



# Lois Weedon and Weston Newsletter



July/August 2023 – Late Summer Edition

## From the Editor

Despite the grim weather our various village events have continued and plans are afoot for more social (and fundraising) activities for the autumn. If you have not lived here long events such as the Race Night and other social activity are not to be missed – check-out the diary below. And not forgetting our Big Lunch event on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> celebrating the coronation of King Charles III. Colin James has written a brief report on page 6 in which he encourages us to consider making the event a regular village activity.

The Drama Group met recently to start plans for productions through the autumn and into 2024; the Women’s Institute are planning various events including a couple that are open to all the community; the Horticultural Society are planning their 81<sup>st</sup> Show and other events are in the planning stages.... One of the WI events next month is a talk on the work done by the World War II codebreakers of Bletchley Park – very intriguing and open to all of use.

Checkout Polly Johnson’s “Stair Climb and Abseil Challenge” – page 5 for details. Breath-taking stuff so let’s encourage her and all for the Alzheimer's Society.

We have had some sad news recently with the passing of Pat Allen after a long illness and also Evelyn Wheeler who along with her late husband were two of our oldest residents. Our condolences and sympathy go to their families.

If I have missed any newcomers to our community and failed to welcome them then I apologise but if you let me know I’ll be sure to add you to next edition

Our local high speed broad band service, courtesy of Tove Valley Broadband, has been with us since 2013. This community broadband system was installed and maintained by local volunteers and for the last 10 years has provided a high speed internet service using digital radio links and Wi-Fi connections. It is now going to be even faster thanks to the implementation of “Fibre-To-The-Premises” (FTTP); again, this community based system will need the support of local volunteers –More details on page 4.

There has been quite a bit of Parish Council activity recently – regular meetings in May and soon in July but also site meetings to review specific planning applications – see comment below about being on the Parish Council distribution list. Our local authority, West Northants Council, appear to have reduced the services within the planning department and don’t always send out notifications about forthcoming planning applications under consideration to everyone possibly affected by proposed developments. Our Parish Clerk has a distribution list to share all such notifications, but needs your approval to be on that list.

If you are reading this as a printed hard copy, then you are in a select group of valued members of our community for whom I am happy to continue printing the newsletter. However, the majority of our community are now happy and 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 will stop trudging up your driveway to deliver. Also, if you know of anyone outside the Village who would like to receive the Newsletter then just let me have their details (email only).

Please note that the Parish Council maintain an email distribution list for Council notices, planning information and other information – To be included on that list please email our Clerk – Ken Power : [wlwparishclerk@outlook.com](mailto:wlwparishclerk@outlook.com)

The next edition of the newsletter after this will be in September/October 2023 and all material for that edition should be given to me by Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

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## Dates for your Diary

Mon., Jul 31	<b>Parish Council Meeting.</b> 8:00pm in Lois Weedon Village Hall – Agenda published on the Parish website and notice boards
Fri., Aug 4	<b>Church Coffee Morning.</b> 10am-12pm, Lois Weedon Village Hall – proceed towards the Church funds
Wed., Aug 16	<b>Weston and Lois Weedon Village Golf Day 2023.</b> – For information only – bookings are now closed
Fri., Sep 1	<b>Church Coffee Morning.</b> 10am-12pm, Lois Weedon Village Hall – proceed towards the Church funds
Sat., Sep 2	<b>Weston &amp; Weedon Horticultural Society, 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Show</b> from 2:00pm. Details on page 5
Fri., Sep 8	<b>Enigma &amp; The Codebreakers of Bletchley Park</b> – a talk by Philomena Liggins – 7:15pm, Lois Weedon Village Hall
Sat., Sep 16	<b>WI Table Top Sale</b> – 10:00 – 12:00pm, Lois Weedon Village Hall – Details on page 3
Fri., Oct 6	<b>Race Night,</b> Village Hall – Details on page 3. Proceeds towards the Village Hall and Cancer Research

## **Parish Council**

Here is a summary of the Parish Council Annual General Meeting held on **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Full minutes of council meetings are posted on the Village Notice Boards and on the Parish Council website. If anyone would like more information on any matter, please contact the Clerk, Ken Power.

