

# Lois Weedon and Weston Newsletter

September/October 2021 – Autumn Edition

## From the Editor

At this time of year I publish a summary of Village Organisations to inform new residents, and to remind existing residents, about the 30+ organisations and activities in our community. I usually then encourage folks to get involved with any of these local activities. Sadly, for the past 18 months most of them have suspended their activities “on hold until further notice” due to Covid-19 restrictions. Well as we approach the end of the year, usually a time of increased social activity, there are signs of organisations coming out of “hibernation”, albeit still a tad “Covid Cautious”. So I have included the list and recommend that you regard this, at least, as a reference list for the future and perhaps get involved as the various activities in the community pick up. And look forward with optimism to 2022.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Cheryl Warner and Ricardo Maciel who recently moved into Weston. Cheryl has moved all the way from Wappenham where she been lodging for the past year. Ricardo is originally from Brazil and is a qualified flying instructor for powered paragliding and other aeronautical shenanigans. He sent me a very interesting resume of his flying exploits which I hope to expand into a future article (space permitting, Ricardo !!).

The Parish Council has been asked to participate in the “Plant a Tree for the Jubilee”, to mark the forthcoming Queens Platinum Jubilee. We are inviting suggestions for where residents would like to see the addition of new trees.

Please contact the Parish Clerk with your suggestions - Ken Power (01327 860054; [wlp@parishclerk@outlook.com](mailto:wlp@parishclerk@outlook.com))

The Village Hall fundraising activities have been very restricted over the past 18 months but we are still running the 200-Club Lottery and although we will not be organising Race Night this autumn, we are hoping to relaunch that event in the Spring. Similarly, we are uncertain if we will be able to organise a Christmas Market this year but we will be running a Christmas Card Delivery Service – more details regarding the practicalities in next edition.

For those of who are members of the Newsletter Facebook page you will be aware of the growing collection of old photos of the village and the community being shared on that page. Pictures of people no longer with us now, buildings still here but changed beyond recognition and events that occurred long before the advent of social media.

If you are not a member, ask to join the group and browse, [www.facebook.com/groups/LoisWeedonWestonNews](https://www.facebook.com/groups/LoisWeedonWestonNews)

The next and final edition of this year’s newsletters will be the November/December 2021 edition and all material for that edition should be given to me by Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The first edition of 2022 will be in January. I hope and pray that 2022 will bring us some respite and recovery and a return to some semblance of normality

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## Dates for your Diary

(Yes we are starting to advertise events !!)

Sept 25 - 26	<b>Apple Harvest Weekend</b> , Canons Ashby See details on page 7 and website: <a href="http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/canons-ashby">www.nationaltrust.org.uk/canons-ashby</a>
Mon., Sept 27	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> , 8:00 pm Lois Weedon Village Hall
Sat., Oct 2	<b>Open Mic Night</b> . Baptist Chapel, Weston – see page 6 for further details
Wed., Oct 6	<b>Lois Weedon &amp; Weston WI AGM</b> . 7:30pm Lois Weedon Village Hall. See page 6
Wed., Oct 20	<b>Village Hall Annual Meeting</b> , 7:30pm in Lois Weedon Village Hall – All welcome –
Sat., Oct 30	<b>Harvest Supper</b> organised by Lois Weedon & Weston WI in the Village Hall – proceeds in aid of the British Legion -

## Winners of Village Hall ‘200 Club’ Lottery

August 2021		September 2021	
Elsie Hatton	19	John Busby	15
Ken Power	5	Steve & Lis Cockrell	175
Penny Spademan	89	Dave Abbott	90
Win Seaman	117	Gill Milner	88

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

During Covid restrictions, the draw will still take place on or close to the first Wednesday of the month.

Prizes are £25, £15, £10, £5. - We still have lottery numbers available.

