



# Lois Weedon and Weston Newsletter



March/April 2017 – Spring/Easter Edition

## From the Editor

We start this edition with some very sad news. Local farmer and long time resident of Lois Weedon and Weston, Brian Raven passed away following a lengthy illness. Our thoughts and sympathy go to his family and friends. The family have asked me to include the eulogy that was given at Brian’s funeral.

Preparations are now underway for the May Day Country Fair 2017 – Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Watch out for posters and flyers over the next few weeks and all the details will be in the next Newsletter. When you visit the fair, be sure to collect your souvenier programme – The covers are designed by children from our own St Loys Academy. I am looking forward to the pleasure of handing out Easter Eggs to the children in thanks for their efforts. (All properly supervised by the hardworking staff – of course !!!).

The May Day Country Fair is one of the few events that involves almost everyone in the community and because it attracts so many visitors to the event, it raises a great deal of funds which are exclusively distributed among Village organisations. The organising committee has shrunk over the past few years and while we are very grateful to everyone who helps on the day, we really need more volunteers to join our committee to make sure that the event runs like clockwork and is a great success. If you are able to help, in any capacity, drop me a line or call me at home and be part of the fantastic community event known as **Lois Weedon & Weston May Day Country Fair 2017**.

**High Speed Community Broadband.** This service is based on a 1Gbit/s fibre-optic connection. Each of the member households should now be benefiting from a stable and consistent service of at least 30Mbit/s. There are over 580 users on this system across the valley and about 120 of those connected in Lois Weedon & Weston - thats over 75% of the community. Anyone interested in joining the system should go to [www.tovevalley.com](http://www.tovevalley.com) and register.

Welcome to new residents, James & Danielle Mulick who have just moved into 21 Weston Road, Lois Weedon, as we say “goodbye” to previous resident Karrie Shotton. More new arrivals to announce next month, methinks

The next edition of the newsletter will be just in time for May Day 2017 and so, with all the preparations for that, I anticipate needing more time than usual to publish the Newsletter. I would like all material for the next edition to be with me by **Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**.

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## Dates for your Diary

Mon., March 27	<b>Parish Council</b> – 8:00pm. Baptist Chapel – Members of the public are welcome
Wed., April 5	<b>Lois Weedon &amp; Weston WI. 7:30pm</b> <b>Speaker:</b> Paul Stothard, Rapid response medical services
Mon., May 1	<b>Lois Weedon &amp; Weston May Day Country Fair</b> – Details in the next edition
Wed., May 3	<b>Lois Weedon &amp; Weston WI. 7:30pm</b> Resolutions followed by Fish & Chip Supper
Mon., May 8	<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b> 7:30pm at the Baptist Chapel, Weston, followed by <b>Parish Council AGM</b> (approx.. 8pm)
Wed., May 10	<b>Bingo Club;</b> Lois Weedon Village Hall.. Doors open 7:30pm, eyes down 8:00pm. Pay bar available. Everyone welcome
Wed., June 7	<b>Lois Weedon &amp; Weston WI. 7:30pm</b> <b>Members Month</b>
Fri., June 9	<b>Summer Evening Gala</b> at Lois Weedon House, In aid of the Friends of Lois Weedon Church. Details on page 7

Details of all Church services and events on Page 5

## Recent Winners of Village Hall ‘100 Club’ Lottery

March 2017	
Veronica Seaman	57
Carol King	6
Mike Streten	87

## May Day Tombola - Reminder

We shall be collecting donations for the **May Day Tombola Stall** during the week-end of 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Items such as tinned food, soaps and toiletries, stationery, small toys (unused), bottles of wine, packets of foodstuffs (please check ‘sell by date’) - basically anything suitable for a Tombola !

We will also be collecting games or jigsaws for the **Children’s Games and Jigsaws** stall and books for the **Bookstall**. All donations will be gratefully received. Please note that we are no longer collecting “**bric-a-brac**”.

*Can also be delivered to Paul & Rachel Smith, 8 Vicarage Rise, Lois Weedon. (01327 860626)*

## Brian Raven – 1935 - 2017

Caroline, Alli, Chris and Rosie would like to thank the many people who supported and visited Brian through his year of illness. He was still doing odd jobs down the farm until early December.

