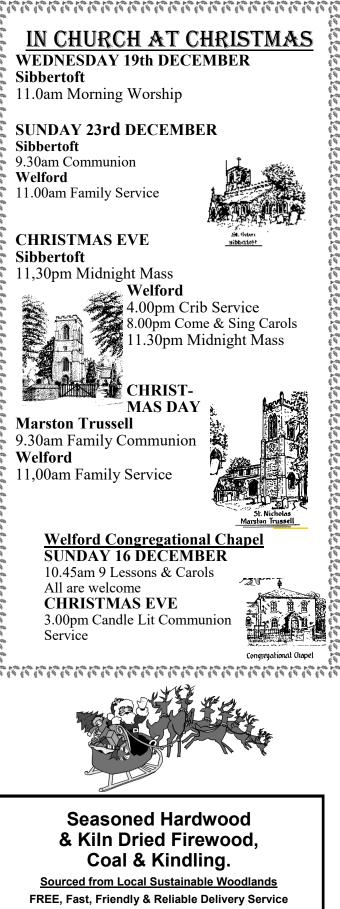


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THANK YOU



This is a letter of grateful thanks. First to everyone of the ladies who recently knitted all those wonderful poppies that have enriched our village. Secondly to the members of the new Historical Society for their amazing research into the names on the War Memorial and who were often able to fit names to photos. Here also to The Scouts for providing coffee and cakes and a site for the exhibition on Remembrance Day

Lastly to Ann Barraclough and those who helped her to present "Welford in Wartime" in such a memorial way.

Anne Dunn





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Welford on Remembrance Sunday

As all over the country people remembered those lost in all the wars this November 11th was particularly significant being 100 years since the signing of the armistice. The way Welford remembered was very moving.

The Sunday morning service was packed with lots of people who do not regularly come to church, but who wanted to remember those who gave their lives for us. Kairen Ball's sermon must have touched young and old alike telling us that "war is personal" and Barrie Woodward's prayers also were a moving tribute. It was also good to see a large turnout from our youth groups, several of whom said what a good service it was.

Following the service whilst we enjoyed coffee, tea and cakes in the community centre we could see the personal details of all the men from Welford who died during the First World War, along some letters and memorabilia relating to them and their families. Thanks should go Jane Cottrell and Bill Wright and several other members of the newly formed Welford Historical society for putting a memorable display together. During the day I watched on television all that was going on around the country, the drawn faces in the sand were something to behold, and the thousands parading past the Cenotaph in London was also a moving experience.

Then at 6 o'clock we had our own "Welford remembers" and I thank Ann and Alan Barraclough for their hard work in putting together a memorable hour of memories, helped in no small way by eight young ladies who sang beautifully. I am sure all those men we heard about would have been pleased and honoured to be remembered in this way a hundred years on.

I realise that a lot of places paid their own special tributes, and of course there was the national tributes in London, but I was proud to be in Welford on this special Sunday, close to tears on a couple of occasions, but in the words of one of our former vicars it was "something very special".

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way who helped us remember the "Welford Way".

John Nicholas







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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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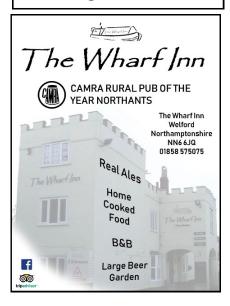
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OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting, presided over by Denise Bott, was attended by 30 members. Denise thanked those who had knitted poppies for this year's Act of Remembrance; she mentioned there was still time to make more. All were reminded about the Knit n Natter to be held in the Village Hall Thursday 22nd November. Christine O'Reilly expressed willingness to organise another lunch to be held Tuesday 20th November,

