



Lois Weedon and Weston Newsletter



November/December 2017 – Winter Edition

From the Editor

In 3 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.

This will be the last edition of the Village Newsletter for 2017 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. Approximately 165 printed copies are delivered by hand and a further 50 (again 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 any organisation or individual in the Village for a small charge to cover costs.

The next edition of the Lois Weedon & Weston Newsletter will be in January 2018 and all material for that edition should be given to me by Friday, 5th January 2018. 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.

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 see inside the newsletter)

Sat., 9 Dec	Village Hall Christmas Market and Hamper Raffle – Refreshments and craft stalls from 9-12. Details on back page.
Sat., 9 Dec	Nativity in the Barn (Manor Farm, Lois Weedon Rd, Wappenham) – 3pm
Wed, 13 Dec	Village Bingo "Party Night" – Lois Weedon Village Hall. Doors Open 7:30pm, "Eyes Down" 8pm It will be a tombola bingo. Please feel free to wear Christmas hats, Christmas jumpers etc.
15, 16 & 17 Dec	Christmas Tree Festival – Details on page 6
Mon., 18 Dec	Senior Citizens Christmas Party – Details below
Wed, 20 Dec	Carol Singing , Lois Weedon; Meet at the lay-by near the Church at 6:30pm
Thu., 21 Dec	Carol Singing , Weston; Meet at the Crown Inn at 6:30pm
Fri/Sat 9/10 Feb	Drama Group Pantomime " Little Red Riding Hood " – Details in next edition

Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch

This has been booked for Monday Dec 18th in the **Village Hall, Lois Weedon**.

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.

Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

Thanks to everyone who supported me at the Coffee Morning on September 30th. I was able to send £385 to the funds, Special thanks to Rosemary Gulliver, Barbara Whitlock, Sarah Webb and Jill Jones

Jenni Liversidge

Coffee & Card

Every Tuesday Morning, 10.00 - 11.30,
Lois Weedon Village Hall. NN12 8PP
£5.00 a Session

Please Ring Penny Spademan to book a place on: 01295 768275
(if it goes to answerphone, please leave your name & contact number.)

Or email me on: penelopespademan@icloud.com

Parish Council News

Edited notes from the Parish Council meetings held on September 25th and November 27th in Weston Baptist Chapel. Detailed minutes are posted on the Village notice boards and website and also available from the Clerk to the Council.

September meeting: Attended by: 4 councillors, Clerk and 5 members of the public. Items discussed included:

Flood Risk. Concerns had been raised by local residents. The Council undertook to approach local landowners whose land adjoined the areas of potential flooding to resolve these potential problems

Casual Vacancy: It was decided to co-opt Mrs. Moira Hillman to fill the vacancy after Cllr Grover resigned.

Planning and Licensing Matters: The following applications were considered and no objections were made

S/2017/2225/TPO – Felling of tree at 21 Weston Road, Lois Weedon

S/2017/2041/MAF – New fishing ponds at Green Farm, Lois Weedon

SNC Local Plan Part 2A: Cllr. Elkington reported on the recent SNC briefing. It was noted that there seems to be no provision in the plan for new social or affordable housing in the Parish, or for housing for an aging population. This will be raised with SNC

St. Loys School parking and traffic up-date: Local residents addressed the meeting about the continuing and worsening problems with school parking and traffic flow. The Deputy Director of Education from the Dioceses of Peterborough will be visiting St. Loys in October and the problem will be raised. William Blake House is in discussion with the Village Hall about extending the use of the car park. The Council supported a proposal by Northants Highways to put waiting restrictions on the bend from Milthorpe into Astwell Road and suggested that similar restrictions should be introduced on the bend outside Bower House. The problem is on-going

St. Loys Forest School Project: A tree survey, required to ensure that the Castle Mound area is safe for children, will be carried out on 29th September.)

Finance Matters: Income and expenditure budget was reviewed and acknowledged to be on track. Specific attention was paid to the New Hones Bonus. Planned expenditure from this fund include a new marquee for use by village organisations and new picnic tables for the Millennium Field. The Council will approve the details of the proposed marquee before it is ordered.

Payments were approved for CGM (grass cutting), purchase of fireworks (delayed) and Clerk's salary, tax & expenses.

Defibrillators: Funding of £3000.00 has been obtained by the Village Hall Management committee, supported by the Council, to buy two defibrillators. It is intended to install these in the telephone boxes in each Village, subject to BT releasing the telephone boxes for our use.

