

THE WELFORD BUGLE

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Next 'Copy' Deadline
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A John Haynes afternoon

This event will take place on the 21st April 2018 in the Village Hall from 3p.m. onwards. The reason we have chosen the Village Hall is because of John's many, many years serving on the Village Hall committee. Entrance fee will be £1, just to cover the cost of hiring the hall, and teas coffee and cakes will be on sale. (If anyone would like to make a cake to give us to sell on the day please contact Jilly Horner on 575529.)

Also available to buy will be some of John's beautiful line drawings of various Welford scenes, as notelets or pictures, plus his many photographs and other bits and pieces. There will also be some maps of Welford drawn in the 1800's, that can be framed if you would like it. (Thanks go to Mike Johnson for his work on this.)

Bill Wright has worked long and hard to put a lot of John's slides and videos onto memory sticks and these will be shown on a continuous loop and be able to be viewed as you walk round the hall on four different TV screens.

This really is a one off event, my worry is we will have trouble fitting everyone in who wants to see this unique collection, however there is no set timings for the day, so hopefully people will be patient and move on reasonably quickly from table to table if the hall is very busy.

Any profits made on the day will be donated to the Church John loved so much, and for which he served throughout his life.

Walk4Charlie

Welford Ajax Explorer Scout Unit are organising a 5, 10 AND 20 Mile Charity walk in memory of Charlie Lane to raise funds for Teenage/Youth Cancer Charities on Sunday April 29th 2018

Registration: 9am – 11am minimum £5 donation
(SPONSORSHIP FORMS AVAILABLE)

Start and Finish Point: Welford Youth and Community Centre (Cooked Breakfast for sale on the day)

Route: Welford – North Kilworth - South Kilworth - Swinford - Clay Coton - Yelvertoft- Elkington- Welford
Checkpoint Marshalls required at all 7 village stops/major road crossings

Please wear suitable footwear and carry a water bottle (refills available at checkpoints), dress suitably for the weather.

Donations: Money to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Walk4Charlie> or cash to the organisers.

Anyone looking to join the walk as a participant, marshal or well-wisher please contact Ant Raisbury on Welford 575678 or at antraisbury@yahoo.co.uk

Sulby Gardens first opening for 2018 under the National Garden Scheme!

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Dear Friends,

As the time for my retirement draws closer, I find myself reflecting on the last 20 years of ordained ministry in the Church of England. Receiving a calling to serve the Church in my mid 30s, little did I know what was to come: where Alistair and I would live, and what we would do.

It began in the Diocese of Chelmsford, serving as Curate at Tiptree, (where the jam comes from). In Essex I enjoyed radio work for BBC Essex – eventually! I was so nervous when I started that Alistair had to drive me to the studio several times, but I then got used to it. Live radio is very exciting and challenging. Over the years there have been sad moments and joyous ones, hilarious and downright embarrassing too. One Sunday at Tiptree, the elastic on my petticoat went as I was preparing Holy Communion, and the aforesaid garment ended up on the floor at my feet. Fortunately only one person noticed. I suspect that this may be what I am remembered for, not my faith or prayers!

If the success of Christian ministry is to be judged by the number of toilets and kitchenettes installed in mediaeval buildings, then I have done quite well, having installed 3 in all. In my first post, a Benefice of 4 parishes in a rural area of north Essex, I had to deal with major re-wiring, lead theft, and renovated all 4 organs too. Next came a move to Lincoln Diocese just on the edge of the fens. I loved the flat land and distant horizons. The Priory Church at Deeping St James is a vast Church with a soaring tower seen from miles around. I realise that old age is creeping up on me, because I have been on every Church roof where I have ministered – but not on Sibbertoft or Welford! I even crawled inside the cavernous roof at Deeping St James looking for woodworm.

Visiting our grandchildren and family in Derbyshire from Essex, we used to turn off junction 1 on the A14 and have a meal at the Wharf, then join the M1 at Lutterworth. Little did I realise that I would end up as the Vicar here in Welford, but that was God's plan.

There have been very sad and tragic moments working with bereaved families. There has been a lot of fun working with children and Young People, not least of all Messy Church in Welford and the Good Friday Roadshow. I must have taken hundreds of school Assemblies, (now called Collective Worship). There have been many memorable weddings too, especially one some years ago, where my cat wandered into the Church and posed in all the photos afterwards, enjoying the attention.

When I started in 1998, there was no email, but a mound of post on the doorstep each day. Even as late as 2010 I knew just a few elderly clergy who had no computer, resisting technological change. Fortunately Alistair, being a railway engineer was very up to date with technology. He has designed 3 web sites for Churches, and assisted with many practical issues. He has also worked hard supporting local bell ringers wherever we have lived. I am grateful for his support, especially the delicious Sunday Lunch he cooks every week ready for me when I get back home from the Sunday morning services.