This eulogy was given by Steve Dyde, Brian's son-in-law, at Brian's Funeral. The family have kindly agreed for it to be included in the Newsletter. Steve said "*It is impossible to condense such a full and rich life into a short speech, but I have been helped by Brian himself who made a lot of notes for me.*"

He was born on April 24<sup>th</sup> 1935 at Filkins in Oxfordshire. He also had a younger brother, Alan who was born in 1938. His father had a poultry farm, with a hatchery and he also manufactured poultry equipment. He went to the village school until he was 7 and then he was sent with his brother to Oakley Hall prep school in Cirencester.

Brian was introduced to rugby and became team captain in 1948. Cricket was then a mystery. He passed Common Entrance exams to Monkton Combe School in Bath, and had cold baths every morning. He rowed and competed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> VIII at regattas. The chapel choir and song society took up a lot of his spare time, singing at both Gloucester Cathedral and Bath Abbey. On leaving school he was let loose into the wide world and had never seen a girl at school. On his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, in 1953, he received the call up for national service. On being asked his profession, instead of saying student, [and I quote] "I stupidly said I had been working with sheep, and so was put down in the pay book as a shepherd." Rather than tending the flock, he joined the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. His first post was to Honiton in Devon, where he had a bad experience with West Country Cider. The next post was much better - 18 months in Egypt maintaining tanks, lorries and machinery. Sounds complex, but you ask Caroline and Chris and they will tell you that he might have been able to fix tanks, but he couldn't fix tractors all that well.

Before sailing home he caught conjunctivitis and was told to report to sick bay. He was the only patient. To quote again - "So it was 11 days sunbathing and four lovely nurses." Next was Harper Adams agricultural college. He writes - "A wonderful 2 years, playing a lot of sport, culminating in being Captain of Rugby first team 1958 and 1959. I made many friends: a lot are still here after 60 years." I think we have a number of friends from Harper Adams with us today. He owned a car back then. An Austin 7. It was painted yellow, and was called Jaundice. During RAG week at college, it also grew a thatched roof. It was finally sold for £3.

Towards the end of his second year, he and Sam Baskerville and a few others went to a party. The next morning on the way back to Harper Adams Brian decided that they should all go to the Royal Show. None of them had any money left for tickets, but Brian had got his fathers' members badge and a ticket for entry. So Brian said "Right, we park the car in the car park – I'll get in, and I will then come back to the perimeter fence (out of sight of the ticket checkers) and pass the ticket and badge through." There was six of them. So this was repeated 5 times and all got in.

After College he came home to work for his father and it was at this time that he met Caroline. She was working at the Lygon Arms in Broadway and John Hartley introduced them to each other. One time Brian and Caroline went out with some old Harper Adams friends to a hunt barbeque and dance at Upton on Severn. One of Brian's friends decided mid-way through the evening he was going to steal the gate legged table used for ticket collection and walked out with the table on his head to put in the boot of his car. Things started to kick off a bit, but Brian managed to smooth things over saying that his friend was in fact a communist who thought that everything was jointly owned.

Working with his father did not work out, and so he took a job in Suffolk on a turkey farm. Caroline took a head housekeepers job at the Royal Hotel, Lowestoft. In July 1960, Brian called Sam Baskerville and said "How about a week's holiday in Jersey?" A fortnight later Brian and Sam were on an old Dakota, flying out of Heathrow. It was Sam's first flight and he could not help but notice that flames were coming out of the starboard engine. Sam didn't wish to alarm the passengers but asked Brian if he thought they should warn the pilot. Brian's reply was typical. "I think the pilot will be well aware of that, but summon the hostess to see if we can get some alcohol just in case!"

Brian and Caroline got engaged while he was in Suffolk. Brian hadn't seen his friend John Hartley for a while so he rang him and said 'John I am getting engaged'. "Congratulations, great news, well done but to who!" – a fair question as he had had several girlfriends. "To Caroline of course you fool." He replied. Brian then moved to Hythe in Kent where he took a manager's job on a poultry farm. They were married at Hanley Castle in Worcestershire in 1962 and she joined him in Kent. Brian writes that their wedding day was one of the best days of his life. Living by the sea, they had a lot of visitors. Allison, eldest daughter was born there in 1963.

