



# Lois Weedon and Weston Newsletter

Jan/Feb 2017 –Spring Edition



## From the Editor

Greetings to one and all as we start the year with the first edition of the Newsletter. Apologies for the non-appearance in January... We will definitely catch up as 2017 proceeds.

Firstly, some sad news. Last December we lost two members of our community: Peter French, long-time resident of Lois Weedon and Alan Seckington of Weston. We send our condolences to their families.

At this time of year, I publish an updated list of community organisations (page 4) – as a reminder to long standing residents as well as to new residents. It always surprises me when I read the growing list – so much going on in our hamlet. If you need more information regarding any of these organisations please contact them directly, however if you are aware of any omissions let me know and I will rectify the situation in the next edition.

Some new additions to the Village. Following the departure of the Somerton family, Middlethorpe saw the arrival of Doug and Julie Abrams – Doug teaches Computer Science and has kindly volunteered to help with our community broadband system; Julie is a health visitor. Welcome to the Village.

And welcome too, Stanley Felix Thurman, born on the 27<sup>th</sup> January. Congratulates to Mum and Dad – Deborah and James and brother and sister, Shem & Ava.

After a break over Christmas, the PCC Bingo Club is starting again – see below for details

Finally, after a year off, the Drama Group will be performing a winter production “The Factory Children” – details on the back page.

The next edition of the newsletter will be in mid-March 2016 and all material for that edition should with me by Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

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## Dates for your Diary

(For details of some events and other activities - see inside the newsletter)

Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues	<b>Film Club</b> , Lois Weedon Village Hall – 7:30pm for 7:45 start – See page 7 for details ( <a href="http://www.wlwfilmclub.co.uk">www.wlwfilmclub.co.uk</a> )
Various dates	Astwell Benefice - Schedule of Church Services – Page 3
1 <sup>st</sup> Wed of the month	<b>Lois Weedon &amp; Weston WI</b> – see Village Website for programme details
Wed., Feb 8	<b>Bingo Club</b> ; Lois Weedon Village Hall.. Doors open 7:30pm, eyes down 8:00pm. Pay bar available. Everyone welcome
Fri/Sat., 24 & 25 Feb	<b>Weston &amp; Lois Weedon Drama Group</b> – <i>The Factory Children</i> – Details on back page
Wed., Mar 8	<b>Bingo Club</b> ; Lois Weedon Village Hall.. Doors open 7:30pm, eyes down 8:00pm. Pay bar available. Everyone welcome
Mon., Mar 27	<b>Parish Council</b> – 8:00pm. Baptist Chapel – Members of the public are welcome
Mon., May 1	<b>May Day Country Fair</b> – Planning starts NOW – Contact Paul Smith for details on how you can help.
Wed., May 10	<b>Bingo Club</b> ; Lois Weedon Village Hall.. Doors open 7:30pm, eyes down 8:00pm. Pay bar available. Everyone welcome

## Village Website

The Parish website, [www.westonandweedonloispc.org.uk](http://www.westonandweedonloispc.org.uk) was developed and paid for by a grant from the SNC New Homes Bonus. Most of the village and community organisations are represented on the site and it is fast becoming an indispensable source of community information. It coexists with the paper and email newsletters to keep everyone in the community, and beyond, informed about all that is happening in Lois Weedon, Weston and Plumpton.

Any individual or organisation willing and able to contribute more content should contact the webmaster, Frank Hunter ([frank.hunter@btinternet.com](mailto:frank.hunter@btinternet.com)) or give Frank a call (01327 860597).

## Volunteers Wanted.

Would anyone like to volunteer helping me litter picking – Any age will do. There’s plenty of walking but not too strenuous picking up the litter. I’m starting this month and I’m afraid it’s an on-going job, perhaps once a month. I do five roads but not all at once. No reward except that we leave the countryside clean and tidy.

