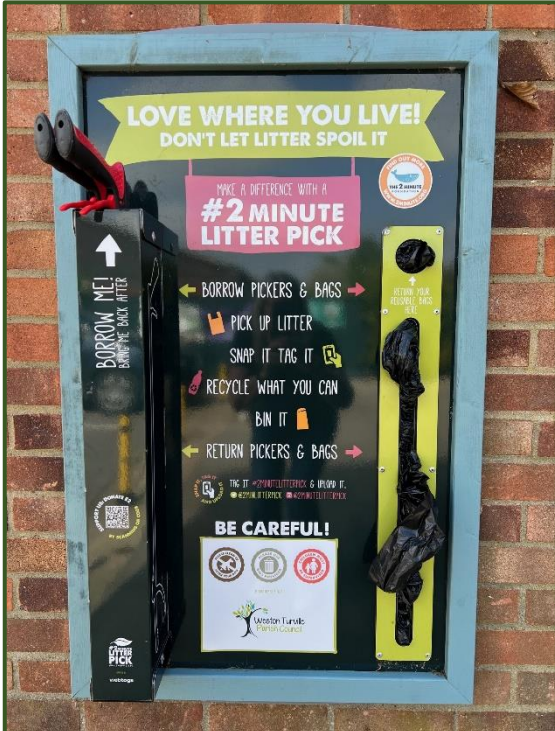
The Parish Council and Climate Action Weston Turville (CAWT) are keen to try to keep our area as free of litter as we can.

We have organised regular litter picks between us. It would be great if any of you want to join us.

We will meet at the village hall on the following dates below.

Saturday 6th July 10am - 12noon CAWT

Saturday 28th September 10am - 12noon Parish Council



## #2 minute litter pick

Did you know there is a litter pick station at the Village Hall?

The 2 Minute Litter Pick campaign aims to encourage everyone to help protect and nurture their local area, whether that is the street that they live on, their favourite park or woodland area.

*Can you spare two minutes?*





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# Weston Turville Summer Play Events



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29th August  
10.00am - 12.00pm  
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with your contributions, ideas or to join the  
team.

# OPEN WATER SWIMMING

With summer allegedly just around the corner, we can but hope for warmer weather. Longer days are guaranteed though and with this in mind, some folks might be thinking about getting a bit fitter, for the beach perhaps?

Well have you considered Open Water Swimming (OWS)? Wait! Come back! Don't go 'It's too cold for me' and turn the page, because there's a strong chance that if you've ever bashed out a few lengths at Aqua Vale or Green Park or taken a dip in the sea at any British resort, then this could be the thing for you. For a start you can swim (so that's the 'S' bit ticked off). Now to address the 'OW' element.



It's a given that Open Water Swimming IS different to pool swimming. There is a definite sense of freedom to it – at its most basic level, it's a case of 'head down and go'. Okay, you have to sight the next buoy or landmark but there's no constraint of having to turn every 25 metres or swerve around kids chucking their locker key in and diving to retrieve it. At the risk of sounding esoteric and hippy-dippy, once you get into a rhythm with your stroke (generally front-crawl, though breaststroke is perfectly acceptable), it's just you, the water and mother nature.

.....and that's the next big selling point.

Whilst OWS can cover a dip in urban docklands, by and large, if and when you do take the plunge, you are going to be undertaking this exercise in areas of outstanding natural beauty, be it in a lake, a river or the sea. In doing so, you will definitely see our world, literally, from a different angle, plus there's every chance at some point you'll happen across a swan, duck, gull or grebe going about their business. Come on! That's got to be of interest hasn't it!?

Okay, let's address the elephant in the room (or the trout in the water) – 'Isn't it cold though'?

Long story short – it can be.

Some readers will have heard seen or read about Wim Hof and the Cold Therapy element to his 'happier, healthier stronger you' philosophy. Succinctly, Hof embraces the benefits of exposure to the cold and the benefits this confers - fat loss, reduced inflammation that facilitates a fortified immune system, balanced hormone levels, improved sleep quality, and the production of endorphins— the feel-good chemicals in the brain that naturally elevate your mood. All good stuff then, but probably only for the hardcore few.