Anxious to return to the Midlands, they initially moved near Wellingborough, where Chris was born - in 1966. Then they moved to Hill House in Weston. Rosie was born there – in 1969. Apparently a lot of people in the village heard Brian and Caroline leaving the village at speed that night, making for the hospital. Hill house required a lot of TLC. Caroline's mum once left the house weeping, saying how could Brian take her into that house, which at the time didn't have a kitchen – just an outhouse. Friends who came to stay were required to work. John Twigger remembers spending a Sunday helping put up a pole barn for turkeys in the garden. There were 6 pigs in the garden, ducks in the loft and 150 turkeys at Christmas. They nearly burnt all their ducks one day as the electric light in the loft fell onto the straw and caught light. Maurice Seckington, a neighbour came round to tell them that the ducks were on fire!

In those early days they were only able to go on holiday because Elsie and Doug Hatton looked after things while they were away. Johnny Brownsden, another friend, visited and looked at the turkeys with admiration. Brian told him that all you had to do was put pellets into tin hoppers, connect up drinkers and at the end of the cycle there was half a crown under each wing. So Johnny tried it. Brian never mentioned to him that livestock sometimes changed its name to deadstock, pellets were heavy and that drinkers leaked. But those half-crowns did appear in the end.

Then a parcel of land came up for sale in Lois Weedon and Brian jumped at the chance of buying it. Caroline's father said of the adventure, "you must be mad boy." They bought it, built a house and started pig farming. They are still there. From his resting place Brian will be able to watch over it and make sure Chris and Jane are working hard.

They became involved in village life, joining the parish council. Brian was chairman for eight years. He also devoted much time to the church, serving on the PCC and as Church Warden, and was a school governor. He also mowed the churchyard grass for many years and once mowed part of his toe off. Always doing things on the quiet for the church: He put a six foot oak gate post up the tower to fly the flag; he replaced many flags as the winds shredded them. In fact he liked his flag poles so much that he got one for himself. He looked after the extension churchyard and put up a gate, ploughed up the dock plants, seeded it and tended it for over forty years. His greatest wish was to be buried there. So as we walk over there later, bear in mind that Brian ploughed that land and planted the trees, and made it all ready.

Other activities included Round Table (Chairman) and the Rotary Club (President). He was also a member at Northampton Saints for 35 years and Buckingham Golf club for 40 years. "Don't ask about the handicap", he wrote. There were many wonderful family holidays, including at Crackington Haven in North Cornwall. Then Hope Cove in Devon. All with many friends. Brian taught himself to sail at Boddington Reservoir, and bought a GP14 called Hanky Panky. On one holiday, Brian and John Twigger were out sailing the boat when the rudder broke, in an offshore wind. As they drifted out to sea, they got their newly purchased paddles out and they both broke. Luckily they were saved and towed back to shore. Caroline and Brian went back only in October with the Twiggers to have a good old reminisce. He also spent many Tuesdays in the summer months with Clyde Burbidge watching cricket at Northants and also watching the internationals. He loved shooting. They used to drive from Wellingborough to get to Hanley Castle for breakfast so he could go shooting with his father in law. He then joined several shoots, and always had a dog to shoot with. He loved his dogs, Jack Russells and Labradors. Philpot. Wilfred. Emma. Bumble.

His notes say - "My greatest joy has been my family. Caroline has been a wonderful loving and supportive wife, keeping me on the straight and narrow for 55 years. Farming has always had its ups and downs but her support has been immense. Producing 3 children soon gets you involved in the village. Marriages then follow and wonderful six grandchildren, what more can a man want?" After educating the family and seeing them grow up a period of travelling began - to South America to visit Alan, his brother, a number of times, Kenya, South Africa where Caroline's sister lived. Namibia, California, Canada, Tanzania and various river cruises, for example on the Dura and the Rhine. He was a man who made friends, and kept making more friends, he loved a good chinwag, or a discussion, with plenty of laughter over a glass of malt whisky, often with Peter Butler and many others.

The Sunday ritual was: - Church in the morning, then off to the pub for a couple or three pints with Clyde Burbidge and friends (the pint glass at the pub. = The prayer book with a handle) and somehow magically Caroline, whilst being with them all the time, cooked a Sunday roast of a rib of beef. Sit down to one of the best Sunday lunches in the county. The insistence on fine carving of the thinnest slices of the best beef. Then rugby special in the afternoon with Nigel Starmer Smith, then a snooze. Wonderful.