Best Village Competition: The Parish was not successful in this year's competition, but feed-back from the judges was in general very positive. Their advice was that in future there should be more participation by local residents during the judging visit, and specifically more involvement by the school on the day, if possible.

NCALC Emergency Plan Survey: Creation of an Emergency Plan with useful contact details will be considered.

Milthorpe Flooding: The work by Anglian Water has been delayed. The latest estimated start date is 28th September.

Pot-holes on Plumpton Road: These will be reported to Street Doctor.

November meeting: Attended by 7 councillors, Clerk, 4 members of the public and District Cllr., Peter Davies

Items discussed included:

St. Loys School parking and traffic up-date: Cllr. Davies addressed the meeting and there was a discussion involving Councillors and local residents about possible solutions to the problem. The creation of an additional parking bay on Astwell Road was discussed, but the cost of this was considered prohibitive.. It was suggested that a possible solution could be an extension of the existing staff car park to provide space for drop-off and collection, with a "one way" traffic system in operation. The Council will follow-up on these proposals including direct engagement with the School, correspondence with our MP and the Diocese to support the need for urgent attention to this matter. It was agreed that the main purpose was to create a safe environment for the children as well as resolve the congestion.

NCC Cost Cuts could result in reduced road gritting service. NCC is expected to reduce gritting to 32% of the current network. Included in potential cuts are the Villages of Lois Weedon and Weston. The Council have raised strong concerns with NCC who had previously reduced the existing gritting bins in the Village on the grounds that we are a priority gritting route.

St. Loys Forest School Project: The Council reviewed various quotes for carrying out work which the tree survey of Castle Mound showed to be necessary. The work was awarded to the lowest quote, from CGM. The Council supports this project, subject to satisfactory risk assessment and appropriate insurance cover.

Defibrillators: BT has informed the PC that the telephone kiosk in Lois Weedon can be adopted as planned, but that the kiosk in Weston cannot, for “health and safety reasons”. An alternative location in Weston is being researched.

Finance Matters: Income and expenditure budget was reviewed and acknowledged to be on track. Specific attention was paid to the New Hones Bonus. Applications for grant support have been submitted directly by the Parish Council for a new marquee, 3 picnic benches and by the Village Hall Management Committee, supported by the Parish Council for up-grading the kitchen facilities at the Village Hall.

Payments were approved for CGM (grass cutting and tree survey), E.ON (street lighting), Fireworks World (purchase of fireworks), Colin Atkins (Neighbourhood Watch signs) and Clerk’s salary, tax & expenses.

In terms of the fireworks, it was explained that the actual costs would be met entirely by donation (May Day and private contribution).

Milthorpe: Discussion took place regarding cones and wooden stakes that had been placed on verges in Milthorpe. The resident concerned explained that they had done so to protect their property from damage from passing vehicles in Milthorpe. It was noted that this problem is in addition to the School traffic issue and will be kept under review.

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 29th January 2018 at 8.00 p.m. in the Baptist Chapel, Weston



Weston & Weedon Horticultural Society

5 for the garden



- Don’t make work for yourself by collecting dead leaves. Provided they are pushed away from the crown of plants they’ll act as a mulch.
- Insulate your pots with bubble wrap in the colder months.
- Plant a local apple tree. In Northamptonshire that could be a Lord Burghley, which produces dark red apples with aromatic flesh.
- Now is the time to get your trees and plants into shape but don’t go overboard.
- Visit the Higgins Museum in Bedford to view an exhibition celebrating the role of trees in British landscape painting.

Thank You !!!

We already planning next year’s show but before that the Society would like to recognise the support of our many sponsors. A big thank you to the following:

John Archard Jones, R J Abbott & Son, Andy Seckington, Speedsport Promotions, Garry Flounders, Gill Milner, Len Panell, Mr & Mrs D Kirkham, P Carew, Clyde Burbidge, Ivor Jones, William Sitwell, John & Jill Jones, D Webb, Delia Jones & Evelyn Wheeler, Kevin Bunting & Sons, Hydramex, Terry Williams, George Bates, Mr & Mrs Robinson, Dorothy Humphrey, Robin & Sheila French, Alan Davies, Colin Atkins, Mr & Mrs P Smith Gary Penn, Doug Hatton, Dave Clark, Mick Wills.

...and anyone else who made a donation. Without this our show would not be possible. THANK YOU.

Graham Ellis



From your Rector.....

Everywhere it seems that the countdown to the Festive season has begun again and before the lights from our firework celebrations have even completely faded from our night skies they are replaced with the twinkling of Christmas lights.

