



## WEEDON BEC PARISH COUNCIL



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### WEEDON BEC NEWS

If anyone wishes to place an article for their group's activities please give the Parish Clerk, Sue Halkett, a ring on **01327 341057** or email **weedonbecpc@btinternet.com**. Business rates for advertising are £25 per quarter page advert. Space is limited and will be given on a first come first served basis.

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# Weedon Bec Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan

# IS READY!



## NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO COMMENT

Please see the flyer inside for all the details



### The Canal, Weedon

This postcard shows the canal still in Dodford Parish and approaching Weedon from the north. It was produced by Valentines in the very early 1900s.

On the right is Dodford Wharf and a timber yard. In the distance is the Pavilion comprising three buildings, two of which were split into two providing accommodation for the principal officers of the depot. These were civilian posts carrying honorary military ranks. Later they were used as the Officers Mess for the army Equitation School and during WWII, two of the buildings plus huts built in the grounds housed the 400 ATS (later renamed WRACs) serving in the depot.

Don't miss *Barging Around Britain* on ITV presented by John Sergeant when the broadcast on Friday evening, April 3, will feature the Grand Union Canal and the Ordnance Depot.

*Weedon Bec History Society*

### Weedon Bec History Society

**30 March**

Ian Nunney: *The Northamptonshire Regiment*

Historian from Wellingborough Museum, Ian's talk is about the Northamptonshire Regiment formed from the 48<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot (which was often stationed at Weedon Barracks) and the 58<sup>th</sup> Rutlandshire Regiment of Foot.

The History Society meet at 7.30 pm in the Chapel Schoolroom. Tea and coffee available. All welcome. Non members £2.



## WEEDON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



The Ladies of Weedon Women's Institute meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Chapel Schoolroom, New Street, Weedon. We are a friendly group who actively welcome new members. Membership rules apply, although guests are very welcome at £2 per meeting. For further information please ring Jennifer Morris (President) on 01327 843010 or Gill Bryan (Secretary) on 01327 340191.

### Upcoming events:

#### **April 16<sup>th</sup> 2015 – Milton Keynes Theatre**

A look at what goes on behind the scenes at Milton Keynes Theatre.

#### **May 21<sup>st</sup> 2015 – Pointless Challenge**

A quiz evening, based on the popular TV show of the same name, with prizes for the winning team.



## LUNCH CLUB at The Heart of England

April: Monday 27<sup>th</sup>  
May: Monday 18<sup>th</sup>  
June: Monday 29<sup>th</sup>  
July: Monday 27<sup>th</sup>

2-for-1 main course  
(2 x roast, plus desserts for  
£15.00)

There may also be a chance for  
a game of  
Bingo after lunch

For further details or to book  
your place please call  
Kate Kingston or  
Jason Williams on  
01604 629595 or visit  
[www.acnorthants.org.uk](http://www.acnorthants.org.uk)

## Other Age UK activities

### Art Club

A friendly, relaxed Club open to beginners and competent artists. We meet every Thursday morning during term time,  
10.00am/12.00noon. £4.20 PAYG.

### Bridge Club

A friendly, non-competitive club open to beginners and improvers. We meet every Tuesday morning 10.00 am/12.00 noon. £2.50 PAYG.

### Photography Club

This is a fun, relaxed club suitable for beginners and experienced residents. We meet on the last Wednesday of the month from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. £2.50 PAYG

We are also planning a Scrabble Club

**All classes are held at  
31 Billing Road, Northampton.**

**For full details contact Age UK  
Northamptonshire on 01604 629595.**



Recent research from University College London shows that isolation (loneliness) is as bad for your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. The Happy at Home Partnership works with local volunteers and agencies to help reduce the feelings of isolation in elderly residents in the rural areas of the Daventry District and South Northants.



“We work with volunteers who want to give something back to the community in which they live and our aim is to match these volunteers with elderly men and women, who would benefit from a visitor” explains project coordinator Nicola Toms. “Our volunteers normally visit for an hour or so once a week, to chat over a cup of tea. This can be a lifeline to a lonely person for whom life may consist of not talking to anyone for days on end.”

Volunteers give out free door chains, plug-in night lights, blankets, carbon monoxide alarms and information packs with details about other agencies, services and facilities elderly people can use within their local area. To this end, Happy at Home works closely with the Fire Service, the Police, the Red Cross and Age UK and other agencies.

Happy at Home also organises afternoon tea and hand pampering events across both areas, which gives residents an opportunity to get together and socialise as well as receive information packs and free items to help prevent falls and promote safety in the home. Agencies such as Age UK and the National Centre for Independent Living often also come along to these afternoons with advice and information. “Volunteers and residents alike have a lot of fun at our events. The residents love the hand pampering, and the homemade cakes are fabulous” says Nicola “When can I come back and do this again?” is often said by volunteers at the events says Nicola. At a recent event a resident said as we were packing away “Thank you so much for coming everyone has been so kind, I loved the cakes and the entertainer was brilliant. Are you coming back tomorrow!”

