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Welford Pre-school Presents...

Christmas Windows

OUR ANNUAL SHOWCASE OF FESTIVE WINDOW DISPLAYS

Saturday 21st December, 4pm to 7pm



- Maps £3 from the Community Centre
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Carol Singing round the Village

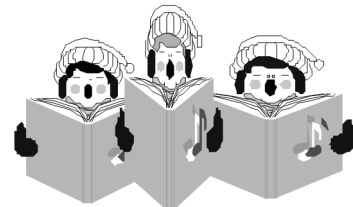
On Wednesday 18th December an enthusiastic group of people from Welford Church will, as usual, be carol singing round Welford, whatever the weather! We shall start from the church at 7 o'clock, head down West Street and continue round the village in a clockwise direction. Please come and join us – you are all invited to recover with refreshments at Barracloughs afterwards. Money raised will be shared between The Children's Society and The Cynthia Spencer Hospice.

Ann Barraclough

Come and Sing Carols

Continue the Welford tradition. Join us on Christmas Eve at 8 o'clock in St Mary's Church for a light-hearted hour of carol singing accompanied by Ian Imlay.

Ann Barraclough



Scouts Christmas Bazaar

Friday 6th December 6.00pm—7.30pm

Raffle Draw at 7.00pm

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Notes from Welford Parish Council

- At the Parish Council meeting on the 24th October, the Council agreed to install more LED lights in the village. This will not only enhance our green profile, it will save money on the street lighting bill that the Parish Council is required to pay.
- Uno buses have taken over the service from Centrebus until the end of March 2020. There are no indications as yet as to what may happen beyond that date
- You will have seen Gigaclear in the village installing cabling for fibre broadband to the home as part of the Superfast Northamptonshire programme.
- Gigaclear will not be installing their cabling in the Millers Road/Roundhouse Close area as these roads have not as yet been adopted.
- As roads and verges will be dug up to provide this infrastructure Gigaclear has assured the Council it will make good the surfaces within 6 months of the work being done.
- You may have noticed an improved service in the grass cutting in the village. The Parish Council entered into a three year contract with R & G Grounds Maintenance at the beginning of the year and the improvement to the verges and fields has been noticeable.
- Repairs have been arranged for the bench on the corner of Westfield Crescent, these are of course weather dependant.

Christmas Waste Collection

- Collections will continue to take place as usual over the Christmas and New Year period, except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day
- If your collection is due on **Boxing Day (Thursday, 26 December)** it will instead take place on **Sunday, 29 December**.
- **Garden waste collections** for those subscribed to the service there will be a short break in collections during w/c 23 December so that crews can focus on the extra seasonal recycling.
- **Waste bins** – your black bin will continue to be collected as normal on its three-weekly cycle. Please make sure you recycle as much as possible as side waste and bins with raised lids will not be collected.
- - **Recycling** - Your blue recycling bin will continue to be collected as usual over Christmas and New Year. There will be an extra collection for all households during week beginning 23 December. Don't forget that a range of festive items can be recycled, including foil-free Christmas cards and wrapping paper, sweet tins and drinks bottles.
- - **Christmas trees** – Households can put their real Christmas trees in their garden waste bin or alternatively place them alongside their bins on the usual day of collection week beginning 6 January. There are no communal collection points for real Christmas trees. You can also take trees to the local household waste recycling centre – find your nearest at www.daventrydc.gov.uk/recycling
- **Check your collections calendar** – You can check your bin collection dates on the calendar delivered to you in June, or by searching your postcode on our website at www.daventrydc.gov.uk You can also check your collection day and set up alerts on your mobile by downloading the free Daventry District Council app from the Apple or Google Play stores

Ian Kelly, Clerk to the Parish Council

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If you have a pond, try to keep at least a small area ice-free. Toxic gases can build up under ice affecting male frogs that hibernate in the bottom. Place a warmed saucepan gently on the ice to melt it, or better still float an old tennis ball on top to prevent ice forming in the first place.

HIBERNATING HEDGEHOGS, MICE, TOADS, etc.

Check any log or leaf piles before starting bonfires - and if you do find any hibernating creatures, just gently cover them over again and try not to disturb until well into spring.

