



# Lois Weedon and Weston Newsletter



May/June 2017 – May Day Edition

## From the Editor

May Day!!! It's that time again and this year promises to be a great event with new attractions as well as the usual favourites. More details inside. No time to lose as I need to get this printed and delivered before the big day.

The Annual Parish Meeting is due to take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> May. Everyone in the community is encouraged to attend this meeting at which representatives of the various Village Organisations will present brief reports; we also hope to have our local councillors (SNC and NCC) and possibly a representative from the Police.

And finally, welcome to new arrivals Linda and Denis Wharf, who recently moved into the Paddock, Lois Weedon.

The next edition of the newsletter will be in July 2017 and all material for that edition should be given to me by Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

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## Dates for your Diary

(For details of some events - see inside the newsletter. Later events, details to follow)

Mon., 1 May	<b>Lois Weedon &amp; Weston May Day Country Fair</b> – Details on page 3.
Thu., 4 May	<b>Local elections</b> – Northamptonshire County Council. Polling station (Village Hall) open from 7am till 10pm
Mon., 8 May	<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b> 7:30pm at the Baptist Chapel, Weston, followed by <b>Parish Council AGM</b> (approx.. 8pm)
Wed., 10 May	<b>Bingo Club</b> ; Lois Weedon Village Hall. Doors open 7:30pm, eyes down 8:00pm. Pay bar available. Everyone welcome
Thu., 1 June	<b>Celebrity Dinner</b> in the Village Hall with Guest Chefs, the Gladwin Brothers information on page 5
Mon., 5 June	<b>Best Village Competition</b> – Judging committee will visit the Village to evaluate our entry. See Paul Smith for details
Thu., 8 June	<b>General election</b> – Northamptonshire County Council. Polling station (Village Hall) open from 7am till 10pm
First Wed., of the month	<b>Lois Weedon &amp; Weston WI</b> – 7:30, Lois Weedon Village Hall – see website and future Newsletters for details
Sat., 2 September	<b>Horticultural Society Annual Show</b> – Details on page 5 and in the next edition

## **Village Hall Notes**

- The Village Hall is the community centre for a wide range of Village events, many of which are included in the Newsletter. We are particularly pleased to host such events as this year's Horticultural Flower & Food Show, Celebrity Dinner with the Gladwin Brothers, Penny Spademan's "Coffee & Card" sessions and loads more through the year but still available for private hire. Support your Village Hall and all that goes on in the Community.
- The Annual Race Night fundraiser, now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year, run by Diane, Rachel, Paul, Clyde and Jonathan, will take place in the Village Hall on Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- The Bingo Nights are back – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month
- Polling station for two elections (County Council & General Election)

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

<b>April 2017</b>	
Sylvia Busby	62
Jessica Smith	76
Paul Smith	91

## **COFFEE & CARD**

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 10.00 - 11.30

at Lois Weedon Village Hall

£5.00 a Session

To book your place by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Ring or Email:

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## Parish Council

Here is a summary of the Parish Council meeting held on **March 27<sup>th</sup>** in the Baptist Chapel, Weston. Full minutes of council meetings are posted on the Village Notice Boards and on the Parish Council website. If anyone would like more detail or would like to read the actual minutes on any matter, please contact the Clerk, Ken Power.

**Planning and Licensing Matters:** Application S/2017/0226/TCA – Removal of trees at 9, High Street, Weston – this was reviewed but no response from the Parish Council was required

**St. Loys School parking and traffic problems – Update.** A meeting had been held at the school on 28<sup>th</sup> February with two representatives of Northants Highways. They were asked to confirm the ownership of verges alongside Astwell Road, to provide costings for creating additional parking spaces on these verges, and to advise how much of the cost can be absorbed by Northants Highways.. No response at the time of the meeting

**Finance Matters:** Accounts to-date and budget performance were reviewed and approved. Payments were approved for Clerk's salary and expenses, Rent for the Chapel, NCALC Training, Street lighting maintenance and entry fee for Best Village competition.