Nicola adds: “We would like to reach out to more people and are always seeking volunteers to support our work. If you know of any elderly men or women in your community who may be lonely and in need of support, we would very much welcome the opportunity to help. Or perhaps you know potential volunteers, or would be prepared to volunteer yourself? If so, we’d love to hear from you.”

You can contact the Nicola through the Daventry Volunteer Centre at [nicola@daventryvolunteers.org.uk](mailto:nicola@daventryvolunteers.org.uk) or phone 01327 300614 or come along to the Annual Parish Meeting on the 29th April in the Village Hall to speak directly to her.

I express grateful thanks to all who supported the campaign to re-instate Cardiac Rehab at Danetre Hospital over the last two years. The service returned on the 12.02.2015 and hopefully, an increased service will follow over the coming months.

Heart support group fish & chip supper/beetle drive 8th April in village hall @ 7.30pm. It is a ticket only event- £7 each (bring your own cutlery). Closing date for tickets 4th April, please contact Viv Crouch on 01327-341193

## Annual Parish Meeting

### Wednesday 29th April 2015

### at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, West Street

This meeting is for you, our residents and is hosted by the Parish Council. There are a few formalities we have to go through, an opportunity to listen to our guest speakers and then the floor is yours. It is an informal meeting where you can bring to our attention any concerns, any good or bad points or matters that you would like to see progressed by the Council.

#### Guest Speakers in attendance:

Happy at Home Partnership – Hear how they help older and vulnerable residents to feel happier and to stay in their own homes for longer plus much more

Neighbourhood Plan Group – Progress of the plan and what will happen in 2015

Pocket Park Committee – more about the park

Weedon Bec Trust – Hear about how the Trust was founded and what it does for the Village

Chairman of the Parish Council - Sharing what the Council has been doing on your behalf

#### Let’s hear from our Residents!

Meeting will close around 9.00 pm

#### COUNCILLOR VACANCY

There is currently a vacancy on the Parish Council which we would hope to fill by co-option .



If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and would like more information please give the Clerk Sue Halkett a call on 341057 or email: [weedonbecpc@btinternet.com](mailto:weedonbecpc@btinternet.com).

If you wish to apply to become a Councillor please write to the Clerk by 1st May, 2015.

## WEEDON BEC PARISH COUNCIL— Notes from recent meetings

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall Annexe, starting at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated on the agenda which is published on the Parish notice board outside the Post Office.



### FEBRUARY

**New Councillors:** Mr Stephen Edwards MBE and Mrs Louise Haynes were co-opted to the Council to fill the current vacancies.

### ENVIRONMENT

**Best Village Competition:** Paperwork has been received for the competition. Weedon Sports Association volunteered to put a presentation together for the judges. This competition is not about how pretty the village is but more about the community, facilities, life and wellbeing in the village. Hopefully this will be our winning year after coming close in the last three years.

### PLAYING FIELDS

**Mound:** The MoD are looking into the transaction transferring the land from them to us and will come back to us! The Council purchased the Heras fencing surrounding the mound, rather than renting it for an undetermined period of time. New signs have also been put on the panels.

**Weedon Weekender:** WSA has requested permission to use the Jubilee Field for their Weedon Weekender in August. Council granted permission with a request that all local residents are kept informed of what is happening (see page 12).

**Play Equipment inspection:** Wicksteed has been instructed to undertake the annual safety inspection on all play equipment in the village.

### PLANNING

**Planning Application considered:** DA/2015/0002 Amended. 27 New Croft Demolition of store and construction of two storey rear extension.

**Planning Appeal:** Land at New Street is at Appeal to be held in Daventry from the 12th May (see page 17).

**Planning Appeal:** Land at Croft Way (junction with West Street) has also gone to Appeal commencing on the 9th April (see page 17)

### Neighbourhood Plan.

Consultants are currently working on putting the plan together for consultation.

### GENERAL PURPOSE

**Local Council Award Scheme:** Weedon Bec Parish Council has registered and received the Foundation level of Councils. We cannot progress further until after the elections in May 2016 but the hope is to achieve the top level. The Local Council Award Scheme exists to celebrate the successes of the very best local councils, All local councils want to serve their local communities and make a real difference to the lives of the people that live there. The scheme offers councils the opportunity to show that they meet the standards set by the sector, assessed by their peers, and to put in place the conditions for continued improvement.

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## Northamptonshire County Council—Adult Learning Classes

The Adult Learning Summer brochure is out now with lots of new and interesting courses.

You can book your Adult Learning course online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in just a few easy steps: Go to [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/summer2014](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/summer2014) and you will receive email confirmation within 2 days which will be followed up by a course information pack by post. If you don't have access to the internet you can go along to [your local library](#) and they will help you enrol.

Alternatively you can call: 0300 126 1000 (number charged at local rate) between 8am – 6pm, Monday to Friday.

For more information: [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/adultlearning](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/adultlearning).



