

WESTON-ON-THE-GREEN

TheVillageNews

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2025



Photo: Mandy Jones

The background of the poster is a dark, atmospheric scene. At the top, a large, bright full moon hangs in a dark blue sky. Below the moon, the silhouette of a person riding a horse is visible, moving from left to right. In the background, the silhouette of a large, multi-towered building, presumably Blenheim Palace, is visible through the branches of bare trees. The overall color palette is dark blue, black, and orange.

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From the editor

The summer holidays are but distant memories and although we really did have long weeks of glorious sunshine, they seemed to be over in a flash with autumn upon us and the nights drawing in.

Thankfully there's plenty of village events to keep us busy, with the Autumn Craft and Food Fair, the Village Hall's Diwali Night plus their wine tasting evening not to mention the annual Bonfire and Fireworks Night – there's even a Murder Mystery to get your teeth into at the Weston Manor's 'Death and Decadence' evening, not to mention a visit by Father Christmas at the annual Christmas Lights switch-on at the Village Hall at the end of November.

Since the last edition of the magazine, sadly Weston has lost two more wonderful villagers, Bill Lawrie and Peter Driver. Both did so much for the village, Bill through so many years helping the Village Hall in various capacities from committee member to maintenance man to gardener to chief BBQ-er and Peter both in his capacity as Church Warden as well as his talent for catering for large numbers which made him indispensable at so many village events. Both will be sorely missed and my condolences to both their families.

Alisa



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6TH NOVEMBER 2025**



From the Rector

Gareth Miller

*Rector of the Akeman Benefice
and Area Dean of Bicester & Islip*

Dear friends,

I recently came across a poem I wrote almost twenty years ago:

*Be sober, be settled
as fifty draws near;
prepare for the autumn
of life with good cheer.*

I look back on that with wry amusement!

But the autumn of the year also precipitates reflection on the

autumn of life. The loss of a very old and close friend this summer, not to mention the surprise death of a dear churchwarden, attending celebrations commemorating the 50th anniversary of leaving school and starting university – all these have combined to evoke a wistful, even melancholy mood in the ageing rector! Leaves falling, trees dying, years passing – all these serve to remind us of change and decay.

*A sense of contraction,
of nights drawing in,
restriction of limbs
and of hair growing thin.
The days now are shorter,
the evening is dark,
the choices are fewer,
the future is stark.*

That was my mid-life crisis (or one of them!). But I was pleased to note that I also had a sense of what was needed in order to face the future:

*O pray for deliverance,
for freedom from fear;
for inner release
and the spirit to hear.*

If you are like me, you have a hankering after times that were simpler. It is difficult not to feel overwhelmed by the complexity of modern life and depressed by the decadence that is so rife in many aspects of it. But it was ever thus, and those of us in the autumn of life do well not to dwell too much on the nostalgia. There is so much good in the world today, and a longing for authenticity, meaning, and truth among the young. In all the confusions of modern life, we need to seek freedom from fear and the spirit to hear, and to cling to the hope that is always held before us in the person of Jesus Christ – the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Gareth

St Mary's Church, Weston on the Green warmly invites you to join in our services in October and November

5th October	11:00	Morning Worship
12th October	18:00	Benefice Choral Evensong
19th October	11:00	Holy Communion
	15:00	'3 at 3' Family Service, Bletchington
26th October	10:00	Benefice Communion, Middleton Stoney
2nd November	11:00	All Souls' Service
9th November	10:45	Remembrance Service
	18:00	Benefice Choral Evensong, Bletchington
16th November	11:00	Holy Communion
	15:00	'3 at 3' Family Service, Bletchington
23rd November	10:00	Benefice Communion, Wendlebury
30th November	09:30	Holy Communion, Middleton Stoney
	18:00	Advent Carol Service, Kirtlington

Please note: the times are subject to change. The monthly schedule is posted on the front door of the church as well as the bulletin box at the East gate.

For other services across the Akeman Benefice please visit:
<https://www.akemanbenefice.org.uk/church-services>

From the Register

Funeral: 30th July 2025 Marjorie Jean Godwin

Funeral: 20th August 2025 William Thomson Lawrie

Peter Driver (1947-2025)



Everyone in Weston-on-the-Green and way beyond was deeply saddened to hear of the unexpected and untimely death of Peter on 17th August. A large number of people gathered in the church on the Tuesday following his death to reflect quietly and prayerfully.

Peter had an inimitable style, and he contributed massively to the common life of Weston. His skills were many and varied, and he brought both wisdom and humour to bear wherever he went. His service to the church extended over many years, and

we will sorely miss his presence and help at our services. So many villagers enjoyed his Golden Leaves lunches, not to mention the numerous other meals Peter served up on very many occasions.

A fuller appreciation will appear in a later edition of the magazine. Meanwhile, please note that the Memorial Service for Peter will take place on Saturday 11th October at 2.30 pm in church.

BENEFICE NEWS

Coffee Morning and Social
at Wendlebury Church on 15th October, 10.30 am -12.00 pm.

Rise and Shine Coffee and Chat
for all ages at Kirtlington every Wednesday in term time.

Benefice Communion
for All Saints' Tide on Sunday 26th October at 10 00 am at Middleton Stoney.



Mandy Jones

Remembrance Services

Services will be held on 9th November at Middleton Stoney, Bletchington, Kirtlington, Wendlebury and Weston on the Green and there will be a Remembrance Tide Evening Service at Bletchington at 6.00 pm.

Advent Carol Service

Will be held at Kirtlington on 30th November at 6.00 pm.

Akeman Benefice

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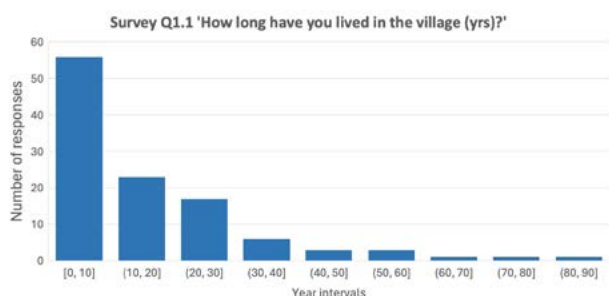
Chair's comments

The Parish Council works hard during the autumn pulling together the development plan plus costings for the following year. The pressure is that our precept request is submitted early January, so all our decisions need to be agreed early December. It seems odd just as we are looking at the last roses in our garden and planting our autumn and winter gardens to be thinking about the following year.

Our Development Plan is a five-year plan broken down year by year with targets and specific actions. It is never that smooth. As in all businesses, just when we feel we are on target, legislation changes, we lose a councillor who was leading an important objective, or we are not successful with a funding bid. We feel optimistic this year as our Village Survey analysis has heightened priority areas. For those of you who were in the village in 2015, the data analysis will look different in terms of population breakdown and aspirations.

