

Lois Weedon and Weston Newsletter

September/October 2016 – Autumn Edition

From the Editor

We are well into September and Autumn approaches. The weather has been unpredictable, to say the least. Last week saw some of the hottest September days on record but the week before when we had the annual Horticultural Food and Produce Show, the rain and wind proved quite limiting for the event. That said there was an excellent display of home grown produce and the show was well supported, despite the weather. A list of winners is included in this edition along with a report on some of the Horticultural Society's activities and some excellent "5 tips" for the Garden.

Lots of other events coming up too: Musical Evening, Bingo Nights, Thanksgiving Harvest Supper and Race Night – All the details are inside: Some of these are fund raisers to help support our Village Church and Village Hall. Come and support these worthy causes and have an enjoyable night out at the same time.

Next, I would like to extend a warm welcome to a whole bunch of folks who have recently arrived in our Village:

Firstly a belated welcome to **Leighton Gary James Worts**– born on 13th May 2016 - congratulations to proud parents, **Rosie** and **Jason** (and grandparents Gary and Vanessa Somerton.) Welcome too, to the **Bougourd** family – **Jonny** and **Sarah** and 2 (nearly 3)year old **Joshua** and sister, 2 week old **Grace May** –who have just moved into 2 Vicarage Rise – recently extended by Jonny and his team of builders. Welcome to **Trevor** and **Jenny Field**, who have taken up residence in Milthorpe And welcome to **Marc Cox** and **Stephanie Oliver** and twins **Finlay** and **Ella** who have just moved into 1 Middlethorpe and to **Robert Jefferies** and **Robyn Webb** who have moved into 19 Weston Road Greetings and welcome to all our new residents. If we've not met yet, I'm sure we soon will; I hope you enjoy living in our friendly community.

Welcome to everyone. There is a summary of Village Organisations on page 3. Feel free to get involved with any of the local activities, once you've settled in. If I've missed anyone, let me know in time for the next edition. I always like to make sure we publish a "welcome", even if it is a few weeks (or months or even longer)... late. ☺

The next and final edition of this year's newsletters will be in November 2016 and all material for that edition should be given to me by Saturday, 24th October 2015. Please note that this will be the final edition of 2016 so any notices for Christmas events etc. should be included in this one.

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Dates for your Diary

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

Mon., Sept 26	Parish Council Meeting , Baptist Chapel, Weston, 8:00 pm; Members of the public are welcome to attend.
Fri., Sept 30	Edible Bring & Buy Coffee Mornng in aid of Macmillan, 9am-12, hosted by Jenni Liversidge, 18 Middlethorpe, Lois Weedon.
Sat., Oct 1	Musical Evening in Aid of the Church and the Village Hall – Details on page 12
Tue., Oct 4	Film Club – Winter Programme starts. Full details on page 7
Fri., Oct 14	Horse Race Night in Village Hall in aid of the Village Hall & Church - Details on page 11
Sun., Oct 16	Thanksgiving Harvest Festival , Manor Farm Barn, Wappenham Road. Service 4.30pm; Harvest Supper 6pm (Details Page 6)
Wed., Oct 19	Bingo Club ; in Lois Weedon Village Hall.. Doors open at 7:30pm, eyes down 8:00pm. Pay bar available. Everyone welcome.
Thu., Oct 20	Village Hall Annual Meeting ; 7:30pm in Lois Weedon Village Hall – All welcome
Sat., Nov 5	Bonfire and Fireworks – 6:00pm in the field just opposite Middlethorpe, Lois Weedon
Wed., Nov 9	Bingo Club ; in Lois Weedon Village Hall.. Doors open at 7:30pm, eyes down 8:00pm. Pay bar available. Everyone welcome.
Sat., Nov 12	Film Club Event in aid of the British Legion – Details on Page 9

Details of **Church Services** and other dates in the Church Calendar on pages 5 and 6

Village Hall 100 Club Lottery

For the past six years the Village Hall Management Committee has been running a **100-Club lottery** to help raise funds for the maintenance of the hall. There are 12 monthly draws with prizes of £25, £10 and £5 awarded each month. The winning numbers are drawn at the monthly WI meeting and are published from time to time in the Newsletter.