*Many thanks to all the members who have renewed their lottery membership (and paid !!)*

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# Weston & Lois Weedon Film Club

*Memorable movies on your doorstep!*

Dear Film-lovers!

After a long absence we plan to re-start Film Club in November this year. We will send an update nearer the opening date with full details.

*Jane Pomeroy, Alan Davies, Graham Jardine, Pete Templeman*



**Lois Weedon & Weston WI**



Our September meeting was our first 'face to face' since March 2019. Our speaker, John Wood, played excerpts of old comedy radio shows. This brought back many memories !

We organised a trip to Stevington to see Kathy Brown's garden. We were disappointed with the lack of enthusiasm for this event and only 6 of us went, and 2 of those were not W. I. Members.

Our WI AGM will be on October 6<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall. Nominations are needed for next year's Committee. Three of the current Committee members are not standing for re-election. In order to continue as a W.I., A President, Secretary and Treasurer are the minimum requirements.

Our Village Hall AGM will be on Wednesday October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30 pm in the Hall. All Villagers and users of the hall are welcome to attend.

On Thursday October 21<sup>st</sup> Byfield WI are holding our next Link meeting in Byfield Village Hall.

At the 4.00 pm service in the Church on the 24<sup>th</sup> October our Centenary project of Church Kneelers will be handed over, and will be on display. We are hoping that all those involved with the making and donations towards the costs together with anyone else who is interested, will join us to celebrate this historic occasion.

On Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> there will be a HARVEST SUPPER in the Village Hall, organised by the W.I., with all proceeds in aid of the British Legion. More details later, and Tickets will be on sale soon.

The speaker for our November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be Christine Farmer entitled 'Where there's a Quill there's a Play' about Shakespeare.

The 1<sup>st</sup> December meeting will be a chance for all our members to get together and have a catch up with each other.

Our Annual dinner will be in the Village Hall on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2022.

Our W.I is seeking new members to bring new ideas and new faces and friends into our group to enable us to advance positively into our new centenary. If you are interested, please contact us, or just come as a Visitor to one of our meetings. They are held on the **first Wednesday** of every month. We start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The current committee are :-

President - Sue Taylor, Treasurer - Edwina Kidd, Secretaries - Louise King, & Sally Neville, Village Hall - Rachel Smith, Meet & Greet - Pam Palmer, Door & Raffle - Peggie Clarke.

*Sue Taylor*

## **WI Visit to Kathy Brown's Garden, Stevington, Bedfordshire**

Six of us went to visit Kathy Brown's Garden on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. It is a 4½ acres of absolutely stunning garden with different areas: long arbours with roses and clematis, water feature, shaped hedges, a beautiful assortment of flowers, shrubs and trees, wild areas, children's play house and play area surrounded by swathes of bamboo and other tall grasses.

There were plenty of seats and tables in the main lawn area where we had tea and coffee with Kathy's home-made cake and had a lovely stroll around the garden stopping every so often to contemplate all the beautiful array of colours.

The weather was perfect and we had a fabulous time. Thank you Edwina for organising the trip and booking the tickets

*Rachel Smith*

## News from the Rectory

This month I have some very good news to report – makes a change from all the stress of the previous 18 months or so! Firstly, I was finally welcomed into the Benefice in a lovely Induction Service on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September, at Syresham. It felt very special to be surrounded by friends old and new as we finally were able to have the traditional service where I was ‘installed’ in the Rector’s stall and led around the church to symbolically take hold of my ‘living’ by grasping the door handle and then to ring the bell to signify how long I would stay – the bell rang 8 times I am told!

The second piece of good news is that following correspondence and voting from people on the church electoral rolls across the Benefice, and an open meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup>, it was confirmed by a more than two thirds majority that the parishes of the Benefice wished to remain part of the united Astwell Benefice structure. From the viewpoint of Lois Weedon and Weston, this means that the parish continues to have input into the Benefice life and will be represented on the Benefice PCC and joint committees for Worship, Finance, Pastoral care and social events. However, the structure also allows for local control of church and churchyard maintenance and enhancement, local parish finances and parish based social event planning. This plan now needs to be signed off by the Bishop – to my mind, another opportunity for a celebration when that sign-off happens!