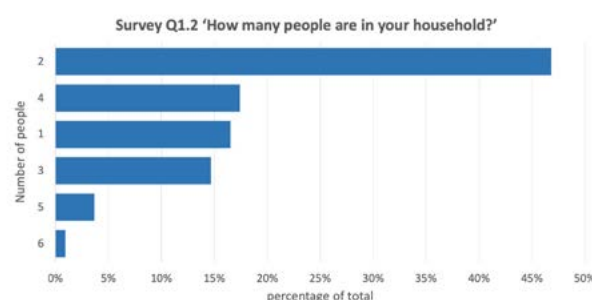
The full Village Survey analysis will be available on the Parish Council website (<https://www.westononthegreen-pc.gov.uk>) by the time of publication. At the time of writing, we have chosen to pull out some key information. Firstly, can we thank those of you who submitted a reply to the survey. Our response rate was high, based on what can be expected from such a request. If there was only one reply from each household, then the response rate is 43%. If not, then it is difficult to pull up a percentage.

Village population profile Survey Q1.1



Since the 2015 survey we've had a surge of new homeowners. This is exciting for the PC as with new people comes new ideas and energy. It is important to preserve an understanding of the history and uniqueness of Weston on the Green. With all the effort that comes with moving, young children and work, it can be difficult to find time and the opportunity to learn about the village. Perhaps we should have a focus on this over the next couple of years!

Household Size Survey Q1.2



Nearly half of the respondents live in households of two people. So, this could be couples starting on the housing ladder, retired or elderly people. We will drill into the data and pull up more information as to which of these it is or what combination. A bar that catches my eye is that just over fifteen percent of villagers live in households of one person. Within this number will be single elderly, widowed and possibly vulnerable. We will need to find ways to support them especially during emergencies - hot or cold weather, fire and flooding.



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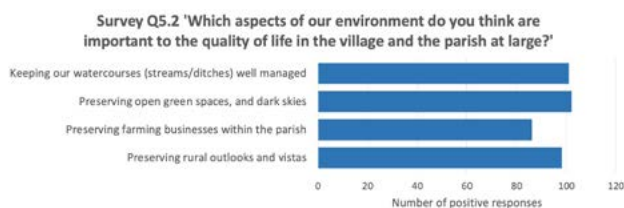
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Age Range Figure Survey Q1.3

Survey Q1.3 How many residents of your household are in the following age ranges?:	
0-5 years	14
6-11 years	21
12-18 years	11
19-24 years	18
25-65 years	140
66-75 years	33
Over 75 years	39
Total number of people	276

It is so encouraging to see the numbers of children growing in the village. It is also amazing to discover eighteen young people 19-24. I'm aware that we don't have groups or clubs for children or young people and I suggest we need to think about that. The number of retired and elderly suggests that activities in the village that appeal to them need to continue. So, we need leadership for a range of ages.

Aspects of the environment important to the quality of life in the village Survey Q5.2



Seeing the number of responses to this question was very reassuring to the Parish Council. The word 'preserving' is used in the top three questions. These issues are ones we support strongly in all planning applications. The final one about 'keeping our watercourses (streams, ditches) well managed is a key project going forward. The key reason for this is to

manage flood waters and to provide an environment for wildlife that is suitable in the country. Stayed tuned for further information.

As mentioned, there will be further analysis on our webpage, and we'll let you know when that is available.

A final note on the survey - with a higher population of younger families and many of those interested in activities for children, there will be opportunities to help meet some requests. The Parish Council is composed of five councillors – we can't meet your aspirations alone. This is a community and as such, we all need to contribute – large or small. That will make a difference. We have such appreciation for those who help with a variety of tasks, but the numbers are too few. Modern life is so busy but as we live in the countryside and clearly want to enjoy it, some community labour is needed to help with this.

Can you help?

Litter picking, playground tasks, clearing ponds seasonally, having a couple of pick-up games of any sport in our playground, arrange a picnic for children in the playground, work with one or two like-minded people to help solve problems such as finding solutions to our parking problem on some lanes, paint a village gate, wash and re-paint a bench. There is something for everyone!! Speak with one of our councillors or email the Clerk. All contact details are listed at the front of the magazine.

The Parish Council will continue working on the Development Plan over the next two months and this will be aligned to the budget for next year. We know we will need to find some grant funding – is anyone willing to help with this work?

Other areas of on-going work to highlight are:

- There are 48 Parish Councils and Meetings that will be affected by the Oxford City Unitary proposal. There is a core group organising opposition to this. The Parish Council supports this opposition and will take action.
- The Cherwell District Council Local Plan has had Inspectors appointed to examine the plan. They will determine whether it has been prepared in accordance with the relevant legal requirements and that it is 'sound' i.e. positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

Diane Bohm

Thames Valley Police: Advice on what to do if you hit a deer

In deer rutting season (September to November), the number of deer involved in vehicle collisions increases dramatically. If you collide with a deer:

1. Ensure your safety

2. Pull over to a safe location and turn on your hazard lights.
3. Assess the situation
4. Check yourself and passengers for injuries. If anyone is hurt, call for an ambulance.
5. Call the police on 999
6. Report the accident. They will handle the situation with the

deer and can provide assistance if needed. Injured deer can be both unpredictable and volatile and can cause further risk to other road users.

4. Do not approach the deer

Injured deer can be dangerous. For more information the British Deer Society: <https://bds.org.uk>

Planning update

Planning applications relating to the parish are discussed at each Parish Council meeting and a report is placed on the Parish Council website. Full information regarding each application is available via the Planning and Building section on the Cherwell District Council website.

BUILDING APPLICATIONS:

Decisions Received – Permitted

25/00356/DISC – Kelberg Ltd,
Northampton Road

25/00582/F and 25/00583/LB –
Williams Cottage, North Lane
25/01127/F – Summer Court, North
Lane

25/01159/CLUE – Weston Grounds
Farm, Northampton Road

Decisions Received – Refused

25/00449/REM – Reynards Lodge,
North Lane development

Withdrawn

None

Applications – Awaiting Decision

25/00139/F – Part of OS Parcel
0006 Adjacent and North of
Normandy, North Lane
Demolition of existing buildings and
the erection of five detached single
and two-storey dwellings together
with access, parking and garaging,
amenity space, landscaping and
drainage works.

25/00418/F and 25/00486/LB – The
Manor Hotel, Northampton Road
Restoration and extension of
Rupert's Cottage to provide
additional guest accommodation
and leisure facilities; re-instatement
of the former outdoor swimming



pool; construction of a new events
pavilion; restaurant extension
within the Manor's west courtyard;
relocation of guest car parking away
from the Manor's principal elevation;
screening of the existing plant and
biomass boiler area; restoration of
wider landscape features including
the historic moat and bridge.

25/01418/F – Family Farm House
Part Of A34

Driver rest stop facility including the
formation of a new entry and exit
slip road adjoining the A34, parking
area for cars and HGVs, erection of
an amenity building (including toilets
and catering area), EV charging
station, solar PV array, battery
storage facility, other ancillary
structures/buildings and landscaped
amenity area.