For the rest of us, we're probably better waiting until the water temperature at our chosen venue gets into the high teens centigrade, or definitely invest in a quality wetsuit. There's nothing wrong in being a fair-weather swimmer – your grin afterwards will be just as big.

Now your appetite has been whetted (wetted?), the temptation may be to head off to the reservoir, throw caution to the wind and leap in.

Please don't!

It's a sad, strange fact that Weston Turville is probably the furthest place from legitimate, organised and above all safe OWS spaces than anywhere in the country and yes, 'legitimate, organised and safe' are critical aspects for everyone to take on board prior to starting this activity. There are moves afoot to develop the quarry at Pitstone for OWS (see <https://pitstone-quarry.co.uk/>) but that's a few years away. For now, the dedicated Weston Turville-based OWS its:

- Queenford Lake, Berinsfield (<https://kscan.co/venue/nowca/queenford-lakes-oxford-wakeboard-ski-club-berinsfield-owsc>)
- Bray Lake, Maidenhead (<https://www.braylakeswimming.com/>)
- Willen Lake, Milton Keynes (<https://www.willenlake.org.uk/activities/on-the-water/open-water-swimming>)
- Merchant Taylors School, Rickmansworth (<https://www.atwevents.co.uk/e/open-water-swimming-at-merchant-taylors-school-8890>)

Sessions times and costs vary, as do your pre-and post-swim facilities (showers and a hot drink are generally the order of the day) with personal preference for Queenford, which has a slick entry and exit system, excellent safety features with both land and water-based (canoe) marshals and is generally well attended for that all-important social aspect.



As with all recreational activities, there will be an initial upfront cost for anyone contemplating dipping their toes, literally and metaphorically, into the OWS world, but please don't go down the 'all the gear – no idea' wormhole. Assuming you have a swimming costume, then a pair of buoyancy shorts or a wetsuit (there's a thriving second hand marketplace for such items), a buoyancy float and a fluorescent swim hat should be the only initial expenditure required.

.....what's more critical is your 'get up and go' and sense of adventure!

*Peter Bell*

## What's on in your local area

### June

6 <sup>th</sup>	D Day 80 <sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration event, Village Hall
7 <sup>th</sup>	Street Food at the Village Hall
8 <sup>th</sup>	Repair Café, St Michael's Church, Aston Clinton 9am-12noon
11 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Finance, Governance and Personnel Committee meeting
12 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Club at the Chandos, 12.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Planning & Highways Committee, 7pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Climate Fresk Workshop organised by Climate Action Weston Turville
16 <sup>th</sup>	Aylesbury Soapbox Dery, White Hill Park
20 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting
28 <sup>th</sup>	Historical Society meeting
30 <sup>th</sup>	Farmer's Market, Village Hall Weston Turville, 11am-3pm

### July

5 <sup>th</sup>	Street Food at the Village Hall
6 <sup>th</sup>	Litter pick organised by CAWT, 10am at the Village Hall
11 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Planning & Highways Committee, 7pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Repair Café, St Michael's Church, Aston Clinton 9am-12noon
13 <sup>th</sup>	Bedgrove Day in the Park, 12-5pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council meeting, 7pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	Farmer's Market, Village Hall Weston Turville, 11am-3pm

### August

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Street Food at the Village Hall
5 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Play Event 10am – 12noon
8 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Planning & Highways Committee, 7pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Repair Café, St Michael's Church, Aston Clinton 9am-12noon
10 <sup>th</sup>	Astonbury midday – 11pm, Aston Clinton Park
24 <sup>th</sup>	Live In the Park, Vale Park, Aylesbury
25 <sup>th</sup>	Farmer's Market, Village Hall Weston Turville, 11am-3pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	Proms in the Park, Vale Park, Aylesbury
29 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Play Event 10am – 12noon

### Regular Events

- Monday afternoons – Coffee Van at the Village Hall
- Tuesday afternoons – Warm Spaces at the Chandos
- Every other Wednesday – Lunch Club at the Chandos (see ad on p24)
- First Wednesday – CAWT meet up “Pint and Planet”, 7.30pm at the Five Bells
- First Friday of the month, April – October – Street Food event at the Village Hall