**St. Loys School "Forest School" Project:** Sarah Williams presented the St.Loys plans for establishing a Forest School in the area, and requested help from the Parish Council in finding a suitable wooded site. It was agreed that the Castle Mound, which belongs to the Parish Council, may be the best of the suggested sites. The Parish Council will support this project in principle, subject to the school arranging a tree survey and a risk assessment, and contacting the Forest Schools organisation for advice on next steps and taking responsibility for insurance cover and the safety of the children. (Subsequent correspondence note the site's special status as a Scheduled Monument)

**Parish Councils' Transparency Code:** Small councils like Weston and Weedon Lois with an annual expenditure of less than £25,000 will in future not be required to have an annual external audit. They will, however, be required to show transparency by publishing certain information on the Parish Council website. SNC have asked for confirmation that Weston and Weedon Lois will be compliant. As we have a Parish Council website we are compliant and require no further support to achieve the requirements.

**Correspondence** was noted from Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire (HS2), Andrea Leadsom, MP (enquiry about clubs and activities) and E.On (price rise)

### **Any Other Business**

- **Milthorpe Flooding** – Highways taking action but no dates yet
- **Telephone kiosks.** SNC have been advised that we wish to adopt those in our villages
- **Defibrillators (1).** Funds are being applied for in collaboration with the Village Hall
- **Defibrillators (2).** There is training in Blakesley on 9<sup>th</sup> May (details on page 5)
- **New village marquee** will be ordered in the new financial year.
- **Best Village competition** entry has been submitted. The judging date will be on June 5th

**Date and time of next meeting:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Annual Parish Meeting: 7:30pm in the Baptist Chapel to be followed by the Parish Council AGM at 8.00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Annual Parish meeting at which reports will be presented on behalf of all the various Village organisations

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

## More on Defibrillators

There is now a defibrillator in Blakesley, positioned outside Browns of Blakesley shop has been deployed in Blakesley, a village of just 500 residents, twice in the last year.

The defibrillator may be a couple of miles from your home, but those few minutes before the ambulance arrives, could make all the difference.

*Sara Cousin*

**(Details of training on page 5)**

## May Day Country Fair - 2017

### **36<sup>th</sup> Year of the Lois Weedon and Weston May Day Fair Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> May, Helmdon Road, Weston NN12 8PX**

One of South Northants Great Village Events Open To All

Entrance to the Fair, including free programme, is £2.00 for adults, £1.00 for children, Car Parking free,



The fair is busy from 10am but is opened officially at 12 noon with the crowning of the May Queen by our special guests of honour, **Mr and Mrs Ernie Wheeler**. Ernie and his wife Evelyn are probably our oldest residents and have lived in the community for 60 years. Last year Ernie was awarded the Legion d'Honneur by the President of France for the part he played as a Royal Marine in the D-Day Invasion and subsequent liberation of France in 1944. Evelyn is also a medal holder, having been recognised for her wartime contribution as a land girl. We are very proud to have Ernie and Evelyn as our guests of honour.

This year's May Queen is **Darcey Morrell** and her attendants are **Alexa Walton & Harriet Sullivan-Roberts**. They will arrive at 12.00 in a Ford Mustang, driven Mr Mark Williams. The crowning ceremony will be followed by the traditional Maypole Dancing by the children of St Loys CEVA Academy, Lois Weedon, three of whom also designed the covers of the May Day Programme.

Then all the fun of the fair will start: dancing by **Brackley Morris Men** music from **Brackley Brass Band**, , Children's Entertainer - **Silly Soapy**, Taekwondo Display, Kids Fun Run, **Arkadia Alpacas** with an opportunity to take one for a walk and the amazing **Hawkeye Falconry display**

Raffle tickets are on sale throughout the day (draw takes place at 4.00, the official closing of the show)

Prizes include, **Two tickets to one Sky Bet Football League match at Sixfields Stadium 2016/17 or 2017/18 season, Two tickets to a Northamptonshire County Cricket Match, Two weekend tickets to a race meeting at Silverstone, Vouchers to spend at Arkadia Alpacas & Reindeer Farm, Vouchers to Spend at Dunhelm** and many more...

There is the usual substantial and varied **Craft Fair** under cover in the barns with over 20 stalls including a huge **Tombola, Toys** and **Book** stalls, **crafts** and **food** stalls, **Candy floss**, and **Ice Cream**

We are especially pleased to announce our **Companion Dog Show** with a variety of Special Classes. Judging starts at 12.30pm and will be followed by our ever popular **Terrier Racing**. At the time of going to press we are hoping that there will be a sheep-shearing display.