They went fly fishing for many years on the river Eydon, with the McKanesses and others, sometimes till 1am in the morning then back for a whisky. He was a voracious reader - but not your average fiction, he would read biographies, poetry and histories mainly. He took the Telegraph and read it fully every day. He supported a charity called Zane, for many years which supports poor people in Zimbabwe. They were invited as honoured guests to an evening at the Inner Temple last November, but by then Brian was beginning to find things hard, after 10 months of chemotherapy. He still worked occasionally down at the farm until about 6 weeks ago. He was never going to retire. He was always going to work to the end. He had Xmas with all the family and had a wonderful new year's eve at home with great friends. He never fussed, even in the difficult times. The farm being half burned down on two occasions, and then most of it blowing away in 1987, with bits of pig sheds even in the Elkingtons field. He wouldn't share his woes with others. You dealt with your own, you got on with life and you made sure you had a good time.

Here are some phrases that friends have written in the many many cards Caroline and the family have received - "True gentleman" "hard worker" "family man" "refreshingly honest" "on the yardstick of - work hard and play hard - Brian was at the very top" "good discussions". The flags are at half mast today.

He played life with a straight bat. Honest, straight talking, hard-working, loving and much loved family man who engaged in village life and society fully. The number of people here today is testimony to how loved and respected he was. God bless you Brian.



## From Your Rector...

It seems we are living through new and strange times at the moment. And I know many of you have concerns about what will happen in the weeks and months ahead.

It may be a comfort to know that almost every generation thought it was facing “the end of days” from the World Wars that are still in living memory, right back to the first Christians who believed that Christ’ second coming was literally just around the corner.

To be fair to them, Jesus did tell us his return would be heralded by terrible birth pangs, wars, natural disasters, (even the rule despotic world leaders!).

But Jesus also said that he would be with us, not just through the good times, the happy joyous times and the sentimental festive times, but also through the bad times, the worrying times, the sad times.

“Am I with you always” wasn’t an “alternative” fact, it was a simply and lasting truth.

Basically whenever you need him, he’s there and so are we!

So if events in the wider world, (*or closer to home*) seem worrying or sad, our Church offers a still quiet and safe space where you can offer up any and everything that concerns or saddens you.

We are also holding a special and simple service of healing for all of the above things on **Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm** in the Parish Church at Helmdon.

The **Service of Healing and Prayer** is open to everyone from the Astwell Benefice and will provide a chance for you to come along and receive God’s blessing and healing for you, your family or your concerns for the wider world.

And if you would like to explore more about faith and how Christ is with you always, then you are welcome to join us during March and April at our **Lent Courses** which take place around the Benefice on Monday and Wednesday evenings. *For more details on the service or courses just email me or give me a call.*

Lent began on March 1<sup>st</sup> this year Tradition says in preparation for a Lenten fast, you should use up all the rich elements in your larder, to make pancakes with various sweet and savoury fillings. Very few of us now fast for the next five weeks, but that I’m sure didn’t shouldn’t stop us enjoying our Shrove Tuesday treats!

Lent itself is all about preparing for Easter and while the idea of a Great Fast for five weeks is long gone in the Church, we still keep some other Lenten traditions.

We began on Ash Wednesday with a special service at Helmdon where we marked ourselves with the sign of the cross made out of the ashes from last year’s Palm Sunday crosses – *that’s why you’ll see people wandering round that day with black crosses on their foreheads!* This may seem a bit medieval, but it reminds us visually that Christ gave his life on the Cross, to allow us all to continually get the chance to try again, and again to be better people.



Lent continues with our range of Sunday services including our special service on **Mothering Sunday**, where we make (*and give*) special posies of flowers for our Mums. So after making sure Mum gets her breakfast in bed, why not bring the whole family along to celebrate just how special your Mum is!



This year our Benefice Wide Easter celebrations begin in Wappenham on **Palm Sunday (April 9<sup>th</sup>)** with breakfast in Wappenham Village Hall and then a procession down to the Church lead again by our wonderful donkeys. Bring the kids along to meet them and join in the fun.



During Holy Week we journey together through a variety of ways towards Good Friday and Easter Morning and details of our Benefice wide events can be found on our website [www.astwellparishes.org.uk](http://www.astwellparishes.org.uk).

But do think about coming along to our Monday night interactive event at St Mary and St Peter, or for those of you who enjoyed our Choral Advent Taize to Whitfield on Wednesday night for our Lenten Taize.