In anticipation,

*Jenny Wilde  
01327 860487*

## Parish Council News

Here is a summary of recent Parish Council meetings. Full minutes are posted on the Village Notice Boards.

### **1) Statutory meeting held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 8.00pm in the Baptist Chapel, Weston.**

Present were 5 councillors and the clerk. Apologies were received from 2 councillors. Two members of the public also attended. Matters discussed:

**Planning:** (1) Following concerns about the dimensions of the new building at Barlye Furlonge, the Clerk reported that SNC had inspected the building and judged it compliant with the approved planning application and the matter was now closed.

(2) The Council has no objection to the proposed summer house at Hill Cottage, Weedon Lois (Application S/2016/2781/FUL)

**St. Loys School Parking and Traffic Problems:** At the meeting between the Parish Council, school governors, the Head and a representative of William Blake House on 8<sup>th</sup> November it was agreed that the school would investigate the possibility of cutting back hedges and laying matting on the verges of Astwell Road to create several additional parking spaces at a safer distance from the school. Further discussions with the School will continue.

**Finance:** Accounts and budget were presented and accepted. Available funds from the New Homes Bonus were reviewed and possible projects considered. It was noted that the Village Hall Management Committee is considering possible improvements to the kitchen facilities at the Village Hall. When plans and costings are available the Parish Council will consider a donation to cover part of the cost, to be reclaimed from the NHB.

Payments were approved for grass cutting in the Millennium Field and the Extension Graveyard and for the Clerk's salary

**Condition of roads – Flooding on Milthorpe:** The Clerk has contacted “Street Doctor” at SNC Highways, to discuss possible solutions to the recurring problems.

**Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Medals** A number of these have been distributed to children living in the Parish. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact St. Loys School to offer medals for any pupils who have not yet received one.

**Middlethorpe Street Sign:** Following complaints raised at previous meeting, the Clerk has been in contact with SNC about the street sign on the side of the bus shelter in Middlethorpe, which is badly positioned and often obscured by bushes. SNC have confirmed they will install a new sign on the verge, which will be much more visible.

**Phone boxes:** SNC Community Services have offered the Parish Council the opportunity to “adopt” the telephone box outside the Village Hall for £1, after removal of the telephone equipment. This is being considered.

**Other Correspondence** was noted at the meeting: Barclays Bank (revised interest payments), AON (insurance regulations), “Keep the Horton Open” campaign (request for support)

### **2) Ordinary meeting held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 8.00pm in the Baptist Chapel, Weston.**

Present were 4 councillors and the clerk. No members of the public attended.

**Planning** – S/2016/2946/FUL – Spiers Meadow, Weedon Lois. The Council agreed unanimously to object to the application. It was noted that the application had been withdrawn

**Finance:** After reviewing the accounts and budget progress for the current year, and the results of the interim internal audit, the proposed budget for the next financial year was discussed and approved. It was agreed that the Precept for 2017/18, to be requested from SNC, will remain unchanged at **£3750**. It was also agreed that the current arrangement for internal audits will remain, irrespective of any proposed changes by central government regarding external audits. The Council have decided not to take part in a proposed voluntary governance review

Payments were approved for 2Comune (website hosting,), E.ON (street lighting, Milthorpe & Middlethorpe), Clerk's salary and administration expenses

**Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Medals:** Although most of these have been distributed to children living in the Parish, there are a few still remaining. If anyone would like one, please contact the Clerk.