The main advantages are that there will be support for Lois Weedon and Weston parish from the larger Benefice group, and I will be freed to do what I consider to be the most important parts of a Parish Priest’s job – arranging worship, carrying out pastoral care, journeying with people through life events and taking baptism services, weddings, and funerals out of that ministry and supporting everyone in their Christian walk of faith.

This time of the year is very much about new beginnings – new school year, children going on to new schools or university or out into the world of work. This year is also a time of new beginnings as I begin to work with you and the rest of the Benefice to shape the future of the Christian presence in the parishes of the Astwell Benefice.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you would like a coffee and chat – or a walk – I am happy to meet anyone – churchgoer or not!

NB: Dates for your diary include:

17 <sup>th</sup> October, 9.30am	Harvest Festival with Holy Communion
24 <sup>th</sup> October, 4.00pm.	Evensong with blessing of the new kneelers
14 <sup>th</sup> November, 10.55am	Act of Remembrance
28 <sup>th</sup> November, 4.00pm	Advent Carol Service

*God Bless, Revd Diane*

Revd Diane Whittaker, (01327 226245) [diane.whittaker@me.com](mailto:diane.whittaker@me.com)

## Newsletter Delivery

If you are reading this as a printed hard copy, then you are in the very small but valued group of members of our community for whom I am happy to continue printing the newsletter. However, most of our community are now willing to receive a “paperless” newsletter by email and so if you would also like to go “paperless” then just send me an email and I’ll stop trudging up your driveway to deliver. Also, if you know of anyone outside the Village who would like to receive the Newsletter just let me have their details (email only).

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## Parish Council

Here is a summary of the most recent Parish Council meeting held on **July 26<sup>th</sup>** in the Village Hall under Covid-19 restrictions. The meeting was attended by 5 councillors and 3 members of the public and a representative from Belport Ltd – whose planning application was under consideration. 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.

**Finance Matters: Accounts** 2020/21 to-date and budget performance to date were reviewed and approved after initial discussion regarding costs for remedial tree work on Castle Mound.

**Payments** were approved for Ground Care Company (Churchyard mowing), CGM (Millennium Field mowing), Clerk's salary and expenses, E.On (electricity supply for street lights, Middlethorpe), subscription to Neighbourhood Watch, Hire of Village Hall, P. Smith (replacement parts for defibrillators)

**Planning Matters:** Two planning applications were presented

- **WNS/2021/0920/LBC.** Internal modifications (retrospective) 5 Kettle End, Weedon Lois. No objection.
- **WNS/2021/0907/FUL.** Development of five houses at Stonehouse Farmyard, Helmdon Road, Weston.

A lengthier discussion took place regarding the second application. Councillors expressed concerns that the proposed development, as described in the application being considered did not address issues highlighted in the previous housing needs survey. The representative of the developer, Belport Ltd, informed the meeting that they would be amending their proposal to change one of the detached properties to two semi-detached dwellings. The need for safe pedestrian access (a footpath) was highlighted and it was agreed this would be taken into account. Given the assurances of the developer to modify their plans, the council agreed to conditionally support the application

Future development of the barns adjoining the development were considered outside the scope of this application, although it was noted that various options were being considered.

**Dog Waste Bins:** The Council had been asked to investigate the cost and feasibility of dog waste bins for the villages. The conclusion of the research into the costs and process of installing dog bins was that it would result in an initial investment of the order of between £500 and £1,000 and similar on-going annual costs. The feedback from Helmdon Parish Council was that the installation of bins has been expensive and had little impact on the problem. The Council concluded that, given the Council's limited finances and other more pressing priorities, and the anticipated limited effect, the Council will not invest in dog bins at this time and will rely on continuing to try to educate the community

**Castle Mound Tree Maintenance:** The need for remedial work had become more pressing after the recent tree fall on the mound and need for the previously agreed tree-work, based on the recommendation of the professional tree survey.