On Maundy Thursday we meet at Syresham for a traditional Seder Passover Meal of Roast Lamb and on Good Friday we will again be travelling around the Benefice following the Stations of the Cross.

We will also be celebrating Easter Morning with our Dawn fire( and hot cross bun breakfast) before bringing the light back to the Village for our Easter Morning Communion.

Finally, You may have heard that as a Church we are struggling, we met just £2,000 of our £15,000 outgoings this year and it is fair to say the future of your Parish Church is under threat. If you want to see your Parish Church remain as a place of continuous worship here then we really do need your support. Do join us for worship, or if that’s not for you, please come along and support our fundraising efforts. Without the support of our Community we cannot survive.

*Reverend Carole,*

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## St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon with Weston and Plumpton

You are always welcome at any or all of our services:

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month - *Communion followed by coffee and chat*

April 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am at Lois Weedon  
May 7<sup>th</sup> 11am Worshipping Together -Benefice Communion at Whitfield  
June 4<sup>th</sup> 11am Pentecost service at Helmdon

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month *Worship followed by coffee and chat*

April 9<sup>th</sup> 9am Our Palm Sunday procession led by our Benefice donkeys at Wappenham .  
May 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Prayer and Praise at Lois Weedon.  
June 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Prayer and Praise at Lois Weedon

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month *Worship followed by coffee and chat*

March 19<sup>th</sup> 30am Mattins  
April 16<sup>th</sup> Dawn Fire and 9.30am Easter Day with Communion  
May 21<sup>st</sup> 11am Worshipping Together Benefice Communion at Wappenham.  
June 18<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Mattins

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month *Worship followed by coffee and chat*

March 26<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Mothering Sunday Family Service  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> 11am Low Sunday Service at Syresham  
May 28<sup>th</sup> 11am Rogation Sunday Benefice Family Service with the blessing of the tractors at Whitfield.  
June 25<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Celebration of Marriage!

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday- Benefice Worship

April 30<sup>th</sup> 11am at Lois Weedon

## ASTWELL WEDDING FAYRE



Looking ahead if you are thinking of getting married – we holding our **Astwell Benefice Wedding Fayre and Celebration of Marriage on the weekend of June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**

Over the weekend there will be a chance to meet cake makers, flower arrangers, photographers, listen to a selection of hymn and music choices and see a selection of local venues for your reception along with a whole host of other wedding related things, all accompanied by a glass of celebratory fizz.

And on the Sunday we will be holding special services to celebrate with brides and grooms past and present, the many weddings that have taken place at our parish churches down the years.

Your Parish Church is there for you, we are here to serve our community, so if you haven't visited us already, you are more than welcome and should you need someone to talk to, or you want to find out more details about any of the above or maybe how you can plan your Wedding or a Baptism

Contact Rev'd Carole on [carolepeters@aol.com](mailto:carolepeters@aol.com).

## Parish News

As both Newsletter Editor and a Parish Councillor, I receive a regular stream of information from sources such as South Northants Council, Northamptonshire County Council, The Highways Department as well as companies and organisations advertising products and services. A lot of this material is irrelevant but a fair chunk of it will be of interest to the community. Although I try and include some of the most relevant items in the Newsletter, because the Newsletter is only published once every 2 months and has limited space, much of the information is no longer relevant by the time I come to publish.

If you would like to receive this information and you are not already on my "News for the Parish" distribution list then email me at [loisweedonpaul@gmail.com](mailto:loisweedonpaul@gmail.com) and I'll add you to the list

*Paul Smith*

## **Hello there from Weston Baptist Chapel,**

There is embarrassing, and downright embarrassing. I was reading a story the other day about a woman who was drying her hair with a hair brush, which looks like a hedgehog with cramp. The phone rang, and she chatted to her friend for far too long, because when she had finished the brush had become completely embedded in her hair, and the styling mouse she had used had set. She tried wrestling with the brush, but after an hour she gave up. She put on her coat, and scarf and rushed to her hairdressers. She explained her dilemma, but it was pretty obvious, what had happened. One of the stylists, [a woman,] said she wouldn't even attempt to try and get the brush out, without cutting a large piece of the woman hair. The other [a man] said he would give it a go. An hour later, after patiently twisting and coaxing, the man pulled the brush free. The lady asked the gallant stylist to restyle her hair, and rescue the day. The man looked at her blankly, "What me love? I couldn't restyle your hair if I tried. I'm a window cleaner, I only popped in for a coffee."

