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# From the editor

WELCOME to my first edition of *The Village News*. I'm writing this amidst the mini-heatwave of early July, Wimbledon's just ending and the summer holidays will be shortly upon us - it feels odd to think that this edition is covering the month of September when nights begin to draw in, fires are lit and schools go back ...

It's a bumper edition due to the celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. Special thanks to all those who organised the fantastic events throughout the weekend, especially to the Village Hall Committee, particularly Jordie and Andrew, the Parish Council and all the volunteers working at each event helping to ensure their smooth-running. It was brilliant to see the village looking splendid in its best bib and tucker and the whole weekend so well-attended.

We sadly lost a most wonderful villager earlier in the year, Pam Miller. When I saw her at the Film Night she was proudly explaining that she was the same age as the Queen. Her life was an incredibly rich and varied one; please see page 24 for an article that was in the *Benefice News* last year, shining a light on this remarkable lady.

I'm wonderfully assisted as Editor by a small team of two, Diane Bohm who is in charge of the administrative side and Colin Rosser, advertising sales-extraordinaire. Our contact details are listed below. As I explained in the June/July leaflet, the *Village News* is now a free magazine delivered to the whole village. Subscribers to the *News* can get the remainder of their subscription refunded, otherwise we will donate it towards the Weston Food Bank collection. Please contact Diane if you'd like a refund.

Enjoy the summer and I'll catch up with you in October.



**Deadline for the October/November edition is 8th September.**



## A letter from the Rector

### Gareth Miller

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

Dear friends,

I am writing this on the day of Boris Johnson's demise. I was tempted to entitle it, "Et tu, Brute?" It's also tempting to quote Enoch Powell's famous dictum, in his biography of Joseph Chamberlain, "All political lives, unless they are cut off in midstream at a happy juncture, end in failure..." It is not so well known that the sentence continues "because that is the nature of politics and of human affairs."

It is a fundamental Christian doctrine, of course, that we are all flawed. St Paul wrote to the Romans, "All have sinned, and fallen short of the glory of God." And St John warns of the very real danger of self-deception: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."

It is a sad fact that many politicians are greedy for power for its own sake, and even those who set out with noble intentions tend to become so intoxicated that they lose their good judgment and stop listening to advice. David

Owen once wrote a book, *In Sickness and in Power*, about the not uncommon phenomenon of hubris to which leaders in all walks of life are susceptible, including the military and business. Power is a heady drug, which not every leader has the necessary rooted character to counteract. To do so requires a combination of common sense, humour, decency, scepticism and even cynicism that treats power for what it is – a privileged opportunity to influence, and sometimes to determine, the turn of events.

My own view, for what it's worth, is that there is something inherent in the whole political game that encourages people with grandiose personality traits to seek public office. This applies to clergy as much as to politicians. I sometimes wonder whether it would be better if we were governed by civil servants! I certainly subscribe to the view that those who aspire to lead should be subjected to psychometric testing, and I also rather admire the French tradition of schooling politicians in the arts of governance.

But it's easy to cast stones. We have to accept our own share of responsibility. I confess I much prefer a charismatic politician (or bishop!) to a dull one. But there is a gullibility in that tendency of mine. Do I want to be entertained? Do I tend to trust someone who impresses with the gift of the gab? It's interesting that almost always after an 'exciting' leader the parties tend to opt for a more workmanlike one (Major after Thatcher, Brown after Blair, May after Cameron).

There are many quotations I could offer you from the Bible on the qualities required in a good leader. But I leave you instead with a short but powerful verse which sums up God's challenge to us all:

"He has told you what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6.8)



### BENEFICE NEWS

## Special Services

We hold **Breakfast Church** and **Café Church** across the benefice from time to time (please see service schedule). These are much more informal (and shorter!) than our regular services, and begin with coffee and pastries. Why not make a note of the dates and come along?

There will be a **Pet Service** at **Kirtlington** on **Sunday 11 September at 1600**. More details to follow!

Gareth recently celebrated the **40th anniversary** of his ordination with a service in London. This clashed with a number of local events, and several people asked if there could be a local service. This will be on **Sunday 25 September at 1100 at Kirtlington**. Do make a note and come along if you can. There will be further information in due course.

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which facilitated the worship services. She served for many years on the PCC, and her gentle wisdom will be sorely missed. So will her marmalade and baking!

## Our August and September services:

**7th August @ 18:00**  
Evensong

**14th August @ 11:00**  
Café Church

**21st August @ 11:00**  
Holy Communion

**28th August @ 10:00**  
Benefice Holy Communion @  
Bletchington

**4th September @ 11:00**  
Café Church

**18th September @ 11:00**  
Holy Communion

**25th September @ 11:00**  
Benefice Holy Communion @  
Kirtlington

*Should you wish to have a favourite or meaningful hymn played at a specific service, please free feel to contact one of the wardens so the music may be included in the service. This could coincide with an anniversary of significance to you or your loved ones. We will need about two weeks' advance notice to ensure the communication of your wishes to the clergy responsible for conducting the service.*

*We look forward to welcoming you to our services.*

**Eric Bohm**, Church Warden

The highlight for our church and the Weston community since our last report has to be the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee recognising Her Majesty's 70 years of devoted service to our nation and the Commonwealth. In anticipation of the service the altar curtain was replaced as part of an upgrade to the interior of the church. The previous blue curtain had served its purpose over many years and needed to be changed. People may notice that the interior is gradually being redecorated with oiling of the front wall panels and the pulpit to enhance both the appearance and the durability of the wood. The work is being done on a voluntary basis in an effort to keep our operating costs to the bare minimum

The June 5th service commemorating the Jubilee focused on the music of the

Coronation and the Queen's favourite hymns. Considerable work went into ensuring the occasion was memorable. The music was selected and superbly played by our organist, Roz Bullen. The congregation gave full voice to the music supported by the outstanding acoustics of the building. We were fortunate to have gifted flower arrangers in Sally Brown, Patti Forbes, Ali Townsend, Annie McQuinlan and Julia White. The wardens have received numerous compliments on the glorious displays of colour. The richness and depths of the displays enhanced the experience of those who attended. The service coincided with Pentecost, which focused on the discipleship and service by the Apostles.

