



# Lois Weedon and Weston Newsletter

March/April/May/June 2020 – Spring & early Summer Edition



## From the Editor

Well how do I start ? Nine and a half weeks ago I was considering what to include in the forthcoming March edition and had the following in my list of events on my list to include

100<sup>th</sup> anniversary for WI, 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Horticultural Society, 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day and even the 40<sup>th</sup> May Day event. Sadly, as you will all know, have been cancelled/postponed until who knows when.

And then everything is closed – the Church is closed, the Chapel is closed, the School is closed, the Village Hall is closed, the pubs are closed..... So basically I've delayed publishing the Newsletter in the hope of happier news.

Well, life seems to be continuing as we get used to the new “normal”; my garden has never had so much attention; we still see friends and neighbours, if only on weekly gatherings, socially distanced, to applaud the NHS and other Covid Care folks; we pass each other with a friendly wave as we take our regular exercise and experiment of all the various methods of on-line shopping !!!

So what else do we have to report in this (overdue) edition:

- Frank Hunter's valient efforts to provide musical backing to the weekly “Keyworker Clapathon”
- Minutes from the Parish Council meetings in January (face-to-face), March and May (both on-line/email)
- List of contacts for help from neighbours during the Coronavirus Crisis
- Two letters from Mrs Jenny Wilde – her review of the Drama Group Panto and her perspective on kindling.

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 to most of us 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 normally only published once every 2 months or so and has limited space, much of the information is no longer relevant by the time I come to publish. So I share this information via email.

If you are receiving this copy of the Newsletter by email then you are on my “News for the Parish” email list. If you would like to receive this information and you are not already on my distribution list then email me at [loisweedonpaul@gmail.com](mailto:loisweedonpaul@gmail.com) and I'll add you to the list. If you become aware of anyone who would like to receive this information but for some reason is not “on my list” let me know too.

Finally, I hope to deliver to most folks by email. I am very much aware there are a number of folks who can't receive emails and I will endeavour to deliver printed copies. Please bear with me as I get round the Village.

Consider this edition as the beginning of the “new normal”....

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## **Coronavirus Information – Stay At Home Guidance – published in March 2020**

As a Parish Council we are not privy to any information that isn't known to the general public however in order to keep all our parish safe we thought it might be useful to send round the Government guidance about the current situation. This sets out who **can** and **cannot** leave their house and for what reason:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

It is so important that we all stay safe in these difficult and unusual times so we thought it was worth sending everyone the link to the official advice.

The community spirit shown by our Parish has been amazing and we have a list of people who are keen to help the vulnerable in our community. Please let us know immediately if you become aware on anyone that needs our support. There is a list of people that are able to help with essential things such as shopping.

We hope you are all able to stay safe,  
*Weston & Weedon Lois Parish Council*

## Parish Council

Here is a summary of the 3 most recent Parish Council meeting held on **January 27<sup>th</sup>** in the Baptist Chapel, Weston, and **March 30<sup>th</sup>** and **May 18<sup>th</sup>** – both on-line & email. Full minutes of council meetings are posted on the Village Notice Boards and on the Parish Council website. If anyone would like more on any matter, please contact the Clerk, Ken Power.

### 1. **Meeting held on January 27<sup>th</sup>** - Items discussed and resolved:

**Planning and Licensing Matters:** the following applications were reviewed:

- S/2019/2489/FUL: 11, Middlethorpe, Weedon Lois. Detached garage. No objection.
- S/2019/2446/TCA: Stone House Farm, Weston. Felling of ash tree. For information only.
- S/2020/0025/FUL: 29, High Street, Weston. Two storey extension. Local residents and Councillors have raised questions. It was agreed that a site visit by Councillors is required

**Finance Matters:** Accounts 2019/20 to-date and budget performance were reviewed and approved. A budget for the new financial year was presented and unanimously approved. It was agreed that the precept should be increased to £4,750 per year. **VAT:** Approximately £300 more VAT will be recovered by the end of this financial year.

**Payments** were approved for Clerk's salary and expenses, 2Commune (website maintenance), EON (electricity supply and maintenance), Horticultural Society (Millennium Field Rent)

**May 2020 Election** – Details of May local election will be published in the Newsletter and local residents will be encouraged to submit themselves as candidates [**This was subsequently postponed to 2021**]

**School rent for the Millennium Field:** The school has been asked to accept an increase in the rent it pays to the Parish Council for use of the Millennium Field, in line with the increased rent the Council now pays to the Horticultural Society. The school has responded that because of significantly reduced pupil numbers it will have difficulty in meeting this extra cost from its budget. Further discussion will take place.

**Middlethorpe, Weedon Lois: Vehicle Access:** It has been agreed that vehicles will not be driven over the verge and footpath to access the property.

**Ability Community Transport:** Potential local demand for a community bus service will be assessed.

**Other Correspondence:** An email had been received about work that Ground Control will be doing to reduce the height of trees in Kettle End for Western Power.