25/01821/F and 25/01822/LB –
Cruck Cottage, Northampton Road
Variation to Condition 2 and 6 of

permitted development; addition of
extra width to extension on NE side
of main dwelling (adding 9m² area).
Variation to roof material to use
reconstituted stone tiles.

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Firstly, a heartfelt thank you to everyone for your kind wishes!

Community spirit

The sense of community spirit in the village never ceases to amaze me and it's been even more apparent in recent weeks. I have asked many people for help and they've all been amazing: Andy, a regular customer, painted the steps to improve safety; Mick East skilfully repurposed shelving and crafted beautiful new magazine racks; Clive, with his trusty power tools, has been instrumental in rearranging displays; Paul is making regular shopping trips to keep our shelves stocked; and our lovely volunteers - Colin, Fiona, Toddy, Sham, Lana, and Louise - have all given their time to help out the shop. If you'd like to volunteer some time, please let me know.

Staff

Ruth has been extremely supportive, as have Linda, Sam Sharp, and Fiona. Becky has returned to the team on a regular basis, we have welcomed Julia and Landi as new staff members, and our 'sandwich queen' Rebecca is cooking up some new treats from the kitchen so watch this space for some tasty news!

Gifting

You will have noticed some changes, and there are more on the horizon. We now feature a dedicated gifting section, showcasing a variety of local, artisan, and seasonal products. These include nature-themed jewellery and creations by Toddy's Peck & Feather, the beautifully fragranced Scent on the Green candles by Yasemin, and wooden



AN UPDATE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY SHOP



figures crafted by our 'Wood Fairy' are back by popular demand. Sitting alongside these are gift packs from Bicester's award-winning Skywave artisan gin, local honey from the Hessian's BK Apiary, and an assortment of jams, marmalade, and chutneys from Ma'amalady of Lower Heyford. Stay tuned for additional products as the festive season approaches.

We have partnered with Simms Farm near Chesterton to brighten your homes with vibrant sunflowers and your plates with fresh sweetcorn, picked straight from their maize maze. My children and I had great fun there during the school holidays and we're looking forward to going back next year!



Turnovers, pies, slices and bakes

Our hot food menu now includes delicious bacon and cheese turnovers, which are proving very popular. As we head into autumn, we'll be introducing new pies, slices, and bakes for limited time periods. If you have a favourite you'd like to see on the menu, please let us know!



Photo: Annie Cooper

Friends Produce

We've had some wonderful donations of pears, cooking apples, plums and even quinces to our Friends Produce initiative.



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These are always outside – if you'd like to buy these products, you can decide how much you want to pay and funds are sent to the Church and Village Hall. If you have a surplus from your fruit trees or allotment, we'd very much welcome your donations.

Newspapers

To our newspaper customers, I apologise for the recent disruption – our long-term supplier was acquired, resulting in some initial challenges. The team has worked diligently to help resolve these issues, and hopefully our regular, reliable service has now resumed.

Post Office and Parcel Services

With the closure of many high street bank branches and the continued rise in the use of selling platforms like Vinted and eBay, our Post Office is busier than ever. It always surprises me that many still don't realise they can withdraw and deposit cash here! If you're buying and selling online, we provide both Royal Mail and Evri parcel services – an increasing number of customers love the convenience of being able to collect their parcels from us.

Sending to the USA

Following a U.S Executive Order, parcels sent to the USA may be

subject to US import duties, which must be paid this end at the point of posting. Items sent without duties paid may be returned. We will need descriptions of all the items being sent as well as their country of origin and value so we can help you pay the correct charge. Our system will calculate this and we can inform you of the amount before proceeding with the transaction.

Additional services

Remember, we're also an Amazon hub for collections and returns, and don't forget we offer a dry cleaning service too.

Village people

We were all very sad to learn of the passing of two of our loyal customers, Bill and Peter – we send our sincere condolences to their families and friends.

And finally

As ever, we're here to serve you with lunch, treats, essentials, coffee, daily news and a range of other products. If there's something you would like to see on sale in the shop, please let us know. Your feedback is always welcome.

With warmest wishes, Sam

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As autumn slowly rolls in there are several events on offer which we hope will appeal to villagers.

Back by popular demand on Saturday 18th October is the **Craft and Food Fair**, taking place at the Hall from 10am to 3pm. We have lots of wonderful stall holders attending, including the return of some favourites from last year, including honey from BK Apiary, cakes and treats from BeccaLou Designs, Neal's Yard, Usborne Books, Peck and Feather, Fatimah's Kitchen, and Ma'malady selling jams, chutneys and, of course, marmalade! Please do come along and support our local producers. We will also be selling refreshments throughout the day as a fundraiser for MacMillan Cancer Support.



The following week, Saturday 25th October, sees an evening of **Diwali celebrations**, including a three-course meal (including a vegetarian option), a dance performance and other entertainment. Tickets for this event are £15 per adult and £10 per child. We hope you can join us for what promises to be a very special evening.

Our first event in November is the Hall's **annual firework display** on Saturday 1st November at the playing field. The gates open at 6.30pm with the display starting at 7pm and entry prices are £5 per adult and £2 per child. Please could any donations of wood for the bonfire be dropped off at the playing field on the morning of the event from 9.30am, when we will start to build the bonfire. Anyone who would like to help us with the build would be very welcome. We



Jordie Rc/thes

are very lucky to have an amazing display courtesy of Mark East (ably supported by Mick!) and we always have a 'pinch me' moment as the first rockets launch and we see such an amazing display right here in Weston. Mulled wine, other beverages plus hot dogs and burgers will also be available to purchase on the evening.

On Friday 14th November, the hall will be holding a **wine tasting** evening, hosted and led by Richard Household of Brompton Wine. Richard holds the WSET Level 4 Diploma, has completed the demanding WSET Educator Programme, and is also a wine judge and a Master of Wine

student. Richard strongly believes that wine is to be enjoyed by



The Village Hall Committee would like to thank the family of Bill Lawrie for making us, along with St Mary's, a recipient of the retiring collection at Bill's funeral. We are very grateful - thank you.

all, and he will be bringing his knowledge, experience and expertise to Weston. Tickets for this event are £15 per person, and includes the tasting wines, and nibbles. There will also be a chance to buy and order wines on the evening

Our Christmas Tree Lights Switch On, raffle and visit by Father Christmas will take place on the first Sunday of Advent, 30th November, at 5pm. We will be serving mulled wine and warm snacks at the event. Children who live in the village, aged 10 and under, can receive a gift on the evening from Father Christmas. To register your child for a gift please email westonvillagehall@live.co.uk with the name, age and address of your child and we will make sure Father Christmas gets the details ready for the evening! This email address is also the one to use to book places for the wine tasting event or Diwali evening.

The committee never takes for granted the support of the villagers so thank you for supporting us and the events we put on.