Recent Winners of Village Hall '100 Club' Lottery

August 2016		September 2016	
Doug Hatton	32	Joy Kirkham	12
Veronica Seaman	57	David Isaac	59
Ashley Cartwright	67	Ted Wilson	17

Parish Council News

Edited notes from the Parish Council meeting held on July 25th 2016 at 8:00 pm in the Baptist Chapel, Weston.

Detailed minutes are published and posted on the Village notice boards and also available from the Clerk to the Council Present at the meeting were 6 Councillors and 3 members of the public. The meeting was chaired by Vice-Chairman, Chris Raven.

Planning: The Council had received documentation from SNC on the processes for the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment or the Sustainability Appraisal Consultation but had no comments to submit.

The Council noted that confirmation has been received from SNC of the change in route of Public Footpath SD24.

St. Loys School Parking and Traffic Problems. The Councillors and members of the public present agreed that the Northamptonshire Highways proposal received on 18th July, for zig-zag lines and “School – Keep Clear” markings on a section of Milthorpe outside the entrance to the school staff car-park, is non-enforceable and completely inadequate to deal with the serious problems of (a) danger to the safety of children and (b) inconvenience to local residents and businesses. It was agreed that the Chair of the School Governors should be asked to arrange a meeting of the School Governors, the Parish Council, the Headmaster, parents and local residents, to try to find a more effective solution.

The view of Parish Councillors and local residents is that there had been insufficient provision for increased traffic and parking needs when the school was expanded, and that this now needs to be rectified with the provision of more parking / drop-off facilities.

Finance: The income and expenditure budget and accounts to-date were reviewed and acknowledged to be on track. The funds received under the New Homes Bonus will be tracked separately.

New Homes Bonus: Application for a replacement marquee is under way; other proposals included providing funding to upgrade the Village Hall kitchen; this will require a costing estimate from the Village Hall Management committee.

Payments were approved for EON (street lighting – supply, maintenance and upgrade costs), CGM (grass cutting), Clerk’s salary and a donation to the church towards the costs of the Queen’s 90th Birthday Celebration

Pre-approval of regular payments: The Council agreed that certain regular and predictable costs could be paid, if the relevant invoice is required to be paid before the next Full Council Meeting and two signatories signed the cheques. These payments can then be reported and minuted at the next Council meeting.

Defibrillators: It was reported that Northants Community Foundation will not accept an application from the Parish Council for funds to acquire another defibrillator. This needs to come from another village organisation such as the Village Hall. They will be approached.

Mr Ernie Wheeler: It had been previously proposed to purchase a **cup in Mr Wheeler’s honour**. An alternative suggestion is that Mr. Wheeler would prefer a bench with a plaque in his honour, close to the allotments. Further liaison is required with the Horticultural Society about the provision of a bench and plaque.

Asset maintenance: It was agreed that two new benches should be purchased to replace the one on High Street between Weston and Lois Weedon, which has been removed, and the bench on the road out of Weston towards Culworth, which is damaged beyond repair and needs to be removed. Other necessary maintenance work identified in the asset review earlier in the year will be carried out by Mr. David Clarke.

St. Loys School Admissions Policy: The admissions policy from the school’s website was reviewed.

Queen’s Birthday Medals: It was decided that medals commemorating the Queen’s 90th birthday would be purchased by the Parish Council and given to children living in the Parish.

Mowing of the Extension Graveyard Complaints had been received about the grass in the extension graveyard. Since the complaints were received the graveyard has been mowed.

Barlye Furlonge: Some concerns have been expressed about the garage being constructed at Barlye Furlonge. The original plans for this, previously approved by SNC in 1994, were consulted and it was concluded that the new building complied with the approved plans.