**Annual General Meeting 2023** – Lois Weedon Village Hall, May 15<sup>th</sup> 2023, following **Annual Parish Assembly**

**Election of council officers:** Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Councillor Responsible for Financial Oversight

- Cllr. David Elkington was unanimously re-elected as Chairman.
- Cllr. Danielle Sheppard was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman.
- Cllr. Paul Smith was unanimously re-elected as Councillor responsible for financial oversight.
- Mr. Ken Power was unanimously re-appointed as Clerk and RFO to the Parish Council.

In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman and Vice Chair it was unanimously agreed that Cllr. Smith should be appointed to chair the meeting.

### **Calendar of Events 2023/2024**

Council meetings will take place on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The Annual Parish Assembly and Parish Council AGM will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

### **Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct and Standing Orders**

The current Standing Orders and Financial Regulations will apply to the proceedings for fiscal year 2023/2024, and that the Code of Conduct proposed by NCALC should be adopted

### **Other Finance Matters:**

#### **Review of Annual 2022/2023 Internal Audit**

The NCALC annual internal audit report was unanimously rejected as it contains factual inaccuracies. Discussions about this are continuing with NCALC.

**Review of 2022/2023 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)** was reviewed and necessary responses confirmed by the Council. – The return was signed by the acting Chairman and the Clerk. The relevant minutes reference will be added, and the return will be published on the Parish Council website

**Accounts 2023/24 to-date and budget performance** were reviewed and approved. **Internal Financial Controls** were reviewed and approved. Additional password security requirements noted.

**Insurance** – It was agreed to change the council's insurance from BHIB to Zurich, to achieve a cost saving of £104.31 on the premium.

**Payments** were approved for Clerk's salary and expenses, Npower (street lighting supply), Zurich Municipal (Insurance), Complete Ground Management (Castle Mound tree work, mowing Millennium Field and churchyard), Grants for Newsletter, Flood Warden storage, Subscriptions (NCALC, ICO, CPRE),,;

**Marquee Damage:** The Friends of St. Loys school have paid for repairs to the marquee.

**Planning and Licensing Matters:** the following application was reviewed:

**WNS/2023/5059/FULL.** Stonehouse Farm, Helmdon Road, Weston NN12 8PX. Variation of condition 3 (Plans) to WNS/2021/0907/FUL. **Object.** The council has requested more clarity about the proposed changes to the original approved plans.

**WNS/2023/5184/FULL.** Grey Barn Farm, Wappenham Road, Weedon Lois NN12 8FN. Conversion of garage to self-contained flat (retrospective.) **Support.**

**Castle Mound** The council has received a £1,464.00 contribution from Historic England for the tree work. A further payment of £840.00 is expected when the remaining work is completed.

**Date and time of next meeting** Statutory Council Meeting - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023, at 8:00pm p.m. in the Village Hall, Lois Weedon

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

## Winners of Village Hall '200 Club' Lottery

May 2023		June 2023	
Joy Kirkham	12	Jessica Smith	91
Sarah Webb	158	Ted Wilson	17
Jonny & Sarah Bougourd	43	Louise King	79
Frank & Maralynn Hunter	115	Ivor Jones	94

*We appear to have "mislaidd" the July results – we do know that winnings were distributed but if you were a lucky winner could you drop us line to [rachel.k.smith4@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.k.smith4@gmail.com).*

The lottery is usually drawn once per month.

Prizes are £25, £15, £10, £5. £50 bonus draw in December - We still have lottery numbers available.

*It will soon be time for your membership of the 200-Club to be renewed. Reminder letters will be sent out shortly.*

Rachel Smith (01327 860626)

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### **'Enigma and The Codebreakers of Bletchley Park'**

**The Village Hall and WI** are hosting a special open evening in the Village Hall on Friday 8th September to which you are all invited. Doors open at 7.15pm and the evening will start at 7:45pm.

Tickets are £7.50 per person which includes a glass of wine or soft drink. A pay bar will be available to purchase further refreshments.