As a committee we were very saddened to hear the news of the passing of Bill and Peter. Both had been heavily involved with the Village Hall in past years - Bill with the Hall's garden and lawn, and Peter as a member of the Village Hall Committee. Our tributes to Bill and Peter can be found on p. 15, and our heartfelt sympathies go to both families.



Commonwealth War Graves

In the June-July issue of the Village News we wrote about the application completed by Jordie for the Commonwealth War Graves location sign for St Mary's and we are delighted to let villagers know that the sign was installed at the Mill Lane entrance in mid-August, beside the Second World War memorial gates. St Mary's Church is the final resting place for four service men: Second Lieutenant E S Scott of the Royal Air Force; Second Lieutenant J A Humphrey, also of the RAF; Gunner William Wise of the Royal Field Artillery and Aircraftman 2nd Class Basil Thomas Mitchell of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.

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250 Club Results

AUGUST

1st prize: £18 No 209 Helen & Ian Jackson

2nd prize: £12 No 158 Jane Mullane

3rd prize: £6 No No 69 Theff Everett

SEPTEMBER

1st prize: £18 No 112 Fiona Spensley

2nd prize: £12 No 199 Michael Woodley

3rd prize: £6 No 172 Yasemin Olcay



If anyone would like to volunteer to help us maintain the flowerbeds by carrying out some light weeding and tidying, please could you email us at the Village Hall at westonvillagehall@live.co.uk

Thank you!

VILLAGE HALL TRIBUTES



Bill Lawrie

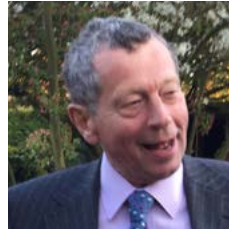
The Village Hall Committee was deeply saddened by the death of Bill Lawrie in August. Bill, along with his wife Joy, was a great supporter of village life, including events at the Village Hall, as was demonstrated in

April this year when Bill made his famous shortbread for the coffee morning fundraiser held for Bob and Paula Hessian. Apart from his legendary shortbread, Bill was also, for many years, the Hall's BBQ chef, and could be found, apron on, tongs in hand, mastering the grill at summer events. From BBQs to Burns Night celebrations, ceilidhs, barn dances, film nights, visiting choirs and the Aunt Sally matches, Bill was a cheerful presence, and you couldn't fail to be encouraged by his enthusiasm for the evening's entertainment. He was always first onto the dance floor, and being a fantastic ballroom dancer, would often have many a villager whisked around the floor, giddy with laughter and dancing.

Both Bill and Joy were heavily involved with the Village Hall Committee for many, many years and they were also responsible for the garden at the Hall during this time. Bill maintained and mowed the lawns, and Bill and Joy designed, planted and maintained the borders, changing the display twice a year. The flowers were beautiful and were a testament to their skills as excellent gardeners - which was also the case at their stunning home garden. When Bill and Joy retired from looking after the garden, we knew we wouldn't be able to match the displays created by them so moved to less labour-intensive shrubs and perennials, which has created a more informally planted garden - and one that misses Bill and Joy's magic.

Bill was always willing to help the Hall and along with Mick East, repaired and renovated the planter outside the Hall's front doors, which provides a welcome burst of colour for visitors to the Hall. Bill's support was unwavering and during lockdown Bill made several bird feeders, and even a table, to raffle off to help support the Hall whilst it was shut due to the pandemic. This was just one example of his many kindnesses shown towards us.

Bill's encouragement, support and kindness towards the Village Hall Committee was very much valued and appreciated. His friendship will be greatly missed by the Committee, and we send our sincere condolences to Joy, Eleanor, Stuart, and all of Bill's family.



Peter Driver

The Village Hall Committee was deeply saddened and shocked by the sudden death of Peter Driver in August, whilst sailing in North Wales. Peter was heavily involved in village life through his role as Churchwarden

and the chef and creator of the monthly Golden Leaves lunch club held at the Hall. This lunch club has been a mainstay for many years and has been a very important part of village life for many of our community.

For a number of years Peter had also been a member of the Village Hall Committee and during his time on the Committee he instigated some renovation projects which helped modernise and improve some of the Hall's facilities. His enthusiasm and support were greatly appreciated as we came up with a number of initiatives, but more importantly, his friendship towards Committee members was always valued.

Peter's main contribution to the Hall was being, in recent years, our resident chef for the bonfire and firework night and the annual Aunt Sally matches. What started off as a simple offering of hot dogs evolved into an absolute feast with hot dogs, burgers, and a variety of pies - all made by Peter and ably served on the evening by Peter and Alison, and sometimes in the foulest of weather for the firework nights. Peter also created amazing three-course meals for Golden Leaves- even delivering meals to those at home due to illness and who couldn't make the lunch club.

All of Peter's projects and endeavours came from his belief in service to others, and from a place of faith, kindness and selflessness. Although Peter was very much part of life in Weston, he also loved the Llŷn Peninsula and was happy to talk about his boat and his times there. It seems a fitting tribute to quote part of the great Welsh hymn, Calon Lân, which to us encapsulates Peter and all he stood for.

*I do not ask for a luxurious life,
The world's gold or its fine pearls,
I ask for a happy heart,
A truthful heart, a pure heart.
A Pure Heart, that's full of goodness,
Is fairer than the delicate Lily:
Only a pure heart can sing,
Sing the day and sing the night.*

Our heartfelt sympathies and love go to Ali and all of Peter's family, and to Peter, we wish you fair winds and following seas; may the wind be ever at your back.



Seasonal Spotlight

Autumn

It's that time of year when the trees will be changing colour, the air is getting colder and fresher, and we can't help thinking of warm drinks, cosy clothes and playing in the crunchy leaves.



Spindle fruits

As we enter Autumn, it can be tempting to cut back all the dead and dying vegetation in our gardens and green spaces. It's worth considering that many of these woody stems will become perfect winter homes for insects as they enter hibernation and can create areas of architectural beauty in our homes and communities.

In Oxfordshire, the hedgerow species we generally recommend planting (for their capacity to provide for both people and wildlife year-round) and you're most likely to see in your local area include Blackthorn, Spindle, Common Buckthorn, Guelder Rose, Wild Privet, Cherry Plum, Dog Rose and Hazel. Fruiting season for many of these species starts from late summer to early autumn. As such, by this time of year, most of the species listed above will be fruiting. Hawthorn berries have traditional use in heart-strengthening natural medicines but also act as a vital source of food for caterpillars, moths, and migratory birds. Keep your eyes peeled for spindle, which has vibrant autumnal colours with vibrant pinks, and the leaves turning from a deep green to a beautiful red.