Condition of local roads: serious concerns were expressed about the condition of local roads and the damage being caused to cars as a result. SNC Street Doctor will be contacted.

Additional concerns were expressed about overgrown hedges.

Date and time of next meeting: Monday 26th September, 2016 at 8:00pm in the Baptist Chapel, Weston

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

Summary of Village Organisations and Key Events (2016)

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 <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 support and upkeep of Plumpton church. Contact: William Sitwell (01327 860011)

Neighbourhood Watch. Coordinated by Mr David Clarke (01295 768133)

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 in the village hall. Meetings include demonstrations and visits. New members are always welcome. Contact: Margaret Seckington (01295 760487)

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 2nd 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 5th 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)

Village Golf Society – A group of local enthusiasts whose regular excuse for being "unavailable" is that they are "on a course". Contact: Jonathan Carpenter (01295 768120)

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)

From Your Rector...



Driving to and from the villages you can't help but notice that the corn that was "reaching way up to the sky" has been replaced in many cases by stubble and the recent good weather has meant that the earlier soggy hay crop has now been superseded by a plentiful bounty that is being "gathered in" as I write this letter.

Surrounded by all this plentiful countryside it is no wonder that Harvest – the time when we thank God that "*all is safely gathered in*" - became such a big community event.

The Harvest Festival dates back to when the industrial revolution was still very new and the land and what it produced was what mattered most. A good Harvest meant money in the bank and food on the table. A bad Harvest brought disaster to a whole community. This meant all the community, young and old, would gather together to thank God for a successful harvest and then celebrate by holding a massive party with food and dancing; during which some of the produced gathered in would be auctioned off.

So this year, we are taking our Harvest back to its roots (*if you'll pardon the pun!*). We are bringing a **Traditional Harvest Festival with a community Harvest Supper and Auction of Produce** back and holding it where down the centuries it has always been held – **in a Barn!!**

And we want the community to join us as we celebrate a good old-fashioned Harvest! So, as well as decorating the barn with fruits, vegetables and the flowers of the Harvest, (*some freshly picked and some already bottled into Jams and Pickles*), we will be auctioning it all off during the Village Harvest Supper that will follow on from the service that takes place **at Manor Farm on the Wappenham Road on Sunday October 16th**.

Everyone is welcome to join us and if you have something, home grown or homemade you can bring along on to decorate the Barn and to auction off then do bring it down to St Mary and St Peter in the week before and don't forget to bring your appetites (*and cash*) along to the meal and auction afterwards. There will be children's prizes for the best-dressed "farmer" and "farmers wife" along with some other Harvest activities.

Tickets will be on sale nearer the time from various places, but do make sure the date is in your diary. (*Details Page 6*)

Looking ahead to the Autumn....

In November we will be remembering again those who gave their lives for this country and for the freedom of future generations. We will gather for **The Act of Remembrance** at 10.40pm in Church and before that, we will be remembering those who were lost to us more recently when we hold our candlelit All Souls Services if you would like the name of a loved one mentioned at these services do let me know or fill in the special forms in this magazine.



Meanwhile our Communion Services, our Prayerbook Mattins and our Village Praise and Prayer, (*with hymns and readings chosen by village societies and groups*) continue on their usual Sunday's most months and details are in the Church porch, but do look out for the banners telling you what's on and if we are travelling to worship in one of the five other Churches in our Benefice as you are welcome to join us wherever we worship!



Over the next few months as we head in the direction of Advent and Christmas we will be hearing from the fabulous Gospel according to St Luke. This Gospel is fascinating as it contains "eye-witness" accounts from Christ's life finally written down after years of simply being retold farther to son, neighbor to friend, but it also is a gospel written for a Church congregation struggling to find themselves in a world that had no time for Christianity or the tenets of love and service. If you would like to know more, then do come along to our services or join our discussion group beyond Lent that takes place on the second Monday of the month.