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The number for all non-emergencies  
and enquiries



## Urgently needed

**An organist for St Peter & St Paul's Church, Weedon.**

If you can help, or know anybody who may be able to,  
please contact the Churchwardens

**Betty Harris 01327 349228 or**

**Sheila Troath 01327 341642**

**COFFEE MORNING**  
**Organised by WEEDON 1914-1919 Group**

United Reformed Church Schoolroom

**11th APRIL**  
**10 am thru to 12 noon**

. Cakes, tea, coffee, produce, tombola, raffle  
Please call Jenny for further information on 01327 437251

Weedon Neighbourhood Plan Group will also be in the Schoolroom during the coffee morning but will also be around until 4 pm so if you can come along we would be most grateful for your thoughts and comments on the Plan

**DAVENTRY & DISTRICT HEART SUPPORT GROUP**  
**'YOUNG AT HEART'**

**NORDIC WALKS approx. 5.5—6.5 miles**

Monday 13th April @ 2pm Borough Hill Walk

Meet: Tesco Car Park

Monday 27th April @ 2pm Fawsley Walk

Meet Fawsley Church area

**EVENING WALK 21st April, Weedon Walk (Grade C (gentle hill, no stiles))**

Meet: Jubilee Field car park Walk commences at 6 pm

Leader for all walks - Viv Crouch

**MONTHLY MEETINGS**

**are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (excluding August)**

at the Village Hall, West Street, commencing at 7.30 pm.

**£2.00 donation per person**

**8th Apr - Our 7th Birthday, Fish & Chips/Beetle Drive**

Everyone is welcome to come along, even if you just want to come for a walk.

For further information please contact:

**Viv Crouch on 01327 341193**  
or email: [kvc.crouch@btinternet.com](mailto:kvc.crouch@btinternet.com)  
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**FEBRUARY continued**

**Information table for the Parish Council:** It was agreed to have a table at big events in the village throughout the year to provide general information and give people a chance to meet and talk to their Councillors.



**Annual Parish Meeting:** April 29th from 7.30 pm Speakers from Happy at Home Partnership, Neighbourhood Plan Group, Weedon Bec Trust and Weedon Pocket Park have been invited to speak at the meeting.

**MARCH**

It was noted that Mrs Louise Haynes had resigned.

**ENVIRONMENT**

**Litter Pick:** To coincide with National Spring Cleaning week the Council has organised a litter pick, to cover the 'out of reach' areas that our litter pickers cannot reach ie Farthingstone Road, Lovers Lane, Puddlebank embankment, along with the rest of the village.

**Flood Plan.** To be finalised. We currently have one flood warden but would like two or three. See page 19.

**Parish Enhancement Gangs:** A Highways initiative, they come around the village once a year and undertake jobs like cleaning signs, cutting back vegetation, filling in small pot holes. A list has been provided to them!

**PLAYING FIELDS**

**Mound:** Still no news from the MoD. Costs for the proposed work to be sourced.

**PLANNING**

**Planning Application:** DA/2015/0110 Jubilee Field – non illuminated sign

The Parish Council did not wish to comment on their own application!

**Neighbourhood Plan**

The Plan had been received but due to the short time for councillors to review, it was agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting to discuss.

**GENERAL PURPOSE**

**Business Plan.** The Council agreed to adopt its Business Plan for 2015-2018, this will be available on the website shortly.

**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING—held on the 10th March**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Councillors agreed that the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan as submitted by the Steering Group was suitable for consultation providing the comments made by them were incorporated. Councillors wished to see a revised draft before printing.

The Council want this Plan to be the best it can be for the village and they would like to ensure everything is in place to achieve this.

**Note: Comments have been amended, Cllrs have seen the document and this is now the version up for consultation**

**WEEDON FC  
JUNIORS DAY  
SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY**



**WEEDON JUNIORS ARE LOOKING FOR NEW  
PLAYERS**

**OPEN ALL CHILDREN WHO WANT TO PLAY  
FOOTBALL AGED 6-16**

**12PM – 5PM @ JUBILEE FIELD**

The only County Waxwing so far this winter was one in Corby on 11th March, still present on 13th (and an assumed escaped White Stork was seen at Brigstock and Irthingborough Meadows on the same date (later re-captured). A Bittern was again at Stortons gravel pits on 20th and 23rd January. The Great Grey Shrike was last seen at Deenethorpe on 17th February and there was a Glaucous Gull at Stanwick gravel pits on 16th January and an Iceland Gull at Pitsford Reservoir on 19th February. Finally there was a Long-tailed Duck at Pitsford Reservoir on 10th March.

A sight worth seeing are the several Ring-necked Parakeets that have taken up residence in the woodland between the lakes at Abington Park, Northampton.

On 18th February at Pitsford Reservoir a flotilla of boats and guns under the auspices of DEFRA eradicated what was probably the last two Ruddy Ducks still surviving in the County.

On a more encouraging note, the first positive summer visitor for Northants in 2015 in the guise of a single Sand Martin was reported from Ditchford gravel pits on 9th March followed by two at Daventry Country Park on 13th March

**Chris Coe - 01327 340493**

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## BIRD NOTES

**Weedon:** Little Egrets were again present this winter and could be seen anywhere along the river valley between Wood Way and the footbridge over the river by the footpath to Flore, even perching on trees in the rear gardens of West Street. A maximum of three together were noted along Lover's Lane on 15th February. The local Sparrowhawk is still up to it's tricks around the village and was recently seen attempting to subdue and pluck a captured, but still struggling Woodpigeon. No mean feat.