Trees for Bees

Trees are an important, stable long-term source of food for bees and other pollinators, providing thousands of flower heads all in one place. Plant a variety of tree species selected to benefit bees and other pollinators, with species that flower at different times of the year to provide nectar, pollen and nesting sites as well as offering a haven for other wildlife and cleaning the air and water and storing carbon. Check out the guidance on our website for more information: <https://www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk/guidance/tree-planting-guidance>



Riverside trees

The native white, crack, pussy, osier and goat willows are a familiar sight along the Thames and its tributaries. Willows provide shelter for birds, mammals, including bats, otters and water voles. Their leaves are the larval foodplant of the Purple Emperor, Large Tortoiseshell and Comma butterflies and their catkins the earliest sources of food for bees. Both the male and female flowers (catkins) carry sugary nectar, and the male flowers also carry protein rich pollen, which is so important for developing bee larvae. Willow nectar is also a major energy source for Blue Tits during early spring.



Photo: Alexas Fotos



Photo: Annie Cooper

Traditionally managed by 'coppicing and 'pollarding', mature trees can be cut to form a thick stump or 'coppice stool' that considerably extends the life of the tree and lets in light to the shrub layer. Some Crack Willow pollards are known to have lived for 1000 years. Willow is also a useful hedge plant in damp conditions.

Hedgehog Friendly things to do this autumn and winter

- Put out a shallow dish of water or make sure your ponds are easy to get out of for hedgehogs (shallow edges or a platform / ramp), so they have water to drink
- Leave a wild patch each year with piled up logs or leaves that you don't disturb
- Always move your burn piles before you light them as hedgehogs and frogs often use them to sleep in (this is, after-all, how hedgehogs were once upon a time cooked to be eaten!). Thankfully it is now illegal to eat this endangered species
- Avoid using pesticides or herbicides as this will make hedgehogs very ill. Find out more here www.hedgehogrescue.org.uk/hedgehog-friendly-slug-pellets/
- If you want to put out food, cat or dog food is best
- If you find a sick or injured hedgehog, or one up and about during the middle of the day, call Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital on 01844 292292

To find out more about:

- 1) Hedgehogs
 - head over to the People's Trust of Endangered Species (PTES) website.
- 2) Wildlife and hedgehog friendly gardening
 - head over to the Wild Oxfordshire website at www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk and have a look in our guidance section.
- 3) Kirtlington's Hedgehog Street
 - see the website at www.hedgehogstreet.org/kirtlington/



Weston Society

Weston Society met on Monday 14th July when Paula Hessian gave a talk about The Weston Front, when a group of villagers came together to successfully save Weston from the proposed "Eco Town".

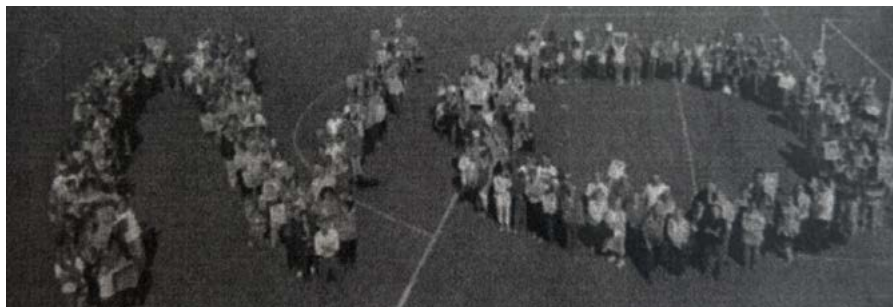
It was also the AGM, where difficult decisions had to be made on the future of the Society based on

members being prepared to form a committee and share in the responsibility for the Society going forward. Fortunately this did happen so the Society will continue to meet on a bi-monthly basis bringing interesting speakers on a variety of topics.

Our next meeting was on Monday

8th September, when Bob and Paula Hessian were reflecting on their years of involvement in Weston. After that we will meet again on Monday 10th November when Maurice East, a favourite of the Society, will be bringing us another of his talks, subject yet to be determined.

We meet on the second Monday of alternative months, all are welcome free of charge to their first meeting, there is an annual subscription currently of £20 per person for anyone who then wishes to join, which enables us to pay for use of the Hall and pay our speakers, with a small donation towards sharing wine and nibbles after the meeting.



Weston Walkers

Following our previous two eventful walks, July and August were much more sedate, starting from Yarnton Manor in July we headed across the fields to skirt much of Yarnton before picking up The Shakespeare Way up over Spring Hill, then turning back down through Worton Park returning to Yarnton Manor.

In August we walked the Countryside Walk around the outside of Farmoor Reservoir, a small stretch of which takes in the Thames Path.

Our next planned walks will have been September 8th and October 13th with the final walk of the year on November 10th.

All are welcome to join in as and when, there is no commitment to every month, so if you wish to enjoy sociable company, conversation and exercise please come along and join in or speak to me.

There are now also several local walks to enjoy published on the Weston on the Green Parish

Council website, under Health and Wellbeing.

If while out walking you encounter any problems with overgrown vegetation, damaged stiles or footbridges, or any other issues, please let me know for Weston Parish or Katie Holt (01869 350219) for Bletchington Parish, in order that they can be reported to the County Council for repair.

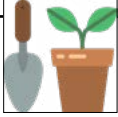
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Weston-on-the-Green Garden Club

Our July Open Garden Evening was held at the Dower House and hosted by David and Tracy Johnson. The weather had looked fairly threatening all day, but once again the sun shone on Weston Garden Club and we had a lovely evening. David and Tracy have worked wonders on this gorgeous space, creating open vistas and lovely planting. Even in the drought conditions we are all experiencing there was plenty to see and enjoy.

In August we visited Jubilee Cottage Garden owned by Helen and Phil Price. The garden is much bigger than expected and provides a wonderful private area with imaginative planting, fruit trees and a productive vegetable area. We are getting used to having wonderful weather for our open evenings.

Let us hope it remains the case for our final event at Home Farm on September 9th. A report will be in the next *Village News*.

Thank you to all those who have opened their gardens for us to enjoy this year. It has been wonderful to see so many beautiful and well-tended gardens.

I hope many of you will consider joining the trip to Waddesdon Manor on 26th November. This is a chance to travel in comfort and be dropped right outside the door! Normally at Christmas there is an awful lot of walking from the car park to the house itself. Please see below for details.

Plans for next year are already in progress so keep an eye out for our reports in future issues. As I



A Pink Inspiration at Jubilee Cottage!

write, we are experiencing some welcome rain. I think our gardens are all extremely grateful. I suspect, however, that by the time you read this we will be pleading for it to stop!!

GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS TRIP TO WADDESDON MANOR

On the 26th November there will be a trip to Waddesdon Manor to look at the Christmas decorations in the Manor, see the illuminations and visit the Christmas Market.

A Grand Festive Tour

Join Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild and his beloved dog, Poupon, on a festive trans-European tour, exploring the unique holiday traditions that light up each country's winter season. Every stop on their journey will highlight a different city, blending local heritage, seasonal customs, and links to Waddesdon's famous collection.