And remember as well as all our services, the church is also open during the day and it can provide a quiet restful place to stop and stay a while. 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 at St Mary and St Peter -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!

Reverend Carole

The Rectory, The Green, Lois Weedon NN12 8PN.
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A Time to Remember Services for All Souls



All Souls comes just before All Saints Day in the Church calendar.

It is a time when we hold special services of Thanksgiving for loved ones who have departed this earth.

At the services the names of all those recorded in our burial book will be read out and thanks given for their lives. We will also be giving thanks for departed loved ones that are not resting in our churchyard, but who are connected to our community as family or friends. If you would like loved ones to be included, then please either fill in the form below return it to Reverend Carole.

Please include my loved one(s) in the service:

Please write the name or names and any details you wish to include below:

Please return to: *The Reverend Carole Peters, The Rector of the Astwell Benefice
The Rectory, The Green, Lois Weedon, Towcester, NN12 8PN
or call :01327 860798 or email: carolepeters@aol.com*

A Time to Remember services are being held:

Friday, October 28th at 7:30pm St John the Evangelist, Whitfield

Saturday, October 29th at 4:00pm St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

Monday, October 31st at 7:30pm St James the Great, Syresham

In the Astwell Benefice starting at 3.30pm



Sunday Oct 2 nd	Syresham – “Harvest”
Sunday Nov 20 th	Lois Weedon – “Christmas is on its way”
December 18 th 3.30pm	Messy Christingle

‘Beyond Lent’

Everyone welcome! all at 7.30pm

Our monthly bible study – ideal if you want to explore your faith, or are thinking of being confirmed.



Monday 8th August at The Astwell Rectory
Monday 12th September 9 Wappenham Road, Helmdon
Monday 10th October at The Astwell Rectory
Monday 14th November at The Astwell Rectory
Monday 12th December at The Astwell Rectory

CHURCH SERVICES

September to November 2016

Sunday September 4 th	11.00am Benefice Communion For The Feast Day Of The Virgin Wappenham Followed by Bring & Share Picnic BBQ
Sunday Sept 11 th	11.00am Benefice Communion St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon & Weston
Sunday Sept 18 th	11.00am Benefice Communion St Lawrence, Radstone
Sunday Sept 25 th	9.30pm Parish Communion
Sunday Oct 2 nd	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Oct 9 th	9.30am Village Praise And Prayer
Sunday Oct 16 th ***New***	HARVEST FESTIVAL IN THE BARN followed by HARVEST SUPPER AND AUCTION (Details Below)
Sunday Oct 23 rd	9.30am Parish Communion
Sunday Oct 30 th	11.00am Benefice Communion For All Saints, Wappenham
Sunday Nov 6 th t	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Nov 13 th	Remembrance Sunday 10.40am Act Of Remembrance Service
Sunday Nov 20 th	9.30am Mattins
Sunday Nov 27 th	With the Blessing of the Wreaths – St James the Great, Syresham 6pm Taize for Advent – St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon

See porch notice board or details of services elsewhere in the Benefice.

Benefice Midweek Communion is held every Wednesday morning
at 10am at St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon from September 28th

Come and join us at our Thanksgiving Harvest in the Barn

with a

Traditional Community Harvest Supper

Manor Farm Barn, Wappenham Road
(between Lois Weedon and Wappenham)

Sunday October 16th

Barn Service 4.30pm

Barn Supper 6pm



Featuring homemade local beef and ale stew followed by apple pie
(Vegetarian option available)

Followed by an **Auction of Produce & Gifts**

Fruit, veg, jams, pickles, tins and bottles - all gratefully accepted.

Bring produce or gifts to be auctioned to the barn or
drop off in Church the week before.