**St. Loys School Parking and Traffic Problems:** Additional meetings are taking place with the School and the Highways representatives and the Parish Council

**“Keep the Horton Open” campaign:** The serious concerns of residents in the Parish about the possible reduction in services have been expressed to the CEO of the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group

**Telephone Kiosks & Defibrillators:** Confirmation has been received from SNC that BT are officially aware that the Parish Council wishes to “adopt” the kiosks in Weston and Weedon Lois, with a view to using them to house defibrillators. A joint project with the Village Hall is being undertaken

**Best Village:** It was agreed that we will enter the Best Village competition in 2017.

Next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the Weston Community Project on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

*Ken Power, Parish Clerk,*  
Tel: 01327 860054 (e-mail: [wlwparishclerk@outlook.com](mailto:wlwparishclerk@outlook.com))

## 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.

If you would like to receive this information and you are not already on my "News for the Parish" distribution list then email me at [loisweedonpaul@gmail.com](mailto:loisweedonpaul@gmail.com) and I'll add you to the list

*Paul Smith.*

## Village Hall Fundraising

On behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee, I would like to thank everyone who supported our hall throughout the year. Thank-you to all those who used our local **Christmas Card Delivery** service and kindly gave a donation. We raised **£160** for Village Hall funds and following the success of previous years, we ran a **Christmas Market** on December 17<sup>th</sup>, which raised **£182** and a **Christmas Hamper Raffle** which raised **£158**.

### Winners of Village Hall '100 Club' Lottery

<b>December (2016)</b>		<b>January (2017)</b>		<b>February (2017)</b>	
Sue Taylor	41	Terry Tyler	29	Joy Kirkham	12
Len Pannell	54	Danielle Sheppard	80	Carole Peters-King	92
Paul Smith	91	Karrie Shotton	94	Sarah Webb	85

The lottery is drawn once per month at the WI meeting. Prizes are £25, £10, £5.

*Rachel Smith (01327 860626)*  
E-mail: [rachel.k.smith4@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.k.smith4@gmail.com)

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## **St Mary & St Peter Lois Weedon with Weston & Plumpton.**

This ancient church at the heart of one of the two villages it serves has its Sunday service at 9.30am.

For more information contact:

Frank Hunter on 01327 860597 or [frankhunter@btinternet.com](mailto:frankhunter@btinternet.com)

### SERVICES

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>9.30am Village Prayer and Praise</b>
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>9.30am Mattins</b>
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>9.30am Parish Communion</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>10am Imposition of Ashes &amp; Communion for Ash Wednesday at Helmdon</b>

### **Bingo in the Village Hall**

The Bingo Club, is an event open to all. Meeting in Lois Weedon Village Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month (most months). There are cash prizes and a pay bar. Doors open 7:30pm, eyes down 8:00pm.



Everyone welcome. All profits to Church funds



## Saturday Art Studio at Weston

Please join us in the Weston Chapel if you want to experience the joy of painting! Feel free to bring along your own materials and subject matter, photos etc. or we can provide all materials needed. Please bring your packed lunch but tea and coffee will be provided. £8 per session, pay on the day and no booking required.

Contact Emi Farnham for details (01327 358958) [emifa@btinternet.com](mailto:emifa@btinternet.com)

## Weston & Weedon Horticultural Society

**The Weston and Weedon Horticultural Society** is gradually waking from its winter sleep and is planning many exciting events for the year ahead.

Our **Annual Show** will once again be held towards the end of the summer and we will release the date of that very soon.

We are planning a number of **Garden Visits** both near and far and also some possible **Foodie Treats**. We also hope to run some **Workshops** or educational events.

These will all be offered initially to our **WWHS Members**. We currently have over 50 members but it is not too late for you to join.

Members also:

- Enjoy entry to exclusive classes at the show
- Many take advantage of the allotment spaces managed by the society
- Share the benefits of RHS affiliation
- Have the benefit of advice from our network of members on all those gardening issues
- Membership is £5 - Enquiries to [thewwhs@gmail.com](mailto:thewwhs@gmail.com)



### 5 for the garden



- ✓ Now's a great time to prune currants and gooseberries especially new bushes.
- ✓ Plant bare-root trees and bushes, as long as the soil isn't frozen.
- ✓ Prune apples, pears, and quinces.
- ✓ Keep checking stored fruits and remove rotten ones.
- ✓ Apply winter washes to fruit trees and bushes.