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### 2. **Meeting held on March 27<sup>th</sup>** - Items discussed and resolved:

**Planning and Licensing Matters:** the following application was reviewed:

- S/2020/0025/FUL: 29, High Street, Weston. The council commented on the original application in February. The issue of a disputed strip of land on the site has since been resolved.

**Review of Parish Assets:** The assets have been checked by the Clerk and are all in satisfactory condition.

**Review of Risk Analysis:** The risk analysis has been reviewed. No changes were found to be necessary.

**Finance Matters:** Accounts 2019/20 to-date and budget performance were reviewed and approved. Anticipated end of year balance is £2,734. A VAT claim in respect of 2019/20 Q3 and Q4 has been submitted to HMRC for approximately £204, slightly less than anticipated.

**Payments** were approved for Clerk's salary and expenses and a subscription to CPRE

**School rent for the Millennium Field:** The school has been asked to accept an increase in the rent it pays to the Parish Council for use of the Millennium Field, in line with the increased rent the Council now pays to the Horticultural Society. The school has not yet agreed any increase and is currently closed.

**Annual Parish Assembly:** The councillors have agreed that in the current circumstances the Annual Parish Assembly, which would normally have taken place on 18<sup>th</sup> May, must be cancelled.

**Ability Community Transport:** Will be considered when travel becomes possible again.

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3. **Meeting held on May 18<sup>th</sup>** - Items discussed and resolved:

**Election of council officers:** Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Councillor Responsible for Financial Oversight

- Cllr. David Elkington was unanimously re-elected as Chairman.
- Cllr. Chris Raven was unanimously re-elected as Vice-Chairman.
- Cllr. Paul Smith was unanimously re-elected as Councillor responsible for financial oversight.
- Mr. Ken Power was unanimously re-appointed as Clerk and RFO to the Parish Council.

**Calendar of Events 2020/2021**

Council meetings will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021. The Annual Parish Assembly and Parish Council AGM will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021, or 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 in the event of an election.

**Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct and Standing Orders**

Modified NCALC Financial Regulations were adopted and will apply to the proceedings for fiscal year 2020/2021. The current Code of Conduct was re-affirmed as applicable to the current Councillors and the 2018 model Standing Orders will continue to be used by the council.

**Finance Matters:**

The Annual 2019/2020 **Internal Audit** report was approved

The 2019/2020 **Annual Governance and Accountability Return** (AGAR) was reviewed, and necessary responses confirmed by the Council. – all details of the return will be published on the Parish Council website

**Accounts** 2020/21 to-date and budget performance were reviewed and approved.

The **Internal Financial Controls** were reviewed and unanimously approved

**Payments** were approved for Clerk's salary and expenses, BHIB (Insurance), EON (electricity supply and maintenance), Ground Care Company (mowing churchyard), Complete Ground Management (mowing Millennium Field), Subscriptions (ICO, NCALC), Grants for Newsletter, Flood Warden storage, Voluntary Car Scheme

**Planning and Licensing Matters:** the following application was reviewed:

- S/2020/0581/LBC: 2, Grove Lane, Weston. Replacement of front and back doors. No objection

**Virtual Parish Council meetings facility** - It was agreed that the council should investigate ways of holding virtual meetings accessible to the public, possibly involving additional expenditure depending on the platform chosen.

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**Date and time of next meeting:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July - actual venue and method of meeting will depend on Government guidelines with regard to the lockdown regulations

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**Message from Jenny Wilde**

Dear Folks,

I think most of the parishioners in the two villages would admit over the past months we have had a very wet, windy winter and also I think most of us would say they didn't like the weather, especially the strong winds but that doesn't apply to everything, especially the big towering oak trees – they like the wind !! The wind for them “spring cleans” the branches. At the base of all these trees are the “kindling sticks” ripped off by the wind. I did see one lady on my daily countryside walk with an armful of these kindling sticks, ideal for lighting the fire, which brought to remember Joyce Conduit and Ethel Butler going out together most days “sticking” as they called it. Apart from this one person, I don't see anyone picking up these very dead branches ready to burn immediately but I'm going to start “sticking” as those ladies called such tree great pleasure. Perhaps I shall bump into Ethel and Joyce in my pursuit. They would go as far as the clump and on the way back see, and chat on the seat oblivious, to nobody.

I enjoy my daily walk with Toby as it does get me out of my “prison like” existence at these worrying and rare times. I pray it won't be long until we will be back to “normal” and this parish escapes the virus. We've been having lovely weather and my it continue into the Summer.