Christine is also willing to act as Welford's delegate to the Federation AGM to be held at The Lighthouse, Kettering Wednesday 7th November. There was a spare ticket for this event. Julie Newman advised all was in hand for the visit to see Calendar Girls at the DeMontfort Hall, Leicester. An excellent banner was then displayed to the members for the first time. It had been designed and skilfully made by Denise Cattell, Denise Bott, Julie Newman, Jane Cottrell, Sue Brotherton and Viv Journeaux. The banner will be on display at the AGM. The meeting was handed over to Elizabeth Robinson who organised the members into pairs to compete in a game of Family Fortunes. At the same time as running the light-hearted competition she thoroughly entertained all with anecdotes and stories behind the compilation of 'favourite' things. The game was won by a team of Sandra Wright and Frances Stacey. The regular monthly competition organised by Sue Wilson for a Pack of Playing Cards was won by Christina Williams with Frances Stacey 2nd and Ann Thorington 3rd. The raffle, organised by Sue Lees, was won by Val Read, Christine O'Reilly and Sue Brotherton.

AT Oct 2018



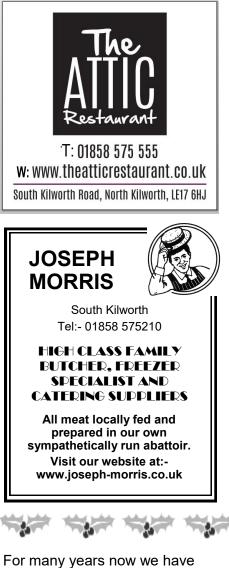
NOVEMBER MEETING

There were 33 members and a guest at the November meeting presided over by Denise Bott, who had been re-elected as President for the coming year. At the start of the meeting a cheque for £676.85 was presented to Louise Vassey, a representative from the Alzheimer's Society. The donation was raised by members at a number of events held during the preceding year. Christine O'Reilly gave a report on the Federation AGM held the previous day. She also gave details of the lunch at The Bulls Head, Clipston Tuesday 20 November. Members were reminded of the Knit 'n' Natter being held Thursday 22 November with all the money raised going to this year's charity Headway. Sue Lees, a member of the Carol Service sub-committee asked if a member who would like to do a reading at the Service. Information on various county events and outings was made available.

As the business of the meeting was being held, delicious aromas were wafting around the hall as the speaker. Tom Phillips, prepared his talk on Chocolate. As he gave his talk on the origins of chocolate, its source and its development from a bitter drink brought back by the Spaniards from the New World to the three primary forms recognised today dark, milk and white – he made a magnificent snowman complete with base and background; all edible. He also made white and dark praline chocolates. He very kindly donated the chocolate snowman for the raffle and the pralines were passed around for members to sample.

The competition, run by Ann Thorington, for A Christmas Decoration was won by Christina Williams with Pauline Matthew 2nd and Ann Thorington 3rd. The raffle was won by Ann Wing, Tania Hall, Val Jackson, Catherine Digby and Sue Brotherton. AT Nov 2018





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



The Parish Council would like to thank local stonemason Darren Tebbutt who gave of his time to clean the memorial ahead of the service on the 11th November. Darren and his team removed old moss and cleaned the surface of the granite monument to make it ready for the Remembrance Service.

Nature Notes

It is now officially winter, and we have had some frost and fog to prove it. That was quite a shock after the wonderfully mild "back end" we have enjoyed for some weeks. It is finally bobble hat and warm woollen mittens time! The leaves have been very slow to fall and we have been treated to a stunning display of gold for weeks on end. Most leaves have now left the trees showing their winter skeleton shapes, which is one of the things I like about the chilly season. The willows still have their graceful, drooping leaves and the oaks, which keep theirs all winter, are glowing with a kind of browny gold, which even cheers a misty late afternoon.

You may have noticed that a lot of cattle are still in the fields. It has been very dry, so their hooves are not making the ground into a muddy, uneven mess, and farmers who had to feed fodder they were saving for the winter when the grass wasn't growing for lack of water in the summer, are now managing to save a bit by snatching a bonus extra few weeks of grazing. I am sure the cattle will soon be in their winter quarters, but with some hay, haylage or silage available for their Christmas dinners and on into spring after all. Traditionally half of it should be left by the time of the next Bugle in February.