We mourn the passing of Pam Miller, who was a stalwart in the life of St. Mary's over many years. She served in a wide variety of duties,



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# Chair's comments

**T**HE PARISH COUNCIL was delighted to be part of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in the village. Our team had a wonderful 'Naming Ceremony' in which the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, John May OBE, formally named the Jubilee Playground, Playing Field, and Spinney. On the morning of June 4th, 2022, we met under the fluttering Union Flag, with bunting, cakes and Pimms to witness this formality. John felt that this was an important moment in the history of the village as we honoured the long service of the Queen. He has devoted his career to youth and youth issues and has encouraged the development of play spaces for young people. John is also the Secretary General of the Duke of Edinburgh International Award and is keen to engage youth in outdoor activities. We are fortunate to have him as a villager! A tree was also planted near the playground as part of the Queen's Green Canopy with the hope that the shade of the tree will be a relief for parents who are with small children in the playground.

## Jubilee playground

The Parish Council is now looking at the Jubilee Playground and Spinney with guidance from the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association. We hope to work with a small group of residents to consider the future of these facilities. Meanwhile, a tidy up of the area has occurred with the support of volunteers (with impressive tools) to clear the brambles and major pathways of the spinney. A second event will take place mid-August with support from staff from Dalcour MacLaren (Staplehurst) who on a Community Service Day will undertake to freshen the appearance of the playground and to make the edges of the rubberised tarmac safe from tripping. A second area to be tidied is the play area by the stream. This area is one of regular attention as it seems difficult to keep the toys and tables in repair.

## Biodiversity

Summertime in Weston on the Green is simply lovely. As many of us go for walks in and around the village, we are delighted with the displays of wildflowers, grasses, roses, and verdant borders. It is a reminder of the third key value of our Parish Council: We value the diverse resource of nature, and our actions will incorporate biodiversity into all aspects of our growth whether it is housing or green space. Do go to the Parish Council webpage and read the range of actions we have written into our development plan. The emerging Cherwell Local Plan will have a Green Pitches Strategy and a Green Spaces Strategy. As part of the consultation, we filled in a Green and Blue Survey which should help inform the infrastructure in that area.

We had hoped to be able to report on the progress of the Cherwell Local Plan particularly regarding proposed planning reforms. There is a delay of several months due to the delay of the Oxfordshire County Council Plan. Our Neighbourhood Plan sits under the Cherwell Local Plan which sits under the Oxfordshire County Plan. So, a delay at the 'top' leads to a delay for all. The villages are particularly keen to hear what the proposal is for the classification of villages which will influence the housing numbers expected of our area. We must review our commitment to housing numbers every two years and so the Parish Council had a deadline which we can only meet once expectation from the local authority is clear. Please check Parish Council Minutes and updates on our webpage.

## Cherwell Parish Liaison

Two of our councillors attended the Cherwell Parish Liaison Meeting on 8th June 2022. This is a biannual gathering of Parish Councillors where drop-in surgeries sessions occur, the Leader of Cherwell District Council (CDC) gives an overview of key issues and activities, followed by presentations on a range of subjects. Key areas this time were: Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Cherwell, Code of Conduct, Planning Policy Update. There were several opportunities for questions from the floor throughout the meeting.

I'd like to mention two key topics from that meeting. Firstly, as you may know, Cherwell District Council is decoupling from Oxfordshire County Council – a joint working partnership arrangement that was made in 2018 with the aim of sharing services, such as performance management, internal communications, governance, project management, audit and organisational change. The announcement was made in February 2022 that this arrangement would be terminated. In his overview Barry Woods stated that this was ongoing and should be completed by the end of the summer.

The second topic from the Parish Liaison Meeting is that of Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Cherwell. It was pointed out that in recent times Cherwell district has settled refugees from Syria, Afghanistan, and Hong Kong, as well as temporarily accommodating asylum seekers. Ukrainians are the most recent group. When it became clear that large numbers were leaving the Ukraine for the safety of their families, CDC developed a support programme for them. For further information please email [Ukraine.support@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:Ukraine.support@cherwell-dc.gov.uk) or search their website for more details. Central government has a Homes for Ukraine



scheme which enables individuals and organisations to volunteer accommodation and provide a route to safety for Ukrainians forced to escape their homeland. If there are needs for further support for placement in our community, please contact the Clerk or any Parish Council councillor.

### Planning matters

Planning applications are of concern especially around our village. We join with other villages in expressing our objection to vast warehouses atop green fields which, if approved, will change the green landscape which gives our villages their historic setting. Susan Davis, i/c Planning, is on top of this and we have attended exhibitions by East/West Rail, and Tritex Symmetry for Siemens Healthineers. Our two major reasons for objecting are the impact of traffic on rural roads and the loss of biodiversity. There is a point of no return for managing both issues.

Our monthly Food Bank collections are going very well with great generosity from the village and

surrounding areas. We tried something new in July and collected for Bicester Baby Bank! Contributions were wonderful and we also collected £160 to put towards more items. We collect in front of the Village Pantry the first Saturday of each month.

### New faces

We welcome two new Cherwell District Council councillors, Gemma Coton and Angus Patrick who have been attending our meetings. They are now settled into their new roles and are providing information and advice on a regular basis.

And finally, congratulations to the new Editor of the Village News, Alex Reid. Thank you for taking up the challenge of the magazine and endeavouring to keep the community aware of events, opportunities, and concerns.

Diane Bohm

## Parish Council Meeting Dates in 2022

The following are the remaining dates for Parish Council meetings during 2022:



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# Planning Update

If you are interested in learning more on parish planning applications they are discussed at each Parish Council meeting and a report is placed on the Parish Council website.

## BUILDING APPLICATIONS:

### Decision Received – Permitted

21/03580/TEL & 21/03752/F  
- Telecommunications Mast, towards A34 - The Installation of 3 x CTIL antenna at 26.7m on re-used existing headframe. The relocation of 3 x EE antenna at 19.0m and 1 x EE 0.6m HP Dish antenna at 20.0m on a new face frame on the tower at 20.4m.  
PC – no objection

20/02212/LB – Retrospective – Weston Manor  
Retrospective internal repair and restoration works. Works include window repairs, rewiring, redecoration, new flooring, cleaning of stonework and fireplaces, joinery repairs, replacement of PVC rainwater goods, restoration of the sunken garden.