Other things I will miss – the delight of walking into Church on Easter morning with the scent and sight of the flowers after Lent; the Harvest Services and Suppers with my congregations, delicious cakes after Evensong, Sunday Teas, Quiz nights and Pancake Parties, Fetes and Film Shows.

My family complain that I am picking up a slight twang of a northern accent, so here in the East Midlands you are to be congratulated in making me a local. We are not moving far away, just to Market Harborough, and I am sure that I will eventually be providing holiday cover locally. Later this year I have been invited to assist in leading two Retreats, one in Chelmsford, the other in Ely. I didn't expect these invitations, so there is still God's work to be done, and something new just around the corner.

Thank you all for your support and kindness. We have had a happy 5 years together. With all good wishes, and prayers for the future,

Revd Janet and Alistair.

A son of Welford became a newspaper proprietor and Mayor of Leicester

Thanks go to Derek Eastwood for sending this article he found when reading "From Tollgate to Tramshed" – the history of London Road, Leicester 1860 -1920 published in 1999 by Helen Boynton and Derek Seaton.

Francis Hewitt was born in Welford on the 1st of May 1832.

In 1836 the Leicester Mercury newspaper was established, and later on Hewitt joined it as a journalist. Further on in time he set up as a bookseller and stationer in Granby St. Leicester. When the historian James Thompson proprietor of the "Leicester Daily Mercury" and the "Leicester Chronicle & the Leicestershire Mercury" died in 1877 Francis Hewitt acquired the newspapers for £1500. A few years later he purchased the "Leicester Daily Post"

In 1859 he married Miss Catherine Russell of Leicester; in 1871 he married again To Miss Elizabeth Cook of King's Lynn. That same year he entered politics as a Liberal Councillor for North Saint Margaret's Ward Leicester, and in 1882 became Mayor of Leicester.

In that year a large semi-detached residence was built on London Road in the city, where Francis and Elizabeth came to live. The house became known as "Southernhay" after a suburb of Exeter they knew well.

On 25th October 1897 Francis Hewitt died at his Country home in Hunstanton and was buried in Old Hunstanton churchyard. Elizabeth continued to live at "Southernhay" dying in 1902, and is buried beside her husband in Old Hunstanton.

Cemetery Extension Mowing

Two areas have no one to mow them this year. (Unless I do them along with the other times I mow.) If you feel you could help, the areas in question would take about two hours to mow, and this would need to be done twice between mid- April to mid- May. The whole cemetery will have been professionally cut by Peter Wattam in early April, so your job will have been made easier, thank you Peter.

If you would like to join the team please contact John Nicholas on 575422 or email john.nick@btopenworld.com Your help will be appreciated by all who have loved ones buried there, and it does give you a feeling of satisfaction that you have done something for the community.

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WELFORD FOOTBALL TEAM FROM THE EARLY 1950's (?)



TOP ROW (L TO R) ERNIE BADGER, ?, STEVE THOMAS, GEORGE VOSS, GEOFF MCALISTER, MICHAEL BROWN, BILL THOMAS, CHARLIE MILLER
 BOTTOM ROW (L TO R) JOHN HOLLIS, JOHN BARBER, TED VOSS, ? COLIN GRANT

Ernie Badger – Uncle to Richard (Dickie) Mathers who played for Welford

Unknown (TR) - Thought to come from one of the Kilworths to play for Welford as they had no team.

Steve Thomas – One of 4 boys who all played for Welford at various times. Both Don and Bill played in goal. Don playing well into the 60's

George Voss – Brother to Ted and lived on the corner of Newlands and Northampton Road.

Geoff McAllister – Lived in the back street opposite the Crescent. He grew his own pipe tobacco in the allotment and was born in the Benthams house opposite the reservoir.

Mick Brown – Brother to Ann Barber who lived with his brother Dick on Northampton Road and later in Market Harborough where he worked for the Town and County Council.

Bill Thomas – Lived in North Kilworth and his son, Jeff also played for Welford

Charlie Miller – Uncle to Mandy Thompson and brother to Glad Mercer and lived in the family home on the corner of Newlands and West End.

John Hollis – Born in the house opposite the Village Hall. Lost an eye whilst threshing with the Vaughans but still played football and cricket as well as shooting. Played with 2 brothers for Welford. Worked for Cess Walton

John Barber – Cousin to Brian Barber and lived on Newlands Road. His father was Cess Barber.

Ted Voss – Lived on the corner of Westfield Crescent. His son Ian also played for Welford. Ted later became a referee and cricket umpire.

Unknown (BR) - Thought to have lodged at Mrs Clay's in West End (in Mr & Mrs Harrison's). Possibly Mr Patterson.