FRESH WATER

Many birds and animals will be grateful for a drink of fresh water, especially in icy cold conditions.

BUG HOTEL WORKSHOP

Much fun was had transforming unlikely piles of twigs, bark, pine cones and seedheads into all manner of bug hotels. One even had three storeys! Serious side of this was to provide dry nooks and crannies for insects to nestle into for the winter. We learned how solitary wasps, bees, ladybirds, lacewings, earwigs and woodlice were all likely to check in.

WHEN OUT & ABOUT

This is the time of year when it is easy to spot footprints - especially of mammals - in the snow or mud. There are lots of identification diagrams online - and do let me know when, where and what you spot.



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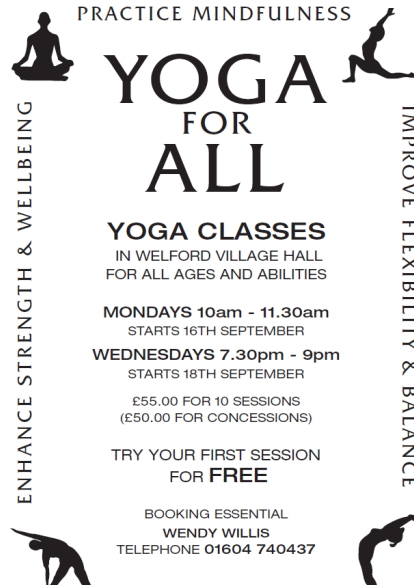
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Golf: The Open 2019 FAREWELL TO SUMMER



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In previous years, the Welford Open has been run in heat so intense, it would suck the dye from your shirt. This year, the July event is pushed back to wet October because of a player drought in the summer. A downpour stops on cue for the tee off. But by the time of the prizegiving, dusk is gathering and high winds surround the lonely clubhouse.

The mood is subdued. Players have struggled in the quagmire. It is hard to connect with a 1.7-inch ball without hitting the 4,000-mile-round soggy pudding underneath.

Organiser John Nicholas has had a stressful day, thanks to no-shows, late arrivals and some fool failing to put out a pin marker. Now he reminds us that this Welford Open could be the last at Cold Ashby, which like many golf courses is struggling to survive. We await the results. Barry Mitchell is crowned Open winner and best Welfordian with a steady 37pts. But at the other end of the prize board, John tells us the aptly-named Roy Hacker has done a runner. Proceedings complete, we climb the long and winding road home. The club is not dead yet. Members are trying to save it from the liquidators. But the music on the car radio is a farewell lament.

1st Barry Mitchell, 2nd Ray Chambers, 3rd Chris Dowell. Team: Duncan Hopwood, Barry Mitchell, Chris Dowell, Geoff Newman. Nearest the pins: Rod Lane, Matt Johnson, Chris Dowell, Barry Mitchell. Longest drive: Donovan Scurey. Soundtrack: The Departure (Max Richter)

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ISE which stands for 'Inspiration for Stitch and Expression', formed several years ago, and the group aims to promote creativity combined with rigorous discipline. They have been exhibiting recently at various venues: Rugby Floor One Gallery, Delapre Abbey, Northampton, Three Hares Gallery at Olney and at Alexandra Palace, London. The group meet monthly in Welford Village Hall, Northamptonshire, For more information about the group see website www.visualise.online.

Karin Kirk

The Welford Masters Golf Day **December 30th at Kilworth Springs**

The 25th playing of the Welford Masters will take place on Monday December 30th with a first tee time reserved from 10 a.m. I anticipate the cost will be £28 for visiting players, £8 if you are a Kilworth member. This will include coffee/tea and a bacon bap before going out. There are only 24 places available and this event is getting more popular each year, so I suggest you contact me as soon as possible to put your name down. (john.nick@btopenworld.com or phone 01858 575422) You will be competing for the now famous "Yellow Jacket" that has been signed by all the previous winners, and there are lots of other prizes so come along and try and write your name in Welford's Golfing history. All you need is your own set of clubs and golf shoes and a FAIR assessment of what your handicap should be if you have not got an official one. I look forward to hearing from you.