Music, Children's Activities, Bar

Tickets £8 for adults £4 for children

Tickets and further details from:

Frank Hunter on 860597, Edwin King on 01295 760507 or Howard Mordue 860812

Or email carolepeters@aol.com

Weston & Lois Weedon Film Club

Memorable movies on your doorstep!

Join us for our new season at the village Film Club and another terrific line-up of films nominated by our members. You're assured of a warm welcome, whatever the weather!

Annual membership remains amazing value at just £5, with fortnightly screenings from October to April. Once you've joined, members can attend any of our event nights for just £2 admission and bring along a friend (or two!) for a further £3 each. The club is open to anyone in Weston, Lois Weedon and the surrounding villages.

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

EVENT NIGHTS DIARY – October to December 2016

Tuesday October 4th: **"Bridge of Spies"** (2015, drama/history/thriller, 2hr 15m, Cert 12)

Inspired by the true story of an insurance lawyer, James B. Donovan, who became the unlikely go-between in an exchange of prisoners between the U.S. and Soviet governments in 1957.

Stars: Tom Hanks, Mark Rylance, Alan Alda. IMDb rating: 7.6, Rotten Tomatoes rating: 91%

Tuesday October 18th: **"The Gift"** (2015, mystery/thriller, 1hr 48m, Cert 15)

A young married couple's lives are thrown into a harrowing tailspin when an acquaintance from the husband's past brings mysterious gifts and a horrifying secret to light after more than 20 years.

Stars: Jason Bateman, Rebecca Hall, Joel Edgerton. IMDb rating: 7.1, Rotten Tomatoes rating: 93%

Tuesday November 1st: **"The Impossible"** (2012, drama/thriller, 1hr 54m, Cert 12)

The story of a tourist family in Thailand caught up in the destruction and chaotic aftermath of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

Stars: Naomi Watts, Ewan McGregor, Tom Holland. IMDb rating: 7.6, Rotten Tomatoes rating: 81%

SPECIAL MATINEE SCREENING – in aid of the Royal British Legion (more details on page 8)

Saturday November 12th: **"The Man Who Never Was"** (1956, war/drama, 1hr 43m, Cert U)

The true story of a British attempt to trick the enemy into weakening Sicily's defences before the 1943 attack using a dead man with faked papers.

Stars: Clifton Webb, Gloria Grahame, Robert Flemyng. IMDb rating: 7.4, Rotten Tomatoes rating: 100%

Tuesday November 15th: **"The Third Man"** (1949, Film Noire/mystery/thriller, 1hr 40m, Cert PG)

Pulp novelist Holly Martins travels to shadowy, post-war Vienna, only to find himself investigating the mysterious death of an old friend, Harry Lime.

Stars: Orson Welles, Joseph Cotten, Alida Valli. IMDb rating: 8.3, Rotten Tomatoes rating: 100%

Tuesday November 29th: **"Suffragette"** (2015, biography/drama/history, 1hr 46m, Cert PG)

The foot soldiers of the early feminist movement, this is the story of the women who were forced underground to pursue a dangerous game of cat and mouse with an increasingly brutal State.

Stars: Carey Mulligan, Helena Bonham Carter. IMDb rating: 6.9, Rotten Tomatoes rating: 73%

Tuesday December 13th: **"Morgan: A Suitable Case for Treatment"** (1966, comedy/fantasy, 1hr 37m, Cert PG)

Join us for mulled wine and minced pies... and see Vanessa Redgrave in her film debut! After his wife leaves him for another man, a London artist begins his descent into madness in trying to win her back.

Stars: David Warner, Vanessa Redgrave. IMDb rating: 7.0, Rotten Tomatoes rating: 69%

You can always check films and dates on our website: www.wlwfilmclub.co.uk
Trevor & Jonathan, Weston & Lois Weedon Film Club

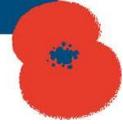
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Presents

A film show on Saturday November 12th

at 2 pm in the Village Hall.

All proceeds donated to the RBL Wappenham & District Branch.

