

# **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HARDWICK and WEEDON**

St. Mary's Parish Church  
Weedon Methodist Chapel



**July/August 2026**

Parish Magazine and Village Newsletter

## ***Dear Friends,***

Currently, there is a really interesting series on Radio 3 called Key Changes which is tracing a thousand years of European classical music history. The thing that is most appealing is how they take an incident and weave the story of music from that particular occurrence. The first begins with a monumental event in 1026 of which, I would suspect, most of us are blissfully unaware. In Italy a monk called Guido is the first European said to have invented the stave (the lines on which music is written) and in so doing he causes a musical revolution. Music can now be written down and shared and no longer needs to be stored in the memory. Later programmes take you to some well-known events such as the invention of the printing press, while others trace the beginnings of certain styles of music. So you find yourself at a Medici wedding in Florence for the first true opera, or the court of Louis XIV of France and the beginnings of ballet with the so-called dancing King. It is a really interesting blend of history and music presided by a musicologist and a roster of eminent historians - all previous episodes are available on BBC Sounds.

Two programmes that were of particular interest related to significant changes in the nature of Church music, starting at the Diet of Worms in Germany in 1521. This imperial assembly was presided over by the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V who had summoned Martin Luther to come and give account of his ideas – or rather “heretical” writings against Catholic doctrines. It did not go well. Luther went on the offensive, various accusations were made, and in the end Luther was spirited away and excommunicated from the Catholic Church. In many ways the Diet of Worms marks the point when Protestantism moves from being a protest movement to something independent. There are many books written about these times and historians and theologians continue to mull their significance. What we often forget is that the great German reformer is also someone who profoundly changed the nature and shape of music, the so-called Lutheran chorale. Now you may be scratching your head at this point and wondering what on earth it is that I am talking about. Luther’s ideas were taken on and improved by Johann Sebastian Bach 150 years later and in effect laid the foundation for hymns as we now know them. Luther wanted people to sing not in Latin but in their own language, the vernacular, and so he enabled congregational participation. In many hymn books you will find an English version of Luther’s hymn *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott* (A safe stronghold our God) for which he wrote both words and music. We rarely sing this

hymn but it remains published because of its historical significance. Luther wanted simple language with good music - and so evolved the four-part harmony that was the backbone of most Protestant church music until relatively recently when worship songs emerged. Luther promoted theological wisdom, words which encouraged and informed ordinary folk to deepen their reflections on the nature of God and the church.

The following week's Key Changes episode jumped forward to 1527 with the so-called *Sack of Rome* when Lutheran mercenaries in the army of Charles V, the Holy Roman Emperor, ran rampage through the streets of Rome causing the then Pope, Clement VII, to flee for his life. To cut a long story short, Clement saw the need to start a period of reflection, reinvention and reform culminating in something called the *Council of Trent* which is the longest church meeting in history as it lasted for 18 years!! It was not in perpetual session I need to say. More than a decade into their deliberations the Catholic hierarchy finally turned their attention to music and questions about what was appropriate music to be heard in Catholic churches. There were big debates about *polyphony*, a musical style that combines two or more independent, simultaneous melodies that harmonize with each other and whether this was acceptable or whether the church should return to chanting and remove the decadence of harmony. An Italian composer called Palestrina was a vital voice in supporting polyphony but within reasonable bounds. This music became a soundtrack for the so-called Counter- Reformation. It has a sumptuous beauty but tries to hold onto the Council's recommendation the most important part of music was that it should be clearly enunciated so that everybody could hear and understand what was being sung. Or, as a way of communicating the gospel message to ordinary people.

Which brings us to the present and the idea that a hymn book is a good spiritual companion. Reading the words of a hymn every day and reflecting on its significance is a fantastic spiritual exercise. Then there are the glories of music and how it can lift our hearts and have a phenomenal impact. And with this, the idea it is a gift from God, a grace which some would argue gives us a full taste of what the heavenly kingdom might be like.

Is now a time for us to seek out words and music that might inspire our own journey and bring us closer to the God who brought us to be?