For many years now we have given a donation to a local charity instead of giving Christmas cards to people we will see over the festive season. We will be giving a donation to the same charity this year and would like to take this opportunity to wish all our friends and neighbours in Welford a very Happy Christmas and a healthy, safe New Year.

Ian and Sheila Elmes



This Christmas we have decided, like many others, not to send so many cards (we will be donating to our favourite charity instead). However, we would love all of our friends in Welford and surrounding area to know that we have not forgotten them! We wish them all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Poppy Appeal 2019

This year's appeal has raised £2,563.28 an amazing amount of money. Thank you all so much.



This would not have been possible without all the help and support I received. A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who supported the cause through the annual coffee morning, the collection boxes, the church service and of course by buying poppies. Well done Welford.

Jan Edensor poppy appeal organiser.



Powerful Women in History

This Adult Education course organised by the WEA will take place at Belgrave Village Hall, Church Street, North Kilworth, LE17 6EZ.

The tutor is Professor Aubrey Newman, and he proposes to examine a number of occasions when women have exercised substantial control over the states in which they lived and influence their future for better or worse.

Dates - 9 weeks beginning on January 15th 2020,
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OCTOBER MEETING—WELFORD WI AGM

The October meeting, presided over by Denise Bott, was attended by 28 members. The initial part of the meeting being the usual monthly business, Denise gave further information on the Christmas meeting with Naseby; she also advised arrangements were being made to ensure there would be transport available for all who wished to attend the meeting. Christine O'Reilly requested members wishing to go to the evening meal at The Wharf Thursday 19 November list their menu choices. The delegate to the Federation AGM Tuesday 29 October is to be Viv Journeaux. Sue Greeves has agreed to be the co-ordinator for the skittles team(s) for the forthcoming Federation tournament. The AGM then commenced. Sue Brotherton, Treasurer, reported that the finances were in good order. Jane Cottrell, Secretary, gave a report on the highlights of the year. This was followed by Denise Bott, President, giving her final remarks for the year. Given in the form of a School Report, it was an amusing yet succinct summary of her four years in office. She was thanked by Christine O'Reilly. Catherine Digby proposed Denise Cattell as the new President. Denise C accepted the nomination and her appointment was endorsed by all present.

The meeting was handed over to Christine Lewis who gave an interesting talk on the use of natural dyes. She demonstrated using material gathered from around the village.

The competition, organised by Denise Cattell, for village photograph, was won by Sue Wilson with Debbie Green second and Jane Cottrell third. The raffle, run by Sue Lees, was won by Wendy McCullagh, Viv Journeaux and Hilary Downing. The speaker at November's meeting is to be Tim Coltman on 'The Story of Two Crosses William Coltman VC'

AT October 2019

NOVEMBER MEETING

Thirty seven members and two guests attended the November Meeting chaired by new President, Denise Cattell. She thanked the retiring President, Denise Bott, and presented her with an orchid plant. Christine O'Reilly reminded all of the meal at The Wharf 7.00 pm Tuesday 19 November. Viv Journeaux gave a detailed and informative report of the Federation AGM. Jane Cottrell gave an update on the plans for the village VE day celebrations next May. Denise gave further details of the arrangements for the December meeting; one to be shared with Naseby in Naseby Village Hall Thursday 12 December 7.30 pm. She also informed all of numerous activities, to be held over the next few months, organised by the Federation, other WIs and organisations from around the county.

The speaker, Tim Coltman, gave a moving and very interesting talk, entitled 'The Story of Two Crosses William Coltman VC'. William Coltman was Tim Coltman's great-grandfather and was the most decorated non-commissioned soldier of World War I yet he never carried a gun. He was a stretcher bearer and over the course of the war he rescued men in very severe conditions. He won his VC for repeatedly going out, under heavy enemy fire, bringing in and treating wounded soldiers.

The competition for 'A Poppy', organised by Mary Crowther, was won by Pauline Matthew, 2nd was Julie Newman and 3rd Sue Lees. The raffle, run by Ann Thorington, was won by Jean Tyrrell, Julie Cromack and Denise Cattell.

The next meeting will be a joint meeting with Naseby WI and will be held in Naseby Village Hall. The Welford in Harmony choir will be taking part and the wearing of something Christmassy is encouraged.

