“WEEDON WEEKENDER”
Bank Holiday August 2015

EVENT REPORT
29th and 30th August 2015

WSA
Improving Weedon's Environment
**In the run up to the weekend:**
The planning started in March 2015 once the Parish Council had granted permission to host the event at Jubilee Field. Volunteers attended regular monthly meetings and work continued in smaller groups or by individuals based on actions from meetings. Great teamwork and efforts all round with lots of laughs and welcomes to new volunteers along the way.

In the week running up to the event there is a flurry of activities like putting out the signs to advise of the Village Fete, cash and carry shopping, dusting down the BBQ, checking the gazebos have all their legs and all helpers digesting our Risk assessment statement.

A final organisers meeting was held on the Monday evening to check all was well.

Last minute gathering up of raffle prizes from local businesses who have been incredibly generous with their donations

Collecting meat from the butcher, bread buns from the baker and water urns from the church!

**Setting up – Friday 28th August 2105**
this was carried out during the day on Friday with many members of the WSA organising group on site, some having taken a day off work and others arriving after work. Plus help from several other residents who had some spare time and were able to coming along to lend a hand through the day some for an hour or two others who were there all day!

**Set-up involves:**
Moving tables and gazebos from Village Hall storage

Moving electrical cabling, Marquees and other bar items from local lock up

Moving HERAS security fencing and erecting

Putting up all the marquees and gazebos as per the plan of the field

Setting up the electrical provision and PAT testing

Setting up the BBQ area and the beer tent

Marking out for the fete stalls and exhibit areas

We started at around 9.00am and finished at approximately 5.30pm – a hard days physical effort interspersed with mugs of tea and coffee and cheese and pickle sandwiches for lunch!

Overnight security guard in attendance from 7pm so a couple of us waited to handover

We were all rather busy to take photographs but the plan of the field shows the extent of what is involved!
Plan of the field for Saturday:

Plan of the field for Sunday:
Saturday 29th August 2015 – morning

Team members on parade from 8am to meet the Security Guard so that he can go home and also to meet the stage and sound guys. Amazing that the stage just arrives like a trailer!
Other helpers arrived from 9.00am to commence final preparations for the Weekender like:

Blowing up balloons to fill up a Mini for Guessing the Balloons in the car

Putting out 200 fold out chairs for the Brass Band and visitors for WI Tea and cakes and other visitors

Putting out the signs for the The Foley Flyover - Guessing the height of the plane as it flies over flown by a local resident to win a plane flight

Welcoming the stall holders and guiding them into their allotted place with marshals who wear hi-vis tabards to guide them safely across the field.

Not forgetting the cups of tea and coffee and sustenance in the form of a Bacon Buttie!

And here is the timetable that we provided for the Weekender in the village newsletter

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**WEEDON WEEKENDER**

**Saturday 29th Village Fete**

2 pm till 5 pm

Dog and Duck Show * Martial Arts display
Danchurch Brass Band * Sceletic * Chicken Chucking
Guess the Balloons in the Car * Big Skittles * Tombola
Weedon Past and Present * WI Cream Teas
Lots of stalls and displays

The Foley Flyover – guess the height to win a plane flight!

Buy your Raffle Tickets – Amazing Prizes
BBQ
Bar
Pinns Tent

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DJ Kyle at 5pm
our local 11 year old budding DJ takes a turn on stage
followed by Weedon Garrison Band from 5.30pm until 7.00pm

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Saturday eve: The brilliant ‘Chain of Fools’
Soul and R&B Band from 7.45pm

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**Sunday 30th Family Fun Day**

Combined Church Service at 11.00am:
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Upton Footlights performance 12-1pm
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The Advile - its a Knockout competition at 1pm
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Family Fun all day * Side Stalls * Crockery Smash
Children’s Tombola * Teas & Coffees
Pinns Tent * Bar * BBQ

Fun Dog Show hosted by Weedon Veterinary Surgery, register by 2.30pm Show starts at 3pm – do you have the best sausage catching pooch or the waggiest tail?

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Tea Time live band not to be missed
Paper Street Soap Company at 4pm

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The Karaoke Grand Finale at 5pm – Adults & kids on stage from qualifying heats!

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Raffle will be drawn on stage at 7 pm

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Sunday eve: Find those Hawaiian Shirts, get out your best shorts and flip flop along for the brilliant
UK Beach Boys Tribute band
starting at 7.30pm

Surf Board Simulator * Grand Finale Fireworks at 10pm
There will be shaking buckets for donations after the fireworks have concluded
Saturday 29th August 2015 – Fete afternoon

The event was opened by a lifelong and well respected resident of the village Mr Arthur Hart. Arthur has been involved in village life all of his life and delivered a warm welcome to everyone attending the fete and wished us all well for the Weekend event. He reminded us that events such as the Weekender is one of the many reasons Weedon Bec were awarded the Northamptonshire Best Large and Best Overall Village competition in 2015.

Main exhibitors in the arena this year was the Dog and Duck show – sponsored by Weedon Bec Parish Council and also a Judo display by the village Judo club.

