



Lois Weedon and Weston Newsletter



November/December 2018 – 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 2018 and it's been a very busy year. However, apologies for the sporadic publishing schedule this year. The Newsletter is normally 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. Now the original "office-class" copier, which was originally purchased with a grant from the Parish Council, is in need of either expensive repair or replacement. I am considering applying for funding support or organising some sort of fundraising myself. Watch this space. In the meantime I am relying on a standard printer. Slower but just as effective (when it doesn't jam).

The next edition of the Lois Weedon & Weston Newsletter will be in January 2019 and all material for that edition should be given to me by Saturday, 5th January 2019. 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.

On that note, I would like to welcome Alan, Catherine and Matthew Eastwood who recently moved into Middlethorpe, and welcome to Mrs Alison Allen, the new head teacher at St Loys, who has written a short introduction about herself. 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., 17 Nov	Sing Along, The Greatest Showman , Village Hall at 6:00pm. Tickets £5 from Danielle (07803 760727) - BYO Drinks
Thu., 22 Nov	Singing Recital , Weston Baptist Chapel at 3:00 pm – details on page 4
Mon., 26 Nov	Parish Council Meeting , Weston Baptist Chapel at 8:00 pm
Sat., 8 Dec	Village Hall Christmas Market and Hamper Raffle – Refreshments and craft stalls from 9-12. Details on back page.
Mon., 17 Dec	Senior Citizens Christmas Party – Details below
Tue, 18 Dec	Carol Singing , Lois Weedon; meet at the lay-by near the Church at 6:30pm
Wed, 19 Dec	Carol Singing , Lois Weedon; Meet in the Village Hall car park at 6:30pm
Thu., 20 Dec	Carol Singing , Weston; Meet at the Crown Inn at 6:30pm

Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch

This has been booked for Monday Dec 17th 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

Many thanks to everyone who supported my Macmillan Coffee Morning in September which raised £467. Special thanks to helpers Chris Templeman, Barbara Whitlock & Sarah Webb and to Rosemary Gulliver for use of the chapel room. Special thanks to Alex Riley and her dancing ladies who donated £100. Alex holds a dance club in the Village Hall on Monday evenings, 7:15 to 8:15. New recruits are always welcome.

Jenni Liversidge, 18 Middlethorpe

Parish Council News

Edited notes from the Parish Council meetings held on **September 24th** and **October 8th** 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: 3 councillors, Clerk. Items discussed included:

Planning and Licensing Matters: The following applications were considered One was deferred and the others were for information only

- **S/2018/2170/FUL:** Land west of Helmdon Road, Weston. Construction of 9 dwellings. It was agreed that a separate planning meeting should be held when more councillors can be present. (See notes from Oct 8th)
- **S/2018/ 1946/AGP:** Land east of Banbury Lane, Weston (for information only)
- **S/2018/1948/AGD:** Land at Green Farm, Weedon Lois (for information only)
- **S/2018/1985/TCA:** Stone House Farm, Helmdon Road, Weston (for information only)
- **S/2018/1989/TCA:** 22 High Street, Weston (for information only)

Planning related discussion:

1, Kettle End, Weedon Lois. SNC have not yet checked whether the extension complies with permitted development rules, but will do so as soon as they can.

1, Middlethorpe, Weedon Lois. Access to parking area. There is not yet any official response from the owners.

Finance Matters: Income and expenditure budget was reviewed and acknowledged to be on track. The New Homes Bonus funds were explained. Projects funded so far from NHB funds are the website, fencing around the Millennium Field, new picnic tables on the Millennium Field, the new marquee and the up-grade of the Village Hall kitchen.

There is now £2,754.97 available to claim for suitable projects.

Payments were approved for CGM (grass cutting), Hire of Baptist Chapel and Clerk's salary, tax & expenses.

Defibrillators: One has been installed on the outside wall of the Village Hall in Weedon Lois. The installation of the second defibrillator at the Baptist Chapel in Weston is due soon. Training in their use is to follow

Grit Bins: Northamptonshire Highways intend to remove the grit bins on Helmdon Road, Weston and High Street / Wappenham Road. The Clerk was asked to protest about the removal of these bins. (Other bins in the Parish are not affected and will continue to be maintained and filled by Northamptonshire Highways.)

Telephone Kiosk, Milthorpe. It is planned to repaint the interior and exterior of the telephone box and install shelves to create a mini library. It is hope that this will be funded by the New Homes Bonus

October 8th meeting: Attended by 5 councillors and the Clerk

This was an extraordinary meeting to consider a recent planning application.

S/2018/2170/FUL: Land west of Helmdon Road, Weston

Demolition of agricultural buildings, conversion and extension of stone farm building to create two dwellings and the construction of seven additional dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping.

The Council unanimously agreed to object to the application.