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Welford Action Group – Update

At the end of October a programme of major repairs began on the A14 between the M1/M6 junction and junction 2 of the A14 at Kelmarsh. This will go through to the end of December and affect both eastbound and westbound overnight traffic.

WAG had a number of meetings with the contractors and Highways England and was assured that junction 1 would be closed throughout the works, so discouraging vehicles using the inevitable cut around rather than the longer, but safer, official diversion route. All the plans were in place and communicated correctly, however the first night was a total disaster for us as hundreds of vehicles, mainly HGV's, sped through the village throughout the night and there were many complaints of disruption and lost sleep.

The contractors were full of apologies and identified that their ground crews and traffic management colleagues had not implemented the full closure nor set out the signage that had been agreed. After a few further nights of low level problems, the remaining period of the eastbound closures has been virtually trouble free. As I write this, the eastbound works are about to conclude and the westbound is due to begin, which tends to give us very few problems.

We will keep posting the contractor's updates on our Facebook page for the remainder of the works.

Bill Wright, for Welford Action Group.



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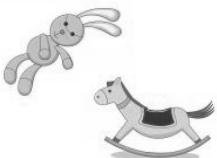


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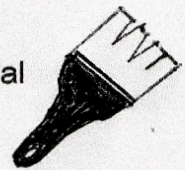


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Shirley Vials 1934-2019



Mum was born in Welford on July 28th, 1934; the first child of Alf Goodfellow, a council roadman, and Beatrice, who prior to her marriage had been in service in one of the local big houses. At the time they lived at number 6 Bank Houses on West St; later moving to a council house at 53 West St. Mum attended the village school, the local Church and the Brownies, along with her brother Robin, who was 2 years her junior.

In 1958 Mum moved to Market Harborough after marrying Lawson Vials, from East Farndon. She was however, a regular face in the village, visiting my Grandmother, Beatrice, until she died in 1978.

Mum always spoke with great affection of growing up in the village. She would often recall events from her childhood; taking the Sunday roast up the street to the baker's to cook in his oven for a small fee; walks along the canal; her father helping to carry coffins by handcart up to the cemetery; collecting rosehips as part of a campaign to make rosehip syrup for children during the war. A special memory for Mum, was when she and Robin joined Jean Tyrrell and her family, to watch the coverage of the Coronation in 1953 on their television.

Children featured a lot in Mum's memories. She would tell me of friends from school; of evacuees taken into their home during the war, and of foster babies that Beatrice cared for.

I myself, remember visiting my Grandma – going on the bus from Market Harborough with "Snowy" White and Binny. Beatrice would take us up West St and through Butcher's Lane (?) to the High St. There we would visit Gardener's shop to buy cold meat and beef paste for lunch. We would then go to see Aunty Betty and Aunty Grace at the Post Office. I believe they were cousins of some sort of Alf Goodfellow, my grandfather. Polly the parrot was a great attraction there; I remember the tall counter that had been pecked away at.

We also enjoyed the Church fete at the vicarage; seeing the steam engine owned by Mr Vaughn, and watching the Hunt gather near the Church. One of my favourite memories is of Grandma's milkman (Roy Woodford?) occasionally giving me a brown egg, which were less common then, from the back of his van.

In recent years Mum was always delighted whenever we met anyone from the village in town. She was also happy whenever she received a copy of the Welford Bugle which kept her in touch with the village. These things would spark memories, which Mum would talk of happily for the rest of the day.

Sadly, Mum died on September 7th, 2019. She died peacefully in Northampton Hospital, after suffering from a stroke.

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Rita Lilian Rielly 1932-2019



Rita was a person known to many people in and around Welford. Some of us have a lot of memories of Rita and the life she led being born in Welford and never leaving the village to live anywhere else.

Rita was born the first daughter of Alf & Lilian in the high street in Welford; Rita had an elder brother Maurice, a younger brother Rodney & a younger sister Pat.

Rita went to Welford School from where she joined the Brownies & later on the Girl Guides. Rita also joined the church choir, where she thoroughly enjoyed singing. Rita enjoyed singing that much she went on to join the chorus & performed with the W.A.D.S. in the pantomime called the Queen of Hearts in the late 40's.

Rita left school at the age of 14 & went to work in a shoe factory as her first job.