Outside, the Manor and Gardens will be illuminated with an innovative new immersive light show, combining a specially commissioned digital projection, lights and sound. The lawns and trees in front of the house will be transformed into a living, moving tapestry of colour while the popular Christmas Fair and Food Village move to the South side of the Manor.

The coach will leave Weston at 12.30 and return at around 6.30pm. The price is £60 per person or £45 if you are a National Trust member, and will include coach, entrance to the Manor, Gardens, Light Trail etc. Please contact Toddy on toddyhg@gmail.com or 07748 088335 for payment details.



Additional Volunteer Drivers Needed!

Weston on the Green Community Transport is in need of additional volunteer drivers.

If you are over 30 years of age with a clean driving licence, no accidents in last 5 years and have spare time during the day, please consider helping to maintain this invaluable Community asset.

Mainly local trips to hospitals or surgery

Contact Graham Barnett on 01869 350707

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Our generously donated Community Transport vehicle is an excellent service helping villagers get to their doctor and hospital appointments.

Equipped with a wheelchair hoist, residents can book this for trips in the local area.

To book please contact Graham Barnett on **01869 350707** giving as much notice as possible

Golden Leaves Lunches

Due to the sad passing of Peter Driver there will be no Golden Leaves lunches for the time being. Please bear with us as we plan for the future of Golden Leaves.

Thank you for your understanding.



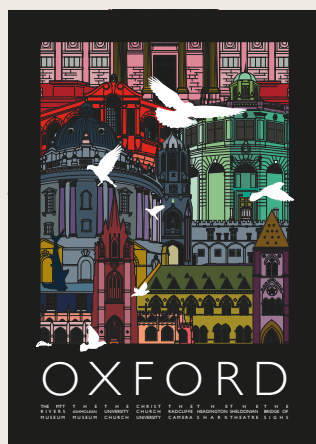
Neighbours' Natter News

As the days get shorter, make the most of the sunshine hours! Come along to the Village Hall for tea, coffee and conversation. There are also biscuits, and squash if you prefer. (£2 and free refills).



We have a magazine swap, and a jigsaw exchange, so bring along your periodicals and puzzles, and see what you can find.

Please note:
There will be No Neighbours' Natter in December. See everyone again January 8th, 2026.



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Marjorie Jean Godwin

1928 – 2025

Jean Godwin was born on 24th December 1928 and christened Majorie Jean Hill but was always known as Jean.

Her parents, Walter and Florence Hill, were Postmaster and Postmistress at Salford near Chipping Norton. Jean had four sisters and a brother.

She went to school at Salford and then Chipping Norton where during the Second World War they shared the school with evacuees from London, so she went to school in the morning and the evacuees in the afternoon.

At the age of 14 Jean left school and her first job was to be companion to a local farmer's daughter. From there she went into service, as did her sisters, at various big houses around Oxfordshire. Jean had a job looking after the Hood twins for Captain and Mrs Hood who owned Weston Manor at that time. However, this was during the war and part of the BBC had been moved to the Manor, so the Hood family had to live in Weston Manor Cottage which was divided into separate areas with the Hood family living at one end and the cook, nanny and Jean living at the other end.

To get to Weston from Salford, Jean would walk to Chipping Norton to catch the bush to Oxford and then get the bus to Weston. This took up too much of her weekly half-day off so she used to cycle to Salford from Weston on her old school bike – 20 miles, sit-up-and-beg, no gears. There were no road signs



during the war so it was a very brave thing for a young teenager to do! She was convinced during the last weeks of her life she could do that in 20 minutes.

As part of her job, Jean had to accompany the Hood family to Godmersham Park to visit Mrs Hood's family for Christmas. There, on her 16th birthday as she was opening her birthday cards in the kitchen, the footman gave her a birthday kiss just as the family nanny walked in. Consequently Jean was sent to her room and only rescued at tea-time when Captain Hood heard what had happened and rescued her.

It was during this period when she was working for the Hoods that Jean noticed a Coldstream Guardsman, the neighbouring farmer's son, walking up the road, on leave and living at Village Farm next door.

Jean had another job for a while looking after a young boy at Poulton Grange, near Cirencester but this farmer's son somehow managed to persuade her to take a job on the farm at Weston driving tractors and milking cows. She ended up marrying Guardsman Mansel Godwin in 1949 and lived in Weston ever since.

Jean was a member of the local civil defence, the Weston WI, the PCC as well as being an inaugural member of the Weston Horticultural Society.

She loved her knitting, embroidery and craftwork and when her grandchildren were at Kirtlington school, would go and help the children with their needlework and reading.

Jean had four children, Felicity, Christine, Neil and Valerie, 13 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren, all of whom she greatly adored and was proud to call them her own.



Golden Leaves, Big Breakfasts and more – a Coalition of the Willing?

Following the devastating loss of Peter Driver, as a team we will find his shoes too big to fill using the same format Peter delivered so consistently and diligently. Please bear with us while we think of new ways to bring the community together at various times throughout the year. We know how important these events are, especially for the more senior members of our community, as a way of catching up with friends and village news.

In the meantime, we would be grateful to hear from anyone who feels able to offer even a little time to help us plan and implement community events; it does not have to be a huge commitment if we can share the load and neither do you need to be a church goer or a regular Village Hall user. Help behind the scenes is as valuable as being 'front of house' and there are jobs requiring all kinds of

skills. Communications, advice on practical elements, washing up, cooking, serving, setting up. One-off help is as much appreciated as regular participation. Financial donations are always welcomed to assist with putting events on and any profits will be shared with the Church, Village Hall and other village clubs as required.

If you feel that you can help in any way, there will be a sign-up sheet in the church. Or you can email me: mandy@cobi.co.uk

Please have a think about what you feel able to offer to help keep the community spirit alive in this village.

With hopeful thanks, Mandy Jones



From the workshop of the Wood Fairy

You will have noticed that the wooden figurines are back in the shop.

The Wood Fairy has agreed with Sam, the Shop Manager, what will happen to the funds raised. Although still attracting VAT, this will only be paid on the shop's division of the amount. Amazingly the figurines are still selling well, and the Halloween and

Christmas ones will soon be available.

If you have any suggestions (don't forget this is a family magazine) for figures please leave your thoughts with the friendly staff, who will pass them on. I probably have over 200 templates in store.

Mick East



The birds and the bees



Photo: Nicky Donne

BK Apiary Update

Well what a year it has been. The girls started out being a bit slow, it seemed to be ages before they started to bring in pollen and nectar. It wasn't until May that the bees really ramped up a gear and I was adding boxes (called supers) with frames on almost every week on some of the hives.

I knew we needed a new spinner as last year the one we had been using for many years has started to play up and then with the fire in the house, the old spinner was no more. The old spinner held 9 frames in and only spun one way so after one spin of the frames we would have to take them out and turn and swap 180 degrees, then spin again.

I found the one I wanted – the next step was getting my dad and mum to go out for the day to just outside Norwich and pick it up.