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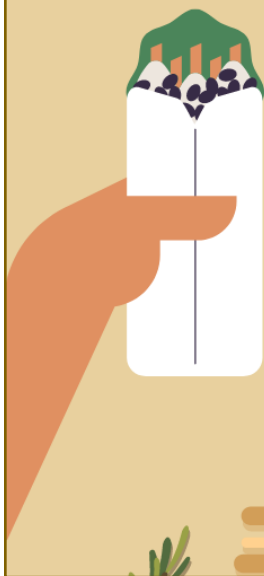


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## Exploring the Unknown: Year 5 Students Inspired by "I'd Like to Meet an Alien"

In the vast universe of poetry, there are pieces that not only captivate our minds but also ignite our imaginations. Recently, our Year 5 students embarked on a literary journey that took them beyond the confines of Earth, all thanks to Kenn Nesbitt's intriguing poem, "I'd Like to Meet an Alien."

As educators, we are always seeking ways to broaden our students' horizons, encouraging them to think creatively and explore the unknown. When we introduced Nesbitt's whimsical verses to our Year 5 curriculum, it sparked their curiosity and creativity flowed into their own poetic verse.

Through Nesbitt's playful words, our students found themselves transported to distant galaxies, envisioning encounters with extraterrestrial beings. The poem sparked discussions about the possibilities of life beyond our planet, igniting curiosity about the mysteries of the universe.



In classrooms adorned with rocket ship art and Mars Rovers, our Year 5 students delved into the depths of their imagination. They penned their own verses inspired by Nesbitt's work, each one a testament to their creativity and newfound fascination with space exploration.

Beyond the realm of literature, "I'd Like to Meet an Alien" served as a springboard for interdisciplinary learning.

Students delved into scientific inquiries about the conditions necessary for life to exist on other planets, pondered philosophical questions about our place in the universe, and even flexed their artistic muscles by creating vibrant illustrations to accompany their poems.

At Weston Turville CE School, we are reminded once again of the power of literature to not only teach but also inspire, to not only inform but also ignite the flames of curiosity within us all. Who knows what wonders await us

beyond the stars?

Some examples of our Alien Poetry inspired by the poem I'd Like to Meet an Alien by Kenn Nesbitt are on the next page.



Ms Fitzpatrick  
Headteacher, Weston Turville C E School

I'd like to meet an alien.  
Yeah, wouldn't that be neat?  
I'm sure there's not another  
creature I would rather meet.

I wouldn't care if he was big,  
or medium, or tiny,  
or if his skin was rough and tough,  
or super smooth and shiny.

I'd like it if he had a cat  
All the way from Saturn.  
I'd like him if he danced a rhumba  
With a shiny baton.

I'd like him if he ate a bat  
Or played the saxophone.  
Or made Italian cuisine  
Using a dial phone

I'd like him if he drank some Fanta  
Coke and fizzy mix

I'd like him if he enjoyed banter  
Or ate many Weetabix.

By Penny H, Class 5

I'd like to meet an alien.  
Yeah, wouldn't that be neat?  
I'm sure there's not another  
creature I would rather meet.

I wouldn't care if he was big,  
or medium, or tiny,  
or if his skin was rough and tough,  
or super smooth and shiny.

I'd like him if he smelt of greens  
Or if his skin were pink  
He could even smell like Grandad's beans  
Or have a whiffy stink.

I'd like him if he picked his nose,  
And ate his own toe nails.  
He could even drink from a hose,  
Or slurp up garden snails.

Poppy F, Class 5



I'd like to meet an alien.  
Yeah, wouldn't that be neat?  
I'm sure there's not another  
creature I would rather meet.

I wouldn't care if he was big,  
or medium, or tiny,  
or if his skin was rough and tough,  
or super smooth and shiny.

I'd like him if he bit his toe,  
Or gobbled all the food.  
Or picked his bogies in public!  
And shouted all things rude.

I'd like him is he was handsome,  
Or even if he looked bad.  
If he had some scary hair  
And really looked quite mad.

I wouldn't mind if he was yellow,  
Purple or blue or red.  
His eyes might glow in the darkness.,  
And also right out of his head.

I'd like him if he smelt real good  
Or even if he's dirty  
Even if he munched on snails  
He'd still get 10 out of 30.