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 26th November 2018 at 8.00 p.m. in the Baptist Chapel, Weston

New Head Teacher at St Loys Primary Academy

My name is Alison Allen and I was honoured to be asked to become head teacher at St Loys Primary Academy in June 2018. I am also head teacher at Chacombe Primary Academy on the edge of South Northants, near to Banbury. Both schools are in the Evolve Church Academy Trust alongside Culworth and Boddington Primary Academies.

I have been a head teacher for just over two years and have been a primary school teacher for over 20 years. I love my job and consider it a privilege to spend my days with such wonderful young people.

I love music and consider it extremely important that all children have access to music, whether through singing in a choir or learning to play a musical instrument. I play the piano and sing at every opportunity. I also enjoy being outside and visiting Cornwall as much as possible.

It is vital that St Loys remains an important part of the church and village community in which it sits and I hope to develop and foster the wonderful links that are already in place. We will endeavour to keep the community informed of our events throughout the year to which you are always welcome.

Alison Allen

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 31st October. The finance accounts were reported as “recovering” after a year with significant expenses offset partially by grant funding from SNC and Northamptonshire Community Foundation. Improvements to the hall facilities included a new upgraded kitchen, replacement windows throughout the hall and defibrillators (one fitted to the hall and one in the Baptist Chapel in Weston) . The change of management committee was noted.

Contract Cleaner Required

Judith Robbins, who has done a sterling job for the past six years, will be leaving us at Christmas. The job entails cleaning the hall on a weekly basis – typically 2 hours per week. This is a self-employed role. Judith is willing to show what work is required. For further details contact Rachel Smith (01327 860626)

Recent Winners of Village Hall ‘100 Club’ Lottery

October 2018		November 2018	
Joy Kirkham	12	Jessica Smith	76
Paul Smith	91	Joy Kirkham	12
Ric Harkin	3	Mark & Sarah Williams	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 8th December** at the close of the Christmas Market.

Horse Race Night in aid of the Village Hall and Friends of Lois Weedon Church

We would like to thank everyone who helped at Race Night and to thank everyone who supported the event so generously on the night. Thank you to all our sponsors and those who advertised in the Race Programme. Thank you to Clyde Burbidge for his excellent skills as an auctioneer and to Jonathan Staples for running the DVD, to Derek & Helena Boughton for running the Tote and to Paul Smith who was our master of ceremonies.

We raised an impressive amount of money - £790.05 each to the Village Hall and Friends of Lois Weedon Church

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

A Village Celebration

In 2020 Lois Weedon and Weston WI will be celebrating its 100th Birthday. There will be lots going on and we hope you will join us for the celebrations.

We are planning a community project of giving the Church a number of kneelers. So we are on the lookout for children and adults who can help us with the sewing of these. In January we will have a coffee morning in the Village Hall to discuss the project. Look out for the flyers.

Sue Taylor (President) and the WI Committee,

Can you buy a cup of coffee for your church?

Not for the first time your church is having to ask for more support from the community. Before you ask what has happened to the money raised in the appeal which we had a few years ago which raised £30,000, the answer is that much of that is still in the bank, and is earmarked for 'Fabric and Restoration' only. Out of the £30,000 raised we have recently paid £13,000 for essential building repairs. We were also obliged to install a roof alarm system (at a cost of £5000) to guard against lead theft, (which is sadly becoming more and more common) as we would not be insured for more than a fraction of the cost of replacement otherwise. We have had some help from the 'Friends of the Church' and a donation from the May Day Committee to buy a security camera. So, after all this, the balance in that account stands now at over £16,000. The crack in the chancel is still being monitored and has thankfully still not deteriorated enough to need any action as yet.

The 'Operating' account is a very different story however and if we don't have an increase in support we will very shortly run out of money completely. We have a small but loyal number of regular donors who, between them, just about raise enough to pay our share of what has to go to the Diocese. This amounts to £150 every week. However it costs a further £85 a week to pay for heating, lighting, insurance, mowing and other expenses.

The average weekly cost to run the church in the first 10 months of this year has been £235

The average weekly income in the first 10 months of this year has been £176.

We are losing money at the rate of £59 each week.

The Benefice as a whole are asking regular givers to increase the amount which they already give, but I hate to ask for more from those who have given incredibly generously over many years. I read about a parish who have asked the community to donate the cost of a pint of beer a week towards saving their church. If only 20 people would give the cost of a cup of coffee, roughly £3.00 a week, by standing order or direct debit it would immediately alleviate the problem. If they were taxpayers we could also claim another 25% Gift Aid on top.

Perhaps you have no interest in coming to church and don't see why you should support it for the sake of those who do, but it is just as much your village church as anyone else's, and is part of the heritage of the village. If your children (or you) were, or are, at St Loy's School this church has been a big part in their lives. If you were married there, or want a burial from there, or a baptism, if you ever come to a Carol Service, or if you just walk through the churchyard occasionally we hope that you would like to help ensure its future.