Usually it would take me around 7 hours to spin all the frames I took off, this time it was 2 hours, less mess and because I picked a spinner that rotates one way and then goes in reverse and forwards again by just pressing a button, and it holds 20 frames, this is a great addition to our beekeeping.

We have since used it twice more because the bees have been busy. Even in the heat of the summer the girls were still finding pollen and a nectar flow to keep filling up the frames.

I took off the last lot at the beginning of August and have done the last spin and filter of honey for this year, we leave a super of honey on for them over the winter and give a supplement feed too, just in case there is a mild winter as these mean they will use up more of their stores.

We have collected 10 swarms this year from people calling me and reporting them. One was from a water hydrant outside a school, three foot under the path, laying on the ground with your hand down a black hole hoping there are bees inside and nothing else! We have also been asked to extract a colony on the Blenheim Estate.

We have been delivering honey to customers, but have also been supplying honey to the Weston Community Shop and we are so grateful to the shop and everyone getting their local honey. We will be in the Village Hall at the Autumn Craft and Food Fair on the 18th October so please pop along and you can have a taste of our honey!

Kate & Bob

Bob's Barn Owls – update

I had the people from the Barn Owl Trust come out a couple of weeks ago to check the replacement nest box we had erected in the garden. Result? – no sign of any activity. We also checked the nest holes in the old oak tree at the end of North Lane. Again, no sign of any activity from the owls – but the colony of bees are still present. I was told that of nearly 200 barn owl nest boxes in Oxfordshire inspected this year, only seven were occupied by barn owls. This seems to be one of worst years for breeding barn owls. The long dry summer hasn't helped their

food supply – usually long-tailed field mice.

However, a few days ago a barn owl was seen entering the nest box and a pair of these owls have been flying around this area. I won't attempt to look inside the box until I've seen their presence in the area. Barn owls have nested in the original box that was in the roof of our cottage, with eggs being laid in late August/early September. Fingers crossed, they will have a brood this year!

Bob



Bill Lawrie

1930–2025



Bill was born in Markinch, Fife, the youngest of eight children. After leaving school he worked as a fireman on the railways before he was drafted for national service at RAF Bicester. He came with his best friend to a local dance, where he met Joy Gregory who would be his wife and partner for the next 73 years.

They married in 1953 and began married life with Joy's parents in Church Close where their first child, Eleanor was born. They then moved to Marston, before living in Kidlington.

After the RAF and Catering College, Bill worked as a chef and later Catering Manager at the government buildings on Marston Road. But when he realised the car factory paid better, he switched careers, spending over 40 years working at The Radiators, the production line, CKD, and finally Unipart House at Unipart.

Bill was never one to stop at just one job. Throughout his working life in order to give his family the best he took on extra cheffing shifts in the evenings and at weekends, working in pubs across Oxford — the Three Pigeons in Witney, Hopcroft's Holt Hotel, the Head of the River, and The Grapes (now the Turnpike), which in the 1960s became one of Oxford's first pub with a restaurant. He launched his own business, Kinglaw Caterers, with his friend George Brahms the baker, catering weddings and parties all over the area with the family, delivering the food in two Austin Maxis.

He was also the leading member of the Gosford Hill School PTA, organising school dances and running the School fete for three years. One year he had the bright idea of a piano-smashing competition — a great idea, though getting the pianos out of people's houses (sometimes from upstairs) sounded more like

a comedy sketch from the famous Tetley tea chimp's advert.

Bill also loved travel. He took Joy for their first trip abroad for their silver wedding anniversary in 1979 to Malta. Following this, through the Masonic Club, he organised countless group holidays to Europe's sunniest places, creating memories for so many people.

Sport was another passion. Bill played badminton and semi-professional football for several local teams until he broke the same leg for a second time. In those days, with no sick pay, he knew he couldn't risk more time off work, so he reluctantly hung up his boots.

On his retirement in 1987 Bill and Joy moved back to Weston where Bill put his energy into the village. His love for sport continued into Bowls, playing at the county Club with all his new clubmates. To raise money for the village hall and church he went into full bird table production to raise money for the village hall and church, and even tended the graveyard and other areas around the village.

Bill always drove BL cars and would never hear a word against his beloved Rover, but he dreamed of owning a "Posh Car" in retirement. Fate intervened when a friend in the village gave up her Mercedes sports saloon. For the last two years of his life, Bill drove it around Bicester and the nearby villages like Mr Toad — grinning from ear to ear.

Some of Bill's Scottish family made it to England and his sister Jan, a nurse, met and married her husband James and settled in Bedford. Their 3 daughters Pauline, Sally and Denise regarded Bill as their second father after James died.

Bill also made a series of American friends when the house next door was rented out. Sandy and Troy, Eric and family and most of all Loren Peele to whom he became a father figure, supporting and encouraging him to finish college and apply for a commission. Loren became a Major and active pilot continuing to keep in touch and visit for 47 years. He tells how one day in the kitchen he told Bill that he was overwhelmed by his generosity and kindness when staying in Weston.

Bill's reply sums up his life for Loren 'that's the only way I know how to be.'

Bill's life was about more than work or hobbies. It was about family, friendship, and community. He was hardworking, generous, loving, funny, and full of energy and leaves behind his wife Joy, children Eleanor and Stuart plus 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.



Joy, Stuart, Eleanor and families would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended the funeral and for all the kind wishes and wonderful memories that have been shared with us. We will miss him greatly but know he had a great life, well lived and well loved.



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Oxfordshire Way across the School Field

As regular walkers over the School Field will know, since the footpaths have been fenced off it is often difficult or even impossible to wade through flooded furrows.

This issue has been reported to Oxfordshire County Council Countryside Access Officer on a number of occasions and she and her team have been out to inspect it.

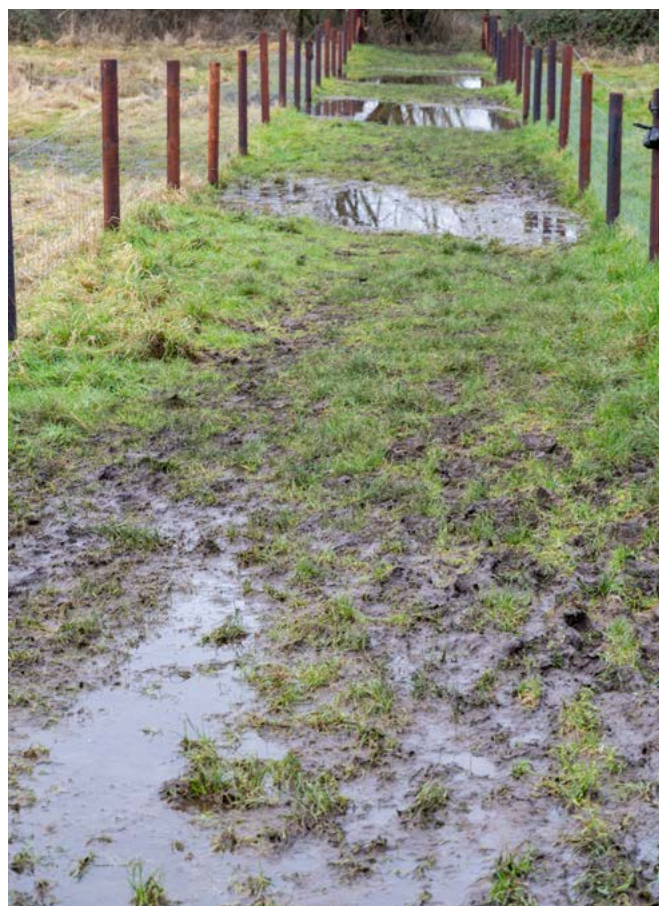
Their solution was to erect a bypass boardwalk over the worst areas but the Delivery Team see it as a seasonal issue which the path endures, so have postponed the work.