By Mya W, Class 5

## Lamb Kebabs – perfect for a summer BBQ..

### Ingredients

- 600g lean lamb
- 2 large red onions
- 200g cherry tomatoes
- ½ bunch of fresh mint
- 300g fat-free natural yoghurt
- 1 lemon
- For the marinade..
- 3 cloves of garlic
- 2 big pinches of fennel seeds (crushed)
- 1 lemon
- Olive oil



### Method

1. Soak the wooden skewers in warm water for at least 20 minutes before using.
2. Make the marinade by crushing the garlic cloves and mixing with the crushed fennel seeds and some sea salt and black pepper. Mix in the lemon zest and about 80ml of olive oil.
3. Cut the lamb into 5cm pieces, peel and slice each onion into wedges, then place in a large tray. Add the cherry tomatoes and mix in the marinade.
4. Thread, alternating ingredients, onto the skewers, then refrigerate until ready to cook.
5. Finely chop the mint leaves and mix with the yoghurt, a pinch of salt and pepper, a squeeze of lemon juice and a dash of extra virgin olive oil.
6. Preheat the barbecue, grill or griddle pan. Grill the kebabs, turning occasionally, for about 7 minutes, or until cooked through.
7. Serve with a squeeze of lemon juice and the minty yoghurt.

## Minty Mojitos

### Ingredients

- ½ cup mint leaves
- ½ cup water
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 cup lime juice
- 2 cups white rum (optional)
- 2 cups soda water
- Lime and mint leaves to garnish



### Method

- Add sugar water and mint to a saucepan, simmer until the sugar has dissolved.
- Turn off heat and leave to stand for 5 minutes, then strain into a pitcher.
- Add the lime juice and rum to the pitcher.
- Add the extra mint leaves and lime cut into rounds.
- Add some ice and stir in the soda water



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## WESTON TURVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The Historical Society continues to go from strength to strength and we now have 107 members with over 70 people coming along to the meetings on the last Friday of each month. We are fortunate to have some excellent speakers who have come to the meetings and present very interesting talks. The talk in June is of special local interest, see title below. To go along with this presentation the society has published a book entitled 'The King of the Vagabond' regarding the life of John Mobley who lived in Weston Turville in the 1800s. His story is both fascinating and unbelievable and the cost of the book will be £10 per copy. We continue to welcome existing members and also any new people that wish to come along to the meetings. You do not have to be a member to attend a meeting as all are welcome.

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

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

For existing members and non-members, we can recommend that you have a look at our website, [www.WTHSoc.org.uk](http://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 2024

Date	Speaker	Title of Talk
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Adrian Randall	AGM + Weston Turville Criminality – Pt 1
July and August – No Meetings		
Sept 27 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Siobhan Clarke	Henry VIII and the Art of Kingship
Oct 25 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Roy Smart	Another Icarus or Out of Africa
Nov 29 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Brian Clements	Stoke Mandeville – a History

The Historical Society has a number of local history books available to purchase.

### Contact

For further information on the Society, visit [www.WTHSoc.org.uk](http://www.WTHSoc.org.uk), or email: [secretary@WTHSoc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@WTHSoc.org.uk). New members and visitors welcome.



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Summer is here and I hope we all have a good summer. I cannot of course predict the weather!!! My memory might be playing tricks but the seasons do not seem as distinct as they seemed to be years ago. Whatever the weather I hope we all have a good one.

The seasons in the Church's year are more predictable; Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and then the currents season. Now we celebrate Sundays after Trinity or Ordinary Time.

We all have our own seasons too; birthdays, wedding anniversaries, holidays and so the list goes on. In between all these celebrations and occasions life goes on in a way we might describe as 'ordinary time'. This means the time just for the ordinary things in life; washing the dishes, cooking and eating, work or hobbies.

I think we could remember that in the Ordinary, ordinary time God is with us. Whilst we celebrate particular events we live mostly in the ordinary time of tasks, relaxation, watching TV, or whatever.

God is always with us in the ordinary, the daily tasks whether or not we are actually enjoying the moment or not. Be we at school, at home, travelling, working or just sitting, God is with us. God is not just for Christmas.

So in the midst of time, no matter what is happening, God is with us. Enjoy!

Fr. David.

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