***Blessings,***

***Richard***

## **Churches Together in Hardwick and Weedon**

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

*At 9.00 a.m. in St. Mary's Parish Church*

**Rev. Richard Atkinson** will lead a Communion Service

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

*At 9.30 a.m. in The Weedon Methodist Chapel*

**Rev. Richard Atkinson** will lead a Family Communion Service

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

*At 9.30 a.m. in St. Mary's Parish Church*

**Rev. Janet Bayly** will lead a Family Service

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

*At 11.00 a.m. in St. Michael & All Angels Church, Waddesdon*

Schorne Team Service to appoint **Rev Caroline Wainman** as  
**Team Rector**

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2026**

*At 9.00 a.m. in St. Mary's Parish Church*

**Rev. Richard Atkinson** will lead a Communion Service

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

No local service. Join Aylesbury Methodist Church at 10.30am

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

*At 9.30 a.m. in St. Mary's Parish Church*

**Rev. Janet Bayly** will lead a Family Service

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2026**

*At 9.00 a.m. in St. Mary's Parish Church*

**Rev. Richard Atkinson** will lead a Communion Service

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

*At 9.00 a.m. in St. Mary's Parish Church*

**Rev. Richard Atkinson** will lead a Communion Service

## CHURCH DUTIES ROTA – JULY/ AUGUST

Date	Sidesperson	Reading NRSV	Reader	Prayers	Teas & Coffees
July 5 9am	Sarah	Romans 7:15-25a	Mike	Sarah	Penny & Mike
July 12 9.30am	Weedon Family Communion Service Sarah & Children				
July 19 9.30am	Helen O	Romans 8:12-25	Helen O	Sarah	Helen O
July 26 11am	Schorne Team Service Waddesdon for Team Rector Institution				
Date	Sidesperson	Reading NRSV	Reader	Prayers	Teas & Coffees
August 2 9.00am	Sarah	Romans 9:1-5	Margaret	Sarah	Sarah
August 9 9.30am	No Service at Weedon, join Aylesbury Methodist Church at 9.30am				
August 16 9.30am	Lizzy	Romans 11: 1-2a & 29-32	Lizzy	Janet	Lizzy
August 23 9.00am	Isla	Romans 12:1-8	Isla	Richard	Isla
August 30 9.00am	Richard	Romans 12:9-21	Penny	Richard	Penny & Mike

**Barbara Gower**, wife of Laurie, died on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March in a nursing home near her son Roland. She was 97 years old. Barbara will be cremated near her home in Loughborough and a Memorial Service will be held at **Weedon Methodist Chapel** on **Tuesday 18th August** at **2pm** where her ashes will be interred.

Ralph

**Sheila Fletcher**

Sheila was a resident of Weedon for many years. Following a short period of illness, she sadly died on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026, with her twin daughters at her bedside.

The family welcomes anyone who wishes to join in a celebration of her life at

**St Mary's Church, Hardwick** at  
**2pm on Wednesday July 8th**

followed by a get-together at the Weedon Old Schoolroom.

Wear whatever you feel comfortable in.

Donations to Cancer Research UK  
and The Wilderness Trust  
by cash at the church service please.



HVA PRESENTS

# 'Coffee Connect'

Mornings are better together with coffee and cake

THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY

11AM - 12.30PM

ST MARY'S  
CHURCH,  
HARDWICK

Enjoy a chat and catchup  
over a hot beverage and  
homemade cake.

Donations welcome



## In Memoriam

### July

Archibald Creed	1992
Nesta Grey Edwards	2001
Nigel Priestley	2006
Gwyn Morris	2019
Stephen Sidebotham	2021

### August

Ellen Miller	2007
Graham Sanders	2015
Brian Stockdale	2023
Rev Canon David Meakin	2024

*For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven - Matthew 19:14*

*Come and drop in at ...*

*Have a chat  
Catch up with the news  
Chill out ...*

*Proceeds to Schoolroom funds  
Pay by cash or card*

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*Book Swap Corner  
... bring one to take one ...*



## TUESDAY CLUB WEEDON

**Tuesday July 14th at 8 pm**  
in Weedon Old Schoolroom

**“THE THIRD LONDON AIRPORT - It could have happened!”**  
A talk by Mr J Flewin.

**Tuesday 11th August at 10.30am**

**COFFEE MORNING AT WHITE COTTAGE, EAST END**

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**Deadline for September Magazine  
End of Wednesday August 19th**

HVA PRESENTS



**HARDWICHS**

**Grill on  
the  
green**

FREE EVENT

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OWN DRINKS

12 TH JULY  
2026



START  
2PM

BBO FROM 4.30PM  
MUSIC, GAMES, GRILL, TOUG O WAR

# New wildlife installation in Weedon

After months of planning and organisation, Weedon Wildlife Conservation Group (Wild Weedon) unveiled its brand new pond wildlife information board.