22/00413/F - Home Farm House, Church Lane - Proposed single storey front and rear extensions with two storey side extension, addition of dormer window and new pitched roofs to existing dormer window. No major conditions of permission (conservation roof lights).

22/00460/DISC - Unit 8, Manor Farm, Northampton Road – Discharge of condition 3 of 21/02281/F – storage shed adjacent to Seeneys at Manor Farm, Northampton Road. Exterior style of building: green box profile steel sheets with concrete base panels.

22/01287/F – Forge Farm, Northampton Road  
Conversion of part of an existing stable building into single-bedroom dwelling for occupation by an equestrian worker.

### Awaiting Decision

21/00873/F – Kemsley Farm, Northampton Road – Conversion of barn to form a single dwelling house and associated works. – This has been altered to remove extension.

22/00977/F – Bay Tree House, Brooklands Close  
Amendments to application 20/00541/F - to include single storey rear extension forming changing room/shower for outdoor swimming pool.

22/01553/LB – Partial retrospective – Weston Manor  
Internal conversion of storage rooms to staff accommodation.

22/01506/LB – Weston Manor Coach House  
Internal conversion of existing rooms to 6 upgraded guest rooms.

22/01778/F – Robin's Folly, Mill Lane  
Demolition of existing conservatory and replacement with sun-room.

22/01291/F and 22/01292/LB – Westfield Farm Cottage, North Lane  
Internal refurbishment of kitchen/ bathroom on ground floor; addition of oak frame carport to side of existing garage.

### Appeals

21/04299/OUT - Reynards Lodge  
Appealed removal of Condition 11 of permitted development (no dwelling above one storey height) of 21/02146/OUT, the outline application for the demolition of workshops, stables and tennis court, erection of three dwellings and conversion of existing barn to a dwelling.

### Tree Works:

22/01624/TCA – Weston Manor Cottage, Northampton Road

22/01699/TCA – Mill Brook, Mill Lane  
22/00400/TCA - Dormers, North Lane

22/00112/TCA – Mithian Cottage, Northampton Road

### Applications Outside of the Parish:

22/01144/F – Parcel of land SW of Grange Farm Chesterton (Siemens development)

Tritex Symmetry for Siemens Healthineers seek to develop a large scale Magnetic Resonance Technology manufacturing and distribution facility with administrative offices.  
The site area is 20Ha and will employ up to 1200 people when fully commissioned.

The Parish Council expressed concerns over the scale of the building and development on green space. The footprint will be out of scale in this location, being 3 storeys high with an extensive carpark for 594 cars, 15 vans, 15 motorcycles and 120 bicycles. Concerns were also raised over flooding issues and the proposed water management mitigation.

Summary of direct impacts of the development which are concern:

- transport and traffic escalation on local roads, especially to avoid the M40/A34 junction
- impact of removing such a large green space site in a rural area: i.e. loss of biodiversity
- visual impact from the surrounding environment
- impact of water management on the development site
- pressure of 1200 workers on housing availability in the area (also schools, amenities etc)

The Parish Council discussed these issues with representatives from the development company and a further meeting is planned to propose tangible measures to reduce these impacts on the parish, especially the traffic impact. The availability of funding through the S106 agreement will be discussed with reference to the concerns.

This development will go to Planning Committee on 14th July 2022.





## Community Speedwatch

The more observant drivers may have recently noticed people in hi-viz jackets lurking on the side of the road with a speed camera mounted on a tripod. This is because we are now part of a nationwide Community Speedwatch programme in conjunction with local Police Forces to monitor speed of traffic through towns and villages with speed restrictions.

Community Speedwatch's aim is to educate drivers about the dangers of speeding and the nuisance it causes in the community where they offend but that does not exclude the possibility of direct Police intervention if the message is not fully understood.

Our camera (ownership of which is shared with Islip Parish Council) records any vehicles exceeding the limit that we set it at from which we can identify the registration plate, make and colour of vehicle to report to Thames Valley Police, who in turn send a polite letter reminding the driver of the speed limit. Persistent offenders would then receive a visit from the Police.

During May and June we have carried out 17 roadside sessions, each of between one to two hours, in which time we have reported 298 vehicles for excessive speed, which equates to an average of almost 8% of total vehicles passing through, some of whom we have already identified as repeat offenders!

The fastest speed recorded on the B430 was 64mph and in Church Lane was 42mph.

The less observant drivers in the village may well have received their first letter by now!

The programme is not just about reporting as many drivers as we can but our regular visible presence on the roadside will hopefully act as a deterrent to regular offenders. To that end, we do need more volunteers to assist in roadside sessions; it's in no way technical but does require registering on the Community Speedwatch website and completing a short on-line training video in order to be covered by the Police insurance. We would then arrange local training on the set up and use of the camera.

If you would prefer not to take the training or be on the roadside but would still like to assist then it would also be helpful to have volunteers with a pc who could input the data.

If you have any questions or would like further information please contact Neil Mullane (neilmullane1@btinternet.com) or Graham Barnett (gblmb@btinternet.com), our Group Coordinators.




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# Welcome Back Fund New Equipment



Many of you will have spotted new equipment popping up around the village including benches, cycle racks and a new mud kitchen by the stream. The benches have been linked with the Queen's Jubilee commemorating the Queen and also in remembrance of the Duke of Edinburgh. These new items have been made possible by a Welcome Back Fund (following



Covid) supported by Cherwell District Council, HM Government and 2014 to 2020 European Regional Development Fund. This grant covered the entire cost of the items, there were strict rules on what could be provided under the grant but we are extremely grateful for the funding, support provided and the enhancement of a number of areas around the village.



We will also be trialling a sand pit and toys for the children in a raised planter in the playground. We will monitor this going forwards to ensure it is used appropriately and does not inconvenience other users or residents of the area.

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# Arrivals and artisans make their stamp on Weston

Firstly, a huge welcome to all the newcomers to Weston, Heathfield and all the other surrounding villages. There is certainly a sense of vibrancy about the village with all the new young families which has been a huge uplift in morale after the losses we saw in our community during and coming out of the pandemic.

