



Lois Weedon and Weston Newsletter



November/December 2023 – Winter Edition

From the Editor

Well we are getting ready for Christmas with the revival of several events leading up to the festive season including a Village Dance and Social Night, TWO Village Hall Christmas Markets (the first is a Christmas Gifts and Craft Fayre and the second a Pre-Christmas Veg Sale, Christmas Hamper Raffle and Local Christmas delivery service.

There will also be traditional Christmas Carols & Readings in the Church and Carol singing around the villages – more details to follow.

This will be the last edition of the Village Newsletter for 2023. The Newsletter is normally published 6 times a year (January, March, May, July, September and November) and is funded by various donations. As editor, I am grateful for all the support and contributions I get.

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’ll stop trudging up your driveway to deliver. Also, if you know of anyone outside the Village who would like to receive the Newsletter just let me have their details (email only).

The next edition of the Lois Weedon & Weston Newsletter will be in January 2024 and so all material for that edition should be given to me by Saturday, 6th January 2024. For contributions to be published I will take them in any format but I appreciate them either as MS Word documents or as emails. Pictures or photos are good but for those receiving printed copy, please note that I print in black & white (mostly) so colour pictures don’t always reproduce that well.

Finally, as editor, publisher and delivery boy of the Newsletter, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support and wish you all the very best for the coming festive season and the New Year beyond.

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Dates for your Diary

Sat., Nov 25	Village Dance & Social Night , From 7:00pm – band starts at 7:30 pm, Lois Weedon Village Hall - Details on back page
Mon., Nov 27	Parish Council Meeting , 8:00 pm Lois Weedon Village Hall
Mon., Nov 27	Police “Beat Bus” visit , 2:00pm – 4:00pm – Layby near church & Vicarage Rise – details on page 3
Fri., Dec 1	Village Coffee Morning 10:00am – 12:00pm in the Village Hall
Sat., Dec 2	Christmas Craft & Gift Fair - 8:30am – 12:00pm in the Village Hall - Cooked breakfast, tea & coffee, details on page 2
Tue., Dec 5	Weston & Lois Weedon Film Club : Doors open: 7.15pm for 7.45 film start, Lois Weedon Village Hall; details on page 4
Wed., Dec 6	Lois Weedon & Weston WI – Christmas Crafting with Rebekah & Samantha - 7:30pm, Lois Weedon Village Hall
Sat., Dec 16	Christmas Fruit & Veg Market - 9:00am – 12:00pm in the Village Hall – Tea, coffee & mince pies. Hamper Raffle Draw
Mon., Dec 18	Christmas Car Delivery Service - Deadline for delivery 17 th December – Details on page 3
Thu., Dec 21	Christmas Carols & Readings with the Benefice Choir, 5:30pm, Lois Weedon Church. Mulled wine & mince pies to follow

There will be Carol Singing over 2 nights (TBD) in Lois Weedon & Weston; exact details will be published via email and on the Newsletter Facebook page



Village Hall Notes.

The hall is open for hirers. We now have additional facilities including 4' and 5' round tables as well as the regular oblong trestle tables. We are fully licenced for the sale or supply of alcohol and for the performance of live and recorded music and provide free broadband.

If you want to plan an event – private or public, contact us (details below)

Also please **note** that the wheelie bins (black, blue & green) are for **hall users only**.

Winners of Village Hall '200 Club' Lottery

October 2022		November 2022	
Derek & Helena Boughton	11	Clive Johnson	166
Jenny Field	14	David Clarke	25
Charlie Phipps	103	Frank & Maralynn Hunter	115
Mike & Vicki Streten	56	Carol King	6

The lottery is usually drawn once per month on or close to the first Wednesday of the month.

Prizes are £25, £15, £10, £5. - We still have lottery numbers available.

There will be a special lottery £50 prize draw at the Christmas Vegetable Market on 16th December

Many thanks to all the members who are supporting the hall with their lottery membership

Rachel Smith (01327 860626)

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LOIS WEEDON & WESTON VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS GIFT & CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 2nd December.