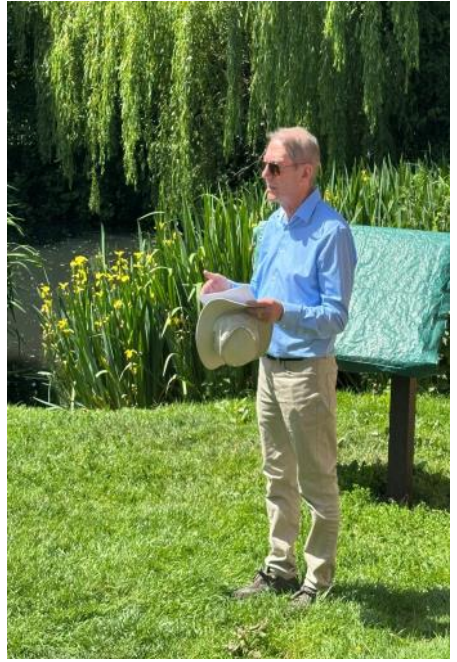
The event was held by the village pond on Stockaway.

The initiative aims to encourage the many villagers and visitors passing down Stockaway to take time-out and explore the flora and fauna around the pond, which has been a feature of the area for centuries. The board details some of the history of the area, as well as information on some of the many species of wildlife that frequent the pond, from ducks to dragonflies.



Weedon Wildlife Conservation Group, known as “Wild Weedon” was formed by Weedon Parish Council in conjunction with BBOWT in 2021. Its initial aims have been to engage interest in wildlife conservation through a series of activities, including:

- Workshops for building bird boxes / hedgehog boxes,
- Wildlife trails at various times of the year,
- Specialist talks and presentations
- Engagement in a ‘citizen science’ project with the River Thames Conservation Trust.
- Planting disease-resistant elm trees in various locations around the village, notably a group of five in the field behind the Methodist chapel.



## WEEDON Golf Society The Weedon Shield

### Match Report – Aldwickbury Park GC – 11 June 2026



Our third fixture of the 2026 season was held at Aldwickbury Park GC in Harpenden on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June; this was our first ever visit to this scenic, but on this occasion sodden, Hertfordshire course. Twelve excited/reluctant (delete as appropriate) WGS members took to the course and we again welcomed 2 guests from the Rascals of Aylesbury Golf Society (RAGS) based in Gt Horwood; Steve Simpson and his better half Charlotte.

The weather forecast was abysmal with heavy rain expected all day so brollies, waterproofs and sou'westers were de rigueur; though Ollie turned up in Tee shirt, shorts and sun tan lotion (only a mild exaggeration, honest....) having convinced himself that the forecast was overly pessimistic. Persistent rain pelted us for the front nine holes but thankfully it eased on the back nine with minimal rain though the skies remained dark and threatening all day. Subsequent to the round, several members have since been reported as seeking treatment for Trench Foot.

Our second trophy of the season, The Weedon Shield, was on the line at this event. Last year's winner Terry Curtis was unavailable having opted to visit warmer climes; does Cornwall count? We played an individual Stableford competition for the trophy with a concurrent team Stableford Dubai competition. The respective teams were;

Team 1: Yours truly, Jason Churchill and Colin Rose

Team 2: Ollie Fairhurst, Avi Gupta and Justin Sellars

Team 3: Alan Marks, Charlotte Simpson (G), Joe Ward and Sarah Gibbs

Team 4: Steve Simpson (G), Lawrence Hinds, Adrian Bystra and Glyn Thomas

Two players tied in first place for the individual competition with a rain affected score of 31 points; Alan Marks and Justin Sellars. The winner of the individual competition on countback (most points of back 9) was Alan with 20 versus 11 for Justin. Alan was duly presented with The Weedon Shield along with a bottle of wine in recognition of his victory. Three players tied for second place on 30 points: Jason Churchill, Glyn Thomas and Joe Ward. Team 2 (Ollie, Avi and Justin) won the team competition with 63 points narrowly beating my team by one point; the buggers!

Jason Churchill won nearest pin on hole 11 and also nearest pin in two on the 13<sup>th</sup>, Sarah Gibbs won nearest pin on 7<sup>th</sup>, Alan Marks won nearest pin on the 17<sup>th</sup>, Steve Simpson won Longest Drive on the 5<sup>th</sup> and in the shock of the day Glyn Thomas won the Points of the Compass competition (most cumulative points on holes 1, 9, 10 and 18) with 10 points eclipsing Jason Churchill who returned 9 points; well done to all our winners this month.