Lots of lovely stalls were situated around the periphery of the field as well as Dunchurch Brass band, skittles, tombola, wonky bike, Scalextric, Chicken Chucking, Crockery Smash, WI Teas and Cakes, Ice Cream Lady, roundabouts, bouncy castle, BBQ, Bar, Pimms tent and a whole host more. The Foley Flyover was a huge success and thanks go to our local resident pilot who flew his plane over the field so we could guess the height as well as donating a one hour plane flight as a prize. Raffle tickets were also on sale!
Photos courtesy of Jon Whiles Photography - [www.jonwhilesphotography.co.uk](http://www.jonwhilesphotography.co.uk) - a local resident who offered to help record the event with some photographs!
We were also very fortunate to have a local resident attend the fete event whose specialism is photography from a drone which he does as a business. The arena roped off in readiness for the Dog and Duck Show provided a safe area from which take off after completing the risk assessment. These are quite special photographs to share in this report as it puts a whole new angle on the Weekender event!

Photos courtesy of FlyHighPhotography – www.flyhighphotos.com
Saturday 29th August 2015 - teatime and into the evening

The fete afternoon started to draw to a close around 5pm and the organisers had arranged for more entertainment over teatime and into the evening.

The BBQ was still doing a roaring trade and folk were arriving with their chairs!

DJ Kyle aged 9 made a first foray onto the stage as a budding DJ. This was followed by a local band, The Weedon Garrison Band playing a mix of folk and rock songs.

The headliner band for Saturday evening were A Chain of Fools, a marvellous covers band who really get people up and dancing and enjoying themselves.

A lovely sunny day and warm evening was a huge success with everyone drifting home when the band had finished their encore at 10pm.
Family Fun Day - Sunday 30th August 2015 with live music in the afternoon and evening

The helpers were back at the field early to meet the security guard and get prepared for the day. The Sunday has always arranged as a day that provides ‘something for everyone’ and this year’s Weekender has been no exception.

A combined church service with both the Anglican and United Reformed Churches started the day with a few grey clouds looming. This was followed by cups of Tea and biscuits and a performance from a local singing group called Upton Footlights who performed their show ‘Magical Musicals’. This was well received by all present even though the umbrellas were needed part way through!
In the background, there was much activity with some stallholders returning for a second day (after such a successful Saturday at the fete) and the arrival of the bouncy obstacle course, bouncy boxing, bouncy Gladiators and the Its a Knockout relay being readied.

Alas, the rain came along so the Its a Knockout competition was deemed unsuitable in heavy rain. Some children made the most of the activities albeit they got a bit wet. We thank Adville Ltd for sponsoring this event. When the weather dried up, the Knockout challenge was between two grown ups – The Sponsor and a Helper - with much hilarity for everyone watching!
A little rain didn’t dampen the spirits for the Fun Dog Show organised and hosted by our local veterinary centre, Weedon Vets – thank you. Many dogs with their owners made their way to the arena to be judged on Best Lady, Best Boy, Waggiest Tail, Prettiest eyes and Best Sausage catcher. Ethan, nephew to Sarah the vet, was the judge and he did a great job from under his green raincoat! Lots of fun for all ages, all dogs and everyone watching from under umbrellas!
The afternoon progressed and eventually the rain moved on too. Children played in the field and the stage welcomed the finalists of the Karaoke competition with both Children and Grownups singing on the stage. The Karaoke winners received trophies to keep and a voucher for an hour in the recording studio to record their song courtesy of Phoenix Centre, Daventry.

Families gathered with their picnics, chairs and tables ready for the teatime and evening entertainment – the Paper Street Soap Company band from Rugby warmed up the audience in ready for the UK Beach Boys tribute band with a distinctive Hawaiian theme & Surf board ride!
And the Weedon Weekender was brought to magnificent ending with an awesome firework display set to music.
Packing away day – Monday 31st August 2015

It was already raining as the volunteers gathered to dismantle, pack away and return everything into storage on the August Bank Holiday Monday morning. However, this didn’t dampen our spirits as we set about litter picking the field, emptying the bins (oil drums!) of litter into the skip, dismantling HERAS fencing, taking down gazebos and marqueses, stacking chairs, loading trailers and finding owners for lost property! And as usual, there was the necessary tea breaks and a Bacon Buttie for sustenance.
Winners of Weekender events

The Foley Flyover – Mr Brian Foley who lives in the village flew his light aircraft over Jubilee Field as part of the closing proceedings to the Fete at 600 Feet. The lucky winner of a one hour plane flight was Anti Kohvakka.

Guessing the Balloons in the Mini – there were actually 134 balloons in the car. The lucky winner who guessed 136 balloons was Janet Wincott who won a lovely hamper donated by BP garage.

Skittles - was a roaring success in the sunshine! The winner was Jack Rowley - well done Jack. He won the play off after a 3 way tie with Clive Culley and Shane Winfield!