Regarding the progress of the new rookery by the river at the back of West Street, it seems that although five nests survived the winter storms, only two have been occupied and repaired, this by using twigs from the other three. These therefore have now disappeared. Unless some new late starters appear, two may be the total this year. A Little Owl is occupying the Depot Buildings at the extreme western end of the block and was heard calling there on 25th February.

My garden feeders this year have attracted a regular female Blackcap, present from late December to at least 8th March and Lesser Redpolls have briefly visited on 5 dates between 7th January and 3rd March with a maximum of 6 there on 6th February. A gathering of Pied Wagtails around the Sewage Treatment Works on 11th January was estimated at fifty individuals.

**NEARBY:** Probably the rarest bird to be seen fairly locally during the period was a Merlin at Fawsley Park on 17th January, but within a few miles of the village there were occurrences of Peregrine, Barn and other Little Owls, Blackcaps, Nuthatches, Ravens, Kingfishers and Tree Sparrows. One venue well worth visiting is Nobottle Woods, this when the Hunt meets at the Bringtons and the hounds subsequently charge through the nearby woodland. In good years, many Woodcock are flushed giving an observer the rare opportunity of viewing these birds. This year on 2nd March at least five were noted and there were probably many more.

**DAVENTRY COUNTRY PARK:** Not a great deal of unusual sightings were made at the reservoir during the period, but the following were noteworthy:- A maximum of 25 Goosanders and a Cetti's Warbler on 12th January (the latter being a first for the site), Five Pintails on 16th January, a Woodcock and a Kingfisher on 10th February, two Shelduck on 14th February and an Oystercatcher on 28th February.

**COUNTY RARITIES:** Great White Egrets are becoming increasingly regular and were seen at several sites during the period with a County site maximum of five together at Earls Barton gravel pits (Summerleys Nature Reserve) on 20th February. Three White-fronted Geese discovered at Sywell Country Park last year before moving to Pitsford Reservoir are still present there to date. The Ring-necked Duck from Billing gravel pits was still there until 18th January and was next reported there on 14th February and 7th and 8th March.

The male Scaup which visited both Hollowell and Ravensthorpe Reservoirs was present until 15th February and the Slavonian Grebe disappeared from Pitsford Reservoir after 17th January. Another was at Ravensthorpe reservoir on 13th March with three Smew.

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## St Peter & St Paul's Church

**Church Electoral Roll and Annual Parochial Church meeting.** Notices of the revised Electoral Roll were posted in the church porch earlier in March with amendments to be completed ahead of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Chapter House. Anyone wishing to be included or amend their details on the Electoral Roll should contact Liz Pearson on [liz.pearson1@outlook.com](mailto:liz.pearson1@outlook.com) or 01327 342707.

### **Messy Church Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May.**

From 10 am until 12 noon on the second Saturday of each month, St Peter & St Paul hosts Messy Church, an all-age worship based on a monthly theme, a time for craft and activities followed by lively praise and worship, followed by lunch at 12 noon. Messy Church is a great opportunity for children to come to church with Mums, Dads, Grandparents or other carers and make new friends. Our theme in April will be Easter and we will continue our focus on stories from the Old Testament in May, which will be our third anniversary! All welcome; we look forward to seeing you there!



**Quiz Nights.** The Church Quiz Nights for this year are on Friday 29th May, Friday 25th September and Friday 27th November. The quizzes are held in the Chapter House and start at 7.30 pm. You can have up to 6 in a team and it costs £6.50 per person to enter. There is a ploughman's tea in the interval and a raffle. Anyone wishing to enter a team, please contact Isabella on 01327 342141.

**Craft Evenings.** The craft group meets at the Chapter House at 7.30 pm. The next one will be on 30th April. For further details please contact Isabella on 01327 342141.

**Mothers' Union.** From 2.30pm on 15<sup>th</sup> April, in the Chapter House. Holy Week Service in church and 13<sup>th</sup> May. Outing to be arranged.

**Like-minded Ladies.** This is held at the Chapter House on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm, the next one will be on 9th April. For further details please contact Isabella on 01327 342141.

**Bell ringing practice.** Every Wednesday starting at 7.45 pm until 9.00 pm. Why not just come along and see if you would like to join the team? We're keen to welcome new ringers. Please call Brian Foley on 01327 341215 or just turn up on the night for a chat.

**Fundraising meeting.** A call for volunteers! We're convening a group of all those interested in planning and delivering great village events, to join a planning meeting to be held in the Chapter House at **7.30pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April**. Whether you're a church-goer or not, or have fundraising or events planning experience or not, you will be very welcome. Come along; make news friends, and get stuck in!