A great deal of discussion ensued regarding our various options with the understanding that any costs incurred to complete the tree work on the Mound would stretch the Council funds. Although approaches had been made to Western Power and West Northants Highways, there were doubts expressed about this resulting in any share of the costs.

It was agreed to ask our contractor, CGM, for a summary of costs to date and an estimate for the work yet to be done, assuming neither Western Power nor Highways agree to undertake a share of the work

An additional request was for the council to consider reducing the height of the oak tree on the green

**Plant a Tree for the Jubilee:** It was agreed to publish a "request for ideas" in the Newsletter as to where residents would like to see more trees planted

**Speeding tractors:** A concern was raised about the speed at which local tractors are driven through the village. It was agreed that the police officer responsible for our area should be invited to the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September, at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Weedon Lois.

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

## Summary of Village Organisations and Key Events (2021)

For such a small community, there is always a wealth of activity going on. I publish this list each year for the benefit of newcomers to the Village (and those who have short memories). Most were on hold during 2020 and hoping to relaunch this autumn.

**Parish Council.** The elected representatives of our local government meet every two months in the Weston Baptist Chapel to deal with any planning applications or local issues relating to the parish. There are 7 councillors and their proceedings are summarised in this Newsletter and on the website. Chairman: David Elkington (01327 860886); Clerk: Ken Power (01327 860054)

**Parish Website:** Up to date source of all Village Information. [www.westonandweedonloispc.org.uk](http://www.westonandweedonloispc.org.uk) . Webmaster: Frank Hunter

**Parish Church.** Part of the Astwell Group of parishes along with Helmdon, Wappenham, Whitfield, Syresham and Radstone. Revd Diane Whittaker, (01327 226245) [diane.whittaker@me.com](mailto:diane.whittaker@me.com)

**Friends of Lois Weedon Church.** An organisation devoted to the support and upkeep of the local church. Contact: Lady Sue Greenaway, Chairman. (01327 860472)

**Weston Congregation of the Tove Valley Baptist Fellowship.** The Weston Baptists are combined with Helmdon and Towcester in the Tove Valley Fellowship. Contact Rosemary Gulliver (01295 760720). See <http://beta.tvbf.co.uk/whats-on/weston-activities> for “What’s On” at the Weston Chapel

**The Plumpton Trust** - An organisation devoted to the upkeep of Plumpton church. Contact: James Miller (01327 861159)

**Neighbourhood Watch.** Coordinated by Colin Atkins (01295 768769)

**May Day Committee.** A group of volunteers from within the Village who organise and run the annual country fair each May Day Bank Holiday. The funds from this event are shared out among village organisations, according to need. (Under review) If you would like to get involved for future events, contact Paul Smith (01327 860626)

**Weston and Lois Weedon Drama Club.** A group whose numbers vary with each successive production. Having started in 1998, they have successfully produced 40 “theatrical events” to date, including pantomime, comedy, drama and musicals.

Contact: Jonathan Carpenter (01295 768120), [www.wlwdrama.co.uk](http://www.wlwdrama.co.uk) (Restarting soon)

**Lois Weedon Flower Club.** Meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the village hall. Meetings include demonstrations and visits. New members are always welcome. Contact: Margaret Seckington (01295 760487) (Under review)

**Weston and Weedon Horticultural Society.** The Society organise the annual flower and produce show in Lois Weedon,. Details of show in Summer Newsletter – for other events see diary. Contact: Graham Ellis (01295 768570)

**Lois Weedon and Weston Women’s Institute. (W.I.)** is a very active group, meeting on the first Wednesday of every month with guest speaker and other special events. Contact: Sue Taylor, President (01295 768133)

**Lois Weedon & Weston Village Hall.** This amenity is central to both villages within the community and is used for many of the events and provides facilities for many of the clubs and organisations within the Village. It is run by the Village Hall Trustees whose Management Committee comprises members of the WI committee. To book the hall for events, contact Administrator, Paul Smith (01327 860626).