We are very sorry to hear of the passing of the incredible Pam Miller, AKA in the shop as 'The Marmalade Lady' – she regularly produced the most delicious marmalade which flew off the shelves within minutes of arrival. Is there anyone out there who might want to step up to the plate? From up above, I know she would give you the thumbs up. Let's not forget her mini plant sales in aid of the Church which also needs the mantle picked up.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee did bring out the best of creativity in our village artisans. Mick East's wood cut outs of Crowns, Corgis, Carriages and an image of the Machin definitive stamp together with Toddy's Union Jack earrings and necklaces, not to mention Mandy Jones' miniature crown fruit cakes, all sold like mad.

For those of you who are new to the village, here is a bit of trivia. Norman Machin has been a prominent and a much-loved resident of the village for over 50 years. He was the go-to for planning and architectural matters before he retired and played an important

role together with Tony Henman against the Eco Town being built on our doorstep some 15 years ago. The image of the Queen on our stamps today was designed by his uncle Arnold and when Royal Mail made a move to change it, the Queen refused. The stamps we use today are since the 1960's and are known as the 'Machin Series of Definitives'. It is a strange coincidence Norman ended up living in the original Post Office when it came to our village in 1851.



## FRIENDS PRODUCE

As ever a huge thank you to Mick, Toddy, Corrinne and to those of you who dropped off your tomato plants, runner bean plants and much more towards Friends Produce and to Carole Sweetnam for the indoor ferns 'Chamadorea Elegans' – the seed for 'Westonbury on the Green' has been sown...

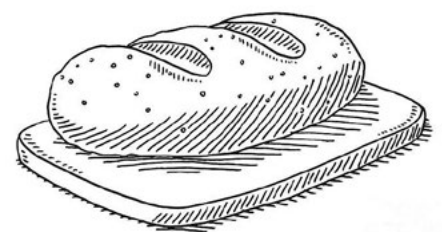
The total raised since the last edition of the village news is £334.80 towards St Mary's Church and the Village Hall.



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# Flying the flag for the Platinum Jubilee



After a number of days of torrential rain the Village Hall Committee were relieved to see the sun shining during the Platinum Jubilee weekend's festivities. The Hall, bedecked with Union Jack bunting, inside and out, was host to the Platinum Leaves lunch on the Wednesday afternoon and it was lovely to see over forty villagers enjoying a three-course lunch prepared by Peter, and served by Sally, Roz and Eric.

Saturday evening saw the welcome return of the fiercely contested North versus South Aunt Sally match. With an audience of just over a hundred people, the villagers roared their approval and support towards the players. Jon Kirk, representing the North of the village, was the final player of the tournament and his expert throwing led to a draw of 12-all. Our thanks go to Robin for setting up the Aunt Sally match area.

It was lovely to see so many villagers attending the event.

Thank you to Peter for providing the barbecue and to the generous donor who enabled the barbecue to be free for everyone. The highlight of the evening was the live band, Amplified, who sang a number of hits from the last seven decades. By the end of their second set everyone was up dancing and singing along. After two years of not being able to host events like these due to the pandemic it was lovely to see villagers of all ages celebrating and embracing the party spirit. Thank you to James, David, Henry, Ian and Andrew who kept the drinks flowing by manning the bar throughout the evening.

The following day saw the Hall transformed with bunting, and numerous floral displays on the window ledges and on the tables to create the setting for a quintessential Afternoon Tea, complete with cake stands, Union Jack themed cupcakes and napkins, and a variety of sandwiches and cakes. Thanks

must go to Toddy for the delicious Victoria sponge cakes, to Millie Miles for the hire of the cake stands, to the Church for the window floral arrangements, Harper's Farm Flowers for the floral table displays, and to Helen, Emma and James for helping to plate up the Afternoon Tea. A hundred villagers were in attendance and were welcomed with a glass of fizz on arrival before taking their seats in the Hall. We must give a big thank you to Ann, Sally and Diane for making countless cups of tea for everyone throughout the afternoon. Their efforts were amazing!

The children who were at the event were provided with a craft table with Platinum Jubilee themed colouring in sheets, and the materials to make their own Jubilee crown, complete with jewels. The children also received a commemorative Platinum Jubilee medal to mark the occasion.

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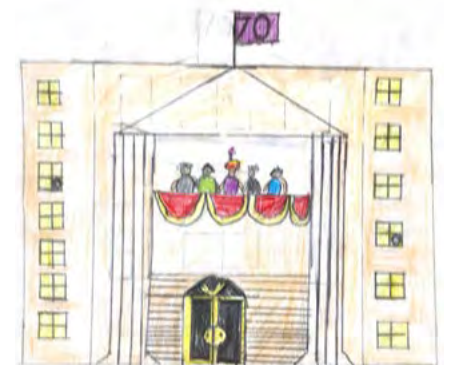
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Prior to the Jubilee weekend we ran an art competition for children to design their own Platinum Jubilee logo and our congratulations go to Neil, Freddie, Elissa and Daisy for their winning entries.

We must also thank Norman, Andrew, Clive and Robin for exhibiting their classic British cars outside the Hall during the Afternoon Tea. The cars were a very welcome and popular addition to the afternoon.

The Jubilee events had been months in the planning and we would like to thank everyone who supported us by giving up their time to help run the events, helped us set up and clear away, sponsored the events, donated items or attended. It really was a fun weekend so thank you!

In preparation for the Jubilee weekend, and in order to show the concert from Buckingham Palace and the People's Pageant, the Village Hall Committee installed a new screen and projector. The quality and clarity of the image projected is much sharper and we are looking forward to hosting some more film nights with this new and improved equipment. The screen we have installed is now automatic, controlled by an up/down button on the wall. These changes have been positively received by hirers of the Hall and are part of our continued efforts to update and maintain the Hall.



As part of this updating programme (and thanks to a grant obtained by Jordie) we have been able to replace the internal foyer doors with oak and clear glass doors, and (correct!) push and pull door furniture. The new doors are part of an upgrade in the foyer which has seen the photos of Weston reframed in oak and the notices in the foyer also framed in oak.

Over the summer we will also be making further improvements by updating the window sills throughout the Hall and restoring and renovating the main Hall floor.