Rita met her future husband Tom at a local dance. Tom was in the R.A.F. stationed at Husbands Bosworth airfield. They married in April 1950 & went on to have 5 children Lynne, Rita, Stephen, Helen & Andrew. They were very proud of their family which always came first. Their first home was in High Street later moving into Westfield Crescent where they remained for the rest of their happy married lives.

In 1961 tragedy struck when Stephen their eldest son died from an asthma attack which was heart-breaking & devastating for the whole family.

Tom & Rita loved music supporting Guilsborough School Band with fund raising events and concerts. They also loved to dance and regularly danced to the likes of the Syd Lawrence Orchestra who played music from Glen Miller. They even enjoyed barn dancing.

Tom & Rita were founder members of the Bowls club but sadly Tom's membership was brief as he suddenly became very ill and sadly died in January 1993.

This was obviously a difficult time for Rita but she was kept very busy with her many interests & support from her loving family.

Rita was a member of the Women's Institute and enjoyed the many craft sessions making many different things and going out on various outings.

Rita continued her membership of the Bowls club and remained an active member all of her life, enjoying many games & winning many trophy's with the bowls club. Rita especially valued the comradery & friendship she enjoyed with other members of the Bowls club.

Rita was also a member of the Welcome club and enjoyed many outings with the club & the "dancing for fun" sessions.

In the late 90's Rita met Bryan who became her companion & friend until the end of her life.

They enjoyed many things together including attending the R.A.F. dances and presentations & also the mason's dinner and dances.

They spent many enjoyable hours together touring the area to look at all the open gardens, as they both loved gardening. Rita and Bryan also spent many enjoyable holidays' together including visiting Rita's son Andrew in Ostend Belgium.

Rita especially enjoyed spending time with the family and celebrating many family occasions together including the younger generations.

Rita was a kind, loyal, loving and caring mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother.

Rita loved life and lived it to the full.

Welford Village Hall Management Committee

(Registered Charity 240995A)

Review of Room Hire Rates

For many years, the Village Hall Committee have been able to hold Room Hire Rates at the same level despite ongoing and increased running costs.

After the latest review we have decided to revise our rates and have shown a selection of the new rates below. A full schedule of rates is available on request and is on display on the Village Hall Notice Board

We still consider that these revised rates are excellent value and are necessary to enable the Committee to maintain and improve our facilities to meet current and future requirements. Over the years improvements have been made and these will continue as and when required.

These revised rates will come into effect on the 1st September 2019.

Thank you for your support to date, and we look forward to your continued support in the future.

Geoff Newman Chris Brown
Chairman Treasurer

WELFORD VILLAGE Hall—ROOM HIRING RATES

1) SESSION RATES (morning, afternoon or evening except parties)

Regular Users (at least 6 bookings per annum)

Main Hall	£16.00	Billiard Room	£10.00
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Non-Regulars

Main Hall	£20.00	Billiard Room	£14.00
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2) SHORT BOOKING RATES—up to 1.5 hours

Main Hall—1 hour	£10.00	Billiard Room—1 hour	£7.00
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- up to 1.5hrs	£13.00	- up to 1.5 hrs	£8.50
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PARTY RATES and EQUIPMENT HIRE rates are available on request and displayed on the notice board in the Village Hall.

Sulby Gardens

Openings under the National Gardens Scheme came to a fitting climax with our Apple Event, where a stunning apple display was on offer, and we were delighted with excellent visitor numbers, despite the fact that the Friday was plagued by rain.

A huge thank you to all your readers who came, or spread the word, we are delighted to have raised a total of over £4,000 during the year, of which just over £3000 went to the National Gardens Scheme cancer, nursing and other allied charities, and the balance was divided between the Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust, Canine Partners and PAPAA, the Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis Alliance.

We hope to see many more visitors at our openings during 2020 which will be publicised in due course.



Welford Luncheon Club

The luncheon club meets in Welford Youth and Community Centre on the 3rd Thursday of each month where members enjoy a two course lunch. Members commit to attending the lunch every month (although it is accepted that emergencies or holidays may occasionally prevent this) and payment for the lunch is made a month in advance.

