



# Lois Weedon and Weston Newsletter



July/August 2024 – Summer Edition

## From the Editor

Summer ? Who am I trying to kid ? Wet days, dry days, sunny days, cloudy days .... That is just the last week !! Let's hope things improve, at least in time for the Horticultural Show in August...

Speaking of which, the Horticultural Society Annual Show is due to take place at the end of August and so I have included the details of all the classes which can be entered. I extracted this from the show programme so that you can make sure your wonderful produce will be ready and well presented for the judges at the show. Details on page 5 & 6.

We were very sad to learn of the recent passing of our friend and neighbour, Lyndsey Cartwright, who died after a short illness. Our condolences to Ashley, Toby and Ben and their families.

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 2024 and all material for that edition should be given to me by Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

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## Dates for your Diary

Mon., Jul 29	<b>Parish Council Meeting.</b> 8:00pm in Lois Weedon Village Hall – Agenda published on the Parish website and notice boards
Fri., Aug 2	<b>Village Coffee Morning.</b> 10am-12pm, Lois Weedon Village Hall
Tues., Aug 13	<b>William Blake House "Meet the Neighbours"</b> – social event – 6pm-7pm, Lois Weedon Village Hall
Wed., Aug 14	<b>Weston and Lois Weedon Village Golf Day 2024.</b> – For information only – bookings are now closed
Fri., Aug 16	<b>Cheese &amp; Wine Party, Home Close, 6PM – in aid of Church funds</b> – details below
Sat., Aug 31	<b>Weston &amp; Weedon Horticultural Society, 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Show</b> from 2:00pm. More details on page 5 & 6
Fri., Sep 6	<b>Village Coffee Morning.</b> 10am-12pm, Lois Weedon Village Hall
Mon., Sep 30	<b>Parish Council Meeting.</b> 8:00pm in Lois Weedon Village Hall – Agenda published on the Parish website and notice boards
Fri., Oct 4	<b>Church Harvest Supper</b> – Village Hall – Details in later edition, nearer the time
Thu., Oct 17	<b>Village Hall AGM.</b> 7:30pm, Lois Weedon Village Hall
Fri., Nov 1	<b>Village Coffee Morning.</b> 10am-12pm, Lois Weedon Village Hall
Sat., Nov 23	<b>Gifts &amp; Craft Fair</b> – Village Hall - Details in later edition, nearer the time
Mon., Nov 25	<b>Parish Council Meeting.</b> 8:00pm in Lois Weedon Village Hall – Agenda published on the Parish website and notice boards
Fri., Dec 6	<b>Village Coffee Morning.</b> 10am-12pm, Lois Weedon Village Hall

### CHEESE & WINE PARTY

**At Clyde Burbidge's – Home Close**

**Friday August 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm**

**£10 to include the first glass of wine**

**In Aid of Church Funds**

## **Parish Council**

Here is a summary of the Parish Council Annual General Meeting held on **May 13<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 2024 – Lois Weedon Village Hall, May 13<sup>th</sup> 2024, 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.

### **Calendar of Events 2024/2025**

Council meetings will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The Annual Parish Assembly and Parish Council AGM will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

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

It was resolved that the current Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Code of Conduct will continue to apply to the proceedings for 2024-2025. New versions have been published by NCALC. It was agreed that these will be reviewed and edited as necessary and adopted at the July meeting (

### **Asset Register & Risk Analysis**

The Parish Assets Register and the Risk Analysis were reviewed and approved.

### **Other Finance Matters:**

#### **Review of Annual 2023/2024 Internal Audit**

The report was reviewed and approved.

**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 Chairman and the Clerk. The relevant minutes reference will be added, and the return will be published on the Parish Council website

**Review of accounts 2024 - 2025 to date and progress against budget** were reviewed and approved.

**Internal Financial Controls** were reviewed and approved.

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

### **Millennium Field**

An interim agreement between the Parish Council and the Horticultural Society has been signed to ensure that mowing, public access and public liability cover continue. Discussions about a longer-term arrangement are continuing. Ivor Jones, representing the Horticultural Society, asked for the process to be speeded up. It was agreed that a meeting between representatives of the Council and the Horticultural Society should be arranged as soon as possible.

### **AOB**

Charles Buckley asked what the reaction of the Council and local residents was to his new housing development on Helmdon Road, Weston. The response was unanimously positive. In response to a question, he explained that as the project is not technically "new build", it is not eligible for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payments.

**Date and time of next meeting** Statutory Council Meeting - Monday 29<sup>st</sup> July 2024, at 8:00pm p.m. in the Village Hall, Lois Weedon

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## Winners of the Village Hall '200 Club' Lottery

<b>June 2024</b>		<b>July 2024</b>	
Paul Smith	100	Steven & Julia Kainth	182
Jeremy & Karen Wilcox	68	Angie Gray	42
Paddy Elkington	164	Jonathan Highley	30
Laura Johnson	151	Claire Worrall	99

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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## Cancer Research – Thank You

I apologise for the delay in thanking everyone who contributed to this worthy cause but I was awaiting receipt of my cheques from Cancer Research U.K. Today (28/6/2024) I have just received an acknowledgement from Cancer Research, the letter dated 22nd May!!! for the cheques to the value of £1,300 sent to them from the Horse Race Night held in April, the Coffee Morning held in May and other donations from family and friends. The letter is available for anyone to see.