*Graham Ellis*

## Summary of Village Organisations and Key Events (2017)

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). Let me know if I've forgotten anyone [Ed]

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

**Parish Church.** Part of the Astwell Group of parishes along with Helmdon, Wappenham, Whitfield, Syresham and Radstone. Rector: Carole Peters-King (01327 860798)

**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 [www.tvbf.co.uk/whats-on/weston-activities](http://www.tvbf.co.uk/whats-on/weston-activities) for "What's On" at the Weston Chapel

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

**Voluntary Car Scheme.** A group of volunteer drivers who take locals to various appointments by arrangement. The costs are subsidised by donations, grants and local fund raising. Contact: Mrs Jenny Wilde (01327 860487)

**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. If you would like to get involved, contact Paul Smith (01327 860626)

**Weston and Weedon Drama Club.** A group whose numbers vary with each successive production. Having started in 1998, they have successfully produced over 20 "theatrical events" including pantomime, comedy, drama and musicals. Contact: Jonathan Carpenter (01295 768120)

**Lois Weedon Flower Club.** Meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Meetings include demonstrations and visits. New members are always welcome. Contact: Margaret Seckington (01295 760487), Janet Cooper ( [jandg.cooper@btinternet.com](mailto:jandg.cooper@btinternet.com))

**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: Peggie Clarke, 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.** Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the Village Hall to show a range of contemporary or classic films. Contact: Jonathan Staples (01295 768908) or Trevor George (01295 768699)

**St Loys Pre School** is located in St Loys School. Contact: Nicky Carpenter for details (07876106582)

**St Loys CE 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)

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

**Bonfire Night** – November 5<sup>th</sup> celebration with fireworks, hot dogs, hot soup and a **big** bonfire! (Always on Nov 5, it's the law.)

**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)

**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)

**The Wobblers** – Local cyclists who meet twice a week outside the pub at Weston (Saturday 9:30am and Monday 6:00pm) and cycle for 1 to 2 hours. Everyone is welcome. (Group organiser: Ric Harkin)

**Musical Concerts** - regularly in the Village (Church, Village Hall, Weston Baptist Chapel) watch the Newsletter for details.

**Weston & Lois Weedon Wine Club** - Meet in the Baptist Chapel on the second Thursday of the month at 8pm (except August). Contact Derek Boughton for details, 01327 860006 (No prior experience required)

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

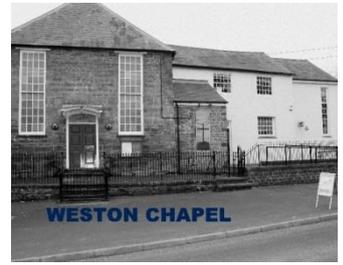


## Weston Baptist Chapel

Paul Knight - Senior Pastor  
01327 354173 - [pajknight@googlemail.com](mailto:pajknight@googlemail.com)  
(Available for Pastoral visits)

Rosemary Gulliver - Elder 01295 760720

Website: [tvbf.co.uk](http://tvbf.co.uk)  
Chapel telephone: 01295 760413



*Community Activities for everyone, all are welcome*

- Tuesday** 9.30-11.30am - Healthy Walks  
9.30-11.30am - Coffee morning  
9.30-11.30am - Open for donations to the Food Bank
- 1<sup>st</sup> Tues** Soup Kitchen (Soup and Pudding £5.00) - (Book with Rosemary Gulliver)  
7-9pm Art (Emi Farnham 01327 358958)
- Wednesday** 10-12am Tiny Tots (Rosemary Gulliver)
- Thursday** 8pm Wine Club (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday: Derek Boughton)
- Saturday** 10.30-3.30 Art Studio for anyone to do art
- Sunday** 10.30am Chapel Service  
11.30- 12.30 Coffee

The school room is available for functions with a fully equipped kitchen: contact Rosemary Gulliver  
A warm and friendly meeting centre for all people in Weston, Lois Weedon and surrounding villages.

