



Lois Weedon and Weston Newsletter



November/December 2015 – Winter Edition

From the Editor

We start this edition of the Newsletter with some very sad news. Firstly, long-time resident, Maggie Harkin who lived in The Paddock, Lois Weedon, passed away a few weeks ago after a short illness. Then we heard that George Devey, Bob's dad, had died a few weeks before his 94th birthday. And then a few days ago we heard the sad news that Luke Parker, one of the young residents of William Blake House, had passed away. Our thoughts and sympathy to all their families. There are short tributes to Maggie and George inside this edition.

In a few weeks we will be starting to get ready for Christmas. There will be several events leading up to the festive season including carol singing, Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch, Village Hall Christmas Market including a special Christmas Hamper Raffle and of course the local Christmas Card delivery service.

The Drama Group had a very successful performance of Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist" in March and then followed it with an "Evening of Entertainment" which included food, drink and a series of short plays. They are now getting ready for their next production "Captain Hook's Revenge". Auditions will be held soon and the performance is expected to be in February 2016.

This will be the last edition of the Village Newsletter for 2015 and it's been a very busy year.

The Newsletter is published 6 times a year (January, March, May, July, September and November) and is funded by the May Day Committee, the Parish Council and by private donation and as editor, I am very grateful for that support. 165 printed copies are delivered by hand and a further 50 (approximately) by email... and that community is growing. Each edition is between 8 and 10 pages and often more, resulting in over 2000 copied sheets each time. To do this I rely on an "office-class" copier, which was originally purchased with a grant from the Parish Council. It is available to make copies for any organisation or individual in the Village for a small charge to cover the cost of materials.

The next edition of the Lois Weedon & Weston Newsletter will be in January 2016 and all material for that edition should be given to me by Sunday, 3rd January 2016. For contributions to be published I will take them in any format but I generally appreciate them either as MS Word documents or as emails. Pictures or photos are good but I print in black & white so colour pictures don't always reproduce that well. And keep me posted about new or relocating residents – I always like to welcome them in the Newsletter. And watch out for the new village website.

Finally, as editor, publisher and delivery boy of the Newsletter, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support and wish you all the very best for the coming festive season and the New Year beyond.

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Dates for your Diary

(For details of some events such as church services, etc. – see inside the newsletter)

Mon., 30 Nov	Parish Council Meeting, Baptist Chapel, 8:00 pm
Sat., 12 Dec	Village Hall Christmas Market and Hamper Raffle – Refreshments and various stalls from 10-12 in the Village Hall.
Wed, 16 th Dec	Carol Singing, Lois Weedon; Meet at the lay-by near the Church at 6:30pm
Thur, 17 th Dec	Carol Singing, Weston; Meet at the Crown Inn at 6:30pm
Fri., 18 Dec	Senior Citizens Christmas Party – Details below
Wed., 14 Jan	WI New Year Dinner, Village Hall – details to follow
Fri/Sat 5/6 Feb	Drama Group Production "Captain Hook's Revenge" – Details in next edition

Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch

This has been booked for Friday Dec 18th in the **Village Hall, Lois Weedon**. A letter will go out nearer the time.

If new members would like to attend they should contact Ivor Jones (01327 860675).

Men aged 65 or older and women of 60 or older are eligible as members and can be accompanied by their partner, irrespective of their partner's age.

Mobile Library Plus – Timetable – Lois Weedon, Middlethorpe (Sep 2015 – Jul 2016)

Second Saturday each month, between 12:00 and 12:20pm on the following dates

12th Sept, 10th Oct, 14th Nov, 12th Dec, 9th Jan, 13th Feb, 12th Mar, 9th Apr, 14th May, 11th Jun, 9th Jul.

Parish Council News

Edited notes from the Parish Council meeting held on September 28th, 2015 at 8:00 pm in Weston Baptist Chapel. Detailed minutes are published and posted on the Village notice boards and also available from the Clerk to the Council

Present at the meeting were 3 councillors and the Clerk with 3 apologies for absence.

Prior to the start of the meeting, a minutes silence was held following the recent death of Councillor Harkin.

Items discussed in the meeting included:

Matters arising from previous meeting

Confirmation has been received from SNC that the revised conservation area has been implemented.