Colin Grant – Brother of Gordon, Norman and Doreen Beck. Doreen still lives in the family home on Northampton Road. All 3 boys played for Welford and this photograph was given to the Sports Field by Doreen Beck, nee Grant.

Welford used to play their matches on what is now Wakefield Drive! If you have any photos and stories you would like to share please contact the Bugle. Many thanks to Rod Lane who pieced together all information here.

Thank you.....

On the 2nd of January at 0912hrs, life thought it would deal me yet another lesson As I tripped on the 2nd stair down from the top I was a goner! I tumbled down with legs and arms waving all over the place, at one point I briefly glimpsed the sole of my right foot level with my right shoulder I remember thinking – I must book a pedicure! However, when I landed at the bottom with my foot pointing right and my fibula sticking out to the left, a pedicure was the least of my worries. I laid there trying to establish exactly what hurt when Harry, my 11-year-old son asked me if I was conscious and breathing, he was already on the phone to the ambulance! Within minutes of landing my mum (Jane Martin) flew through the door as Thomas, my other 11year old son had done an SOS call to nanny! Within minutes of my mum arriving my sister (Victoria Martin-Deacon) also flew through the door. It's at moments like this (as if I didn't already know) that I once again thanked god for such an amazing family, something I have done a lot of over the last few weeks!

As it was the school holidays we were enjoying the last few days of relaxing in the mornings with nothing to rush for so I was still in my PJ's! I was aware an ambulance was on its way and although I've not nursed for a few years I was almost certain my ankle was broken as the bone poking out was giving it away slightly! Therefore, I knew I would be going into hospital and there was absolutely no way I was going in my PJ's having not washed and dressed!! So, mum and Vic were tasked with the job of operation baby wipe wash and getting me dressed around a compound fracture ASAP! Fortunately, as I lifted my foot to readjust my position the dislocation popped back in which made putting trousers on a whole lot easier (you have to scrap the barrel for positives at times like this!) finally I was dressed and presentable (albeit with Neanderthal man hairy legs!) ready for the ambulance, which I have to say arrived very promptly. However, after enduring the pain of putting trousers on, the first thing the paramedic did was cut them off! Unfortunately, the absolutely drop dead gorgeous paramedic overlooked my bulbous ankle and commented on my 'winter coat' (hairy legs!) Dying inside I had to think on my feet (well foot) and I told him I was just on my way to my waxing appointment when I tripped and fell down the stairs! I then had to endure the total embarrassment of being stretchered out of my house with the hairs on my legs waving in the wind, as I was carted off to Kettering. Just as a note of interest there are a total of 137 potholes between here and Kettering (76 of which are down Newlands road!) I know for a fact as I counted (and felt) every single one!

Of course, it was the 2nd of January and the country was in the midst of a flu epidemic so A&E was heaving, at one point there wasn't a single ambulance left on the road in Northamptonshire as they were all grounded in A&E departments, so I had a very long wait on a trolley in the corridor. It was at this point as I was in a queue on my trolley the shock of what had happened was sinking in. I am a foster carer and currently have two children in placement and have two children of my own so I look after four children altogether. The youngest being 9 months..... How the hell was I going to be able to do this? It would have broken me completely to lose my placements, I am extremely independent and run my house/life by myself. Having a very undignified cry to myself in the corridor of A&E I wondered why this had to happen to me, I had left my mum and sister with everything.

Sure enough an x-ray confirmed I had snapped my fibula and dislocated my tibia, but the nature of the break meant an operation to have pins and plates.... By this time my mum had arrived just in time to hold my hand whilst I went to the plaster room to have my leg pulled and plastered (I apologise for the holes in your hand mum from my nails!) I would rather have a 20lb baby then ever have this done again!!

As a foster carer, you have two unannounced visits a year from your supervising social worker so they can just check everything is how you say it is! And yes, this morning shortly after the ambulance left with me, my social worker arrived at my house for an unannounced visit! However, my mum, sister and brother in law (the A team) had everything smoothly under control, impressing my social worker so much that she could see I had more than enough help and there were no concerns regarding the children! Mum told me about the visit when she arrived in A&E but she also said that I did not have to worry about my placements and that between us all everything would be ok (this triggered yet another undignified cry in A&E!)

You couldn't have been more right mum, and that's the purpose of writing this... Mum, Dad, Vic, Andy, Sue, Harry, Thomas, Edward, Daniel and Jack I can't ever thank you all enough. I am so privileged to call you MY family. You are all so amazing and make me so proud. Mum and Vic, you have prevented stable foster placements from being disrupted, you picked up exactly where I left off and ran everything seamlessly, not only looking after all the children but nursing me also (the worst patient in the world!) you've had uncomfortable nights on my sofa, you've helped with night feeds, you've dealt with tantrums, you've wiped away tears and you've comforted the boys when they too were very worried and anxious about me, you've also clocked up mileage running my children here there and everywhere to ensure their little lives were not at all disrupted (also running me to and fro fracture clinic!) Dad you too have also driven round the county ensuring the boys continue on their football quest never missing any training or a single match, not only enabling the boys to continue with football but impressing the coaches so much that they are now going on tour to Holland with West Bromwich Albion football academy!!