Based on each player's individual performance at this event, handicaps will be adjusted going forwards as per the attached results sheet. As ever, please note that the assessment of WGS handicaps is not a democracy and there is no right of appeal. Anyone wishing to complain will run the risk of further repercussions. Our next regular monthly fixture is our second visit to Millbrook GC (MK45 2JB) near Bedford on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** when we will play for The Absent Friends Trophy currently held by me!

Yours not sincerely at all,

**John Jones**  
Handicap Secretary, Weedon Golf Society

## WEEDON OLD SCHOOLROOM

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The Old Schoolroom is available for community, group or personal bookings, including parties. Full of historical character and atmosphere, but equipped with all up-to-date facilities, it's suitable for a wide range of activities. Fibre broadband wifi is provided free.

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## 50:50 WINNERS!!

1st - Ed Davies

2nd - Dave Rose

3rd – Brenda Horner

### June

1st - Jackie Brett

2nd –Jo Hodges

3rd - Dave and Carol Heasman

# Hardwick Open Gardens 30th May

On a warm and sunny Saturday afternoon, nine residents of Hardwick Village kindly opened their gardens to neighbours and visitors to raise funds for Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity.

Tea and cakes were served in the rejuvenated gardens of Hardwick Place thanks to the new owner Susanna.

Louise Davis organised a “Fill your Boots and Shoes with Plants” competition with many imaginative entries displayed at The Maltings.

A good time was had by all and a record amount of £1112 was raised.

Many thanks to all those who contributed.

Gill and Louise







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# **WEEDON & HARDWICK**



**SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026  
WEEDON OLD SCHOOLROOM**

**Delivery of entries 10.00am – 11.15am  
Doors open again 2.30pm  
Auction of items around 3.15pm  
Entry Form on back cover – for  
information or further copies,  
contact Clare on 641039**

## **Weedon & Hardwick Village Show 5th September 2026**

### FRUIT & VEGETABLES

1. 2 Potatoes\*
2. 4 Runner Beans
3. 4 Any other Beans
4. 2 Courgettes (less than 15cm/6in long)
5. 4 Tomatoes
6. 4 Cherry Tomatoes
7. 2 Carrots (leave 75 cm/3in tops)
8. 2 of Any other Root Vegetable\*
9. 3 of Any other Vegetable\*
10. 1 Longest Runner Bean
11. Plate of Soft Fruit\*
12. 4 Apples on a plate\*
13. 4 Pears on a plate\*
14. 6 Plums on a plate\*
15. 3 different salads veg on a plate including lettuce

### FLOWERS (no buds or extra flowers to be on the stem)

16. Single specimen Rose\*
17. Single specimen Dahlia\*
18. Single specimen any other Flower\*
19. Vase of mixed garden flowers (max 6)\*
20. House plant owned for 3 months or more (max size 60x60cm  
24/24inches)

### FLORAL ART

21. Mini floral arrangement (max 23cm/9 inches overall)
22. Arrangement of Roses max size 60cm/24inches
23. Vase of flowers from the garden (max size 60cm/24inches)
24. Harvest arrangement using flowers/seed heads/foliage/berries/  
grasses 3in/85cm overall

### PRESERVES (Max Jar Size 450/1lb)

25. Jar of Chutney\*
26. Jar of Relish/Piccalilli
27. Jar of soft fruit Jam\*
28. Jar of "stoned" fruit Jam \*
29. Jar of any other preserve\*

COOKERY Adults and children over 12 years (state age) Provide your recipe with each item

30. Your favourite Cake
31. An iced cake for a special occasion
32. Fruit Pie OR Tart/4 individual or family sized (Home-made pastry)
33. 6 home-made Sausage rolls using FLAKY PASTRY
34. Tea Loaf/Fruit Loaf (a 1lb sized tin)
35. 6 Ginger Biscuits (own recipe)
36. Loaf of Bread OR 6 rolls/buns (state if bread maker is used)

ART Adults and Children over 12 years (state age)

37. Picture using water -based paints or pencils (max size A2)
38. Picture using mixed media (max size A2)
39. Picture using pen and ink or charcoal (max size A3)
40. Picture using any other medium\* (max size A)

CRAFTS Adults and children over 12 years (state age)