Refreshments are available throughout the day with teas and coffees and cakes in the refreshment barn, **Beer** courtesy of **Towcester Mill Brewery** and **Cider** courtesy of local cider experts, **3C's Cider**, **Hog Roast** and **Burger Bar** and 'Foodie Stalls' in the Barns.

Summary of this year's attractions include.

- Brackley & District Band
- Alpaca Walks
- Classic Cars & Bikes
- Companion Dog Show
- Taekwondo Display
- Terrier Racing
- Brackley Morris Men
- Falconry Display
- Bouncy Castle & Sideshows
- Swings and Roundabouts
- Welly Wanging Competition
- Children's Entertainer

## What happens to the money raised by May Day ?

May Day is now in its 36<sup>th</sup> year and in that time has turned over approximately £250,000, at least half of which has been profit which has been distributed among various Village organisations. The event is one of the few Village activities that brings significant outside involvement of non-residents into the community and without this extraordinary effort and the funds it raises, the various organisations and activities within the village would need to find funding from elsewhere or might not even exist. Members of the various Village organisations participate in one way or another before and on the actual day, helping make the event a success.

After each May Day, once all the money has been counted and the bills paid, the May Day Organising Committee meet to consider the distribution of funds. It has become customary for the various Village groups in need of funding to write to the Committee to request a suitable donation. Each group that has benefited in the past from a May Day donation in the past will receive a letter inviting them to apply for any funding they require, stating the amount required and the purpose for which the money is to be used. The following is a list of some of the organisations and local causes that have benefitted from May Day funding over the years.

*Bell Ringers, Car Scheme, Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, Drama Club, Film Club, Fireworks Displays, Football Club, Lois Weedon Church, Churchyard strimmer, Playgroup/Pre-School, Plumpton Church, Village barbecue, Village marquee, Millennium Playing Field, Parish Council (various projects), Replanting of Daffodils, Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch, St Loys School, Village Hall, Village Newsletter, Weston Community Project/Baptists Chapel, Youth Club*

New groups or any which feel they have been overlooked are encouraged to make themselves known to the Committee by writing to me, *Paul Smith, Chairman, May Day Organising Committee (01327 860626)*

# **Companion Dog Show**

## **Lois Weedon & Weston May Day Country Fair**

### **Monday 1st May 2017**

**Entries from 12 Midday                      Judging to commence 12.30 pm**

**Treats for the Winner in Each Class**

**Rosettes 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> in each Class, Specials for other competitors**

1. A V Puppy 6 – 12 Months
2. Best Child Handler
3. A V Veteran (Over 7 years)
4. Best Crossbred
5. Best Rescue
6. Dog with the Waggiest Tail
7. Prettiest Bitch
8. Most Handsome Dog
9. The Most Appealing Eyes
10. The Dog the Judge would like to take home

**Best in Show & Reserve Best in Show**

*(selected from the winners of each Class)*

**Followed by Terrier Racing**



## Weston & Weedon Horticultural Society



This is a very busy time for the Society as we have some exciting events coming up. The Annual Horticultural, Flower and Food Show is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. This year it will take place at The Village Hall and St Loys School. Look out for further details in future Newsletters and on the Parish Council Website. Before then our members are visiting Thenford Gardens and Arboretum owned by the Heseltine's and later in the summer an evening visit to Ashley and Lindsey Cartwright's garden is planned. We are also very pleased to also be welcoming back The **Gladwin Brothers on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June**. They will present a menu that is an extension of their rural way of life back home in Nutbourne and their three restaurants in London. More details about this event will be available shortly.

Membership is currently £5 per year (*Join now and receive membership until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017*)  
General enquiries: [thewwhs@gmail.com](mailto:thewwhs@gmail.com)

## WWHS ANNUAL HORTICULTURAL, FLOWER & FOOD SHOW 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017

### 5 for the garden

- ✓ Take time to stand, stare and enjoy the sights and sounds of the garden.
- ✓ Can I plant them out? Shall I leave it until later? Be a little cautious as the severity of frosts decrease.
- ✓ Grass cutting has started and over the next few weeks the cut can be lowered.
- ✓ Plant a shrub. Most like a sunny spot but some will put up with a bit of shade.
- ✓ Plant some vegetables, fruit or flowers to enter in the Weston & Weedon Horticultural Show in September.