This has also made me realise what a lovely village I live in and what amazing people I have around me. I have to thank Alan and Luke Mercer and Kate Jeffrey for the loan of the most awesome wheelchair that allowed me to actually leave the house and get around to the school to pick up Edward, without this I would have been totally housebound and gone completely mad. Also, Mandy Cant for the loan of the shower seat without which washing would have been impossible! Also Jess Cant and Grandma for the delicious lemon cake! And Sheila Scullion for the shopping run! Also, I need to thank all the well-wishers and the get well soon cards I received.

Now I am back on two feet and the whole hideous incident is starting to feel like a distant memory thank goodness. I am minus my hairy legs but plus 7 very heavy screws and an even heavier plate, about a stone in weight to be precise, or at least that's what I'm saying (the extra weight has nothing to do with the amount of chocolate I ate whilst I was feeling very sorry for myself crawling around on my hands and knees!)

So once again thank you family for everything,
I love you to infinity and beyond and back again
Louise xxxx

Quiz Time

As we have a bit of space here is some questions from the Sportsfield quiz at the beginning of March. Answers are below the Nature notes on another page.

Pot Luck

1. Name the broadcaster whose real name was John Ravenscroft. Now deceased.
2. Name the first darts player to throw a televised 9 dart finish?
3. On the internet what does DNS stand for?
4. In which year did Gordon Brown become Prime Minister
5. The line "Now is the Winter of our discontent" is a line from which Shakespeare play?
6. Who was the character played by Peter Sallis in "Last of the Summer Wine"?
7. Ned Flanders is the next door neighbour of which fictional family?
8. In which game show are players told to "say what they see"?
9. Which crime drama is set on the fictional island of Sainte- Marie?
10. What is the opening event of the Olympic heptathlon?
11. Name the song and artist these lines are from "Hey now if your baby leaves you, and you've got a tale to tell, Just take a walk
12. Name the song these lines are from "God who made thee mighty, make the mightier yet"

Husbands Bosworth Medical Centre Update

The partners are pleased to report that the new medical centre building at 1, Marsh Drive is complete with only a few snagging issues to undertake.

We are only waiting for the installation of the N3 connection which is the secure NHS network that will provide the necessary IT links enabling all patients clinical records to be accessible to the clinician. The work may take up to a further month to be completed. This is frustrating for us as we, like you are eager to relocate into our lovely new building.

Once we have a date we will be spreading the news via the local media and posters and leaflets, and in June we hope to have an open day to coincide with the village fete.

Julie Simpson
Practice Administration Manager.



Welford Parish Precept

In answer to parishioners queries on the increased community charge for the year, Yvonne Dean WPC responds "when we set the precept, it was to bring the Parish into line with an average for countryside parishes which we have been out of step with. Statistics supplied by the government show for Shire districts an average of £49.69 for band D – we paid £39.62 previously so the increase is approximately £10 for the year. The Parish will have to fund more this year but next year we hope it could reduce as we gain the extra income from the new development. It is also worth pointing out that an increase of 2% per annum using compound interest takes the schedule D rate of £37.4 in 2014 to £47.55 after 4 years and five years would be £51.88 so we are actually below 2% p.a. This is why we are out of step with the national average."

Nigel Brotherton, chairman adds:

"We have made provision to support extra direct work in the village and a Community Bus with other villages plus the additional costs we had to pay re the Neighbourhood Plan.

On Council Tax Band C it is less than £1 a week for all Parish services including grass cutting, street lighting, Churchyard maintenance, the playing field and play area and the Pocket Park, including a rebuilt bridge this year."

and Martin Gorrod WPC points out:

"The Parish Council will need to fill in more for a lack of funding from County." Although from last year, this piece highlighted the need for Parish Councils to step into the gap left from reduced funding from county:

<https://www.localgov.co.uk/The-changing-face-of-parish-councils/42993>

We are also reminded by Bob Bremner WPC that:

"Parish Councillors work voluntarily, and, as you say, often absorb certain costs encountered in the undertaking of the position of a parish councillor. (Printing and phone calls for example). We always welcome parishioners to attend our meetings to see things at first hand."