Chicken Chucking - proved to be a very popular addition to the Fete with a constant trickle of entrants willing to chance their arm at this new event. Unfortunately we had underestimated the throwing ability of the Fete supporters and, given the space available, had to enforce out of bound boundaries!!!! Next year we will ensure that the throwing area is much longer to accommodate our budding Olympic Chicken Chuckers! **Winners:** Junior section (under 12s) was won by Sophie Nash from Weedon. Adult section was won by Andy Randle from Rugby

Weedons own X Factor – Karaoke Competition

The winners received a lovely trophy to keep and the children got a medal too. They also received a wonderful prize to record a song to a backing track in the recording studio kindly donated by Phoenix Centre Daventry (Thanks Lindsey)

Adult: Grace Witham     Juniors: Temperance-Lily  Alexandra-Rose  and Trinity-Louise Parker

Raffle winners

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Weedon Sports Association would like to acknowledge the following organisations and businesses who have supported this event through grant fund and donations or have helped with the event.

Fundraising events have also been organised by WSA in order to help fund this community event for the village. Two local Residents completed a sponsored bike ride from Daventry to Paris where funds raised were donated to WSA to help with funding the Weekender.

Weedon Bec Parish Council

Special thanks to Karen at Blades, Jo at The Malsters, Cath at The Plume and Hayley at The Wheatsheaf for their support and help with fundraising towards this event. Also to the local butcher for delicious burgers and sausages.

Also, thanks to local businesses who have provided some great donations for the raffle and prizes – we feel honoured that you have recognised Weedon Sports Association and the Weedon Weekender Community event.

PROCEEDS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST LOCAL VILLAGE GROUPS AS PER THE WSA CONSTITUTION, TO HELP FUND THE PROJECT TO DELIVER A NEW COMMUNITY SPORTS CHANGING FACILITY BUILDING AND A FUTURE WEEKENDER EVENT. AS AT 7TH SEPTEMBER 2015 WE ESTIMATE PROCEEDS OF APPROXIMATELY £7200 HOWEVER WE STILL AWAIT SOME INVOICES TO BE SENT FOR PAYMENT TO ENABLE ACCOUNTS TO BE FINALISED.
A sample of some emails, letters and feedback from Residents about the Weedon Weekender

From: Isabella Masters <izzymasters@...>
Date: 7 September 2015 17:41:17 EST
To: andyduck@mg.com
Subject: Weedon Weekender

Hi, sorry I have not emailed before now but I just want to say on behalf of Weedon Church, a big 'THANK YOU' to all of you who did a sterling job of organising the Weedon Weekender. Apart from a big splash of rain on the Sunday it was a great weekend.

From,
Isabella Masters.

------------- Original message -------------
From: Dorothy Nicholson <dorothy.nicholson@...>
Date: 01/09/2015 15:44 (GMT+00:00)
To: Sue Butler <suebutler@hotmail.com>
Subject: 

Hi sue

Just a wee note to ask you to pass on thanks to all who made the weekend happen. I thought it was a great success, I had a great time. Had to leave early on Monday morning to attend another event so missed the clearing up, so thanks for all of that also.

Dorothy x
Sent from my iPad

Kim Drinkwater to you + 1 more show details ▼

I thought it was brilliant and really appreciate all the hard work all the volunteers put in thank you so much for a great weekend x

Sent from my iPhone
Hi Sue,

A really marvellous Weedon Weekender – great spirit – great community - it all helps with a sense of belonging.

Well done you and yours!!

From Mike Andrew <mike@3istudio.com>

Date: 01/09/2015 13:20 (GMT+00:00)

To: ‘Sue Butler’ <suebutler@hotmail.com>

Subject: RE: Photos

Yes, Sue – it worked well again this year. As it is intended to be a family event, timings were good and I have to say I was surprised that there were no parking issues. If the new football club venue can be as well managed I will not have any objections. You tidying up exercise was great as well, some of you were up rather early!

Mike Andrew (MABFMJWFG)

3i Studio Ltd

Jason Judge
31 August at 17:03

The start of the fireworks display last night. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this fantastic event happen again this year.

Unlike Comment 1 1 Share

Welsh Mamma Bear
30 August at 17:49

Just wanted to say a big thank you to the organisers of Weedon Weekender and to all the lovely people of Weedon who came to my stall and purchased my gift items. Also to the people who laughed at wall plaques, it makes my day worthwhile. :-D We had an awesome time and looking forward to next year xx

Unlike Comment 1 1 1 Share
Jenny Johnstone  Could not think of anyone better than Arthur to open the fete, a long standing resident that as done so much for the village. Your family must be so proud

Like · Reply · 87:1 · 2 September at 18:45

Jon Whiles  shared Jon Whiles Photography's album.
1 September at 16:59 ·

It was great to be involved at the Weedon Weekender this weekend, organised by the Weedon Sports Association, a great turn out by everyone, regardless of the rain! Here's a sneak peak of the photos... Weedon Vets, Kyushiki Kwai Judo Club, Dog and duck show
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The Weedon Weekender—

Weekender was such a success
I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all the folks who organised, performed, put on demonstrations or in any way helped to make the Weedon Weekender a wonderful event and a great weekend.

This is one reason we are the best village.

Rain? What rain? Once again thank you.

Pamela Taylor
By email

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