Correspondence had been sent to Mr David Wilson confirming the Council's support for the proposed extension of the Village Boundary next to Armada House

Appointment of Clerk & RFO.

Our new Parish Clerk, Mr Kenneth Power, 5 The Paddock, was formally appointed

Bonfire night. The Clerk was asked to inform the police, fire service and insurance company about the event and to assist with the purchase of the fireworks. It was noted that this would be funded by donation from the May Day fund. A formal risk assessment will be carried out and a qualified first aider to be contacted. Responsibility for the fireworks will be delegated to Mr Frank Hunter. Cllr Sheppard confirmed her direct involvement organising the refreshments with Friends of the School.

Finance Income and expenditure budget was reviewed and acknowledged to be on track. The report from external auditors, BDO, was reviewed and accepted. Payments were approved for CGM (grass cutting), EON (street lighting in Milthorpe), Fireworks and Clerk's salary, tax & expenses.

There was discussion about the expenditure funded by the New Homes Bonus (NHB). It was noted that Cllr Harkin had secured significant funds (£3,542) for replacement fencing around the Millennium Field and that the first instalment had been paid to the contractor but the corresponding claim on the NHB had not been made to recover that money. A detailed breakdown of the money available from the NHB will be prepared and the claim pursued. It had been previously agreed that a replacement marquee for use by the Village was an appropriate project. Suitable quotations have been requested. It was also noted that the picnic benches in the Millennium Field are in poor condition and could possibly be replaced using a grant from the New Homes Bonus.

It was noted that significant funds were available and we should take steps to secure that for the Parish

Village Boundary. Cllr Sheppard gave a report of her conversation with Andy Darcy at SNC

The original response of the Parish Council, when asked by SNC in January 2014 to comment on the Local Plan, was to decline to comment and to accept the Local plan without any changes to the Village Boundaries .

Cllr. Sheppard said she had been told that because 15 new houses had been built in the parish in the last 15 years it could be expected that there should be plans for 15 more dwellings over the next 15 years.

On the other hand, Weston and Lois Weedon is categorised as an "unsustainable" village. That is, one which requires a car to reach necessary amenities. Each new house would therefore be expected to generate 5 additional car movements per day. Also, St. Loys School, in its current capacity, is currently over-subscribed.

Cllr. Sheppard suggested it would be a good idea for the council to submit proposals for the next consultation, if possible based on feed-back from the community. This could be obtained by a public meeting or possibly a survey. The next consultation will be in December / January, followed by submission of local plans later in 2016 and adoption of a plan in 2017.

Cllr Margaret Harkin. In accordance with the family's wishes, the council resolved to make a donation of £100 to Macmillan Cancer Care". Steps will also be taken to fill the casual vacancy, using the appropriate process.

The next meeting will be held at 8.00 p.m. on Monday 30th November, 2015 in the Baptist Chapel

Ken Power, Parish Clerk,
Tel: 01327 860054 (E-mail: wlwparishclerk@outlook.com)

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thanks to everyone who supported me at my Coffee Morning in September. I was able to send £300 to Macmillan, which will be used to support vital local services such as the Macmillan Acute Oncology Lead and Clinical Nurse Specialist at Kettering General Hospital who provide vital support to people affected by cancer at a very difficult time.

Jenni Liversidge

Resolution of the Error made on the Definitive Map - SD24

In 1989 the Definitive Map of Northamptonshire showed that a footpath (SD24) previously shown as going through the garden of Barlye Furlonge, down the side of the property, was in fact going through the middle of the church graveyard extension before carrying on towards the fishing lakes on route to Wappenham. Various interested parties sent in the appropriate forms to request acknowledgement that the footpath (signposted from the road) was shown incorrectly and that the 'Definitive Map' needed amending. All parties involved have recently been made aware of the relevant maps which showed, prior to the 1989 update of this map, that the footpath historically had always gone by the side of Barlye Furlonge and that indeed there was an error on the Definitive Map. Resolution of this matter is now very straightforward but will still take a little time to fully correct all necessary documentation. First an initial Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) was displayed for 28 days to see if there are any objections - obviously none were expected! Following this a slightly different DMMO will be displayed for a further 40 days. Assuming once again there are no objections, the Definitive Map will, following a little in-house administration, be amended to show SD24 in its correct place. Everyone involved is very pleased with the outcome and we offer Mr Roger Hayes, the Northamptonshire Definitive Map Officer, our thanks for his full co-operation and help in this matter.