Financial Reports and budgets and Parish minutes are always available on the village website



COMMUNITY Initiatives meeting furthering Aims in the Village Neighbourhood Plan 'Greening the High St' May 3rd Village Hall

Greening the High Street Public Meeting May 3rd



This is the first meeting which will focus on the High St (re-scheduled from March 8th due to closure of the Elizabethan). There will be an opportunity to discuss other ideas and projects.



Village Hall – 7pm – 9pm

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What's on at Welford Sports Field



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£1 per class to enter, call 01858 575675, by Friday 4th May or entries can be accepted on the day. **IMPORTANT** Entries need to be entered on May 7th by 1pm for judging to start. We would appreciate it if entries could be donated to be served in 'The Bake off Tea Tent' following results at 2pm in aid of the Welford Sportsfield Association.

WELFORD SPORTS FIELD MAYDAY COUNTRY FAIR MONDAY 7TH MAY 2018

Come and join in our Mayday extravaganza with some great fun activities, stalls, bouncy castle, sumo and much, much more. Make sure you get baking for the Great Village Bake Off (see details opposite), and get your wheelbarrow prepared for our wheel barrow races. We want you to make a "passenger" for your wheelbarrow and there will be a prize for the best creation. If you would like to run a stall please contact Adrian Scullion on 01858575784. We look forward to seeing you on the Bank Holiday.



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JUNIOR CRICKET 2018 season more new junior players needed!



Our season opens this year (subject to the weather!) on Thursday April the 19th with a friendly U11/U13 match against Willoughby CC. League matches then start the first week of May with games for the U11's (8 -a-side 16 overs) and the U13's & U15's (both 11-a-side 20 overs) against various other local teams in and around Rugby and continue most weeks until mid July. U13's play on a Tuesday evening with U11's & U15's on a Thursday evening .

As in previous seasons, this is a joint initiative between Welford & Yelvertoft Cricket Clubs with the continued intention to use the facilities at both the Welford Sportsfield and the Yelvertoft Playing Fields. One third of the participating Junior Players come from each area, with the remaining third coming from other villages and Rugby itself. In 2017, close to 45 youngsters took part over the 4 age groups (Inc Kwik Cricket)so please continue to support this joint initiative!!

We are also lucky in having 4 x ECB qualified and DBS cleared cricket coaches to help our young players develop, and have seen our first junior girl and boy now progressing on to play at both NCCC District Trials and County Level.

All 3 teams need some more players, so if you have lads or lasses who would like to take part (previous experience not needed), or know of other juniors in nearby villages/towns who are not already committed to other teams and who would like to play, then please point them in our direction!

Details of dates, times and venues for squad training sessions during the season are being finalised as we go to press, as are details of Kwik Cricket (Softball) for ages 6 to 11 ,this being a great way to get into cricket without needing to worry about a 'hardball' .

For further information on any of the above, please contact Robin Bennett on Bennettrobinb@aol.com
Home 575631 or Mobile 07774 839299 .

Fingers crossed for a successful (warm and sunny!) junior season .



Welford Mixed Hockey Club — Happy New Year!

I was just reading the last Bugle instalment from the Hockey Club, 'It's been a slow start to the end of the 1st half and beginning of the 2nd half of the season with snow, ice and flooded pitches having put paid to most of our hockey.' I could

definitely start this instalment with the same line though there has been a bit more hockey over the last few weeks.

The Mixed team have a few more wins under their belt though with a game every weekend until the end of the season AND 5 rearranged games to play, it will be a tough run in. The Vics remain victorious with a 9-2 win over 2nd place Sutton Bonington on 24.03.18. This has essentially sealed their season and promotion although mathematically, it's not done and dusted yet! Badgers are in winning form with a 0-2 win over their closest rivals, Harborough, last weekend and a 1-6 win at Wellingborough on 24.03.18.

The Juniors have sadly suffered the most from the weather with training and tournaments bearing the brunt of the club's cancellations. Bearing this in mind, we are trialling a new time for training sessions. After Easter, the juniors will train on a Sunday morning at Naseby playing fields. From Sunday 22nd April until Sunday 20th May, U8s training will be from 10-11 and U12s will be from 11-12. All abilities welcome. All other ages will continue to train on a Wednesday at Cold Ashby from 19.30-21.00 until further notice. This is due to the continuing lighting issue at Lutterworth.

After the May half term, we will start Ladies Back to Hockey. We aren't sure of the day this will run yet so please keep an eye out on the website www.welfordmixedhockeyclub.co.uk Facebook or Instagram @welfordmixedhockeyclub for updates.

Our end of season do is on May 19th at Welford Sportsfield starting at 4pm. As usual, there will be hockey, food, beer and our presentation evening. All friends, family, past and present members welcome.

Thanks as usual to all our players, supporters and volunteers who play, cheer and organise – we couldn't do it without you.

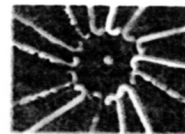
Julia Bennett



Welford Mixed Hockey Club are a small, friendly hockey club that are always looking for new members.