Special thanks to the organisers and volunteers for arranging the Coffee Morning in aid of Cancer Research and the everyone who contributed their delicious cakes. It was much appreciated

*Diane Hunt*

## Picking up after your pet dog ?

I thought this issue was no longer a problem but I recently encountered a dog poo deposit on the grass outside the village hall. As the hall administrator (and cleaner) and a previous dog owner, I took it upon myself to pick the poo up (in a suitable bag) and deposit in the bin. On the same day I read the following article in the recently published "West Northants Life" which I have extracted and included in our Newsletter to remind everyone of their responsibilities

*Paul Smith*

## Dog owners urged not to fall foul of the rules

A single set of regulations encouraging responsible dog ownership is now in place across West Northamptonshire. It brings together all the rules that were in place in the former council areas of Daventry District, South Northants and Northampton Borough into a single Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) covering public open spaces throughout the West Northamptonshire Council area. Under the PSPO, people must: • Pick-up after their dog • Carry a poo bag or other appropriate means to pickup after their dog • Put their dog on a lead when requested to do so by an authorised officer. The PSPO restricts the number of dogs that can be walked to four at one time, other than for those with a licence to breed, board or provide day care services, who can walk up to six dogs. It also prohibits dogs from entering play areas, skateparks, tennis courts, bowling greens, multi-use game areas and schools, and requires dogs to be kept on leads in places such as cemeteries, memorial gardens, allotments, car parks, sports pitches that are in use, and in certain named locations. The same PSPO also bans smoking or vaping in play areas, skateparks, tennis courts, multi-use games areas, bowling greens and in and around schools when they are open. Anyone who breaches the PSPO faces a £100 fine.

## **A message from our Parish Church of St Mary & St Peter**

In the March/April edition of this Newsletter, we spoke about an appeal that had been distributed to all residents asking for financial help towards the upkeep and ongoing costs of our historic church.

I am pleased to advise that our appeal was met with a good amount of success! It brought forward one-off donations of more than £1,000, plus increased and additional regular giving of over £120 per month from 3 existing and 4 new donors. This is great news and provides us with a firmer footing going forward. Thank you to all those involved.

Of course, it is never too late if you too would like to make a regular monthly contribution (even as little as just £1 per month will make a difference!) towards our day-to-day running costs and/or for the upkeep and maintenance of this central, valuable and historic part of our community. This can be done either by Direct Debit or Standing Order, whichever is best for you. It is very easy to set up so please do not hesitate to contact me for further details if you can help.

The repair of the Chancel east wall is now complete (bar a couple of minor issues) and the scaffolding is ready to be taken down! It is wonderful to see the window again in its full glory. The total cost for the repair, including all fees amounted to just over £15,000 and we were able to secure around £13,000 in grants and donations towards these costs. The next stage is to repair some of the mortar surrounding and retaining the stained glass windows and then a thorough clean.

Once again, thank you for your continuing support and please do come visit the church - it's an interesting place and always open!

*Clive Johnson, Treasurer, Lois Weedon Parochial Church Council*  
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## **News from Weston & Weedon Horticultural Society**

At our recent AGM, I had the privilege to be elected chairperson of the society for a third term of office. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our departing chair, Graham Ellis, for his leadership over the past years and his hard work in ensuring the WWHS continued beyond its 80th anniversary in 2022.

One of the first tasks to tackle this year has been the tidying of the allotments left vacant and in poor condition. This has now been successfully completed with help from a band of allotment members. A new memorial garden will be placed inside the allotments with a handmade seat for members to sit and reflect, enjoy the view and remember those past members and loved ones who are no longer with us. Should you wish to place a plaque in this garden, in remembrance of a loved one, who was a member of society and no longer with us, please do contact me.

The allotments, next to the school at Lois Weedon, are available for all to rent, to grow your own vegetables, fruit and flowers. There are various sizes to suit your individual needs, and a warm welcome from fellow allotments holders. There is true comradery amongst the allotment holders and lots of advice and help if you are a 'newbie'!

If you are interested, please contact Anne Longley (07973 906306) Ivor Jones (07950 556149 or 01327 860675).

This year's **Annual Horticultural Show is on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August** and will be held, as usual, in Clyde Burbidge's field (our grateful thanks to Clyde). Please do put entries into the show. There are many classes, cookery, photos, vegetable and flower classes, plus popular liqueur and children's classes. (see the schedule of classes in this newsletter). All entries are free and open to all. **The show will open at 2.00 p.m. (no entry fee) and cream teas will be available.**

We look forward to seeing as many villagers and visitors as possible at our show on **31<sup>st</sup> August**.