Some of our local ash trees are looking unwell, and some have lost huge limbs or had to be felled. Our woodshed is now full of logs, cut, split and seasoning. There has been a lot of publicity about woodburning stoves and how fuel must be well seasoned and really dry to be safe. We find that it burns very quickly but gives out a good heat.

A quick note on the vegetable garden. Kale is the number one winter crop. We are told that it will be taking the place of sprouts alongside the turkey this year, so we are right in fashion. We also have some good leeks and celeriac coming on - and there will be just a few raspberries to pick in December! The bulbs and wallflowers are all planted in the flower garden, and the seed order is being updated and revised as we plan for next year! Susie Bevin

POPPY APPEAL 2018

To date this year's appeal has raised £3,609.38p which is a stunning amount!

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

Jan Edensor.

Poppy Appeal coordinator

Sulby Gardens

This glorious garden is open for the National Garden Scheme to raise money for charity at various times throughout the year, and I have so enjoyed the opportunity to explore it that I thought I would share my enthusiasm with you. The grounds are planned to attract wild life and therefore are not the usual manicured lawns, herbaceous borders and rose gardens. There are beautiful trees, water, islands, an ice house, an orchard and greenhouses, with mown paths to guide you as well as a map if you need it.

Every open day offers something different. The spring display of snakes head fritillaries is amazing. The wildflower meadow a little later offers another mood entirely, the autumn colours are many and varied, and the apple event is also really well worth a visit. Over 60 varieties of apple were on display this year, each labelled individually. The apple juice on sale is delicious, with a variety from sweet to very dry to suit every taste. I bought a couple of bottles to try it and hope to buy more next year.

I have now been to each of the different days, and always enjoy a long walk all round the property and through the trees at the far end. Often the wind is blowing in the canopy, though one feels more sheltered on the footpath. There is also plenty to see near the house, so no need to walk miles.

After admiring the seasonal sights and enjoying a good walk there is tea and cake in the garden if fine, in the greenhouse if less so. There is also a fascinating booklet for sale about the history of the garden from when it belonged to the now demolished Sulby Hall until the present day.

If I sound like an advertisement it is because I would encourage everyone to take advantage of having such an asset so close to Welford, and I would suggest that you put on your walking shoes and have a look next year. *Susie Bevin*

SULBY Gardens openings under the NGS 2018

Sulby Gardens has opened on five occasions as usual during 2018, and raised over £2000 for the worthy charities supported by the National Garden Scheme - Macmillan, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Carers Trust, Queen's Nursing Institute to name but a few. A further £1000 raised from sales of plants, vegetable and fruit as well as part of our tearoom takings will be sent to other charities which we regularly support, Canine Partners, PAPAA and the Wildlife Trust.

I should like to thank those of you who came along, and hope you enjoyed your visit and may like to come again at a different season. We hope to lure in again the lady with the beautiful ceramic dishes, some of which use leaves from Sulby Gardens. May I also urge those of you who did not make it this year, to come and have a look during 2019 when we will be opening in April, June, August and October.

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Robert Bremner (Bob)

On 1st November 2018, Bob Bremner sadly passed away aged 77. His family would like to thank everyone who have provided their support over the past few weeks. We have received many cards and notes and Bob would have been overwhelmed by the number of people who attended his funeral and paid their respects.

Bob cared deeply for Welford. He came to the village with his family in 1977, having lived in East Leake in Nottingham where his son Stuart was born, London, and prior to that Manchester, where his family originated and his daughter Susie, now living in Australia, was born. Duncan, his youngest son, came along in 1979.

Bob was a proud and driven man who was respected by colleagues, friends and family.

He was born in Blackpool in July 1941 as the eldest of two siblings, Don and Kathy. he was awarded a scholarship to attend William Hulme Grammar School. As a young man he enjoyed playing rugby, snooker and football and was a dedicated lifelong supporter of Manchester City Football Club.

He started his career in banking, working for William & Deacons Bank in Manchester at the dawn of computerisation, and was one of the team who worked to roll out this technology to branches across the country.