*Jenny Wilde*

## News from St Mary & St Peter Lois Weedon

It may not have escaped your attention if you live near the Church that the Thursday evening clapathon is accompanied by the distant strains of music. By way of explanation: A few weeks ago, just before the clocks changed, Terry Tyler suggested that when we go out to clap for the NHS perhaps we could put on the Church floodlights. So I nipped round to the church on 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, put on all the lights inside, and turned on the floodlights to illuminate the tower. I thought ‘why don’t I play some hymns on the sound system at full blast and open the doors?’ Afterwards I realised, we can do better than that. On the 9<sup>th</sup> I took my little Bingo Caller’s amp and played Land of Hope and Glory, Jerusalem and Nimrod outside the Church. Pretty good but it was pointing at Wappenham. So on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> (I’ll draw a veil over the 16<sup>th</sup> which was a *technological disaster darling*) Richard Templeman shinned up a ladder, installed blue filters over the lights and humped my Marshall amp and two speakers to the church, pointing East West. We had Bridge Over Troubled Water, Here Comes the Sun, You’ll Never Walk Alone, For the Beauty (Beth Nielson Chapman) and We’ll Meet Again, Vera Lynn and Katherine Jenkins, at 1000 watts. And the Church Tower actually was Blue, admittedly after it got dark an hour or so later.

The following week we had a further 5 tunes and I switched on the floodlights. It was by now quite light so it was only when I went to switch them off I noticed that whereas the North wall was blue I couldn’t help but notice the West wall was back to its motorway orange. As the filter material was plastic I assumed it had melted (John Maleham who provided the material warned that this might happen). However, once we found and strung the May Day bunting from the Tower top (another of Terry’s ideas) with Richard T doing his Spiderman impression it was discovered that my design which allowed for convection between the light and filter had turned the cover into a parachute which now lay in the corner of the roof. I have abandoned that idea not least because people will be tucked up by the time it is dark.

Flushed with success and the inexhaustible imagination of Terry, VE Day tea and cake will (or was, by the time you read this) be to the accompaniment of Vera Lynn et al and, as long as the wind is kind, Bunting flying with the Union Jack on the church.

Keep safe

Frank Hunter



### Nursery Rhyme Quiz

A bit of fun to help bring a smile to you face or help with the home schooling. Each list of letters below makes up the name or first line of a well-known nursery rhyme. No prizes this time.....

1. RACHTBC	2. PACPACBM
3. RRRYB	4. TGODOY
5. PPTKO	6. JAJWUTHTFAPOW
7. OMHAF	8. PCPCWHYB
9. WKCR	10. BBBSHYAW

## Lois Weedon & Weston Village Hall

The hall is currently closed for bookings. It is checked and cleaned on a regular basis and we look forward to resuming “normal” operations in due course. Information and enquiries to: Rachel Smith (01327 860626)

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

<b>Feb 2020</b>		<b>Mar 2020</b>		<b>Apr 2020</b>	
Sara Pickering	22	Diane Archard-Jones	18	John Maleham	26
Richard Templeman & Emily Wachter	2	Jonny & Sarah Bougourd	43	Jessica Smith	76
Diane Archard-Jones	18	Colin James	87	Colin James	87
		<b>May 2020</b>			
		Pam & Tom Palmer	36		
		Derek & Helena Boughton	11		
		Simon & Sam Clarke	3		

The lottery is usually drawn once per month at the WI meeting.

During the lockdown, the draw will still take place on the first Wednesday of the month.

Prizes are £25, £10, £5. - We still have lottery numbers available.

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### **Message from Jenny Wilde – Cinderella 2020 Review**

Dear Folks,

I set out in anticipation also in inclement weather, not unusual for the Drama Group’s Autumn Performance – this time a pantomime – Cinderella. I entered the hall which was full and full of jollity. My reserved front row seat was waiting for me. While waiting for the fun to begin I looked around and noticed a lot of strange faces I didn’t recognise and during the performance one man said he came from East Hunsbury so the Drama Group’s reputation is spreading!

Then the curtains went back and a row of dancing girls came on, wonderful joyful faces singing and dancing in unison with, I must say, very nice costumes adorning them. I won’t go through all the scenes because Act one was quite long – I thought a bit too long really – just a slight criticism, and that was the only one in the whole show. The lighting and costumes were marvellous. The ugly, ugly, ugly sisters were very well attired and funny with it. Cinderella, I praise her very well and brave to sing solo but I mustn’t pick out individuals because everyone was excellent.

I always enjoy the Drama Group and this performance was, I think, one of the best. It was obvious so much hard work had gone into it and, guess what, the prompter was never used once and to write that everyone remembered their words was amazing. It makes the show more professional. I think it is so good that they go each week practicing for the benefit of the village and those that didn’t go to the performances missed a lot. I look forward to their next production – something different, no doubt, but equally well performed.

Thank you Drama Group for entertaining me at such little expense.

Well done and didn’t they do well

Your No. 1 Fan,

*Jenny Wilde*

## Help during the current Covid Crisis

Back in March, the Parish Council asked for volunteers who were willing to have their contact details published in the community and be in the position to help friends and neighbours. Here is the current list.

Name	Telephone	Mobile	Email	Location
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Julie Elkington	01327 860162	07971 646917	<a href="mailto:julie@c-g-m.net">julie@c-g-m.net</a>	Weedon Lois
Paul Smith	01327 860626	07860 752126	<a href="mailto:loisweedonpaul@gmail.com">loisweedonpaul@gmail.com</a>	Weedon Lois
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