**Weston & Lois Weedon Film Club.** Schedule under review - meet in the Village Hall to show a range of contemporary or classic films. Contact: Pete Templeman (01327 860551), [www.wlwfilmclub.co.uk](http://www.wlwfilmclub.co.uk) (Hoping to relaunch in the Autumn)

**St Loys Pre School** is located in St Loys School. Contact the School: 01327 860539

**St Loys CEVA Primary School.** A recently extended facility with a very popular and successful staff. Also **Friends of St Loys** who run fund-raising events in support of the School. (For either organisations contact the School: 01327 860539)

**Bell-Ringers.** A keen bunch of ringers practice on Wednesdays and then perform Sunday mornings and on special occasions and are always looking for new recruits. Contact: Dave & Joy Kirkham (01327 860372)

**Lois Weedon & Weston Newsletter.** Produced once every two months and funded purely by donation. Emailed locally and printed copies delivered in Weston, Lois Weedon and Plumpton. There is also a list of email “export” recipients – typically living elsewhere, eager to keep in touch. Contributions (written or financial) are always welcome. Contact: Paul Smith (01327 860626)

**Bonfire Night** – Under review

**Open Gardens** – in the Summer, some of the most beautiful and prolific gardens are open for public view

**Senior Citizen’s Christmas Lunch** – A regular event in December each year for women over 60 and men over 65 (partners are invited as well). Contact Ivor Jones for details (01327 860675) (Under Review)

**Tove Valley Superfast Broadband** – Community Broadband system, installed and supported by local volunteers and serving the villages of Abthorpe, Bradden, Slapton, Wappenham, Lois Weedon, Weston, parts of Helmdon and gradually extending to other communities. For details on how to register, check website [www.tovevalley.com](http://www.tovevalley.com)

**Musical Concerts** - regularly in the Village (Church, Village Hall, Weston Baptist Chapel) (under review).

**Weston & Lois Weedon Wine Club** - Meet in the Baptist Chapel on the second Thursday of the month at 8pm (except August). (No prior experience required) Contact Derek Boughton for details, 01327 860006 or Edwina Kidd [nsh-weston@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nsh-weston@tiscali.co.uk)

**Crown Inn.** Our local hostelry and B&B (01295 760310)

### Weston Baptist Chapel.

At last after eighteen long months of closure due to the pandemic Weston Chapel is open again!! We resumed meeting for Sunday services beginning of August, and are planning some Sundays to open for Coffee, cake and biscuits so feel free to come in have a coffee and chat, we look forward to meeting you, dates will be advertised on the notice board outside. It was sad that in June, Shirley Sheppard from Blakesley who had been a member of the Baptist Church for over 65 years died. It was good to be able to have a short thanksgiving service with her family at Weston; we couldn't sing but with the use of the internet enjoyed listening to her favourite hymn "May the mind of Christ my Saviour". Tove Valley Baptist Fellowship (TVBF), of which Weston is a part, is actively seeking a new minister who will be based in Towcester. The new Tove Valley Centre at Towcester is up and running and now the home of the Towcester congregation of TVBF.

The walkers have been doing the weekly health walks at Weston as often as they could through the past year and a half. At the end of May this year restrictions lifted enough to allow us to again serve coffee and cake on Tuesday mornings, they can often be seen sitting outside relaxing after their walk. Art Club starts again in September, please note change of day and time, it will now be Thursday afternoon, 2-4pm, if this is something that interests you, please contact Emi Farnham, 01327 358958 for availability and further information. On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, we are hosting an 'Open Mic' evening at Weston Chapel, numbers are limited to 40 due to Covid guidelines, cheese and wine to be served, no charge, but donations toward Afghanistan relief fund appreciated, please email [rosemarygulliver@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarygulliver@gmail.com) for further information and booking.