*Ivor Jones*



# 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Horticultural Show At Home Close, Lois Weedon



(By kind permission of Clyde Burbidge)  
**Saturday 31st August 2024 - 2.00 – 4.00 pm**  
Afternoon teas available

*The following pages have been extracted from the official Horticultural Show schedule.*

Entries or enquiries to, and additional entry forms from: Ms C. Bond, 31 High Street, Weston, Northants, NN12 8PU  
01295 768570 or email: [thewwhs@gmail.com](mailto:thewwhs@gmail.com)

All show entries to be delivered to the tent from 8.00 am - 11.00am on the morning of the show.  
No entries accepted after 11.00 am. Judging to take place at 12.00. Prize giving 3.00 pm.

## Vegetables

1. Collection of vegetables, 3 kinds, 60cm space allowed..	2. Potatoes 3 white
3. Potatoes coloured 3	4. Runner Beans 6
5. Transplanted Onions 3	6. Onion Sets 3
7. Beetroot Round 3, with tops trimmed to 3 inches	8. Carrots 3, without tops.
9. Shallots 5	10. Marrows 2.
11. Pumpkin 1	12. Leeks 3
13. Tomatoes 6	14. 2 sticks of Celery
15. 3 Courgettes	16. Pair of Squash
17. Chili plant	18. Heaviest Marrow
19. Longest Runner Bean	20. Weirdest vegetable

## Fruit

21. Apples Cooking 5.	22. Apples Dessert 5.
23. Plums 5.	24. Collection of Fruit, 3 kinds, 45cm x 45cm
25. Raspberries – dish of 10	

## Flowers

26. Chrysanthemums – My best bloom.	27. Chrysanthemums – incurve or reflex, 3 blooms, one or more variety, 1 vase.
28. Chrysanthemums, sprays 3.	29. Mixed vase of dahlias & chrysanthemums, 5 stems in total
30. Dahlias, Pom-Pom, 5, any colour	31. Dahlias – My best bloom
32. Dahlias - Cactus, Any Size, 3 blooms, 1 or more varieties in 1 vase	33. Dahlias – Decorative, any size, 3 blooms 1 or more varieties in 1 vase
34. Sweet Peas, 6	35. Gladioli, 3.
36. Roses, 3.	37. My Best Flower in a vase.
38. Collection of Flowers, 3 kinds, 3 of each, in 1 vase	

## Cookery

39. Chutney, one jar labelled with a screw top.	40. Jam, one jar, any variety, labelled with transparent top
41. 6 Cheese straws	42. Guinness Cake - to recipe given
43. Fruit pie (pastry top & bottom)	44. Tea Loaf
45. Victoria Sandwich Cake (no cream)	46. Vanilla Swiss Roll filled with jam
47. Lemon Drizzle Cake	48. 6 Fruit Scones
49. Rainbow jelly in a glass	

## Flowers & Foliage

50. Garden Flowers in a Jug	51. Arrangement using only 5 flowers and any other plant material
52. A petite arrangement, 20cm x 20cm x 20cm	

**Photography** – to be taken by exhibitor – size A5 maximum – no captions – unmounted. Images can be cropped either before or after printing and digital images can be colour balanced but no other manipulation should be used.

53 A sporting event	54 An eye catching view
55 Village Life	56 Garden Birds
57 Three	

### Homemade Alcohol

58 One Bottle of flavoured spirit
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### MEMBERS OF WAPPENHAM & DISTRICT BRITISH LEGION

59 Roses - 3.	60 Potatoes - 3 on a plate.
61 Tomatoes - 5.	62 3 apples – cooking or dessert

### Children

#### Aged 6 and under

63 Tallest Sunflower – enter the photograph and height.	64 Homemade necklace
65 Decorated hard boiled egg	66 3 decorated cup cakes

#### Aged 7 and over

67 Miniature garden in a seed tray.	68 Lego model
69 Tallest Sunflower – enter the photograph and height	70 3 decorated cup cakes

## RECIPES

### Guinness Cake

#### Ingredients:

4oz (125g) margarine, 6oz (150g) brown sugar,  
 8oz (250g) plain flour, ¼ teaspoon salt,  
 2 eggs – beaten, ¼ pint Guinness,  
 1 level teaspoon bicarbonate of soda  
 2 level teaspoons mixed spice  
 Grated rind of ½ lemon  
 4oz (125g) currants, 2oz (65g) sultanas  
 3oz (94g) raisins, 2oz (65g) mixed peel

#### Method:

Cream fat and sugar together. Sift flour & salt.

Gradually add the flour & beaten eggs alternately to the creamed fat, beating well between additions.

Pour warmed Guinness on to the bicarbonate of soda and add to the flour & fat. Stir in the mixed spice, lemon rind and prepared fruit.

Place mixture in prepared 7” cake tin and bake in the oven on 170°C, gas mark 3 – 4 for approximately 1½ - 2 hours

#### **TMJ – Elite Home Care Assistant**

Services include: shopping, dressing, personal care, cooking and food prep, doctor appointments, companionship

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