PROGRAM

Doors open at 2:00pm

Film starts 2:20 prompt.

“London Can Take It”

Documentary (1940) from the B.F.I. A compilation of short films about the bombing of the capital and the effect on the inhabitants.

Intermission

Refreshments served.

Main Feature

“The Man Who never was” (Colour, 1956)

Directed by Robert Neame

Starring Clifton Webb, Gloria Grahame, Robert Flemyng.

Tickets £7

Contact: **Trevor George** 01295 768699 **Bob Devey** 01327 860148

Traveling Theatre Company performing in Wappenham

The Pantaloons Theatre Company are coming back to Wappenham Village Hall with 'Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde' this autumn on **Sunday 30th October**. They are very funny, as previous audiences at Wappenham and Canons Ashby will confirm. Time and price to be confirmed, but put it in your diaries.

Tickets will be on sale nearer the time - posters and email will let you know how to get hold of them.

Jane Harries

Weston & Weedon Horticultural Society Annual Show – Flower & Food Fair

On Saturday 3 September the 76th Show opened its doors. Much hard work had gone into setting up the site and a greater number of hours into producing the wonderful displays of vegetables, flowers, baking, home brew and much more. The produce was ready, the site was ready, the judges were ready and a crowd were there for the fun. Only one thing was not going to plan. It was rainy, cold and windy! However everyone was determined this would not spoil the day and a good time was had by all.

William Sitwell and Ernie Wheeler opened the show in splendid fashion and Ernie's plea for the young to take to the land made many of us quite emotional. There was also lots of laughter particularly around the beer tent. Not so much at the bouncy castle which had to close early for safety reasons.

The prize giving was a joyous time and the usual banter took place over the Guinness Cake winner.

Many of the winners donated their prize money to the society and we are also grateful to our sponsors for their support.

Thanks also to our judges and the committee who make the show happen every year.

We will see you all next year and we are keen for more people to be involved in any way they can.

Contact us if you are interested or would like to become a member of the society. thewwhs@gmail.com

The Weston & Weedon Horticultural Society Visit To Canons Ashby

On a balmy summer evening in August 18 members of the Weston & Weedon Horticultural Society, with friends and partners, visited the wonderful gardens of National Trust, Canons Ashby. This was a private and exclusive opportunity to explore the gardens and grounds after the public had gone home. The group was led on a tour by Chris Smith, Gardens and Parkland Manager with Nadine Bayliss, Head Gardener. The tour was followed by a hot drink and a slice of cake in the Tearoom.

Here is Ashley and Lindsey Cartwright's account of the evening:

Around eighteen of us gathered on a lovely evening; in fact it was one of those evenings when the weather was more than glorious but enchanting. We were met at the car park by Chris and Nadine, given a little introduction before heading into the reformed gardens.

It is always bold to change something that is pretty good and go back in time literally to the roots of a scheme that existed years or centuries before but that is what has happened at Cannons Ashby under the enthusiasm of Chris Smith who has been the Head gardener for many years. He now has more of an overseeing management role and most of the ongoing work is under the guidance of Nadine.

Huge cedars that had never achieved the desired symmetry were removed and beds reformed and replanted with bold colours. Some would say if it isn't broken don't fix it but the sheer scale and vision here is genuinely impressive.

Around the lawns and borders including the vegetable area something in the region of two kilometres of metal edging has been laid to give the whole area amazing visual sharpness.

The vegetable area has impressive ranges of produce all clearly labelled that provide daily provision for the restaurant and amongst the veg is a huge carpet of flowers for cutting that even Monet would have enjoyed painting such was their vibrancy. We are going to have a go at that mix of veg and flower next year.

Those of you who missed the evening missed one of summer's highlights and one thing is for sure that this has kicked off an initiative for the Horticultural Society to meet and discuss and visit associated aspects of the growing/designed world.