**Men's Breakfast.** Last Saturday in the month in the Chapter House at 8.30 pm—a hearty breakfast for only £5.00.

For more details about any of these events, unless otherwise directed, please ring Betty Harris on 01327 349228. Details of services—on page 8

### St Peter & St Paul's Church

#### April Services

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30 pm	Agape (Maundy Thursday Last Supper)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	12-3.00 pm	Good Friday Service (drop in on the hour or half-hour)
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Easter Day Holy Communion
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Lay-led Family Service
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Benefice Service at Dodford Visit of Bishop John Holbrook
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion

#### May Services

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Lay-led Morning Praise
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	Benefice Service at Everdon

After each Sunday service there is an opportunity to stay for coffee and biscuits in the Chapter House; please come along and join us.

### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

St Augustine,  
28 London Road, Daventry

**Parish Priest:** Mgr Sean Healy  
Tel: 01327 300248

#### Times of Mass

Monday to Friday 9.15 am,  
Saturday 5.00 pm,  
Sunday 10.30 am  
Holy Days: 9.15 am to 8.00 pm

Holy Hour in Damien Chapel:  
Tuesdays 7.30 pm

### Nether Heyford Tennis Club "Open Day"

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2015  
from 10am to 2pm**

All welcome to come and play for free.

We are a small friendly club offering tennis for all abilities and ages. Coaching and league matches available for those who want it and club nights for everyone, in addition to unlimited court use.

For further information  
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or phone Jo  
01327 349094

### VILLAGE WEBSITE

We would like to know what you like to see on the website and what you don't.



For example, do you like to see the photographs of events that have taken place? Would you like to have more information from village groups? Have you ever read the Parish Council information provided - is it useful? Would you reference a calendar of events if one was available? If you are part of a village group would you actively share your events so they can be part of a calendar?

Please email [weedonbecpc@btinternet.com](mailto:weedonbecpc@btinternet.com) as we would like to know more about what you want to see.

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# Local Offer Northamptonshire

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## Neighbourhood Planning

**YOUR DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN IS READY—NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO COMMENT**



**Maps and extracts from the Draft Plan will be on display at the United Reformed Church Schoolroom on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April from 10 am till 4 pm**

The Weedon 1914-1919 group will be fundraising in the morning with tea/coffee and cakes on sale

**We'll also be at Riverside Court coffee morning on Saturday 18th April from 10.30 am (to around 12.30 pm)**

**The Draft Neighbourhood Plan includes policies on**  
The Environment    Community Facilities    Heritage  
Recreation & Leisure    Housing    Employment & Tourism  
Infrastructure

Please fill in a Response Form on the day or find the full plan and forms on line at: [www.weedonbecpc-village.co.uk](http://www.weedonbecpc-village.co.uk) or [www.weedonnp.info](http://www.weedonnp.info)



If you think we've done a good job please tell us on a response form so that we can ensure that the District Council take notice of what Weedon Bec wants.



If you're not so happy tell us on the day what concerns you or fill in a response form and we'll try to make changes

Paper copies of the Plan, and response forms, will be available (for the whole period of the consultation) at:

- Blades
- Weedon Post Office
- Weedon Surgery
- Weedon Dentists
- The Plume of Feathers
- The Maltsters
- Daventry Library
- Daventry District Council offices

## WEEDON VILLAGE HALL

Despite the efforts of the Committee, we have been unable to source a wholesale supply of plants for our Spring Plant Sale, so, unfortunately, it will not be held this year.

We will keep on looking in the future in the hope that we can resurrect the sales as they have been so popular in the past.

### Email received from a resident at Preston Capes.

#### COMPETITION

Preston Capes Village Hall Committee are looking at staging a 7 point golf Croquet Tournament on June 21st this year - <https://www.croquet.org.uk/golf/>

The primary objective is to create a fun day where people from the surrounding villages can play, relax and get to know each other. There will be a pay bar and BBQ available all day.

We are inviting the following villages:-

Preston Capes	Fawsley
Newnham	Badby
Charwelton	Farthingstone
Maidford	Everdon
Weedon	Woodford Halse

We are looking for 12 teams of 2 people. There would be an entry fee of say £5 or £10 per team to cover costs. The day will be arranged so that each team will play a minimum of 2 games plus the final for the top 3 teams.

We envisage that the day would start at 10.45 am with the first game commencing at 11.00 am and every team would have completed their first match by 1.00 pm. We expect the final would start at approx 3.00 pm and finish at 4.00 pm.

Could you ask your residents whether they feel there would be enough interest so that you could be represented by 1 or 2 teams. We need your view to finalise arrangements and understand whether this is a viable idea or not so please let us know asap. Once we know, the details can be finalised.

At present we have no idea how popular this could be. Ideally we would like to make it an annual event with a Trophy to be contested by all the villages.