The story of the wedged hairbrush, isn't only about raising a smile but also offering us some serious points. Firstly, we need to be aware of making quick or rash judgements about people or situations. There is a book in the Bible called Proverbs, which is full of wise sayings one goes, 'It is not good to have zeal without knowledge, nor to be hasty and miss the point'[Proverbs 19:2]. Secondly, be prepared to accept solutions from unlikely sources, especially when facing challenges

*Rev'd Paul Knight, Tove Valley Baptist Fellowship*

## **Support your school and vote now.**

St Loys Primary Academy in Lois Weedon has been accepted for funding for their Forest School by Tesco Bags of Help. This scheme by Tesco supports local projects. Bags of Help is an exciting local community grant scheme where the money raised from the 5p bag charge is being used to fund thousands of local projects in communities right across the UK. Projects that bring benefit to their community will get the green light – St Loys Forest School has been regarded as one of these great projects. However the final amount St Loys receives is up to those who shop at Tesco's both in Towcester and around the south of the county. So if you get a blue token when you shop at Tesco's, please put it in the slot labelled Forest School so St Loys could get up to £4000 funding for this new and exciting project. Every Little Helps!

*Sarah Williams*

## **Factory Children**

Well, well ! What can I write but only what professional actors say – “Never work with children”. I went to the Village Hall on Saturday night (25<sup>th</sup> February) to see The Factory Children. My seat always reserved and always never knowing what to expect and as usual I'm never disappointed. The show was brilliant. I was transfixed throughout the whole performance. The children were exceptional; but saying that, the whole cast were very, very good. If the whole cast in its complete entirety, complete with all stage crew, was, suppose I say, to perform at Milton Keynes Theatre, nobody would guess they had all come from small villages. I was spell bound and just amazed at the singing and dancing in perfect coordination with the pianist. There were some outstanding performances but it wouldn't be fair to pick them out because everyone was so good.

I very much liked the costumes and makeup and the two Social Consciences and how they kept the whole thing flowing. I can tell a lot of work had gone onto the Factory Children and I, for one, really do appreciate everyone's effort. I came home quite exhilarated.

Before I close, I mustn't forget the Prompt who sat there in nearly complete darkness, not missing a line and I can say that on Saturday night she really wasn't needed.

Well done drama group. I look forward to your next production – keep my seat !!

*Jenny Wilde*

# Summer Evening Gala

**In aid of the Friends of Lois Weedon Church**

**At Lois Weedon House, NN12 8PJ**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**Helen Swift** (soprano), **Jonathan French** (piano) and **Steven Morris** (clarinet) are providing the entertainment which includes arias from popular operas,

**Friends of Lois Weedon Church** (Charity no. 1101357) was set up in 2004 as an independent fund that is supportive of the fabric of the ancient and beautiful parish church of Lois Weedon Church and its churchyard.

**The Arrangements:** The concert will start at 7pm at Lois Weedon House. Please be seated by 6.55pm. If time and weather permits feel free to wander around the garden before then. Bring your own picnics to eat in the interval (approx. 8pm – 9.15pm) with tables and chairs. Our barn will be available for those not wanting to eat completely ‘al fresco’.

The concert will finish about 10.15pm.

Dress: Smart casual or as preferred.

To apply for seats please complete the attached form and send it with your cheque payable to **Friends of Lois Weedon Church, Lois Weedon House, Towcester NN12 8PJ**. Your application will be acknowledged by email. Please Gift Aid your payment if you can as it will give the charity an additional 25% at no additional cost to yourself.

Tickets can be obtained from:

Sue Greenaway (01327 860472); Clyde Burbidge, (01327 860097) John Maleham (01327 860558)

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To: Friends of Lois Weedon Church, Lois Weedon House, Towcester NN12 8PJ (Tel: 01327 860 472)

Email: [suegreenaway@loisweedon.net](mailto:suegreenaway@loisweedon.net)

I would like ..... seats (£25 each) I enclose an additional donation of £..... £..... in total.

Or

Unfortunately I can't apply for tickets but enclose a donation of £.....

I wish Gift Aid to apply to the above sum (yes/no)

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