**“Full English” breakfast served from
8:30am to 12 midday by Pam Palmer**



Stall holders include:

Just Beauty Essentials with Jess – Body Shop Consultant

Trish Hughes (fine art embroidery and paper textiles)

Anna Steiner (“How to Make Kits” – animal & circus characters)

Penny Spademan, (Cards, boxes & gift bags)

Shirley Penfold, (Christmas gifts & Decoupage)

Ruth German, (Assorted jams)

Towcester Mill Brewery (popular local beers)

Lois Weedon Church:

- Christmas cards of St Mary & St Peter
- Historic maps

Lois Weedon & Weston WI (Tombola)

Christmas Hamper Raffle (£1 per ticket – 6 for £5)

Draw will take place at the Christmas Fruit & Veg Market – 16th December



Christmas Card Delivery Service

We plan to repeat our Christmas card delivery service. We will be delivering cards throughout the villages of Lois Weedon and Weston about a week or so before Christmas. Donations will be gratefully received.

If you would like us to deliver your cards please deposit them (with your donation) in the “**Big Red Post Box**” at the Christmas Vegetable Market on **Saturday 16th December** or alternatively leave your cards for delivery in the white post box at: **8 Vicarage Rise, Lois Weedon** by **Sunday 17th December** (at the latest) for delivery on **Monday 18th December**. Please could you clearly address the envelopes (at least to the best of your knowledge).

Thank you. *Rachel Smith (01327 860626), On behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee*



LOIS WEEDON AND WESTON W.I.



December meeting – Wednesday 6th December @ 7:30pm, Lois Weedon Village Hall

Come and join us and have a go at making fun Christmas crafts with Rebekah and Samantha and to enjoy a Festive Evening – we hope you can join us. There will be wine, mulled wine and festive nibbles – cost £5 for non-WI members. Please let me know if you are interested: rachel.k.smith4@gmail.com

The meetings are held on the **first Wednesday** of every month and start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Rachel Smith, President.

Beat Bus to Visit Lois Weedon

Come and speak to your local Officer from South Northants Neighbourhood Policing Team

Opportunity to meet members of the local policing team for your area and discuss any local issues and to find out about the work the team are involved in.

Date: Monday 27th November
Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Location: Lay-By Vicarage Rise/High Street

Brackley Team Email: NT-SouthNorthantsBrackley@northants.pnn.police.uk

Facebook: Daventry and South Northants Neighbourhood Policing Team

Twitter: @SthNorthantsNPT

Northamptonshire Talking

Get connected with what is happening in your local area , stay up to date and get involved in shaping what goes on where you live or work.

Sign up to receive email updates about crime and suspicious activity where you live or work, crime prevention advice and updates from your local neighbourhood policing team.



Weston Chapel.

Christmas is nearly upon us, where has the last year gone, at least Covid restrictions are no more, it's up to individuals to take responsibility themselves if they are showing symptoms.

What's been happening at the Chapel? We are a small group that meet every Sunday morning at 10.30am. On the first Sunday of the month Revd Stuart Conway, pastor of our Tove Valley Baptist Fellowship comes over to take the service and on the other Sundays we have lay preachers mainly from the congregation at Towcester. We are blessed to have some of the William Blake House residents and carers from houses at Lois Weedon and Upper Boddington joining us regularly for worship. We were saddened recently by the death of one of our members.

The walkers group continues to thrive on Tuesday mornings – a health walk then back to the Chapel for coffee and cake!! Tuesday mornings, 10-12noon. These are not just for the walkers but open to anyone to come and have coffee, we are friendly, honestly, and would love to see you. The Art Club meets Thursday afternoons, 2-4pm and once a month on a Saturday - anyone is welcome to join, please contact Emi Farnham emifa@btinternet.com for further information.

We held a Macmillan Coffee morning at the end of September, disappointing we didn't see anyone from Lois Weedon or Weston, (maybe we didn't advertise it enough) but we still managed to raise a goodly sum for a very worthy cause.

The premises available to hire for events, functions etc please contact Rosemary Gulliver email rosemarygulliver@gmail.com (01295 760720) for further information, thanks to Tim Newton from the Tove Valley Broadband for getting us up to speed with fibre to the premises connection.

Wishing you all a happy Christmas and best wishes for 2024.

Further information from Rosemary Gulliver, 01295 760720 email: rosemarygulliver@gmail.com.