If you could let us know your feelings as to whether your village could provide a team or not, that would be extremely helpful.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

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**If you think this is 'you', please let Sue Halkett know on 341057 or email [weedonbecpc@btinternet.com](mailto:weedonbecpc@btinternet.com).**

**Their deadline to respond has passed but they said they are happy to find out if people are interested and they would make a decision shortly.**

## Village Networks: coming to Weedon



The Village Networks drop-in outreach vehicle is planning to visit Weedon. The vehicle is full of information with expert and free advice on: Welfare Benefits / Debt / Health / Better deals for gas, electricity and heating oil: *bring your statement along.* / Computer lessons / Volunteering opportunities

If you want more information, or would like to make an appointment, please contact Nick King on 01327 358264 or [nick@snvb.org.uk](mailto:nick@snvb.org.uk) or see [www.snvb.org.uk](http://www.snvb.org.uk)

#### Dates and Times:

17th April, 6th May, 10th June, 3rd July  
12.00-13.00 Jubilee Fields Car Park, off Bridge Street  
13.00-14.00 New Croft, near Surgery  
14.00-16.00 West Street, near Village Hall



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### BINGO FOR FUN – RIVERSIDE COURT

Bingo sessions are held every Tuesday afternoon at Riverside Court, Riverside Drive from 2.30 pm.

There is a small entrance fee and refreshments are available.

A fun, social afternoon for anyone who likes to play bingo with a variety of prizes for the winners - but no cash prizes.

Open to all who would like to come along and join in.

Just turn up, you will be made very welcome

### JUBILEE FIELD MOUND

No response has been received from the MoD to date. Both the District and Parish Councils are chasing this up and we will let you know as soon as something positive is heard.

### Flood Warden Scheme

The Parish Council are in the final stages of developing a flood plan for Weedon Bec and are looking for volunteers to take on the role of Flood Warden. Wardens will work closely with the Environment Agency and would play an essential role if the area suffers from flooding.

Further information can be obtained from Sue Halkett on 341057.



## WEEDON ART GROUP

Weedon Art Group runs classes throughout the year with the purpose of providing art lessons for all at an affordable cost as the classes are subsidised by funding from a number of different sources.

The classes are suitable for beginners and improvers but are open to anyone who would like to come along, learn a new skill, meet others and just have a fun, relaxing time. They are held on a Saturday in the Scout Hut, New Street, Weedon and the main tutor is Beccy Roberts who is a great teacher and will encourage you to achieve great results. There are a variety of classes throughout the year covering different subjects and mediums such as oil, acrylic and watercolour painting,, figurative drawing, pen & wash, pastels and abstract.

If you would like a list of classes for the year, are interested in coming along, or would like further information, please contact Libby Hart on 01327 341816 or e-mail [weedonart@btinternet.com](mailto:weedonart@btinternet.com).

## FUN WITH OILS – 11th, 25th April & 9th May

Renowned for their richness, depth of colour and wonderful transparent glazes, oil based paints are a wonderful medium for painters of all persuasions. These three sessions are perfect for total beginners & improvers - we will focus on building confidence using step by step exercises and demonstrations – starting with basic techniques of colour mixing and blending and progressing to applying glazes and using different mediums to work with the oils.

**3 Sessions - £45.00**

## FUN WITH WATERCOLOURS – 25th July, 8th & 25th August

Watercolours can often seem a bit scary for beginners – but with gentle encouragement, plenty of tuition and lots of practice they can become a delightfully rewarding medium to work with - and beautifully evocative images can be produced amazingly quickly! Come along to this enjoyable 3 week course and see for yourself just how much fun watercolours can be!

**3 Sessions - £45.00**

## Weedon Bec History Society

**27 April**

Nigel Crowe:

*Conserving the Waterways Heritage*



Head of Heritage and leader of the Canal and River Trust's team of regional heritage advisors for England and Wales. He has written numerous articles and is author of the *English Heritage Book of Canals*. His talk covers the history and how the Trust conserves its heritage assets.

The History Society meet at 7.30 pm. Tea and coffee available. All welcome. Non members £2.

## Did you spot our Elephants?

2<sup>nd</sup> Weedon Brownies would like to thank the Parish Council, residents and businesses that helped us with our Elephant trail during half term.

The girls each decorated an elephant made from a recycled milk bottle. Each elephant picture was then displayed in various sites all around the village. The Elephant Trail was just one part of the Arts Explosion challenge that the girls completed over the last two terms.

If you or your daughter would like to know more about joining or helping 2<sup>nd</sup> Weedon Brownies, please contact Ginette Pilkington: [gpilks@gmail.com](mailto:gpilks@gmail.com)



## WEEDON BEC TRUST - Registered Charity No. 242221

Weedon Bec Trust was formerly known as Nathaniel Billing and Poors Land Charities.

Nathaniel Billing, a native of Weedon, went to London to seek his fortune. Following the long apprenticeship of seven years he became a vintner in the City of London, and in due time was a member of the Vintners' Company. Remembering his origins and his place of birth, Nathaniel Billing made a will in 1712, not long before he died. Provision was made to build an extra classroom on to the school in Church Street (hence Billing School Place). It was endowed with a gift of land raising £60 per year. The Vintner's Company was to be amongst the Trustees for the school. In 1974 a new school was built in West Street and the old school building demolished in 1990 resulting in extra revenue being paid into The Charity.

Poors Land – owns the Croft Way Playing Field and receives rent from the Parish Council.