Mike Streten

Margaret Harkin (Maggie)

As many of you will know Margaret died on 18th September two days short of her 54th birthday.

Her courage, good humour and determination not to be defined by the illness she suffered for most of her adult life is an example to us all.

We bought our house in 1990 and have lived the whole of our married life here. We both considered ourselves blessed to live in such a beautiful location among so many truly nice people. Margaret was pleased to be involved in life of the villages, and among other things she was a parish councillor actively raising funds to improve the village facilities. Margaret would have been so pleased and probably a bit surprised at the number of "village people" who attended her funeral, sent cards, left messages and offered help and support to me.

Margaret was a wonderful lady and I miss her terribly, but it is made a little easier by the care and support of such a wonderful community.

Thank you

Ric Harkin.

George Devey

19th December 1921 – 16th September 2015

I would like to express to you all how overwhelmed we were with all the cards, messages, tributes and telephones calls we received in respect of George. This was quite exceptional for someone who was not a permanent resident of our community.

I would also like to thank you for all the support you have given Kate and I during the last 3 months that have been particularly difficult.

George was not a permanent resident of our community but he did live here at The Paddock with wife Dorothy for about 6 month during the early nineties whilst in transit between moving from Coventry to Southbourne in Dorset. He was also a regular visitor to village functions like May Day and The Horticultural Show and would hold court on his many trips to The Crown.

He would make everyone laugh with his quick wit, cheesy smiles, one liners and the occasional use of the wrong word to describe something, but this was George and we all loved him for it.

He was a friend to everyone, always willing, caring, sharing and generous. He was dedicated to Mum throughout their lives together and nursed her with more love and care than we can imagine through her final years.

He will be sadly missed by us all. Everyone will miss his teasing and banter and mischievous tittle tattle, his flirting with the ladies, big smiles and his stories.

So share a laugh, shed a tear, revive treasured memories, the love in our hearts for a devoted, loving, caring generous lovely gentleman held dear.....

But most of all he's my Dad.

Bob & on behalf of Kate and the family.

Services at St Mary and St Peter in November/December

9.30am Weekday Communion every Wednesday at
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

Sunday Nov 1st	9.30am Communion for All Saints Day
Sunday Nov 8 th	Remembrance Sunday 10.40am Service of Remembrance with wreath laying
Sunday Nov 15 th	9.30am Mattins 3.30pm Messy Church
Sunday Nov 22 nd	9.30 am Parish Communion for Christ the King
Sunday Nov 29 th Advent Sunday	Benefice Communion with the Blessing of the Parish Advent Wreaths St Mary Magdalene Helmdon
Sunday Dec 6 th Second Sunday of Advent	9.30am: Holy Communion
Saturday Dec 12 th	Nativity in the Barn (Manor Farm, Lois Weedon Rd, Wappenham) 3pm (Cast to arrive at 2pm)
Sunday Dec 13th	9.30am: Village Praise & Prayer - Christmas Carol Service
Sunday Dec 20th	9.30am Mattins 3.30pm Messy Christingle
Sunday Dec 24 th Christmas Eve	1.30pm: Join In Nativity and Carols for Christmas Eve
Sunday Dec 24 th Christmas Eve	9.30am: Communion for Christmas Morning
Sunday Dec 27 th The Holy Innocents	11:00am: BENEFICE SERVICE (Helmdon)

SING CAROLS AROUND LOIS & WESTON

There will be **two** consecutive nights' carol singing in Lois Weedon and Weston on the **16th and 17th December**. We would love you to join us on one or both nights, you will be most welcome. We will be collecting money for our parish church.

Wednesday 16th December 2015: Carol singing in Lois Weedon

Meet: 6.30pm in the Lay-by below the church (or you may wish to join us on our way round). We will make our way up to Lois Weedon House for a welcome glass to 'wet our whistles!' and then down to Lois Weedon Farm for hot punch. Mince pies etc will be served at one or both places before we set off into the night singing about the joy of Christmas. Please remember to bring torches, dress warmly and try and wear something bright since we will be walking from time-to-time along the roads.