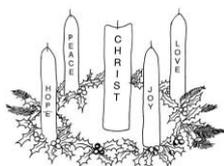
For many that signals the start of the traditional planning, buying and wrapping of presents for family and friends, and of course Christmas itself started with a present from God.

The gift of a baby - born in a manger, destined to change the world. Jesus Christ.

While on earth Jesus actually gave few material things to people, instead he gave gifts that were treasures of the heart; such as belief in self, inner healing, peace of mind, compassion, forgiveness, dignity and justice.

This loving presence lives on in each and every one of us, but it seems that it only really gets truly tapped into at Christmas, when we dedicate a whole season to "Peace on Earth and goodwill to all".

So why not make the most of it!



Christmas preparations start on **December 3rd** when you are invited to join us at St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon as we begin our countdown to Christmas Night by blessing and lighting of all six of our Benefice Advent wreaths. This is a pretty spectacular sight and gets us in the Christmas spirit ready for all our Christmas Services.

Then **On December 9th** we will be holding our popular "Nativity in the Barn" at 3pm at Manor Barn, Wappenham (the same venue as last year). Come along to see the Nativity story told with real animals, grown ups can enjoy a glass or two of mulled wine and there are mince pies for everyone, including our Donkeys!. Remember to wrap up warm!



On **Thursday 14th** we welcome **St Loys School** to the Church for their Christmas Nativity and Service at 6pm



On **Sunday the 17th of December** do come along to Church at 3pm to help make all the Christingles and make sure you pack yours with sweets ready for our **Candlelit Children's Society Christingle service at 3.30pm**. You might even find yourself inside our own giant Christingle!

December 16th sees the start of our **Christmas Tree Festival** with **The Lighting of our Trees** to include drinks and Christmas nibbles. **The Festival is on all weekend** and on Monday **December 18th** we will be holding special **Village Carols by Candlelight Service at 6pm**.



If you would like to sponsor a tree, or decorate one contact: frank.hunter@btinternet.com

And on **Christmas Eve** we have our **Candlelit Family join in Nativity at 2pm**. **Midnight Mass** at the slightly earlier time of **11pm** is at **Syresham** this year with a **9.30pm Christmas Night Communion at Helmdon**, lifts are available.

And on **Christmas Morning** we will be holding our traditional **Christmas Day Communion Service** at the slightly later time of **11am**.

Looking ahead to post Christmas, our New Year's Eve Communion is at Helmdon at 11am and on January 7th we will be at Lois Weedon (again at 11am) for our Epiphany celebrations. Lifts are available, just contact the Churchwardens.

Back to Christmas: Details of Village Carol Singing are printed below and you are more than welcome to join us around Lois and Weston as we sing.

Well I'm off to dust off my Christmas Boots and twinkly lights, but I'm also off to pray that this year we may get a step closer to Peace on Earth and that more of us will come to realise that Christ's gifts isn't just for Christmas but can be used again and again, and these batteries never run out!

And remember...



LOIS WEEDON & WESTON CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE VILLAGES 20th and 21st DECEMBER

If you would like to sing with us (we'd love to have you join us) or collect any money donated in a bucket - please come along; it will be a great evening and we promise lots of fun and laughter!

20th December LOIS WEEDON: Meet at 6.30pm in the Layby by the church at the bottom of the hill. We aim to cover Lois Weedon to include The Green, Vicarage Rise and round by the school to end in Milthorpe. An ambitious programme but we should be finished (one way or another) by 9.30pm - anyway that's the plan!

21st December WESTON: We will meet in The Crown at 6.30pm then traverse the village and aim to return to The Crown, where the Landlord, Mikey, has generously offered to put on a hot punch for us when we have finished or around 9.30pm.

Do remember to dress in suitable clothing, bring your own flashlight (torch) and possibly something to keep you warm inside between any libations that may be offered.

All monies collected will be used for the General Funds of our Parish Church.

Enquiries: Frank Hunter 01327 860597 Mike Streten 01327 860202

Christmas Tree Festival, 2017

We are planning a Christmas Tree Festival in Lois Weedon Church on the 15th, 16th and 17th December. The tree can be in any form, real or artificial and any size or shape. The last time we had a festival we had some really ingenious creations. We would like the tree to be on display from Friday 15th until Monday 18th.