Due to the restrictions on catering the number of members is restricted but there are currently some spaces and we would also like to set up a waiting list of people who are interested so that we can contact them as places become available.

If you are interested in joining the Luncheon Club please contact

Janet Roberts 07817 634066 or 01858 575996 (evenings) or janetmrob@aol.com

The club is run entirely by volunteers. In addition to those people able to help at the youth centre on the day of the lunch we need volunteers to prepare / cook the main course or desert in advance at home. Ideally we would like to establish a list of volunteers so that we can prepare a rota of helpers hopefully enabling each person to only have to cook a dish once or twice per year. All ingredients and costs are paid for by the club so we are only asking for people to give their time.

If you feel you are able to help or would like more information about what is involved please contact Janet Roberts (as above)

Fundraising Fun

In school we have been fundraising for charity recently – our School Council has been involved in deciding which charities we want to support and how. We had a non-uniform day for Children in Need on November 15th, and held a Bring and Buy sale inspired by the Blue Peter Children in Need appeal on Monday 18th.

In addition, Stephen Humphries from the Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group (CCLG) has been in to speak to us in school about the work that this charity does. One of our parents has been doing lots of fundraising for this charity recently and we decided that we would like to help. We have already held a cake sale, and will be having a Christmas jumper day and selling Christmas pin badges as well.

So far this term we have raised: **£195.42** *What a great achievement!*

Young Citizens Day

Year 6 had a very interesting and thought-provoking day at the Daventry Young Citizen's Day in November. They attended workshops run by a range of service providers including the Police and Fire Service, and learnt about a wide range of ways in which they can become a good citizen. Workshops included how to make a 999 call, how to protect your possessions from theft, learning about hate crime, solvents and online safety. The day ended with a powerful drama presentation by a charity called GYM (Guiding Young Minds), who work with young people who may be vulnerable to involvement in gangs. Lots to think about for our eldest pupils, who will soon be moving on to secondary school and having to think about the choices they make as they get older and more independent.

Sports Crew

Our Sports Crew are a group of year 6 pupils responsible for trying to keep the school community as active as possible. Their most recent event was a bench-ball tournament for Key Stage 2 pupils in the hall at break time, which was well-organised and looked great fun! They have also organised a staff v students dodgeball contest and a playground obstacle course.



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Ah, Now I Remember!

I very much like the quote by Isaac Marion,

"You should always be taking pictures, if not with a camera then with your mind. Memories you capture on purpose are always more vivid than the ones you pick up by accident."

I think it's a good description of the thinking behind our October exhibition of Sulby and Welford history. There were things we wanted to share, knowledge that was fascinating and rich that deserved a wider audience and questions that we wanted to answer. Together they provided an opportunity for us to remind people of their past, jog their memory and create new memories.

We hope people will recall the image of the monumental brass rubbing from the church by Geoff Pitcher, remember the names of past village publicans, hear the voice of Ted Buswell speaking about the winter of 1886 or marvel at seeing a genuine piece of floor tile from Sulby Abbey. There was a lot to see and a huge amount to read, plus pictures and maps to make sense of. As a result, we are more than happy to open up our archive to any villager who wants to know more: "Is there a well in my garden?"; "Who used to sell ice cream in Welford?"; "What is the field called at the back of..?"

Huge thanks to everyone who came along and supported the event and to the society's amazing members for making it possible. The support from Welford Parish Council and a grant from Daventry District Council were invaluable.



Bill Wright, Chairman.

Welford and Sulby Historical Society meet monthly, on irregular dates. Please follow us on Facebook for the latest news and meeting dates.

"Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana." – Groucho Marx

Puss In Boots



This was a truly village production, with the cast and those involved in other aspects of the show mentioned in the programme totaling 60 and even more people helped in various ways. It was a very entertaining show, with lots of laughs and some delightful singing and dancing, and some excellent double acts, including the good and bad fairies, Denise Bott and David Hobson, the bad brothers Matt Yates and Mike Tanser who kept us very entertained, their suffering sweethearts Stacy Hall and Helena Doncaster, the lively heralds Maisie Green and Lucy Tanser, and the gloriously attired but more human than regal Madeline Howell-Jones and poor henpecked Neil

Kitson. There were also some superb performances by Bob Finch as Jack, Eloise Hibberd as the Princess, Alistair Dunn as the very nasty ogre and of course the feline and elegant Puss In Boots, Emma Dunn.