Thursday 17th December 2015: Carol singing in Weston

Meet: In the Crown at 6.30pm and then set off around Weston singing carols and collecting. Back to the Crown for 8.30 for mince pies and punch courtesy of the Landlord. We shall have some readings as well as those carols/Christmas songs that everyone can join in.

It promises to be great fun and will get us ready for the great festival of Christmas.

Once again you may of course wish to join us on our way round.

Any queries: please ring Mike Streten on 01327 860202 or Frank Hunter 01327 860597

Bookcase Wanted

Do you have a book case you no longer need? Time to declutter and have a clear out?

The church would love your book cases. The church is aiming to set up a village library in the church. Open to all to borrow books, sit and read or add your books that you no longer use.

If you have such a book case please let us know. We are happy to come and collect.

Sarah Williams, (sarah@greenfarmbarn.co.uk) – 01327 860215



Local Lady launches her own Business – Fizzy Flowers

Vanessa Somerton's inspiration and drive has been prompted by her Mum & Dad (Hilda & Austin Wilkins) and as a result, "Fizzy Flowers" has arrived in Lois Weedon.

Looking for the unusual in floral design for all occasions. Vanessa provides floral arrangements for weddings, dinner parties, birthdays, anniversaries and business events. .

As part of her launch of the new business, Vanessa will be at the Lois Weedon Christmas Fair in the Village Hall on the 12th December and she will be taking orders for **Christmas Door Wreaths** and showing examples of **Table Arrangements** and **Bouquets**

Check out Fizzy Flowers Florist on Facebook and you can see some excellent examples of Vanessa's work
Or feel free to contact Vanessa directly:

Call: 07894575011

Email fizzyflowers@hotmail.com.

*Vanessa Somerton
16 Middlethorpe Lois Weedon NN12 8PS*

Combined Fundraiser: Horse Race Night in aid of the Village Hall & the Church Windows

This event raised over £1,000 to be shared between the two organisations. The organisers would like to thank everyone who was involved making this a very successful event..

Firstly our race sponsors – William Sitwell (3 C's Vintage Cider), Anne Marshall, Olive's Bathrooms, Vanessa & Gary Somerton (Fizzy Flowers), Sam and Simon Clarke (Ask Simon), Caroline & Brian Raven, Skip & Danielle Sheppard, Mike & Vicki Streten

A special thank you to our caterer, Anne Marshall, for a delicious supper – Diane & Rachel too !!!

Many thanks also to our auctioneer for the evening, Clyde Burbidge, our "turf accountants", who ran the tote, Helena and Derek Boughton, our video operator, Jonathan Staples and our MC, Paul Smith.

And finally a warm thank you to everyone who came and supported the event and joined in all the fun. We hope you had a really enjoyable evening.

Rachel Smith & Diane Hunt

The Crown Inn, Weston

Hot Lunches Tuesday – Friday - All £6.50

Choices include: Fish and Chips, Ham Egg and Chips, Pie of the Day, Beef burger and Chips, Veggie Option
Freshly Made Sandwiches

Supper Club Dates - 2 Courses £12.95

1st October, 15th October, 27th October

Christmas Opening Days and Hours

Christmas Eve - open all day

Christmas Day 11am - 1pm Drinks only

Boxing Day 12pm - 5pm food served till 4pm

New Year's Eve open till late

New Year's Day open all day

For any party bookings whatever your budget please feel free to contact *The Crown Inn* (01295 760310)

Mike and Hannah

Village Hall Notes.

ANNUAL MEETING – As a registered charity, the Village Hall Management Trustees must hold an annual general meeting. This was held on the 22nd October. Attendance was ‘light’; the finance accounts were reported as solid and positive; no major issues were raised. The change of management committee was noted

Village Hall 100 Club Lottery

We have a few numbers left so if you would like to join the lottery (or buy more) and support the Village Hall, contact Rachel Smith (01327 860626). You’ve got to be in it to win it!!!