On Friday there will be a preview from 6:30 till 8:30pm with refreshments. If you or your organisations would like to enter a tree at a cost of £20 for Church funds, would you please contact us by Sunday 19th November. We look forward to hearing from you

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Lois Weedon & Weston Village Trust

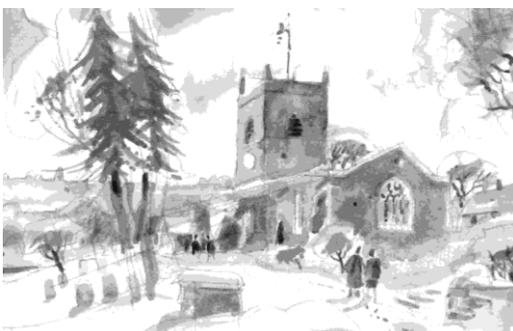
Did you know that "The Lois Weedon & Weston Village Trust" has existed, using a number of different names, for nearly 150 years? Or that the Trustees of the Charity are custodians of a portion of agricultural land to the west of Weston, which was bequeathed to provide an income to help those in need within the Parishes?

Recently "The Trust" has provided small gifts at Christmas time to those who are unwell and to the elderly, as well as helping to part-fund the Village Christmas Meal for the over 65s.

But it also exists to give financial help to anyone living in the parishes of Lois Weedon and Weston who find themselves in need. Resources are limited so this help can only be a one off offer of assistance at the discretion of the Trustees.

If you need help yourself or know of someone who deserves to be considered, then please do make contact by phone, email or letter. This, and any help the trustees can give, will be completely confidential.

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Lois Weedon Church Christmas Card. (in colour)

From an original Watercolour Painting by Peter French.

Cards are £5 for 10. In aid of Lois Weedon Church

Contact Frank Hunter on 01327 860597

or email frank.hunter@btinternet.com

Weston & Lois Weedon Film Club

Memorable movies on your doorstep!

Join us for the second half of our Film Club season with another great selection of films to take us from the dark days of winter through to the brighter evenings of spring.

Thanks again to our Members for creating another diverse and exciting schedule. If you haven't visited us for a while, you're in for a treat; a new 3-metre super-wide screen, new sound system and a new projector enabling us to show **Blu-ray discs in full HD!**

It's never too late to join us. Entry is just £5 to watch your first film, then £2 admission per film for the rest of our season. You are welcome to bring along a friend (or two!) for a further £3 each. The club is open to anyone in Weston, Lois Weedon and the surrounding villages. We are non profit-making – after paying for Village Hall hire and our annual MPLC licence, any surplus money is ploughed back into buying refreshments and improving the overall Film Club experience.

All films are screened at Lois Weedon Village Hall. Doors open at 7.30 for a 7.45 film start.

EVENT NIGHTS DIARY – January to March 2018

Tue Jan 16th: ***"The Jungle Book"*** (*An HD presentation on Blu-ray! 2016, adventure/drama/family, 1hr 46m, Cert PG)

After a threat from the tiger Shere Khan forces him to flee the jungle, a man-cub named Mowgli embarks on a journey of self discovery with the help of panther, Bagheera, and free spirited bear, Baloo.

Stars: Neel Sethi, Bill Murray, Ben Kingsley. IMDb rating: 7.5, Rotten Tomatoes rating: 95%

Tue Jan 30th: ***"Spotlight"*** (*An HD presentation on Blu-ray! 2015, crime/drama/history, 2hr 08m, Cert 15)

The true story of how the Boston Globe uncovered the massive scandal of child molestation and cover-up within the local Catholic Archdiocese, shaking the entire Catholic Church to its core.

Stars: Mark Ruffalo, Michael Keaton, Rachel McAdams. IMDb rating: 8.1, Rotten Tomatoes rating: 97%

Tue Feb 13th: ***"Scandal"*** (1989, drama/history, 1hr 55m, Cert 18)

Based on the Profumo Scandal of 1963, an affair between an exotic dancer and the Minister of War shakes up the British government.

Stars: John Hurt, Joanne Whalley, Bridget Fonda. IMDb rating: 6.5, Rotten Tomatoes rating: 91%

Tue Feb 27th: ***"Angel Heart"*** (*An HD presentation on Blu-ray! 1987, horror/mystery/thriller, 1hr 53m, Cert 18)

A private investigator is hired by a man who calls himself Louis Cyphre to track down a singer named Johnny Favorite. But the investigation takes an unexpected and sombre turn.