5 for the garden



- ✓ How tall are your sunflowers? Leave them in situ for autumn bird food.
- ✓ Scarify your lawn with a rake to remove the thatch from your grass.
- ✓ Dig up potatoes carefully on a sunny day. Allow to dry before storing somewhere cool, dry and dark.
- ✓ Short on fruit in your garden? Hit the hedgerows for blackberries great for jam, pies and wine.
- ✓ Harvest attractive seed heads, such as poppies, for use as Christmas decorations.

(Eden Project September 2016)

Weston & Weedon Horticultural Society 76th Annual Show

CHALLENGE TROPHIES & AWARDS - 2016		Winner
1	C. H. Middleton Cup - Awarded to the Society member, past or present, residing in Weston and Weedon gaining the most points in vegetable classes in Section 'A'.	M Cadd
2	G. V. Dennis Cup - Best exhibit in show.	Sheila French
3	W. R. Lawrence Trophy - Awarded to the winner of the Sweet Pea class.	Stuart Woodford
4	Trustees' Cup - Most points in Vegetable Classes in Section 'B'.	Jim Smith
5	Founders' Cup - Most points in Section 'A' Floral Classes.	M Cadd
6	T. J. B. Humphrey Memorial Cup - Winner of Transplanted Onions. Section 'A'.	Doug Hatton
7	F. M. Wills Memorial Trophy - Collection of Potatoes - Section 'A' Awarded to the Society member, past or present, residing in Weston and Weedon.	M Cadd
8	M. Seckington Cup - Winner of Collection of Flowers. Section 'B'.	M Cadd
9	B Jones Challenge Cup – Most points in Section 'B' classes.	Mick Yates
10	Mrs B. E. Humphrey Cup - For the most points in Section 'C' Cookery Classes (points count 3, 2, 1).	Sarah Webb
11	George Causebrook Rose Bowl - Winner - Roses (3) - Members only. Section 'A'.	Elsie Hatton
12	Tray - Best exhibit in children's miniature garden class. Section 'F'.	Zoe Longley
13	D. Manning Cup - Most points in the children's section. Section 'F'	Zoe Longley / Charlie Trevatt
14	John Willis Cup - Most points in Open Floral Art Classes. Section 'C'.	Sheila French
15	J. J. Satchwell Trophy - Best exhibit in floral Classes Section 'A'. Awarded to the Society member, past or present, residing in Weston and Weedon.	M Cadd
16	R. F. Haynes Shield - Winner of Dahlias - Pompom Section 'B'.	Mick Yates
17	Royal British Legion Cup - Most points in section 'E'.	Bob Devey
18	W. Drake Plate - Winner of Section 'D' Best Exhibit.	Alan Davies
19	Daniel Clark Plate - Winner of Novice Potatoes.	Bob Devey
20	Tony Allen Cup - Most points in Novice Vegetable Classes.	Wayne Gee
21	Peggotty Trophy – Floral Classes. Novice.	Katie Wilson
22	Mr & Mrs W. J. B. J. Richards Shield - Best allotment.	M Cadd
23	G. Moreau Plate - For best individual crop on allotment.	Ivor Jones
24	H. Busby Challenge Cup - Winner of Class 1 Section 'A'.	Ernie Wheeler
25	The Sitwell Challenge Cup - Best exhibit in Floral Art. Section 'C'.	Sheila French
26	L. H. Wills Memorial Cup - Winner of Collection of Fruit. Section 'B'.	Susanna Sitwell
27	Austin Wilkins Memorial Plate - To be chosen by previous year's winner.	Ivor Jones
28	Chrysanthemum Silver Medal - Best Vase in show.	Colin Hayter
29	Chrysanthemum Bronze Medal - Awarded to Runner Up.	Stuart Woodford
30	Dahlia Silver Medal - Best Vase in show.	Linda Caswell
31	Dahlia Bronze Medal - Awarded to Runner Up.	Linda Caswell
32	Guinness Cake Trophy – Awarded to the winner of the Guinness cake.	Graham Ellis
33	Pat Quinn Memorial – Best exhibit in Cookery Classes.	Amy Jones
34	Rod Ainsworth Memorial Trophy – Best exhibit from St Loys CEVA Primary Academy	Smith House