In 1998 it was agreed to re-name the Charities - **Weedon Bec Trust**.

The Trustees consider financial assistance, to persons 'resident in the Ancient Parish of Weedon Bec', under the terms of this charity by application. This covers:

**ENDEAVOUR TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS WHO NEED FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO COVER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES** (instances are travel expenses to meet prolonged out-patient treatment or hospital visiting of a close relative; or provision of some item of equipment) and /or

**THE SUPPLY OF TOOLS OR BOOKS OR PAYMENT OF FEES FOR INSTRUCTION OR EXAMINATIONS OR OF TRAVELLING EXPENSES SO AS TO HELP THE RECIPIENTS EARN THEIR LIVING** (instances are grants to students in full time education).

Application forms can be obtained from: Mr Arthur Hart, 65 New Croft, Mrs Sally Jameson, 12 Brookside, Mrs Margaret Hooper, 3 South Street, Mrs Val Cheney, 35 Riverside Court or from the Clerk to the Trustees Mrs Ann Draper, 12 Equestrian Way.



Weedon Sports Association and volunteers are hosting a community event over the **August Bank Holiday Weekend 2015** – here is an outline of what is being planned

**Saturday 29th** Village Fete starts at 2pm through till 5.30pm  
 Duston German Shepherd Dog display team Moulton Morris Men  
 Lots of stalls Brass Band Scalextrix plus much much more  
 Teas & Cakes Pimms Tent Bar and BBQ  
 Special Guest Band over teatime

**Saturday eve** The brilliant ‘Chain of Fools’ – Soul and R&B Band

**Sunday 30th** Combined Church Service followed by entertainment.  
 Family Fun Day with an Its a Knockout competition. Fun games  
 Side Stalls Fun Dog Show Weedon Karaoke Finale  
 Raffle Draw Pimms Tent Bar BBQ  
 Live band late afternoon

**Sunday eve** A special live band followed by Grand Finale Fireworks at 10pm

Please look for more details by visiting website: [www.weedonsa.btck.co.uk](http://www.weedonsa.btck.co.uk)

**Volunteers:** if you would like to help we would love to hear from you. You will be made very welcome, it will be lots of fun and a great opportunity to get to know people. So why not join us? Please ring Sue on 07710 235238 or Andy on 07540 461514 or email [weedonsa@aol.co.uk](mailto:weedonsa@aol.co.uk) to find out more.

**Budding Chefs:** the BBQ will be alight for quite a few hours and we will need some extra pairs of hands. If you fancy donning a pinnie and helping let us know!

**Bottles going spare?** .... to top up our Bottle Tombola? We are asking early for help. Please give John Wilshire a shout on 341050 and we can come and collect.

**Support us:** Hosting an event like this doesn't come cheap so we will be selling wristbands again this year – look out for them being on sale very soon.

**This event is for you:** for all our residents of Weedon. We hope there will be something for everyone – so save the date and come along and enjoy the event.

### PLANNING APPEALS

Two planning applications, refused by the District Council, have had a Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State and will be subject to hearings as follows:



**Hearing at Daventry District Council (DDC) Offices on Thurs 9th April commencing at 10.00 am**

**Land Off Croft Way (Lovers Lane) DA/2014/0369.** Outline application for residential development (showing 26 houses). This application was REFUSED by DDC Planning Committee followed up by the Planning Officer submitting a lengthy report to the Inspector to promote a refusal at this level. This report can be seen on DDC's Planning website against the application number detailed.

**Hearing at DDC Council Offices on Tues 12th May commencing 10.00 am for up to 6 days**

**Land off New Street DA/2014/0455.** Outline application for residential development for up to 121 dwellings including access (all matters reserved). This application was REFUSED by DDC Planning Committee. We must assume that the Planning officer will submit a report to the Inspector which will be available in due course on DDC's Planning website.

Members of the public are able to attend hearings and you may be able to give your views however this is at the discretion of the Inspector. The Inspector will advise how the hearing is to proceed at the start and will ask who wishes to speak so you should endeavour to be there for the start time. There are usually opportunities at break times to leave if required. Witnesses are called to give evidence and this will likely include the Land Agents as well as the DDC Planning Officers.

In respect of the 'Land Off New Street' application, Parish Councillors are planning to be in attendance across all of the days. We would welcome having support from local Residents at the hearings – please contact Sue Halkett on 341057 if you need a lift or to advise if you have some spare time and are available to attend.

You can read more about how appeals work by referencing: <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/planningappeals>

### HIGHWAYS WARDEN

If you spot any pot holes or any problems with footpaths, verges or roads,  
 email Jeremy Palmer  
 who is the Highways Warden for Weedon Bec.  
[weedonroads@hotmail.com](mailto:weedonroads@hotmail.com)

Are you over 50 and would like to have some fun, learn a new skill and enjoy good food and good company? If the answer is yes then come and join us for the day.

- Please select the activities in which you would like to take part, in order of preference (1<sup>st</sup> being the one you want to do the most, then 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Please note that some activities will have limited space,
- Don't forget our Sunday Service at 11 am when we celebrate and, dare I say, show off our achievements.