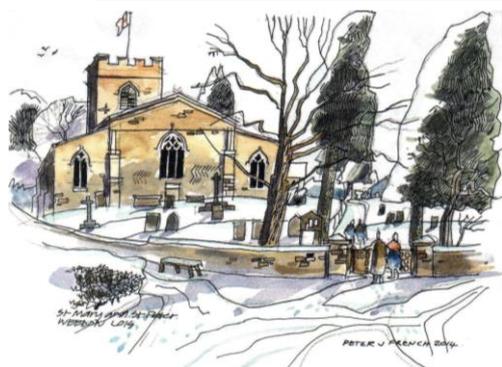
Please think about responding to this appeal. Even £1 a week from enough people would be sufficient. I sincerely hope that I will be able to report in the next Newsletter that we have had a successful response. Thank you for reading this.

Bank details. Natwest Stony Stratford

Sort Code: 55 70 06

Ac no: 07807848

Or contact Terry Tyler terrytyleruk@gmail.com 01327 860277



Lois Weedon Church Christmas Card. (in colour)

'Christmas cards are available featuring another beautiful watercolour of Lois Weedon Church by Peter French, by kind permission of Mrs Patricia French.

Packs of 10 for £5.

Please contact Frank Hunter 01327 860597 or

frank.hunter@btinternet.com

or Margaret Seckington on 01295 760487'

Singing Recital.

One of our members, Christine Limb is taking her advanced certificate exam in singing. You are warmly invited to come along to Weston Chapel on Thursday 22nd November, at 3pm to hear her recital programme of seven songs. This will be followed by a singalong where you can choose your favourite songs from song sheets that will be provided. Tea and coffee will be served. No charge but donations greatly appreciated which will be put towards the cost of clearing and tidying up the Weston Graveyard.

Rosemary Gulliver

Weston Hall Supper Club

I was kindly given a ticket for the William Sitwell's Supper Club on 21st September.

This time the chef was Italian. All three rooms were filled to capacity. Nearly all were strangers to me but Ivor Jones sat next to me – he's no stranger.

We started off with canapes. Roman Suppli and Crostini with Tuscan chicken livers – very very nice. Ivor had a second helping. The main course didn't really appeal to me but judging by the clean plates it did to most eaters. I enjoyed the slow cooked cabbage and Borlotti beans but not the Beef Ragu. I found it a bit fatty. Then came the dessert – always my weakness – Giancarlo's Tiramisu with Vin Santo, almond biscuits from Sienna with coffee – I die for.

I look forward to the next supper, always a different chef who is always out to please our palate.

Jenny Wilde



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Murder at Priorswell Manor

Dear Folks

I went on to my “never failure” trip to the Village Hall on the 15th September, also full of anticipation, to my favourite Drama Club performing “Murder at Priorswell Manor”. When I arrived my special chair was reserved, made myself comfortable and the curtains went up. I'm always amazed how the amateur performers present such a great setting décor and lighting and sound – just wonderful. The story was intriguing and gripping and I must admit know when the prompter was needed was that in the script. My only criticism is the use of the prompter, please, please learn your lines. Otherwise it's uncomfortable and embarrassing for the audience. The costumes were very good and appropriate for the year it was performed. As usual I thoroughly enjoyed my evening but not very pleased with local inhabitants. The Village Hall wasn't full and there were many outsiders. Please, please local folks support this worthy cause. All amateurs working very hard to entertain us on our doorstep. Don't be apathetic; get out, grab a seat and you'll never regret it

Thank you, once again Drama Group. At east you have entertained me. I look forward to the next perfor4mance. God willing, I will be there,

Your No 1Fan

Jenny Wilde

Weston Chapel Food Bank

An opportunity to give to the Towcester Foodbank, there will be a box outside Weston Chapel in which you can leave any contributions on Monday mornings 10am-12noon, Tuesday mornings 9.30am – 12noon, Wednesday mornings 9.30am –12noon and Sunday mornings 10am -12noon.

Rosemary Gulliver

LOIS WEEDON & WESTON VILLAGE HALL

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 8th December

from 9:00am till 12 midday.



“Full English” breakfast served from 9am

Market stall holders include:

Annie’s Pantry (cakes, marmalade & chutney)

Towcester Mill Brewery (Beers & Ales)

Penny Spademan, (handmade cards)

David Jarrett (Bee Happy Bug Houses)

Lois Weedon Church:

(Christmas cards of St Mary & St Peter - designed by Peter French)

(Wreaths)

Fruit & Veg stall

Second hand book stall

Posh Tombola - £1 a ticket

Hamper Raffle



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 8th 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 15th (at the latest) for delivery on Sunday 16th 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