An example of the roses that are going to be planted in the Villag Hall garden and are named for the Jubilee.

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# The Platinum Jubilee





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## Weston Society

Our planned Weston Society speaker for May had to postpone but we were fortunate that Bob Hessian was able to step in and give an informative talk on "Dovecotes, Dovecots, Doocots, Pigeonniers and Colombiers" tracing the history and purposes of Dovecotes with many photographs of differing designs, many of which were local to Oxfordshire.

Back in the early days of the lockdown we joined with the W.I. to hear a talk on Zoom about Beer, Sausages and Marmalade in Oxford, which we had planned to follow up with a guided walking tour in central Oxford. Due to the continuation of the lockdown this had to be postponed but we did manage to re-schedule for June of this year.

Twelve of our members therefore enjoyed a fascinating walk to see and hear the history of Frank

Cooper Marmalade, many different Brew and Malt Houses and the "famous" Oxford Sausage!

Our July meeting was held on Monday 11th July when Bob gave a talk on his Bee Keeping exploits over many years.

Our next meeting will be the AGM on Monday September 12th, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall when Victoria Bentata will be speaking on "Alice and the Dodo in Oxford"

All are welcome for free to their first meeting, there is an annual subscription of £10 per person for anyone who then wishes to join. This enables us to pay for speakers and to share wine and nibbles after meetings.

**Graham Barnett**



## Weston-on-the-Green WI

Our May meeting started with our postponed AGM. This was followed by a unanimous 'yes' vote for this year's resolution, 'Women and girls with ASD and ADHD under-identified, under-diagnosed and under-supported'. The result of the vote was taken to the Annual Meeting of the National Federation of Women's Institutes in Liverpool in June. The WI, as an organisation, will pursue this, hopefully, to Parliament. To lighten the evening Clare Phillips, who is a Physiotherapist and one of our members, gave us a brief history of the past methods used in Physiotherapy, some very funny and some gruesome. We were pleased things are very different now.

Our June meeting was a delicious cold supper, in the Hall, with members and guests. From comments received a very enjoyable evening.

Our meeting in July was 'Flower arranging' with Julia White and we are looking forward to having a go. There is no meeting in August, hopefully after two year's curtailment through Covid, some summer jaunts! On September the 21st we are 'Cooking the Italian way' with Mariella Bliss, a local Chef and Cookery School owner.

We would love to see new members, especially if you are new to Weston-on-the-Green or from Bletchingdon and would like to come along with one of our members living in Bletchingdon. If you are interested please contact Lyn Barnett on 01869 350707, the WI email wotg.wi@gmail.com or look out for posters and come along.

**Lyn Barnett**, Secretary, Weston WI

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### The Garden Club Autumn Show – Saturday 3rd September 2022.

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There will be no distinction between Village and Open classes so that now all classes are open to anyone who is a member of the Garden Club whether

villager or not. We hope this will result in a good show with much less duplication of classes. All the favourite classes are there for you – pot plants, flower arrangements, handicrafts, flowers and vegetables.

The Garden Club Flower and Produce Show will be open from 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm on Saturday September 3rd 2022 in the Memorial Hall.

Copy of the schedule with entry form will be available from Committee members or from the shop.

Happy Gardening...

**Robin**



## Weston Walkers

We have enjoyed three walks since the last *Village News*, one in April when we parked and walked a four and half mile circular from Oddington crossroads, through open fields, woodland and skirting the railway line.

Then in May we followed one of the new Pilgrim Paths being created in Bicester and Islip Deanery, being a four and three quarter mile circular from Hethe, taking in Hardwick and Cottisford.

In June we walked another four and three quarter mile circular south from Wendlebury to go underneath the M40, stopped to look at a BBOWT wildflower meadow reserve, over the railway line on Mansmoor Road to return through some beautiful ridge and furrow wildflower meadows before going back under the motorway, over the railway and retuning to Wendlebury .

At the time of writing we will have met for a walk on

11th July. Our next walks are scheduled for Mondays 8th August and 12th September, details to be finalised.

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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# Barn Owls – July 2022 update ...and Bees (lots of 'em!)

Bang on cue, the first egg was laid on the 30th March, at 11.15pm. How can I be so specific? Well Mrs B. O. had been a bit fidgety all evening – she kept getting up and looking down, would walk around the nest site before sitting down again. Mr B. O. would come in to see how she was getting on and thought that by jumping on top of her that might help! And I just happened to be watching when at 11.10pm she got up and checked – no egg, sat down again and then five minutes later she gets up again and has a look and seemed quite surprised to see a white egg – as if to say “Where did that come from?” Mr B. O. arrives a few minutes later with a furry offering and stood motionless for several minutes looking at the white egg. Three more eggs arrived on the 2nd, 4th & 6th April. And then we have a month wait whilst she sat on the four eggs (Mr doesn't help with this), with first egg hatching



on 2nd May and the last on the 9th. So far so good – four very naked youngsters but with the first to hatch already seven days old by the time the fourth hatched. Unfortunately, the two adults were not expert parents and there reached a stage where food was being brought in and then left for the young owlets to dismember and eat. The youngest was big enough to do this and eventually died. I didn't see what happened to it but in previous years, one of the parents eats it! The rest of the time was uneventful with plenty of food being brought in – mostly field voles and long tailed field mice. The youngsters were ringed on the 14th June by the BTO team from Oxford. I look forward to

this day because it's the only time I'm allowed to “legally” handle the young owls.

The three owlets have now fledged and flown off to pastures new. It remains to be seen as to whether there will be a 2nd brood this year. This now brings the total of owlets that have fledged from the nest box in our roof (since 2012) to 48, something that we are immensely proud of – and I'm sure the barn owls are as well!!! 😊

As for the bees – my daughter Kate and I manage a total of twenty-five bee hives, most of these are in Oxfordshire and some in Northamptonshire. Kate is very keen on collecting swarms of bees and we have collected over twelve this year. The bonus is that they are free – another bee-keepers loss is our gain. Once you have the swarm in a box/hive they become yours. We collected a swarm in Witney back in early May. They had settled on a park bench on the green in front of the parish church. Some local youths thought it would be fun to throw stones at them but there their bravado was soon diminished when a few of them got stung! By the time you read this article, you will have missed the talk I did on bee-keeping for the Weston Society - difficult to condense 60 years of beekeeping into 1½ hours!!