We are delighted to host **Philomena Liggins**, a published local author and social historian. Philomena will give a talk on the codebreakers of Bletchley Park with a focus on their battles to break the Enigma and Lorenz cyphers. Set against the backdrop of intelligence gathering this talk tells the story of intercepts, decrypts, deception, a German traitor, double agents and forgotten heroes. It focuses on the German Enigma cypher machine and the WW2 codebreakers who battled against time to break the cyphers and get the contents of the enemy's secret messages into the theatre of war before it was too late.

All are invited to join us. Tickets can be purchased from Edwina Kidd, email [nsh-weston@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nsh-weston@tiscali.co.uk)

### **Lois Weedon & Weston WI Table Top Sale**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 – Lois Weedon Village Hall

10:00 – 12:00pm (midday)

Tea & coffee & biscuits will be available

To book a table at £10, contact Edwina Kidd - [nsh-weston@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nsh-weston@tiscali.co.uk)

### **Race Night Returns – Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>, Lois Weedon Village Hall**

The return of the ever popular (video) Horse Race Night is due to take place in Lois Weedon Village Hall on Friday 6th October. A fundraiser for the Village Hall and Cancer Research.

#### **7:00 for a 7:30 start of the first race**

Tickets price £10:

Entrance price includes supper - Bring your own drinks and glasses

*If you require a table of eight please order early*

Diane Hunt. (01327 350714), [briarfurlong@yahoo.com](mailto:briarfurlong@yahoo.com)

Rachel Smith (01327 860626), [rachel.k.smith4@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.k.smith4@gmail.com)

We are now in the process of contacting individuals who might like to sponsor a race or place an advert in the Programme or donate a Raffle Prize. Sponsorship £30 (includes 2 entrance tickets); Adverts £25 (half page)

All proceeds this year are for CANCER RESEARCH and LOIS WEEDON VILLAGE HALL. If you are interested in any of the above please contact us as soon as possible.

*Rachel Smith & Diane Hunt*

## Fibre to the Premises

The Project has started connecting residences to Fibre. Currently the majority of residents in Middlethorpe, Weston Road, The Paddocks and Milthorpe are now connected to Fibre and enjoying 'Gigabit' Broadband. In practice this means speeds of 600 plus megabits per second.

Other residents of Lois Weedon, ie Kettle End, Vicarage Rise, The Green and High will follow in the next few weeks. Weston has fibre laid from near the top of Helmdon Road all the way round to the field at the end of Grove Lane and will shortly be connected to the Fibre cable that goes from the garden in the last house on Culworth Road out of Weston, under the road and all the way to Gardener's Cottage next to Weston Hall. Finally Cable has been laid in the field behind the houses on the High Street East and Helmdon Rd to the East.

Congratulations to all the volunteers and those who have rolled up their sleeves to help.

### **One Very Important Plea.**

Everyone who wishes to make use of their connection must respond to the Government's Emails confirming that they have agreed to be part of the scheme that the Department for Culture Media and Sport are supporting financially. Eric tells me that there are still a significant number who have not replied.

This is part of what you should have received:

Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme – action required

Funding Platform <[funding.platform@notifications.service.gov.uk](mailto:funding.platform@notifications.service.gov.uk)> To: Your email address;



This email is intended for "Your Name"

Abthorpe Broadband Association Limited has requested a UK Gigabit Voucher on your behalf to offset the cost of a gigabit-capable broadband installation at your address.

Your voucher number is GPnnnnnnn.

In order for us to issue the voucher, we need you to confirm that you agree to this supplier requesting a voucher to help fund the cost of a new gigabit-capable service to your address.

Please use the link and password below to view and accept the terms of the Scheme. We cannot issue your voucher until you confirm these details.

Password: nnnnnnnn

Link: <https://funding-bduk.pega.net/prweb/PRAuth/VoucherValidation>

If you are concerned about the security of the link, please visit the scheme website for more information: <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk>

*Frank Hunter on Behalf of Tove Valley Broadband*  
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# Weston & Weedon Horticultural Society **81<sup>st</sup> Annual Horticultural Show 2023**



## **FIVE FOR THE SHOW**

- We are looking forward to seeing you all on the **2<sup>nd</sup> September from 2pm**. The full Schedule will be posted through your door soon. Read it through and enter as many classes as you can. Entries can be posted through the address on the Entry Form, by email or telephone.
- There is **no charge** for entries or for coming into the show on the day. Prizes will be awarded for the best entries. There is also **free parking** although we encourage you to walk to the event if possible.
- Delicious afternoon teas will be served, and toilets will be available in the Village Hall.
- The show will be officially opened by **Mr Clyde Burbidge** who has also kindly allowed us to use his field again this year.
- We are hoping for another memorable show but this will only happen with your help. There is something for everyone in the Schedule. Please have a look and more importantly 'have a go'.