In order to get some action on this we need as many people to report the problem as often as possible when the path is under water, by copying and pasting the following link into your internet browser to access the Countryside Access map and file a report.

<https://publicrightsofway.oxfordshire.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx> or email countryside@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Thank you.

Graham Barnett





BeccaLou Designs

Bespoke Celebration cakes



Christmas cakes and decorated chocolate oranges are now being made!

This year, cakes and chocolate oranges will be available on a 'buy them when you see them' basis. A variety of sizes and designs will be available to buy from Weston Community Shop from October and at the Autumn Craft fair at the Village Hall on the 18th October.

I am unable to fulfil bespoke Christmas cake orders this year.

Birthday and other celebration sponge cakes can be ordered as usual before 1st December for collection up until 20th December.



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Greetings from Alexandra House of Joy.

The Dog Show was a really good success Saturday Aug 9th at Whitelands, raising £1,087. Over 100 dogs came to compete, a great turn out, and the judges, Pip Tomson and William Loh, did an excellent job judging all the many categories on show.



Judges and Event Organisers



It was an absolute honour to have the Bicester Fire Officers there with their tender, exciting the many children, (and adults), allowing them to climb on board, and ask many questions. We are so grateful to them for coming to support AHOJ. Please visit our website www.alexandrahouseofjoy.org to view much more information about the day, and all the incredible people who made it so successful.

Our next event is Rhythms & Flavours: An evening of Indian Culture and will be taking place on 3rd October at The Littlebury Hotel, Bicester.

A two course delicious authentic Indian meal, followed by a performance of Classical Indian Dance from Athiswari Vadivale and friend. Athiswari is a Senior Artist specifically known for her performances in the Bharatanatyam style - a South Indian Classical Dance form known for its grace, intricate footwork and expressive storytelling. Tickets are on sale on the website - £23pp. Any questions please call 01869 325135



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Weston on the Green Memorial Village Hall

Bring a bulb event



Can you help?

The Village Hall Committee would like to plant up the memorial garden this autumn with spring bulbs and wondered if you could donate a bulb from your bulb buying to this project? If you can help, please could you drop off donations at the Village Hall on:

Saturday 11th October, 9.00-10.00am.

Thank you



Weston on the Green Memorial Village Hall

Saturday 25th October 2025

Doors open 6.30pm

Diwali: Three Course Meal & Entertainment

Licenced bar

Ticket price: £15 per adult, £10 per child



To book email westonvillagehall@live.co.uk or call 350992

Weston on the Green Memorial Village Hall



Bonfire & Fireworks

Saturday 1st November 2025

Weston on the Green Playing Field

6.30pm Bonfire

7pm Firework Display

Burger Van

Mulled Wine and other refreshments

Bonfire construction from 9.30am-12pm on the day
Wood donations can be brought to the playing field from 9.30am on Saturday morning

Offers of help please contact Paul Warren 350770

Entry: £5 per adult, £2 per child



All proceeds towards the 2026 display

Weston on the Green Memorial Village Hall

Friday 14th November 2025

7.30pm-10pm

Wine Tasting Evening

with Richard Household, Brompton Wine, holder of WSET Level 4 Diploma.



Tickets are £15pp

RSVP: westonvillagehall@live.co.uk or call 350992 by 31st October 2025 to book a ticket

Weston on the Green Memorial Village Hall

Sunday 30th November 2025, 5pm

Join us for the turning on of the Christmas Lights, mince pies,
Christmas Raffle, and festive cheer!



Enjoy a glass of wine, and mince pies as we turn on the Christmas lights and
officially start the festive season in Weston!

Children will also receive a small gift from our special visitor, Father
Christmas! (Gifts from Father Christmas are for children of the village aged 11
and under. To register your child for a gift please email
westonvillagehall@live.co.uk with the name, age and address of your child)



Dates for the Diary

1st October	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting
4th October	9.00 am – 12.00 pm	Food Bank Collection, Weston Community Shop
8th October	7.30 pm	Weston Community Shop AGM
9th October	10.00 am – 12.00 pm	Neighbours' Natter
13th October	1.30 pm	Weston Walkers; meet at the Village Hall
18th October	10.00 am – 3.00 pm	Autumn Craft and Food Fair
25th October	6.30 pm	Diwali Night at the Village Hall
27th October	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Craft Club
31st October	7.00 pm 'til late	Death & Decadence Murder Mystery, Weston Manor
1st November	9.00 am – 12.00 pm	Food Bank Collection, Weston Community Shop
1st November	6.30 pm	Firework Night at the Playing Field
5th November	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting
10th November	1.30 pm	Weston Walkers; meet at the Village Hall
10th November	7.30 pm	Weston Society
13th November	10.00 am – 12.00 pm	Neighbours' Natter
14th November	12.00 – 4.30 pm	Christmas Market, Weston Manor
14th November	7.30 – 10.00 pm	Wine tasting evening at the Village Hall
30th November	5.00 pm	Christmas Tree Lights Switch On with Father Christmas



FRIENDS' PRODUCE

A huge thank you to the members of the community who donated towards the Friends' Produce initiative in aid of St Mary's Church and the Village Hall. During July and August, this initiative raised a total of £158.56, which has been split and paid to these great community assets.



Supporting
Weston-on-the-Green Village Hall

Play Cherwell Lottery and support our cause!

- Make a difference to the community and support the Village Hall
- Sign-up for only £1 a week!
- You get the chance to win cash prizes up to £25,000 every week!
- We get 50p from every £1 ticket and a further 10p goes to other good causes
- Join your community in making where we live an even better place

Just visit CherwellLottery.co.uk and search for
Weston on the Green Memorial Village Hall

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older



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By using **Give As You Live online**, or via the **Give As You Live App**, you can raise funds for the Village Hall for free! Choose Weston on the Green Village Hall as your chosen charity and then shop online at over 6,000 stores. It's as simple as:



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Over
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Shop

Visit the store via
the website or
App, then shop as
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