It was lovely to see so many younger actors, Georgia Bennett as Millie, Ollie Brooks-Payne, Alex Bee and Jack Hobson as Sarge and guards, Hannah Kilham as Phoebe and the whole chorus of rabbits who I will mention by name as they did so well, singing and dancing with spirit and taking on speaking parts too. They were Lydia and Emma Finch, Lizzie Kilham, Lucy Sandell, Lilly Shepherd, Ben MacDonald, Eddie Martin, Caelen Keith, Sophia Yates, Leah Hobson, Olivia McGhee and Joshua Ireland.

Rebecca Barraclough masterminded the whole thing as director, and Ann Barraclough was musical director - the singing and actions were confident and fun - with Alan Barraclough playing the piano and the Ukulele players Bill Wright, Rod Lane and George Cottrell setting the musical mood. Excellent costumes, scenery and props all added to the enjoyment, and Mick Morson on duty at the back supplied the all important lighting and sound effects.

Thanks to all involved in a most entertaining show. It looked as if the cast enjoyed it and the audience certainly did. A good laugh does us all a power of good!

Susie B

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14th of December, Coffee Morning at the Village Hall at 10am. Please come and support us!

8th of January, a meal in the Village Hall. We are still looking into catering for this.

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 01858 575650

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MAR	76.0	30.0	40.5	7.5	27.0	62.0	43.5	27.0	78.5	54.0	166.5	55.5
APR	46.5	34.5	27.5	5.5	155.0	22.5	31.0	25.5	50.0	10.5	65.0	15.0
MAY	71.5	35.5	26.5	31.5	55.5	75.5	109.0	54.0	45.0	80.0	85.0	46.5
JUN	44.5	43.0	49.0	59.0	135.5	41.5	69.0	26.0	77.5	52.0	1.0	148.5
JUL	64.5	157.0	47.0	41.0	99.0	92.0	31.0	81.5	19.0	71.0	14.5	125.0
AUG	102.0	52.0	143.5	53.0	94.5	51.0	95.5	53.0	56.0	78.5	52.5	79.0
SEP	91.0	24.0	53.0	20.0	51.5	26.0	8.0	50.5	45.0	79.0	36.0	89.0
OCT	65.0	26.5	46.0	35.5	72.0	113.0	73.0	60.0	35.0	21.5	46.0	153.0
NOV	77.5	69.5	49.5	36.0	127.5	39.5	82.0	65.0	79.5	44.0	40.5	132.0
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Frances Stacey



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DECEMBER 2019

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JANUARY 2020

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WELFORD ON THE WEB

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Also find the WADS website on:- www.welford-drama.org.uk
And twitter on [@WelfordVillage?](https://twitter.com/WelfordVillage)

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1st. and 3rd. Monday each month, 7.30pm. to 9.00pm.

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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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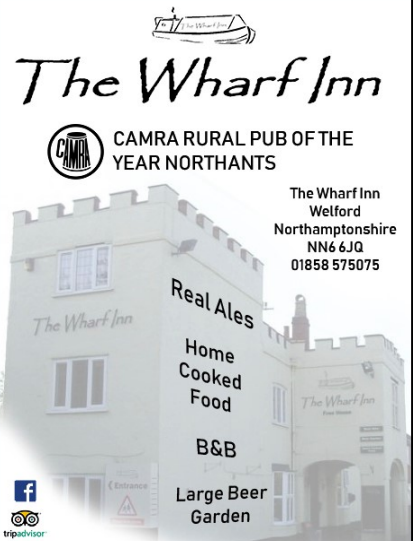
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John Nicholas



Good Neighbours Coffee Mornings



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It would be lovely to have more of a Welford presence on Facebook because love it or hate it, it is a great way to spread community news and discussions. So, we have decided to phase out the Welford Facebook page as it isn't particularly user-friendly and have instead created This Is Welford - a group for all Facebook-using residents of Welford and the surrounding area. So please join us (do a search for This Is Welford in groups and we'll also put a link on the Welford Facebook page).