Bob Hessian

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# From the Workshop of the Wood Fairy

Greetings, it is great that *The Village News* can continue after the turbulent year it has undergone.

We are now well into summer and the kindling is not needed for a few months. However, the wood fairy is always on the lookout and is building up stocks for the coming winter, which will start in September. Last winter, from September to May the shop sold 294 bags of kindling. At 3kg per bag that is 882kg of firewood. The fairy also supplied some large bags of knobby ends from the scroll saw.

The wooden animals and shapes have also been selling well, profit, after expenses, from these and the kindling goes to the Church and Village Hall as part of the friends produce at the shop. I must thank Ruth at the shop for her suggestions, some of which were polite and possible! Indeed, it was her idea to produce the Jubilee items and the trophies for Father's



Day. I am thinking of making her an honorary fairy (dependant on available wood of course)

ALL the worrying. Long may you continue.

Speaking of Jubilee, I would like to thank all the villagers who made the long weekend such a great success. Special thanks to Jordie for the afternoon tea and for doing

Must go now as things need cutting and sanding and they won't do themselves. (Oh, for a CNC scroll saw!)

The Wood Fairy, AKA IroTytt

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# Echo of a Medieval Summer Evening

## A time for reckoning

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These counters were used from late medieval times to calculate money dealings by placing them on chequered board or cloth to carry out calculations. This use of the word 'chequer' is still used today as in 'Chancellor of the Exchequer'. The first counters were made in England around 1280. By the mid 16th Century, Nuremberg had established itself as the main producer. It turns out that this jetton, showing three crowns around a central rose with an imperial orb on the reverse, was made by Hans Krauwinckel around 1580. Written calculations apparently replaced these counters during the 17th Century but they continued



to be used as gaming counters in later centuries.

Our house was originally two barns on the edge of the medieval ridge and furrow field (School Field) and later converted into the village school by Victorians. The barns are probably 18th Century but contain earlier ships' timbers, probably from the time when carts

would deliver produce to the south coast and return with disused ships timbers from breakers' yards. We have also found numerous broken clay pipes nearby, about a foot beneath the surface. These can be dated from the design of the bowl and the diameter of the bore and seem to have been made between 1680 and 1720.

A picture emerges of village lads, smoking and enjoying some gambling game behind the barns on a summer's evening away from the eyes of those working the fields.

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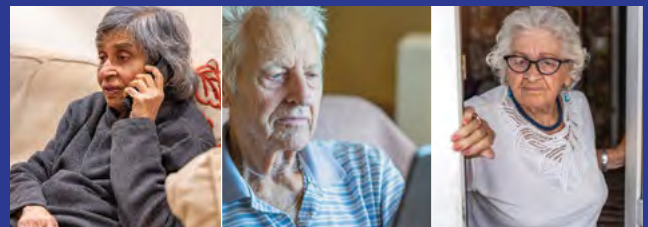
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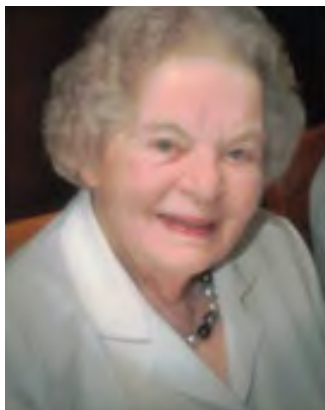


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## Pam Miller

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**91** YEARS AGO, a little girl in south-west London went looking for her grandmother. She knew that her grandmother lived near a station so this little girl crossed the road and set off for the railway line. Luckily, a man selling flowers at a stall by the station recognised her, took her hand and led her safely home.

That was the first in a lifetime of intrepid travel adventures for Pamela Miller, who celebrated her 95th birthday in August and who is a vital and lively part of the Weston-on-the-Green church and village community. The *Bulletin's* editor went to visit her in her photograph-and flower-filled bungalow and had a fascinating couple of hours hearing some of the stories of those years.

The memories included a wide variety of schools: from the first one, in Surrey, which was one long room with a corrugated roof and a stove in the centre around which the children's bottles of milk were warmed each morning, via a Roman Catholic convent, to a grammar school in Epsom, which had a week off whenever the Epsom Derby was in full swing.

But then this peaceful-sounding existence was interrupted by the war. Surrey was a potentially dangerous place to be. Pamela remembers visiting friends on a sunny day and lying on the grass

watching with fascination a dog-fight between a British and a German plane in the sky overhead. An uncle and aunt in America invited the family to safety across the waters so the females of the family, Pamela and her mother, agreed to leave the menfolk behind – Pamela's father, doing vital work as an engineer on the railways and her brother, who continued at school in Kingston.

### Strong contrast

In New Jersey the next school for young Pamela was a Quaker one, which one imagines was a strong contrast to the earlier convent. The lessons were shorter and less varied than before, but this wasn't to be an enduring change, because Pamela's mother decided she wanted to re-join her husband, so the scene was set for the next great adventure.

After one failed attempt to get on a ship from New York, which went without them, the two managed to board another which sailed to Halifax in Nova Scotia to pick up a convoy. This was early December and Pamela remembers the icicles on the deck of their container ship which had been converted to be able to take passengers. At last the convoy left the port, a series of container ships converted to take some passengers, with destroyers circling round them for their protection. As if this wasn't nerve-racking enough, not long after they had left the port in

Halifax, a storm blew up. No-one was allowed on deck, but they could see the great waves high above the cabins. This lasted a whole week. When they surfaced and looked around them there was no sign of the other ships of the convoy or their protective destroyers. So they continued their journey alone, punctuated by the occasional incident such as the sunny morning, passengers happily on deck, when a German fighter plane swooped down out of nowhere and strafed the deck. Pamela relates calmly that they were so taken by surprise they didn't have time to be frightened, and "luckily it was alone and didn't return and was a poor shot". It must have been a great relief when they arrived in Scotland and were coming down the Clyde watching the nearby people on the banks, only to have a just-launched ship career out of control and crash into the side, catching the poor chief engineer's cabin! Which delayed their landing somewhat as speedy repairs were carried out.