Recent Winners of Village Hall ‘100 Club’ Lottery

September 2015		October 2015		November 2015	
James Smith	7	Jan Parmenter	23	Jenni Liversidge	63
Paul Smith	100	James Smith	96	Len Pannell	54
Gilliam Baird	86	Dave Kirkham	74	Judith Robbins	66

Christmas Market

There will be a Village Hall Fundraiser Christmas Market on **Saturday 12th December** in the hall from 10:00am till 12 midday. There will be serving breakfast filled rolls, tea and coffee. Christmas Raffle tickets will be on sale

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE – Following the success of previous year’s efforts, we are running the Christmas Hamper raffle again this year. The Hamper will be loaded with Christmas goodies and there will be other prizes. Tickets are £1 each (or 6 for £5) from Rachel Smith.

The draw will take place on at 12 midday on **Saturday 12th December** at the close of the Christmas Market.

Christmas Card Delivery Service

As a service to our fellow villagers and in order to raise funds for the Village Hall we are repeating our Christmas card delivery service. We will be delivering cards throughout the villages of Lois Weedon and Weston about a week or so before Christmas. Donations will be gratefully received.

The “Big Red Post Box” will be at the Christmas Market on Saturday 12th December. Alternatively you could leave your cards for delivery (including any donation) at:

8 Vicarage Rise, Lois Weedon by Tuesday 15th December (at the latest)

Please could you clearly address the envelopes.

Thank you.

Rachel Smith (01327 860626), On behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee



Christmas Turkeys

Have you ordered your Christmas turkey yet? If not try our free range turkeys grown in the village at Home Close, Plumpton Rd, Weston.

Call Jill Jones on: 01295 768221

Weston & Lois Weedon Wine Club

We meet at the Baptist Chapel **second** Thursday of the month at 8pm (except August).

Derek Boughton, 01327 860006

May Day 2015

As was explained in the last edition of the Newsletter, each year we invite all of our local organisations in need of support to write to the committee to explain how much support they need and what the money will be used for.

The committee met recently to review the various requests for support and, after reserving sufficient funds to run subsequent events, we agreed to make the following donations:

Village Group requesting support	Amount donated	Reason for request/Project
Village Newsletter	£400	Newsletter printing & maintenance costs
Village Hall	£350	Resurface of car park
Lois Weedon Church (PCC)	£500	Specialist cleaning of Church stained glass windows
Senior Citizen's Fund	£500	Senior Citizen Christmas Lunch contribution
Car Scheme	£200	Running funds
St Loys School/Friends of School	£300	Outdoor Play Area for Reception Class
Parish Council	£150	Maintenance of Millennium Playing Field
Fireworks	£500	Donation towards village firework display
Horticultural Society	£300	Support for Annual Show

Comparison of May Day Funds shared over the past 5 years					
2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
£3,200	£4,400	£4,675	£2,500	£5,800	£4,076

Tree Planting

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the National Federation of Womens Institutes, 7 members planted a walnut tree in the Millennium Field. Thanks to Jonathan Highley, Mike Elkington and David Clarke for their assistance

Jenni Liversidge

Specials

Visible policing is an issue which is often brought to my attention by many local people across the county. I recognise the importance of a visible police force and as such, upon my appointment as the Police and Commissioner, I committed to protecting the 1,220 frontline officers; indeed Northamptonshire is one of only five forces in the country which has not reduced the number of its fulltime, regular officers. In addition to this, and to further increase the capacity and resource of Northamptonshire Police, I set the Force the ambitious target of increasing its Special Constabulary to 900 Special Constables; that's 900 additional officers on our streets and in our communities. I am now pleased to announce that Northamptonshire Police now has over 500 Special Constables!

This is a huge achievement giving Northants Police the largest Special Constabulary per head of population and the largest ratio of Specials to regular officers, in the country. This is testament not only to the hard work of the Force, but also the fantastic support of local people who want to give something back their community.

Special Constables are a vital asset to the Force and have contributed a great deal to Northamptonshire Police Force in this year alone; so far our recruits have made over 500 arrests and recorded over 1,000 crimes. Overall across South Northamptonshire, crime has fallen by 9 per cent in the last three years, which equates to 273 fewer victims of crime. Specials have and will continue to provide a valuable resource to enhance the work already been done by our protected full-time regular officers. Special Constables have been an integral part of Forces for many years, and are essential to providing a visible police force to make residents of local communities feel safe and secure within the county.