Found at the Gladwin Brothers Dinner

We are trying to seek out the owner of a woman's shawl left at the village hall the night of the Gladwin Brothers meal. The shawl is dark blue with a white paisley pattern and white fringe. Contact Graham Ellis (01295 768570)

Macmillan Coffee Morning

I will once again be holding the “World’s Biggest Coffee Morning” for Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 30th September at 18 Milthorpe, Lois Weedon. Your support could ensure that the nurses are able to spend more time with the people who need that most. We know how important specialist care is when you’re living with cancer. Our Macmillan Nurses are trained to provide the best cancer care possible and your donation will help us to make sure everyone gets the help they need. My coffee morning will start at 9am, hopefully to capture a few mums after the school run, and finish at 12:00, but if you would like a cuppa in the afternoon, do pop in. There will be recipe cards, “spot the cake” and “find the golden bean” competitions and an edible “bring & buy”.

I look forward to seeing you on the 30th.

Jenni Liversidge

Village Flower Troughs

The WI has been planting up the four flower troughs at the entrance to the two villages for a few years now. We were very sad to see one of them has completely disappeared! It must have been two very strong thieves with a vehicle as the troughs are heavy empty, let alone full of soil.

They have been vandalised a few times in the past but to take the whole thing is dreadful. We think it vanished at the beginning of July. If anyone has any information, could they please tell any WI member?

Thank you

Jenni Liversidge

Forthcoming Village Hall Events

Village Hall Annual Meeting

Thursday 20th October 2016

7:30 p.m. Lois Weedon Village Hall.

The Village Hall Management committee is responsible for day to day management, upkeep and finance of the hall, which is a registered charity provided for the benefit of the local community. As a registered charity we are required to hold an open meeting at least once per year. The meeting is open to all local residents and we encourage you to come along to hear what the committee has been doing, be presented reports on the financial health of the hall and to discuss ideas and plans for the future.

Race Night – Friday October 14th

Lois Weedon & Weston Village Hall

A fundraiser for the Village Hall, Diabetes UK and Lois Weedon Church

Tickets price £6, from:
Rachel Smith (01327 860626),

7:00 for a 7:30 start

**Entrance price includes supper
Bring your own drinks and glasses**

What Happens At Race Night

Just a reminder if you’ve not been to one of these events before. There will be 8 (video) races and in each race there are 8 Horses. Before the beginning of each race there will be an auction where you can bid to be the owner of one of the horses. Once all the horses have been “sold”, then you can place bets (£1) on whichever horse you think will win. Once all the bets are placed, the race starts. The owner of the winning horse gets a pay-out (usually quite noticeable) and anyone who bet on the winning horse gets a pay-out. And of course we have highly skilled “turf accountants” running the tote so it is all above board.

Halfway through the evening we’ll pause for supper (and a raffle) and then back on with the next race

Now each of the races is sponsored by some of our local businesses – We are still looking for two more sponsors. Sponsorship costs £25 and includes 2 free tickets. Sponsors are promoted in the programme and get to name all 8 horses in that race. Often groups of friends and family get together and book a table of 8.

Contact Rachel Smith if you would like to sponsor a race or book a table.

We would also be very grateful for any raffle prizes too.

Rachel Smith
01327 860626

MUSICAL EVENING

in the



Village Hall



Saturday 1st October 7.30

Six Great Acts

**Anna, Charlotte, the Shunters
Harriet, Mandy**

**and then dancing to
Silver Connexion**



Bar and Nibbles

**Tickets £10 adults
£6 pre adults**

A joint fundraiser for the Church and the Village Hall

Tickets from Frank 01327 860597 & Sue 01327 860949