*Dorothy Owen*

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### Help for the homeless:

One of the Youth Club groups in Towcester will shortly be making up emergency kits for those on the streets or in hostels. If you would like to donate or have any of the items listed, please bring them to the chapel on Sunday 11.30-12.30 or Tuesday morning between 9.30 and 11.30am

The items needed (\* most needed items)

#### **Toiletries:**

- Ziplock bags
- \*Male/Female roll on deodorant
- Soap
- \*Flannels
- \*Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Plasters
- Razors and mini shaving cream
- Travel/hotel sized shampoo and shower gel
- Combs

#### **Other items:**

- \*Blankets
- \*Warm clothing (coats, hats, scarves, gloves, socks etc.)
- Long life foods (cereal bars etc.)

# Weston & Lois Weedon Film Club

*Memorable movies on your doorstep!*

The village Film Club season continues after the Christmas and New Year holidays with another selection of films nominated by our members.

It's been wonderful to welcome new members again this year – in fact, our numbers are now higher than at any time since the Club started back in 2009 – thank you!

Pricing is simple: £5 to watch your first film, £2 admission thereafter. Members can also bring a guest (or two!) for a further £3 each. The club is open to anyone in Weston, Lois Weedon and the surrounding villages.

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 2017**

Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup>: “**The Theory of Everything**” (2014 Biography/Drama/Romance, 2hr 03m, Cert 12)

A look at the relationship between the famous physicist Stephen Hawking and his wife.

*Stars: Eddie Redmayne, Felicity Jones, Tom Prior.*

*IMDb rating: 7.7, Rotten Tomatoes rating: 95%*

Tuesday January 24<sup>th</sup>: “**The Dish**” (2000 Comedy/Drama/History, 1hr 41m, Cert 12)

A remote Australian antenna, populated by quirky characters, plays a key role in the first Apollo moon landing.

*Stars: Sam Neill, Billy Mitchell, Roz Hammond.*

*IMDb rating: 7.2, Rotten Tomatoes rating: 96%*

Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup>: “**L'Armée des Ombres**” (*Army of Shadows*) (1969 Drama/War, 2hr 25m, Cert AA)

An account of underground resistance fighters in Nazi-occupied France.

*Stars: Lino Ventura, Paul Meurisse, Jean-Pierre Cassel.*

*IMDb rating: 8.2, Rotten Tomatoes rating: 97%*

Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup>: “**Stand by Me**” (1986 Adventure/Drama, 1hr 29m, Cert 15)

After the death of a friend, a writer recounts a boyhood journey to find the body of a missing boy.

*Stars: Wil Wheaton, River Phoenix, Corey Feldman.*

*IMDb rating: 8.1, Rotten Tomatoes rating: 91%*

Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup>: “**Sicario**” (2015 Action/Crime/Drama, 2hr 01m, Cert 15)

An idealistic FBI agent is enlisted by a government task force to aid in the escalating war against drugs at the border area between the U.S. and Mexico.

*Stars: Emily Blunt, Josh Brolin, Benicio Del Toro.*

*IMDb rating: 7.6, Rotten Tomatoes rating: 94%*

Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup>: “**The Gathering Storm**” (2002 Biography/Drama/History, 1hr 36m, Cert U)

A love story offering an intimate look inside the marriage of Winston and Clementine Churchill during a particularly troubled, though little-known, moment in their lives.

*Stars: Albert Finney, Vanessa Redgrave, Jim Broadbent.*

*IMDb rating: 7.6, Rotten Tomatoes rating: 81%*

You can always check films and dates on our website: [www.wlwfilmclub.co.uk](http://www.wlwfilmclub.co.uk)

*Trevor & Jonathan, Weston & Lois Weedon Film Club*

Weston and Lois Weedon Drama Group present

# The Factory Children

Musical by Chris Adams



**Lois Weedon Village Hall**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm

Tickets £6. Licensed Bar.

For tickets contact:

**Jenni Liversidge on 01327 860039**

or

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