We train on a Wednesday evening and a Sunday morning and you can start playing from the age of 5 upwards. All you need are shin pads, a gum shield and plenty of enthusiasm! Please see the back page of the Bugle for more details or call Ant on 575678 or Jules on 880583.

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We are hoping to hold a New Year's Eve party at the Community Centre. If you are interested in helping out in any way or have any ideas to help make this a great new village event please contact Adrian on 01858 575784

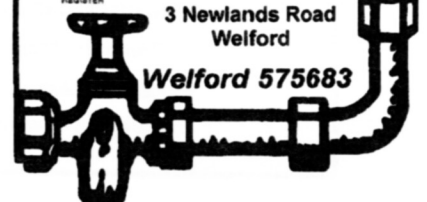
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MAR	55.0	76.0	30.0	40.5	7.5	27.0	62.0	43.5	27.0	78.5	54.0	
APR	3.0	46.5	34.5	27.5	5.5	155.0	22.5	31.0	25.5	50.0	10.5	
MAY	109.0	71.5	35.5	26.5	31.5	55.5	75.5	109.0	54.0	45.0	80.0	
JUN	116.0	44.5	43.0	49.0	59.0	135.5	41.5	69.0	26.0	77.5	52.0	
JUL	107.5	64.5	157.0	47.0	41.0	99.0	92.0	31.0	81.5	19.0	71.0	
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OCT	46.0	65.0	26.5	46.0	35.5	72.0	113.0	73.0	60.0	35.0	21.5	
NOV	57.5	77.5	69.5	49.5	36.0	127.5	39.5	82.0	65.0	79.5	44.0	
DEC	59.0	48.5	69.0	22.0	64.5	135.5	51.5	54.0	75.0	24.0	100.5	
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F.J.S.



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APRIL 2018

1st Easter Week (7 Days)
21st Queen's Birthday

MAY 2018

10th Ascension Day

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BUGLE NEWS

The Bugle is here to let everyone in Welford know what is going on in the village and appears early in February, April, June, August, October and December.

Letters and articles for inclusion are always welcome.

It saves paper and some time in putting the issues together if articles are presented if possible as emails. They can be sent as attachments in MS Word and can then be easily used.

However don't worry if hand written paper is your preference, it is still welcome. So, if you have an item which you would like published, if possible email it to:

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Please ensure any articles are received by the copy date on the cover. Thanks. AP

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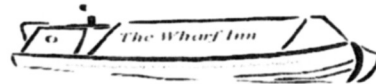


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On the 9th of May there will be an outing to Baytree Garden Centre plus Springfields. We leave Welford at 9.30 am and return home at 6.30. The price is £6.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SEATS STILL AVAILABLE FOR THIS TRIP SO IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO GO WHO HAS NOT BOOKED PLEASE RING MARION WRIGHT ON 575650.

Looking further ahead there will be outings to Loughborough steam railway, Fish and chips at Marston Trussell, Derby Outlet Village and The Bulls Head for lunch at Clipston.

Don't forget -- !

The Welcome Club for older people meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, mostly in the main room at the village hall at 2.0pm.

New members are always welcome.

Ring Marian Wright for more information on 575650

D.J.D.

CONGRATULATIONS TO....

Dick and Marian Wright who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 22nd of March.

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*Robin Williams,
Late of Waikanae, NZ*

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Whilst in the country we will travel around and complete acclimation treks into the Amazon rain-forest and the busy town of Otavalo. These will be followed by main treks at high altitude into Ecuador's national park in the Andean mountains climbing a volcano and trekking into the cloud forest.

We will also engage with the local people, gain an understanding of their problems and work on task-specific projects that will contribute towards the ongoing needs of the local school and community

Our target is to raise £4000 each. Please help us make this adventure of a lifetime possible by attending our **Big Breakfast** on the **29th April between 8:30-12:30 at the Youth Community Centre**, where we will be serving a full English breakfast.

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Nature Notes

Spring is doing it's best to spring. Some days are glorious. I even mowed the lawn with a high setting to tidy up the view. the spring flowers are a bit confused. Daffodils and tulips and crocuses and scylla and grape hyacinths are all flowering at the same time, but they keep getting set back by the beast from the east and frost and snow. We seem to have had more than our share this winter with four coverings of the white stuff, and lots of drifting. One drift by the back hedge was as tall as me, and the road to Husbands Bosworth was quite dramatic for a few days, and the road by the Gliding Club took a long time to clear. Finally there don't seem to be any more little pockets of snow waiting for some more to take them away, as the old saying goes, though the forecasters still mention the possibility of even more inconvenience.