### **PS**

We have a number of allotment plots of all shapes and sizes in Lois Weedon available to rent. Much cheaper than a Gym Club membership! Please contact **Ivor Jones 07950 556149** if interested.

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### **Lois Weedon and Weston Village Golf Day**

Open to all golfers who live in Lois Weedon or Weston to be held on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August** at Cherwell Edge Golf Club. Followed by prize giving and dinner at The Crown Inn in Weston.

Further details available nearer the event.

If you would like to participate in this fun event please notify Diane Archard -Jones by **FRIDAY 22nd JULY** on **01295 760378** or email [diana876@archardjones.co.uk](mailto:diana876@archardjones.co.uk)

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### **Polly Johnson's Stair climb and abseil challenge!**

This year as I turn 30 I wanted to take on a unique challenge and to raise awareness and support for the Alzheimer's Society in the process.

Having grown up in Lois Weedon and being a current resident in Weston I'd like to share my reasons with you!

This challenge involves climbing up 42 floors (over 1000 steps!!) of the iconic Cheesegrater skyscraper - the Leadenhall Building, in London, before a solo abseil back down to ground level.

I have seen the devastating effect that this disease has on individuals and families in both a personal and professional manner. This amazing charity not only supports those affected by Alzheimer's but aims to create awareness of the disease and its impact within our communities.

My target is to raise **£1500**, that's around £1.50 per step or £36 a floor!

Any donations would be greatly appreciated. This can be done via my just giving page:

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/polly-johnson5](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/polly-johnson5)

Thank you for reading my story. If you need any further info then contact me.

Many thanks

*Polly Johnson*

## **Notice of application of a premises licence under Section 17 Licensing Act 2003.**

**Name of applicant:** Wilde Enterprises Ltd  
**Address of premises:** 4 Helmdon Road, Weston, Towcester, Northants NN12 8PX

**It is proposed to** licence these premises for the sale of alcohol on the premises.

The full application can be inspected by contacting the department below.

Representations can be made before 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

### **IN WRITING to:**

The Licensing Team	Tel:	01327 322278
West Northants Council	Email:	<a href="mailto:Licensing.snc@westnorthants.gov.uk">Licensing.snc@westnorthants.gov.uk</a>
Moat Lane	Web:	<a href="http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk">www.westnorthants.gov.uk</a>
Towcester		
NN12 6AD		

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is unlimited.

### **The Big Lunch - May 7th 2023**

The villages of Lois Weedon and Weston came together to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III with our very own **BIG LUNCH**.

More than 150 people came, many sporting red, white and blue favours to create a most pleasing atmosphere.

To add to the celebrations Prosecco and Ice cream was provided free gratis to the assembled courtesy of The Village Hall and the May Day committees.

The proceedings were held in Mr Clyde Burbidge's field to whom we are pleased to thank and also for starting the proceedings with the Loyal Toast.

It was lovely to see so many villagers gathered in one place enjoying the simple things in life.

Then we were treated to a musical extravaganza from our very own boy band "Weston Union" playing everything from Rolling Stones to Deep Purple numbers providing a marvellous atmosphere. I got to thinking we should push Weston Union forward to represent the UK at the next Eurovision song contest. If Lordi can do it for Finland. I would love to see Paul and Bob and the guys let loose with the greasepaint... but I digress.

We all had a lovely afternoon in the glorious sunshine. Please don't let this be a one off.

Let's organise a simple PICNIC IN THE PARK later in the summer to bring us all back together again.

Better still, how about we instigate a "Lois Weedon and Weston Day" whereby we come together as one big family to celebrate the two villages. Select a date that is important in our history ( thinking caps on ) preferably in the summer..

It works for me.

*Colin James*