Stars: Mickey Rourke, Robert De Niro, Lisa Bonet. IMDb rating: 7.3, Rotten Tomatoes rating: 79%

Tue Mar 13th: ***"A United Kingdom"*** (*An HD presentation on Blu-ray! 2016, biography/drama/romance, 1hr 51m, Cert 12A)

The story of King Seretse Khama of Botswana and how his loving but controversial marriage to a British white woman, Ruth Williams, put his kingdom into political and diplomatic turmoil.

Stars: David Oyelowo, Rosamund Pike, Tom Felton. IMDb rating: 6.8, Rotten Tomatoes rating: 83%

Tue Mar 27th: ***"Hidden Figures"*** (*An HD presentation on Blu-ray! 2016, biography/drama/history, 2hr 07m, Cert PG)

The story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space programme.

Stars: Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe. IMDb rating: 7.8, Rotten Tomatoes rating: 92%

You can always check films and dates on our website: www.wlwfilmclub.co.uk

Trevor & Jonathan, Weston & Lois Weedon Film Club

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 19th October. Attendance was ‘light’ but encouraging; the finance accounts were reported as solid and positive; no major issues were raised. The change of management committee was noted

Recent Winners of Village Hall ‘100 Club’ Lottery

October 2017		November 2017	
Graham & Linda Jardine	27	Colin Atkins	71
Ivor Jones	94	Frank & Maralynn Hunter	55
Mike Streten	56	Elsie Hatton	40

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 9th December** at the close of the Christmas Market.

Horse Race Night in aid of the Village Hall and Plumpton Church

Thank to everyone who attended our Horse Race Night on October and the generous sponsors.

We had a very enjoyable evening as usual and made over £1,500 which was divided between the Village Hall and Plumpton Church.

Special thanks go to Jonathan Staples and Paul Smith (the men behind the technical side), Helena and Derek Boughton (for managing the tote and who had to work hard all evening), Clyde Burbidge (what a fabulous auctioneer, who kept everyone entertained) Jill Jones and Sarah Webb (our caterers who served up a delicious supper).

We look forward to next year and if you would like to sponsor a race next year please let us know as we already have some sponsors who are interested to be involved and we would not to like to disappoint anyone.

Rachel Smith & Diane Hunt

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 so I send it out by email, but not everyone is on my email distribution list.

If you would like to receive this information and you are not already on my “News for the Parish” distribution list or you know of anyone who would like the updates then email me loisweedonpaul@gmail.com and I’ll update the list

Paul Smith

High Speed Community Broadband.

This service is based on a high-speed private fibre-optic connection to a central hub and distributed by WiFi around each of the participating villages in the Tove Valley. The system is installed and maintained by teams of volunteers. Each of the member households are now benefiting from a stable and consistent service of at least 30Mbit/s – that’s about 50 to 60 times faster than the equivalent service from a well known telecom company.

There are currently over 600 users on this system across the whole network. In Lois Weedon, Weston & Plumpton we currently have 120 homes connected (or soon to be connected) – that’s about 75% coverage, by the way.

Anyone interested in joining the system or to find out more about it go to www.tovevalley.com and register.

Paul Smith

WEA – Workers’ Educational Association

The forthcoming WEA course. This starts on Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 2.00pm till 4.00pm at the Weston Chapel. It will be on for 10 weeks which includes a break for Half term in February.

The course costs £53.90, and the speaker will be Mike Ingram on Medieval History. These courses are very enjoyable and also a great insight into our history, everyone is welcome and we would be very pleased to see anyone who would care to join us. The first session is free, so do come along to see whether you would like to join us.

Peggie Clarke WEA Secretary, (01295 768133)

LOIS WEEDON & WESTON VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 9th December

from 9:00am till 12 midday.

“Full English” breakfast served from 9am

Market stall holders include:

Anne Marshall (cakes, marmalade & chutney)

David Jarrett (Bee Happy Bug Houses)

Penny Spademan, (handmade cards)

Jan Parmenter & Linda Jardine (potted bulbs & Christmas gifts)

Kath Braunston (Holly Farm Crafts)

Towcester Mill Brewery (Beers & Ales)

Fruit & Veg stall

Second hand book stall

If you would like to order fruit & veg and collect on the day,
Call Rachel on 01327 860626.

**Market
Address:**

Village Hall, Milthorpe,
Lois Weedon, NN12 8PP

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 9th December. Alternatively you could leave your cards for delivery (including any donation) in the white post box at:

8 Vicarage Rise, Lois Weedon by Saturday 16th (at the latest) for delivery on Sunday 17th December

Please could you clearly address the envelopes (at least to the best of your knowledge). Thank you.

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