The fields are full of lambs. Some of the earlier ones had a wet and chilly introduction to the great outdoors, but they are growing well and chasing each other and jumping with the sheer joy of using their muscles. They are such a pleasure to watch. The grass is growing again, so the land is greening over, and the buds are appearing on the trees and hedges with the promise of leaves very soon. We have planted our seeds for the summer in the greenhouse much later than usual, but hopefully they will germinate quickly and catch up in time for us to have flowers and vegetables in due course. Easter is so early and the ground is still so wet and cold that we shan't be planting out potatoes on Good Friday, but I am trying an experiment that Ted Butlin recommended, and growing new potatoes in the big pots in the greenhouse that I use for tomatoes. They should be a real early treat, and the tomatoes can go in afterwards. I'll let you know how they work out.

So despite the wind, rain, frost and snow, the daffodils are flowering to cheer us and the rest of nature shows many signs of following suit.

Susie Bevin

Newspaper Delivery

Our newspaper is a very important part of our morning ritual to accompany our porridge. We not only read it, but exercise our brains with all the puzzles. We share the Quick Crossword and the Anagrams, and he does the Codewords and the mental arithmetic while I read the news and features, and we very often decide to drink more/less coffee or red wine or eat less butter or cake as a result of the articles we read, and there is a lot of news that turns us into "Disgusted of Welford", or which saddens us concerning the state of the world. We enjoy the sport reports and the obituaries, and decide what to watch on television later on. In fact, if the paper doesn't arrive our morning is ruined, so we are very grateful to those who deliver it, as every day even when the pavement was covered in snow and ice, there, on the mat was the highlight of our morning. Thank you so much.

Susie and Charlie Bevin

Quiz answers

1. John Peel
2. John Lowe
3. Domain Name server
4. 2007
5. Richard the Third
6. Norman Clegg
7. The Simpsons
8. Catch Phrase
9. Death in Paradise
10. 100 metres Hurdles
11. Heartbreak Hotel – Elvis Presley
12. Land of Hope and Glory.

WELFORD W.I.



FEBRUARY MEETING

Attended by 31 members and 3 guests, the February Meeting of Welford WI presided over by Denise Bott, commenced with a minute's silence in memory of Nora Bishop. Denise thanked the sub-committee who had put on a first class soup and cake lunch for the County walkers. Members were reminded of the Knit 'n' Natter Tuesday 20 February and were advised of a proposal to hold a regular social gathering along the lines of Knit n Natter, initially once a month, commencing Friday 23 March. A card was circulated to indicate interest in a lunch/dinner at The Bulls Head Clipston 27/28 March. Sunday 29 April is International Women Walk the World day and a short walk around Welford is planned for that afternoon. Members were reminded of various outings and events on offer by the County Federation.

Denise introduced Louise Danielczuk who gave a very interesting and informative talk on the wonderful work done by the Cynthia Spencer Hospice. She told how not only was there the Hospice itself but also a significant amount of work carried on in the community – in caring for people in their own homes, to training others in end of life care. She emphasised the care provided was not just for cancer patients but for all those whose illness needing in depth care, that not all who came to the Hospice were terminally ill, that many were there for respite care or for the care needed to aid eventual recovery. She advised how, although the NHS gave tremendous support, the Hospice still needed to raise £1.3 million each year just to maintain and continue their excellent work. She also said how much the cakes, provided on a weekly basis by WIs across the County, were appreciated.

The Competition, run by Val Morson, for A Heart was won by Jane Cottrell, 2nd Sue Lees and 3rd Pauline Matthew. The raffle organised by Christine Anderson was won by Sue Lees, Christina Williams, Pauline Matthew and Sue Walton.

AT February 2018

MARCH MEETING

Denise Bott presided over the March meeting attended by 28 members and 2 guests. A number of forthcoming events were highlighted, including lunch at Clipston (note the date has changed to 24 April); a short walk Sunday 29 April 2.00 pm to participate in the ACWW Women Walk the World day; a picnic to celebrate 100 years of the Northamptonshire Federation at Althorp Sunday June 24; an opportunity to go to the Calendar Girls musical in October and to hear Kate Humble speak at the Centenary AGM in November. Members were asked to indicate if they wished to be included in a draw for an educational bursary. The speaker, the High Sheriff of Northamptonshire Rupert Fordham, then gave a very interesting talk on the origins of the oldest public appointment outside of the Monarchy. He went on to talk of its evolution into today's annual appointment and of the duties and responsibilities demanded of those holding the office. The competition, run by Sue Lees, for an item of Royal Memorabilia was 1st Jean Tyrrell, 2nd Sue Lees and 3rd Jane Cottrell. The raffle organised by Julie Newman was won by Wendy Beard, Julie Cromack and Frances Stacey.

AT March 2018

Ladies Fellowship.