### Engine check

Eventually the intrepid pair made it back to Surrey, but Pamela had no intention of a calm life. As soon as she could, aged 17 ½, she applied to join the Wrens. She was trained to check aircraft and remembers one incident when she was trying to get an engine started. Her colleagues were frantically turning the propeller and, strangely, nothing was happening. Pamela



at this point remembered to turn the switch on and all was well! The Powers That Be were clearly not worried, and she was drafted to work for the Fleet Air Arm, in the Isle of Man, thankfully a shorter and less dramatic sea crossing than that of a few years earlier.

### Working with Douglas Bader

When the war was over the Wrens were disbanded and peace-time work had to be found. With all this experience behind her Pam was offered a job working for Shell Aircraft Limited in London. There, she found that her boss was one Douglas Bader. Described by Pam as someone who "didn't suffer fools gladly" former fighter pilot Group Captain Sir Douglas Bader was already famous for his war heroism, his determination to join up despite prosthetic legs, and for having twice escaped capture. He was to become even more famous with the film "Reach for the Sky". For Pam the influence was more personal...

He had an aircraft, a Gemini, which he would fly to look after the Shell aircraft in Borneo, Jamaica and Africa, for long periods, taking with him his wife who had chest problems and benefitted from the warmer climes. In his absence another senior member of Group Aircraft, the Chief Aircraft Engineer, would take his place visiting aircraft



*Pam with colleagues at Shell, including Douglas Bader (third from left) with Pam standing to his left.*

manufacturers. He, in his turn, would often take with him as a colleague the efficient Pamela, who was in charge of chasing up orders. This was clearly a happy bit of teamworking as, in due course, this senior person, one Hugh Miller, and the young Pamela were married!

Married life in East Sheen followed, and the arrival of Rosalind, Richard and finally Andrew, whom many of us fondly remember from his weekend visits to his mother from the Assisted Living home where he lived. In 1980 Pamela was widowed and a few years later she came to live in Weston-on-the-Green. Since then she has

been a vital part of the church and community, and through the annual sales of her plants has raised thousands of pounds for the church. The last sale alone raised £500 apparently!

### No stopping her!

You might think that the adventurous part of Pamela's life was over at that point but her travels were to continue, with many visits to family in America, and one, taking daughter Rosalind, to Australia with a week in the Northern Territories and a week in Sydney. There is no stopping Pam despite her years!

*This article appeared in the Benefice News in 2021 and I asked Joanna Clifford if I could reproduce it here in memory of Pam, a woman who gave so much to Weston. Editor*

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## John Howell MP writes...



WRITE MY NEWSLETTER in the middle of the month, although I usually try to avoid comment on Party political issues this time around I can hardly avoid this as I am caught up in the midst of the elections for a new leader for the Conservative Party and hence the new Prime Minister to succeed Boris Johnson. Some people have wanted me to comment on every twist and turn of events that eventually led to the Boris Johnson announcing his intention to stand down as Prime Minister. To the frustration of many I refused to do so. Whilst in the end I joined those who felt that it was time for him to step down for the sake of the country and for a successful Government I do deplore the way in which it came about. Similarly, as far as I am able, I am keeping out of the fray in the election of our new leader. Of course I will have to make my choice, but I will not join in seeking to discredit candidates. Each must be considered on their merit for the role rather than against negative aspects of others. I do not underestimate the importance of who is our next Prime Minister and the integrity with which a campaign is carried out says much about the person. I am also looking to see that the Conservative Manifesto on which I was elected at the last General Election is honoured and as such can reassure those who have written to me on individual manifesto issues that they would like to see remain as live issues.

Now on to other things. In the constituency there are many

families who choose to home school their children. The Schools Bill, which is currently wending its way through parliamentary process, raises some concerns for them which I appreciate. Following a mass meeting in Westminster of MPs and constituents from across the country I was asked to take the lead in presenting a parliamentary petition to the House on their behalf. This means that the Minister will need to give full consideration to the concerns and make a formal response. I will publish the response on my website when it is received.

Also with children in mind I know that many share the concerns over the harm that young people can face online. This is, of course, an issue which affects adults too and the Online Safety Bill is welcome in its work to make the UK the safest place to be online whilst also defending free expression. This will be regulated by Ofcom who will have the power to levy fines of £18m or 10% of a company's annual global turnover. There is also local interest in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill especially aspects relating to planning. The Bill is currently at Committee Stage where each line of the Bill is scrutinised. No dates have been set for the progress of this Bill beyond this. We will soon come to the end of the current parliamentary session and go into recess. During that time

parliamentary committees do not sit and so no further progress will be made on Bills currently before Parliament until the House returns in September.

Although during recess the House does not sit Ministers continue the work of their Departments and MPs continue with their work with more of a constituency focus. My office will remain open to assist with personal issues where possible although some of my team will be taking a well-earned break.

If there is an issue that concerns you please do share your thoughts. Email is the easiest way in you have access to that. My email address is [john.howell.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:john.howell.mp@parliament.uk). Alternatively, you can write to me at the House of Commons (House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA) or my constituency office (PO Box 84, Watlington, OX49 5XD). Please note that correspondence sent through the post takes longer to reach me as it has to go through offsite security scanning before being delivered.

If you would like to know more about my work on behalf of the Government and the Constituency please do look at my website which is regularly updated. The address is [www.johnhowellmp.com](http://www.johnhowellmp.com). Further details of the work of Parliament is available on the parliament website at [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk).

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## From your local councillors

We cannot believe it has now been over two months since the election. Thank you so much for making us feel so welcome! We want to stay in touch all year round, not just at election times. You will find one of us at your Parish Council meetings but we will also be out and about in the village; knocking on doors to chat to you or holding drop-in surgeries. If you see us, please stop us and say hello!

Angus was elated to be invited to attend the naming of the playing field and spinney at the start of June. It was such a lovely event that was well attended by local residents and had all the elements of a great opening – cake, Pimm's, speeches and a tree planting ceremony! Angus felt very privileged to be invited and some children who'd come along were delighted to be using and demonstrating some of the new equipment.