**YOU ONLY HAVE MINUTES TO  
SAVE A LIFE**

Blakesley and Woodend are lucky enough to have had a Community Public Access Defibrillator for just over two years. Within that time it has been deployed twice within the village of Blakesley.

Statistics suggest that the survival rate after a sudden cardiac arrest with CPR alone is 5%

**By using a defibrillator, the survival rate increases to 50%**

Do you feel confident you would know what to do if someone you were with collapsed?

You are invited to attend a  
**Defibrillator Awareness Event  
on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7pm at  
Blakesley & Woodend Village Hall**

Wine and nibbles will be kindly donated by Blakesley & Woodend WI

The more people that know how to use the portable defibrillator installed in our community, the more chance there is of saving the life of a victim of Sudden Cardiac Arrest. Everybody is welcome, and no special skills are required, just your willingness to play an important role in the event of a medical emergency

**All families welcome as well as residents from other villages  
Please note this is not a drop in session and will start at 7pm**



### VACANCY

**We are looking to recruit someone with a keen interest in motorsport to work in a local body shop, - may suit a school leaver as full training will be given. Preparing car body parts for spraying etc. Based at Lois Weedon, Own transport essential as rural location.**

**Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm. Salary negotiable on experience."**

**Contact;- Rob Elkington, CGM Performance Refinishing on 01327 861017 / 07884 188555**



## From Your Rector...

I receive a lot of thank-you notes, for the weddings I've taken, the children I've baptized and sadly all too often for the funerals I've ministered at. But I have to admit, I'm a terrible thank-you note writer myself and it's not the notes of thanks I forget, sometimes I'm so busy I even forget to thank God.

But here in the Astwell Benefice we have a huge amount to say thank you for, not just the very special area we are lucky enough to live in, but our schools, our communities and of course our wonderfully ancient Churches.

Did you know that there has been a site of worship here in the village for over 800 years, but it is fair to say that our Church has only survived this long because of the support of its community.

From the buildings works that would have been a real community endeavour, through to all those who attend worship and help support the ministry and mission down the centuries.

The Church has faced some pretty big threats before, the reformation, the commonwealth and even the Victorians, who remodeled the church out of all earlier recognition.

But today we face an even bigger threat.

Throughout the country the rural church is in decline. People lead busy lives and coming to Church every Sunday is no longer the norm, but perhaps we can tempt you back?

This Summer we are holding a number of services and events across the Benefice that celebrate what our Parish Church is all about and we would love you to come along and join us.

**On May 28<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Rogation Sunday** and we will be gathering together at Whitfield House Farm, just over the A43 in Whitfield, to celebrate our Farming Communities. As well as a hog roast and a speaker from the City Farm, we will be holding the annual blessing of the tractors – big and small old and new. Everyone is welcome.

**On June 24<sup>th</sup> we are holding a benefice-wide Astwell Wedding Fair** showcasing all that we can offer potential brides and grooms, from the ceremony, through to reception venues, photographers, beauty, dresses, suits, cakes and flowers, this will be your one stop shop for everything Wedding. And did you know that a Church Wedding can be a quarter of the price of most hotel packages?

So come along, have a free glass of bubbly and if you want to chat to couples who have already got married here, then on Sunday we are holding a Special celebration of Marriage Service. This service is open to everyone, whether you got married in our churches or not, so come along and receive a blessing on your lives together, young or old.

Our **Church Fete** is back on **July 22<sup>nd</sup>** by popular demand and this year we will be spilling out onto the Green.

Finally our **Saints Day Service** on **July 2<sup>nd</sup>** and this year we are combining it with the baptism of one of the newest members of our Community - Stanley. It is well worth joining us for that!

Confirmation classes are on offer in June and everyone is welcome to join us in preparation for welcoming Bishop John Flack here on **July 10<sup>th</sup>** for our Benefice Confirmation Service. *For further details just give me a ring or contact me by email.*

Your parish church is there for you, we are here to serve our community, so if you haven't visited us already, you are more than welcome and should you need someone to talk to, or you want to find out more details about any of the above or maybe how you can plan your Wedding or a Baptism -my details are below.

I am on the end of the phone or an email away- so do contact me if I can help with anything!

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