This has replaced what has, for many years been called the Women's Guild.

The opportunity to meet in the Chapel Schoolroom at 2.30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month is to remain.

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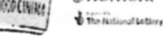
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July 2018	August 2018	September 2018
14th Cheese & Wine		
October 2018	November 2018	December 2018
	17th Quiz	31st New Year's Eve Village Party
January 2019	February 2019	March 2019

If you would like to have an event put on the calendar or check there's nothing booked for that date then please call Sheila on 01858 575784. For an up to date calendar please visit **Welford Website: www.welfordvillage.co.uk**

Welford on social media

Did you know there is a twitter account @WelfordVillage? You can follow it for info on lots of stuff happening in Welford. If you organise an event then you can advertise it there too.



The Lenten Lunch

Thanks to all who came to the Lenten Lunch on February 14th. £161 was raised and will be divided between the Newbridge Foundation that helps prisoners after their release from prison, and the Air Ambulance. There was a choice of 8 different soups, all delicious, and thank you to all who made them, and to the army of kitchen helpers.

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WHAT'S ON IN WELFORD

REGULARS - weekly, unless stated otherwise

MONDAYS

Welford Pre-school 9.00am-3.00pm PSM
 Yoga for All 10.00-11.30am (starts 12/9/16) VH
 Brownies 7-10 years 6.00-7.15pm WYCC
 Bell-Ringing 1st and 3rd week 7.30pm CH
 Guides 10-14 years 7.30-9.00pm WYCC
 Table Tennis for adults - any time between 7.00-9.15pm VH
 ISE Group (Stitch & Expression) 10.00-4.00 2nd Monday of the Month VH
 Singing alternate Mondays 7.30-9.00 WSF
Cricket Nets from Monday 27th Feb
 (Hard Ball Teams) 6.15 - 7.15 GUIL

TUESDAYS

Welford Pre-School 9.00am-3.00pm PSM
 Doctor's Surgery 9.00-11.30am VH
 Pilates 9.30-10.30am WYCC
 Pilates 7.30-8.30pm WYCC
 Bowls Club 7.00-8.30pm (starts 6/9/16) VH
 Bridge Club 7.30-10.00pm (1st and 3rd VH
 Tuesdays of every month starts 6/9/16)
Cricket Nets from Tuesday 1st March
 U15s & U19s 7.00-8.30pm LS

WEDNESDAYS

Welford Pre-School 9.00am-3.00pm PSM
 Welford Watercolourists 9.00am-12.00 VH
 Women's Guild 1st and 3rd week 2.30pm CSR
 Welcome Club 2nd week 2.00-4.00pm VH
 Yoga for All 7.30-9.00pm (starts 14/9/16) VH
 Gardening Club second Wednesday in the month 7.30-9.45pm VH
 P.C. Planning Com. 6.30pm 2nd week VH
 Girls (6-11) Football training 4.30-5.30 WSF

Hockey Training

U14s U16s(Badgers) & Adults 7.30-9.00 CAA

THURSDAYS

Welford Pre-School 9.00am-3.00pm PSM
 Doctor's Surgery 9.00-11.30am VH
 Dancing for Fun 9.45-11.15am VH
 Pilates 6.00-7.00pm WYCC
 Parish Council 4th week 7.30pm VH
 Women's Institute 2nd week VH

FRIDAYS

Babes and Tots 9.30-11.00am WYCC
 Beaver Scouts 6-8 years 5.00-6.00pm WYCC
 Cub Scouts 6.15-7.15pm WYCC
 Scouts 7.30-9.00pm WYCC
 Dancing for Fun 7.00-8.30pm VH

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8.00am - 8.45am Breakfast Club PSM
 3.15pm - 6.00pm After School Club PSM

SATURDAYS

Football - reception & Yr 1 9.30-11.00am WSF

SUNDAYS

Hockey Training (22/4/18 - 20/5/18)

U8s and Newbies 10.00-11.00am NPF
 U12s 11.00-12.00 NPF
 Explorer Scouts 14-18 yrs 7.00-8.30pm WYCC

EVENTS

APRIL

7th Film - Victoria & Abdul VH

MAY

3rd Greening the High St Meeting VH
 5th Film - Hidden Figures VH
 7th May Day Country Fair WSF

VENUES:

CAA Cold Ashby Astro
 CH Church
 CSR Chapel School Room
 PSM Pre-School Mobile
 SCH School
 VH Village Hall
 WSF Welford Sports Field
 WYCC Welford Youth and Community Centre
 LUT Lutterworth College
 MH3G Market Harborough 3G
 GUIL Guilsborough School Hall
 LS Lawrence Sheriff School
 NPF Naseby Playing Fields

For further information or to have your dates listed please contact Phyllis Hayhurst, telephone 01858 575284
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