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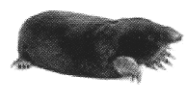
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Nature Notes

Autumn is over, and it is now officially meteorological winter, and we have had some frost to prove it. What an autumn it was, the wettest many can remember and the consequences will be with us for some time even if we were not affected by those awful floods. Farmers have been having real difficulty in getting fields cultivated and crops sown, and where they did get some seed in before the rain came, it has rotted instead of germinating and will have to be sown again in the spring. This has cost a lot of time and money and may well result in shortages come harvest time. It is very worrying.

There was a conclusion to the horrible sheep stealing that I talked about last time. The culprits were caught after taking and butchering animals from Welford, and while that is a cause for rejoicing, it was a great shame that the animals they took were kept as pets and never meant for meat, so their spoils would have been worthless on the market and the owner was distraught as she had kept the animals for years.

The pasture fields are a morass. Every hoof print goes in several inches and fills with water, and gateways are a nightmare even in good tall wellies. It is also quite hard to keep upright. We have to remember that a few weeks ago we were desperate for rain, but enough is enough.

On the home front I've been planting out wallflowers, which have established well in these conditions, and I've also planted lots of bulbs in anticipation of spring. It has been fairly warm until recently so some bulbs are already showing, and there was a report in a newspaper of a snowdrop actually in flower, so the old question 'When winter comes can spring be far behind?' is proving true once again, but before that we have the shortest day and Christmas to look forward to.

Susie Bevin



WELFORD VILLAGE CALENDAR

December 2019	January 2020	February 2020
3rd GN Coffee morning 6th Scouts Christmas Bazaar 14th & 15th Visualise 18th Singing around the Village 21st Christmas Windows 21st Safari Supper 30th Golf Masters		8th Gingo!



Welford pocket park

As many Welford residents know, the land for the Pocket Park (PP) is owned by Northamptonshire County Council and leased to Welford Parish Council. The planting and maintenance is supported by the Friends of Welford Pocket Park (FWPP).

Over the 20 years or so of its existence PP has always been a valuable village amenity and is a tribute to all the people who have been involved over those years.

PP provides a green corridor between the north end of the village and the Wharf and Marina. It is much used by villagers and marina residents; walkers; and canal boat visitors from as far afield as the USA, Australia and New Zealand.

Just like a garden or allotment, in order to keep PP 'in good shape' there is always planting or maintenance work to be done as well as the occasional major development project.

This past year has seen the pond dredged, with gratefully received support from Froglife – a wildlife charity; the hedge layed, thanks to grants from Daventry District Council and our own Parish Council; and the installation of two new bird boxes.

PP has also become associated with the Biodiversity Initiative promoted by Helen Dyson and we have hosted a very successful 'pond dipping' event. It is very much in next year's plan of things for PP to become the site for the Welford 'boutique bug hotel'!!

If you don't know PP come and give us a look and, whether you know us or not, as we are always needing new helpers for our occasional work parties, please look out for our notices or call me for more information – 571348 or 07791 645 462.

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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
 Bell-Ringing 1st and 3rd week 7.30pm CH
 Rainbows 5-7 years 5.15 - 6.00pm WYCC
 Brownies 7-10 years 6.15 - 7.30pm WYCC
 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
 Welford in Harmony 7.00—9.00pm 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 Tuesdays of every month starts 6/9/16) VH
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
 Ladies Fellowship 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
 Tennis Club Night 6pm WTC
 Football — Welford Vets 7:30-8:30pm WSF

Hockey Training

Y8+ (U14s/Badgers) & Adults 6.30PM-8PM RC

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

Welford Pre-school 9.00am-3.00pm PSM
 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

7.45am - 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)

Juniors (up to Yr 7 age) 10.00-11.00am NPF
 Explorer Scouts 14-18 yrs 7.00-8.30pm WYCC

EVENTS

DECEMBER

3rd GN Coffee morning VH
 6th Scouts Christmas Bazaar WYCC
 14th & 15th Visualise VH
 18th Singing around the Village
 21st Christmas Windows WYCC
 21st Safari Supper
 30th Golf Masters KSGC

VENUES:

RC Rugby College, Technology Drive, Rugby
 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
 WTC Welford Tennis Courts



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