### A couple of updates from Cherwell District Council.

#### OXFORD CITY FOOTBALL CLUB

As many of you will be aware Oxford City Football Club are looking to secure a new home, with their main proposal being Stratfield Brake in Kidlington. The football club have launched a dedicated website about the proposal, as well as a survey to find out views from local residents. To find out more information and to take part in their survey please go to: <https://oufcstadium.co.uk/>

#### CHERWELL SUMMER FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Booking is now open for Cherwell's summer activity programme running from the 25th July at venues in Bicester, Banbury and Kidlington. Highlights include professional athlete mentors from the Youth Sport Trust, and guest coaches leading sessions such as tennis, football and cricket. Swimming will also be

offered at selected venues. Can book here: <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/news/article/969/parents-can-book-summer-fun-for-children>

#### COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

We are aware that the cost of living is becoming increasingly hard for many residents and would like to support you in any way we can. Cherwell District Council have a dedicated support page, which is updated as new advice and help becomes available. <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/118/communities/977/help-with-the-cost-of-living>

Topics currently covered on the support page include:

- Rebates, discounts and benefits
- Dealing with high gas and electricity bills
- Foodbanks
- Support with rent or mortgage payments
- Debt and money advice
- Help and advice

If you are struggling at all please get in touch with us and we will do our best to get you the right support. Keep in touch!

We would love to hear from you so please get in touch with us via email if you have anything you would like to raise. Even if it not necessarily a district matter, we will try and point you in the right direction of who can help the best.

Emails: [gemma.coton@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:gemma.coton@cherwell-dc.gov.uk) or [angus.patrick@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:angus.patrick@cherwell-dc.gov.uk) or call us on 01869 717712.

**Cllr Gemma Coton and Angus Patrick**

# 50

things to do

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# Gin & IT

Our next event will be taking place on Friday 30th September and will be the 'postponed due to the pandemic' Gin Night.

Tickets are £25 for unlimited gin and tonics all evening. Doors open at 7.30pm and we will have a selection of artisan gins and some old favourites to try plus a score card in order to crown Weston's favourite gin.

We will also be running a cash bar for non-gin drinkers. At the previous gin night in 2019 the top two gins were Oxford Physic Gin (made from 25 botanicals from the Oxford University Botanic Garden) and Martin Miller's Gin. Will these two still be top of the chart this year, or will a new gin take the top spot?

To book your ticket (for the gin tasting) please email [westonvillagehall@live.co.uk](mailto:westonvillagehall@live.co.uk) There's no need to book for the non-gin bar!

Weston on the Green Memorial Village Hall

## Gin Tasting Night

Friday 30th September 2022

Tickets £25 per person

includes

Unlimited gin and tonics

Come and try a selection of artisan gins and some old favourites – mark your score card in order to crown Weston's favourite gin!



Doors open 7.30pm

## and there's more...

### Bring A Bulb Event

We are looking to add lots of spring and summer colour to the Memorial Garden and wondered if villagers could donate a bulb to help?

Please drop donations off on Saturday 8th October 9.00 -10.00 am at the Village Hall. Thank you!

### The Big Bang

One last advance date for your diaries, the Village firework display will be taking place Saturday 29th October and there will be more details to follow in the next *Village News*.

### Christmas Lunch

Some of the Village Hall

Committee are thinking of hosting Christmas Day lunch in the Village Hall for villagers who may be on their own, or in a couple, on Christmas Day. If you would be interested in either attending the lunch or helping in some way please could you email us at [westonvillagehall@live.co.uk](mailto:westonvillagehall@live.co.uk) by September 30th.

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## Dates for the Diary

3rd August	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting
8th August	1.30 pm	Weston Walkers; meet at the Village Hall
11th August		Craft Group
3rd September	2.30 pm	Garden Club Show
7th September	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting
8th September	10.00 am – 12.00 pm	Neighbours' Natter in the Village Hall
12th September	1.30 pm	Weston Walkers; meet at the Village Hall
12th September	7.30 pm	Weston Society AGM
21st September	7.30 pm	WI Meeting; in the Village Hall
26th September		Craft Group
30th September	7.30 pm	Gin Night
13th October	10.00 am – 12.00 pm	Neighbours' Natter in the Village Hall

## 250 Club – Recent Results

### APRIL

1st £18 63 Wiz Bunce, Westlands Avenue  
 2nd £12 174 Jane Beaton, Knowle Lane  
 3rd £6 90 Jan & Len Ricketts, Mill Lane

### MAY

1st £18 159 Paul Warren, Church Lane  
 2nd £12 211 Mr & Mrs Henman, Church Lane  
 3rd £6 154 Tony Norris, Kidlington

### JUNE

*June is the 250 Club Big Draw (along with December)*

1st £90 235 Carole Sweetnam  
 2nd £45 200 Graham Barnett  
 3rd £15 38 Pam Dyer

At present there are more than 20 unallocated numbers available for purchase £6 each.

Paul Warren Cairn Cottage, Church Lane Tel: 350770.

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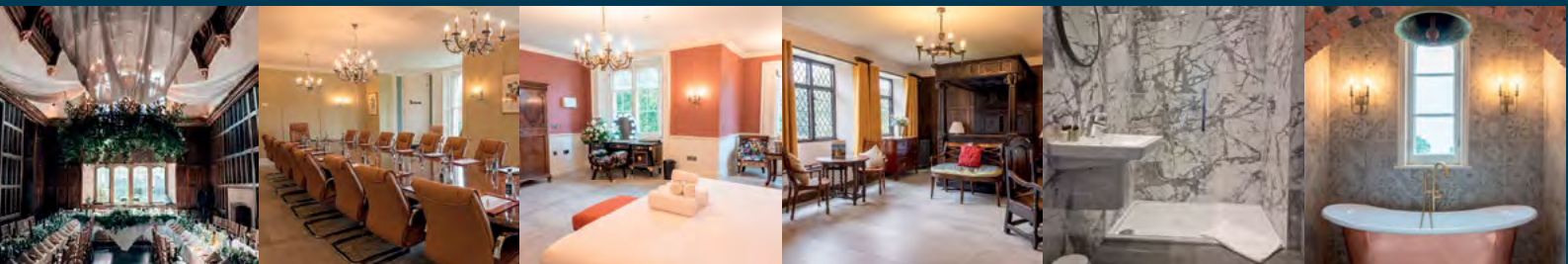
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