41. ANY Knitted item or Crocheted item
42. ANY clothing made from material
43. ANY embroidery, tapestry, OR needlework (max size 90/90, 3ft /3ft)
44. ANY “upcycled” OR “recycled” item (max size 90/70, 3f/28inches)
45. AUTUMN themed collage (any materials)
46. (max size 90/90, 3ft by 3ft)
46. Home-made card OR notelet
47. Favourite Photo of 2026 taken by you Max size A4
48. Any MODEL made from ANY materials incl. fruit/veg. state if kit is used Max size 90/90 3ft/3ft
49. ANY other CRAFT max size 50/50, 20in/20in

CHILDREN 12 years and under (state age)

50. Make 6 biscuits of 1 flavour of your own choice/can be decorated
51. Any MODEL you have made/any materials/State if kit used
52. Your FAVOURITE Picture or card you have made (A3 max size)
53. Make a GARDEN on a Dinner Plate
54. Paint a PICTURE on a Stone OR China/Plastic Plate or Pot
55. A POSY of flowers in a cup or mug (not shop flowers)

## SHOW RULES

1. A competitor may only enter one exhibit in each class, except those marked with an asterisk where two items can be exhibited, provided they are different (e.g. 1 strawberry jam and 1 of raspberry jam).
2. Exhibits must not have been produced for sale.
3. Vegetables and flowers must be grown in your own garden or allotment.
4. No exhibit to have been shown at a previous Weedon or Hardwick show.
5. Entry fee of **50p** per exhibit.
6. Exhibit cards will be issued on submission of Entry Form and payment of fee and should be placed face down on, or in front of, the exhibit on the day of the show.
7. All exhibits must be STAGED by 11.15am in The Old Schoolroom. The doors will be closed for judging, and NO LATE entries will be accepted. Doors will be reopen, at 2.30pm.
8. Exhibits are shown at the owner's risk. Although every care will be taken, the organisers cannot be responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits from any source
9. Disqualification could occur if entries vary from sizes stated in the Schedule, or if trade names are on jars or bottles or if exhibits have been used or worn,
10. All food exhibits must be clearly labelled as to content, your own recipe supplied, and food covered with cling-film.
11. All pastry and cake mixes must be home-made. Home-made bread can be made in a bread maker.
12. All classes are open to Junior Entrants. Junior classes will be judged in groups appropriate to the number of age of the entrants.

## ENTRY FORM

Name	Child's Age
Class Numbers	
Email/Phone Number	
Number of Classes entered at 50p	Total Fee

Or email entries to [macclaire@btinternet.com](mailto:macclaire@btinternet.com)

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Applications for single grants are invited from, and on behalf of, individuals between the ages of 5 to 21 years inclusive who are resident in Whitchurch, Oving, Pitchcott, Hardwick, Weedon, Creslow and Dunton, to a maximum of £500 per award.

Applications for single grants are also invited from not-for-profit clubs, societies and organisations operating primarily for young people between the ages of 5 to 21 years and who predominately reside in Whitchurch, Oving, Pitchcott, Hardwick, Weedon, Creslow and Dunton, to a maximum of £3,000 per award.

Grants will be awarded three times per year, with the deadline for receipt of completed application forms being the 20th of each February / May / October – grant application review meetings will be held shortly after these dates.

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# Wild Weedon

*The Weedon Wildlife Group  
aims to protect and promote  
wildlife in and around Weedon  
and Hardwick*



The weather has gone mad! We've had a very dry Spring and then a bit of a heat wave and of course the odd thunderstorm - all of which wildlife has to take in its stride. The dry weather seems to have had a knock on impact with many summer visitors arriving later than usual and the Swallows in my garage have been late with their first brood. Barn Owls seem to have been struggling to find voles so many have delayed laying and the Bucks Owl and Raptor Group have found very few of their boxes with young or eggs. Barn Owls are clever though and will keep their options for a late brood open until well into the summer.

Another good indicator for the general state of wildlife is the Butterfly population. These too have been struggling in recent years, but hopefully have turned the corner with more wildlife friendly gardens to explore. Our Wildlife Friendly Garden Challenge has taken off so why not join in with the Big Butterfly Count at any time from 18 Jul to 8 Aug and show how things are (hopefully) improving. It's a really useful piece of citizen science and easy to enter counts on line. Look at: <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/> for more details.

We had a really interesting visit to Manor Farm, Cheersley recently and if you've any ideas for Wild Weedon projects in the coming months just contact us at [contact@wildweedon.org.uk](mailto:contact@wildweedon.org.uk).

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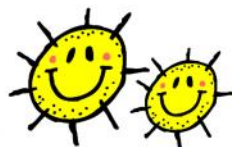
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