**The cost will be £6 which includes lunch and a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits in the morning and afternoon (some activities may make a small charge on the day for any items used).**

Choice 1: ..... AM or PM

Choice 2: ..... AM or PM

Lunch: .....

Name.....

Address.....

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Tel No.....

Please return booking form to:  
 Mrs Pamela Taylor, 50 New Croft, Weedon, NN7 4RJ  
 By 10th April if at all possible!  
 with your £6 (cheques payable to Weedon URC).

We look forward to seeing you

## COFFEE MORNINGS Senior Citizens

Here are the dates for this year's Coffee Mornings to raise funds towards the Senior Citizen's Christmas Party:

18th April  
 30th May  
 11th July  
 22nd August  
 3rd October  
 14th November

Everyone is welcome to come along.

The Coffee Mornings are held at Riverside Court commencing at 10.30 am and it is a very enjoyable way to meet new and old friends over a cuppa. As always, there are cakes, bric-a-brac stalls and a raffle.

If any one has unwanted Christmas presents that they can donate to the raffle or, indeed, any bric-a-brac for the stall, we would be delighted to receive them. Just call John on 341050 to arrange collection if necessary.



Church Street  
 (just past the Post Office)

The following are our services and activities for April and May. We would love to welcome you, so come and join with us at any or all of these services and events.

### APRIL

Thursday 2nd	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday with Communion
Sunday 5th	11.00 am	Easter Day Communion Service
Sunday 12th	11.00 am	Service with Communion
Sunday 19th	11.00 am	Service
Sunday 26th	11.00 am	Service to celebrate 'Over 50s' day

### MAY

Sunday 3rd	11.00 am	Service
Thursday 7th	7.30 pm	Celebration Praise
Sunday 10th	11.00 am	Service with Communion
Sunday 17th	11.00 am	Service
Sunday 24th	11.00 am	Service
Sunday 31st	11.00 am	Service

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**JUNE**

Thursday 4th	7.30 pm	Celebration Praise Service with the Salvation Army
Sunday 7th	11.00 am	Service



**Group Events and Meetings.** These are open to anyone. You may want to commit to attending regularly or just one or twice. All sessions are an opportunity to be with others, to learn and discover things you never knew, and have some fun! Bring a friend along if you feel unsure of what it will be like. Gatherings will be at 14 Cavalry Fields, Weedon NN7 4TG. Please phone Revd J Phelps on 01327 340282 or mobile 07436 811514.

**MARCH**

26 <sup>TH</sup> Thursday	7.00 pm	Bible Study Beginners
	8.00 pm	Bible Study – Bit more Advanced

**APRIL**

9 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	7.30 pm	Home Group
16 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	7.30 pm	Faith, Politics and Justice (a Christian perspective preparing for the Election))
23 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	7.00 pm	Bible Study Beginners
	8.00 pm	Bible Study – Bit more Advanced.

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**We hold a drop-in for coffee / tea and a chat every Thursday.** Coffee/tea and cake served in the Schoolroom 10 -11.15 am so come and join us for refreshment and a chat with old and new friends. No coffee on 9th April

**Celebration Praise** is held on the 1st Thursday of each month at the URC Schoolroom, New Street at **7:30 pm**. The next meeting will be **April 2nd** and will be in the Chapel as it is Maundy Thursday and will include communion. The service on **May 7th** will be in the schoolroom. If you need an hour out of a hectic week, why not come along and join us and share the love of Christ. You will be most welcome. Light refreshments will be served after these services.

Enclosed, on page 15/16, are the booking forms for the **'Over 50s'** day on **24<sup>th</sup> April**, if you are over 50 and would like to try out woodworking, card making, beading and loads more, then come and join us, lunch is included. So come and have some fun.

CALL IN FOR A CHARITY COFFEE MORNING at Yewtree Cottage, 48 High Street, Flore from 10 - 12 noon on **Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup>**. The Charity for April will be the Oncology Unit NGH, and May will be Flore Youth Club. We look forward to seeing you, pop in for a few minutes and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea.

If you need to speak to someone from our Church do not hesitate to ring our Minister Revd Jay Phelps 01327 340282 / Mobile: 07436 811514 / email: [jjp57@btinternet.com](mailto:jjp57@btinternet.com) or our Secretary Mrs Margaret Hooper Tel: 01327 340524.

Please ring Mrs Margaret Hooper if you want to hire our Chapel Schoolroom.

**WEEDON URC  
OVER 50'S BOOKING FORM**

**FRIDAY APRIL 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Meet for Coffee 10.00 am**  
**Lunch will be served 12.15 pm - 1.45 pm**  
**Tea 3.30 pm**

**Sessions 10.30 am - 12 noon & 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm**

	AM 10:30- 12.00	PM 2.00- 3:30	
Knit an oblong to help make a blanket for charity			
Singing for pleasure with Felicity			
Crafts with Isabella			
Card making with Eileen			
Woodwork with Henry			
Beading with Sarah			
Lunch only			

**Sunday Service at 11am on the 26<sup>th</sup> April**