Want help finding a Parish Special Constable for Lois Weedon and Weston?

The ambition over time is to have a Parish Special Constable in each and every village. We would like to help you find a Parish Special constable for your village by inviting you to invite us to carry out a 'knock and drop' event. Knock and drops involve every house in a community being visited by PCSOs, Special Constables and other volunteers. We invite residents to attend a locally-held recruitment event, usually on the forthcoming Saturday at a venue such as the local pub or village hall. These events provide residents the opportunity to learn more about the role of Special Constables and how to apply, but also allows them to raise any wider policing concerns they may have locally.

If you would like any further information on becoming a Parish Special Constable please contact the Specials Recruitment Team at SpecialsRecruitment@northants.pnn.police.uk or phone 01604 888113.



WESTON AND WEEDON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

CUP WINNERS 2015



1	C.H. Middleton Cup	Most points in Vegetable classes in Members' Section	Ernie Wheeler
2	G.V. Dennis Cup	Best exhibit in Show	Alan Alcock
3	W.R.Lawrence Trophy	Sweet Pea class, Open Section	
4	Trustees Cup	Most points in Vegetable classes in Open Section	Mick Yates
5	Founder's Cup	Most points in Floral classes in Members' Section	
6	T.J. B. Humphrey Mem. Cup	Transplanted Onions, Members' Section	Jim Smith
7	F.M. Wills Memorial Trophy	Collection of Potatoes, Members' Section	Ernie Wheeler
8	M. Seckington Cup	Collection of Flowers, Open Section	Michael Cadd
9	B. Jones Challenge Cup	Most points in Open Section	Mick Yates
10	Mrs. B.E. Humphrey Cup	Most points in Open Cookery classes	Sarah Webb
11	Rose Bowl	Roses (3), Members' Section	Elsie Hatton
12	Tray	Best Children's Miniature Garden exhibit	Kitty Reid
13	D. Manning Cup	Most points in Children's Section	TJ Searle
14	John Willis Cup	Most points in Open Floral Art classes	Sheila French
15	J.J. Satchwell Trophy	Best exhibit in Floral classes, Members' Section	Michael Cadd
16	R.F. Haynes Shield	Pom-Pom Dahlias, Open Section	Mick Yates
17	Royal British Legion Cup	Most points Wappenham & Dist. B. L. classes	Doug Hatton
18	W. Drake Plate	Best exhibit in Open Wine classes	Sara Cousin
19	Daniel Clark Plate	Novice Potatoes class	Seth Wilde
20	Tony Allen Cup	Most points in Novice Vegetable classes	Joy Kirkham
21	Peggotty Trophy	Most points in Novice Floral classes	Diane Johnson
22	W.J. & B.J. Richards Shield	Best Allotment	Evan Jones
23	G. Moreau Plate	Best Individual Crop on Allotment	Doug Hatton
24	H. Busby Challenge Cup	Collection of Vegetables, Members' Section	Ernie Wheeler
25	Sitwell Challenge Cup	Best exhibit in Open Floral Art classes	Evelyn Wheeler
26	L.H.Wills Memorial Cup	Collection of Fruit, Open Section	Susanna Sitwell
27	A. Wilkins Memorial Plate	Nominated by Previous Year's Winner	John Maleham
28	G. Causebrook Rose Bowl	Awarded by the Society	Mr.&Mrs. Wheeler
29	Chrysanthemum Silver Medal	Best Vase in Show	Colin Hayter
30	Chrysanthemum Bronze Medal	Runner-up	Colin Hayter
31	Dahlia Silver Medal	Best Vase in Show	Alan Alcock
32	Dahlia Bronze Medal	Runner-up	Mick Yates
33	Guinness Cake Trophy	Guinness Cake, Cookery classes	Doug Hatton
34	Pat Quinn Memorial Trophy	Best Exhibit in Cookery classes	Polly Johnson
35	Rod Ainsworth Trophy	Best Exhibit from St. Loys School	Shem Thurman
36	Top Tray	Collection of Three Types of Vegetables	Mick Yates
37	Top Vase	Mixed Flowers of at least Two Types	Derek Higham