It is with regret that due to a variety of reasons we have felt it right not to restart the Tiny Tots group at Weston, however, if in the future a need for such a group is perceived we will give it serious consideration.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you feel we can be of help or support.

With Autumn on the horizon, seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness, changing colours on the trees and pumpkins, I found the following which I share with you in closing.

*Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin  
God picks you up from the patch  
Then He washes all the dirt out of you  
He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff  
He removes the seeds of doubt, fear, hate and greed  
He carves you a new smiling face  
And puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see.*

*Rosemary Gulliver.*

### Celebrate a traditional Harvest at Canons Ashby

National Trust Canons Ashby are keeping old traditions alive by celebrating Harvest this season, with Apple Harvest Weekend on the last weekend of the month on the 25-26 September.

The Canons Ashby garden team grow lots of historical varieties of apples. Head Gardener Nadine, said:

"We care for historic apple varieties which might have been grown here in the 1800s. You won't see a Cats-Head apple or Coeur De Boeuf (beef heart) apple in the local supermarket today, which makes it much more important that we look after them well."

Cuttings of this collection of historic trees have been taken and used in other orchards to keep these special varieties going. Some of the trees are around 150 years old, but many were planted in the 1980s when Canons Ashby was rescued from dereliction and the garden was restored.

Apple Harvest Weekend is the beginning of the apple season (25-26 September). You will see a display of historic apple varieties, and there will be apple themed games and family crafts. Try your luck with the tombola whilst raising funds to look after Canons Ashby, or try "Hook an Apple" and win a prize. And don't forget to get competitive with your friends and see who wins at the Coconut Shie! Some of our local crafters will be attending with a select group of stalls in the marquee too buy yourself something lovely to take home. Find out more on the Canons Ashby website.

Normal admission prices apply and some small fees will apply for some of the activities and the harvest trail. To buy things from the stall holders, cash is often preferable due to poor phone reception. To find out more about opening hours, prices and other essential info visit their website [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/canons-ashby](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/canons-ashby)

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*You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram at @CanonsAshbyNT*

## Village Golf Day – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021

We can all think of something, or perhaps many things, we can blame the coronavirus pandemic for but I am guessing no one thought we could blame it for an uplift in villagers playing golf. Or those that did play before now playing more. With this uplift in numbers and frequency, and with villagers seemingly having more time to stop and talk, it became apparent there was a desire to bring all these people together for a village residents only golf day.

This of course is not a new idea. Initially started by Pam Palmer who provided the first trophy (and I think we still have that same trophy) several individuals took the initiative to restart the competition. Previously the competition had had many forms but latterly it was a knockout type event played over many days/weeks. Our illustrious volunteers, after speaking to many others, and ignoring what they said, decided to go for a one day Stableford competition. May not mean much to non-golfers but it is a system where using handicaps everyone should be equal (hmm seems a bit too socialist for South Northants me thinks, everyone equal?).

So with some gusto a note was added to the village newsletter inviting people to register interest. This was soon followed by a date being arranged with course booked and evening meal scheduled.

Such industrious activity the village had not seen for many a year!!

The day itself soon came around and the intrepid sixteen (yes 16) golfers met at Cherwell Edge course for the big event. A draw was made as to who played with who, captains nominated and rules explained where local rules were to be applied. With this done the four groups of four set off for the first tee and to start the serious business of playing golf.