Tove Valley Baptist Fellowship, which is the result of amalgamation of Weston and Towcester Baptist Churches, welcomed a new Pastor last year, Revd Stuart Conway, who shared a few words below:

"It has been a real privilege and honour to be minister at Tove Valley Baptist Fellowship, of which Weston Chapel is a big part of. Please get in touch, pastor@tvbf.co.uk if you need anything and I hope to get more involved in your community in 2023".



WESTON AND LOIS WEEDON FILM CLUB



To all Film Club Members and ANYONE ELSE who would like to join us.

Our next showing is on **Tuesday December 5th**

The Phantom of the Open - A comedy / drama which tells the heart-warming true story of Maurice Flitcroft (Mark Rylance), a dreamer and unrelenting optimist. This humble crane operator from Barrow-in-Furness managed to gain entry to The British Open Golf Championship qualifying in 1976, despite never playing a round of golf before. He shot the worst round in Open history and drew the ire of the golfing elite, but became a folk hero in the process and, more importantly, showed his family the importance of pursuing your dreams. Starring Mark Rylance

There will be FREE mulled wine and mince pies

Doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.45 film start at Lois Weedon Village Hall.

Our first film in 2024 will be shown on **Tuesday January 9th.**

We are awaiting the confirmation of the title the democratic process of choice is still on-going!!

The Film Club Team – Jane, Graham, Pete, and Alan

Lois Weedon and Weston Village Trust

Did you know that "The Lois Weedon & Weston Village Trust" has existed, using a number of different names, for nearly 150 years? Or that the Trustees of the Charity are custodians of a portion of agricultural land to the west of Weston, which was bequeathed to provide an income to help those in need within the Parishes?

Recently "The Trust" has provided small gifts at Christmas time to those who are unwell and to the elderly, as well as helping to fund the Village Christmas Meal for the over 65s.

But it also exists to give financial help to anyone living in the parishes of Lois Weedon and Weston who find themselves in need. Resources are limited so this help can only be a one-off offer of assistance at the discretion of the Trustees.

If you need help yourself or know of someone who deserves to be considered, then do please make contact by phone or email to the Trustees.

Please be assured that this and any help the Trust can provide will be completely confidential.

Thank you.

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Frank Hunter (frank.hunter@btinternet.com; 07919 348697)

Clive Johnson (clivetjohnson@gmail.com; 07702 603421)

Christmas cards for sale

'Christmas Cards and Historic Village Maps will be on sale at the Village Hall Christmas Market in aid of church funds. Peter French's paintings have been reproduced by kind permission of the late Tricia French.

If you wish to purchase the cards, a pack of 10 for £5. Please contact Frank or Maralynn Hunter at 01327 860597 or email frank.hunter@btinternet.com'



LOIS WEEDON & WESTON VILLAGE HALL

CHRISTMAS FRUIT & VEG MARKET

Saturday 16th December

- Selection of fruit & vegetables, getting ready for Christmas
- Christmas Hamper Raffle
- 200-Club £50 bonus Draw
- Tea, coffee & mince pies
- Big Red Post Box for Christmas Card local delivery (donations gratefully received)

Village Dance & Social Night

In Lois Weedon Village Hall

Saturday 25th November 2023

From 7pm onwards.

The nights are drawing in and we will soon start to disappear behind our drawn curtains ready to take in whatever the weather is going to present to us this winter. So to fill in sometime, let's have a fun night in the Lois Weedon Village Hall.

The boys of the '**Weston Union Band**' will be happy to entertain us with their brand of 50's to noughties music that they are continually adding to, with even a track from the latest Rolling Stones album!

Let us really get into the swing of things and dig into your closet to pull out some old gear to make a real theme of it. So, get your hippie gear, your flares, tartan jeans, winkle pickers, platform shoes etc. to put on a feel show. With a prize for the best couple. From previous events like this there have been some amazing authentic turn outs, so give it a go and don't be shy!

To keep it simple, **bring your own drinks, glasses and a simple picnic supper to keep you going whilst you strut your stuff.**

The band will fire up at 7:30pm until late, so get there in time to grab your spot ready to let your hair down and have a great evening.

There will be short breaks for a raffle and heads and tails game **so dig out a bit of cash too!**

So get the date in your diary and don't delay in reserving your ticket. Numbers are limited so act fast.

Donations gratefully accepted for the raffle.

Bring Your Own Drink & Supper

Music by our own



Tickets - Price £5

Available from: Colin James – 07934 880604

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&

various band members

Funds raised for various charities