As a side note here I feel I must just explain to those who are not golfing aficionados there are many ways to get around a golf course. Some walk and carry their bags, these are the real old school golfers who wouldn't even think about any other way. Isn't that right Neil? Others use a trolley to carry their clubs but push or pull the trolley around. Some now use electric trolleys that start moving at a flick of a switch while the golfer runs behind trying to stop it going too fast, sometimes they don't succeed but we won't mention anyone here. Of course there is always the odd one or two who have to be different. Not content with a trolley, or even an electric trolley, one golfer had a remote controlled trolley. Yes a trolley controlled by a small box just like the TV box you have at home. The height of decadence you would have thought. Just as well it didn't break down as that would have been embarrassing.

With all the golfers out on the course the real purpose of the day was underway. Several competitions were included in the day's events, longest drive for men on the ninth, nearest the pin for women after two shots on the tenth, nearest the pin for everyone on the 13<sup>th</sup>, highest points scorer and highest team points scorer. It was each team's captain's responsibility to keep each team members score but we must thank here Katie for rectifying any and all mistakes, adding up the scores correctly and allowing winners to be decided. As far as I heard on the day only one team really messed up the scoring, which to be fair is quite complex, so perhaps we can forgive John Archard-Jones on this occasion (or perhaps not).

The day went well and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. I did mention previously the Stableford system used and how it enables all to play on a more level playing field, well we must also thank those more proficient golfers for taking the time and the trouble to direct their balls into bunkers (Katie), into the water or woods (Jez) and even using their driver on the fairway (John K) so we all stood a better chance of winning. Even with this noble effort some of us, me especially, failed to capitalise and ended the day with a score that certainly wasn't going to trouble the eventual winner.

During the play the Event CEO had arranged a fly past from the Red Arrows. Yes this is true, they flew over in two waves at very low level to be followed some minutes later by a single plane. Such a wonderful idea and huge thanks to the Event CEO.

With the golf done we all journeyed home to change and meet back in our village hostelry for some light refreshment and a meal where the winners were announced to great fanfare.

- Longest drive for men – **John Kilgannon**
- Nearest the pin women only – **Katie Shires**
- Nearest the pin all – **John Archard-Jones**
- Top Team – **Katie Shires, Neil Lewis, Johnathan Carpenter and Jez Wilcox**

But **overall village golf day winner** and our new champion- **David Isaac!!!**

As the golfers relaxed talk led to thoughts of another golf day next year and even an inter village golf day, Weston versus Lois Weedon, but as usual this quickly became a topic of a heated nature as the football or other inter village events used to with rules being generated to try and give one team or the other an advantage etc. We shall see if this inter village day takes place ..... Ivor?

Before I go a special thanks to those who arranged and managed the day, and those who provided the prizes

Diane Archard-Jones – Event CEO

John Archard-Jones – CEO's assistant

Katie Shires – Rules/Scorer Official

Ivor Jones, John Archard-Jones, Jane & John Jarman and Anne Longley – prize sponsors / providers

*Doug Longley  
Golf Correspondent LW&W Newsletter*



## **Weston & Weedon Horticultural Society** **1 for the garden**



### Idea for too much garden produce

Have you grown too many Beetroots? Here is Tommy Banks recipe for Beetroot Ketchup

80g butter

Vegetable oil

400g purple beetroot

Small bunch of thyme, tied

100g caster sugar

200 ml white wine vinegar

Peel and dice the beetroot

Melt the butter with a drop of oil over a medium heat

Add the beetroot and thyme with a pinch of salt

Sweat for 10 minutes (the beetroot not you)

When the beetroot is soft add the sugar and vinegar

Bring to the boil

Cover the pan, reduce the heat and simmer for an hour

The beetroot will be tender and the juice a syrup

Transfer to a blender and blend until smooth

Pass through a fine sieve

Transfer to a squeeze bottle and keep in the fridge.

It is wonderful with triple cooked parsnips, chips, burgers and sausages.

Around this time of year should have been our Annual Show but we are sure that will see you all in 2022 for the 80<sup>th</sup> WWHS Annual Show

*Graham Ellis  
Weston & Weedon Horticultural Society*