He then moved into sales where he established a long and outstanding career with a number of employers including Brown and Poulson and Baxter's Soups, where he spent many years managing national accounts.

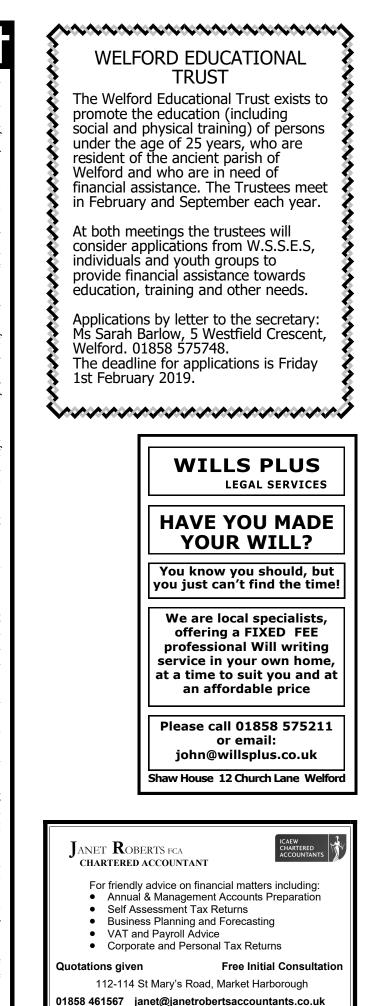
Bob then moved into the kitchen industry, as a selfemployed distributor of kitchen components, working across the UK and German markets. He was well respected within the industry and planned and supplied many kitchens locally, some we know are still in use in homes throughout the village today!

He met his partner Sue in 1996, who he lived with on Newlands Road where they established a beautiful home together. Bob loved his garden and cooking and he and Sue spent many hours following his retirement, enjoying a glass of cava and tapas in the sun overlooking the fields.

They had many adventures together including extensive travels throughout Germany, France and Belgium with long holidays spent in Spain, visiting many of its cities and the southern coast.

Bob lived in Welford for some 40 years. He loved giving back to the village, was very interested in the community and always had its best interests at heart. He sat on the Parish Council, was a member of the Sports Field Association and was a Governor for Welford and Sulby Endowed School.

He will be sorely missed by his family and friends. We know he has left a true legacy through all that he achieved for them and the village.



Parish Council Updates

1. The future of the bus service after March 31st 2019 from Welford to Northampton continues to be discussed. A proposal from Uno the University of Northampton bus service is being looked at with several other parish councils along the route involved in the discussions. It is too early to indicate if this will be agreed.

2. A Tree Preservation Order (TPO) has been made by Daventry District Council in relation to the trees on the verge in Newlands Road bordering the Millers Lock development. This means that no one can cut, top or lop any of the trees without the permission of the Council.

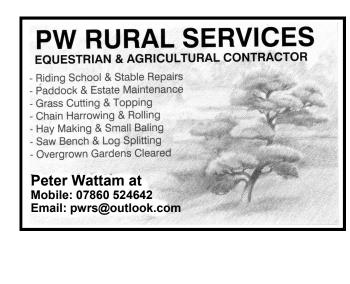
3. A request was received for funds from a group refreshing the High Street and in particular to refresh Orchard Terrace Bank opposite Springfields shop. The Council agreed to support the project and provided £400 to fund the scheme

4. Residents will be familiar with the speed indicator sign that is placed around the village. Details of speeds gathered on the device may surprise some residents, these can be seen on the Parish Council section of the village website at www.welfordvillage.co.uk

5. A new Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) will be introduced by from Daventry District Council from the 1st December. Dogs must be kept on leads around schools and in cemeteries and memorial gardens; it will also limit to six the number of dogs that can be walked by one person at one time and prohibit smoking in fenced-off play areas.

6. A World War 1 memorial bench has been bought by the Parish Council and will be sited on the corner of Wakefield Drive looking down towards the church.

7. Have you thought about joining the Council and helping your community? Welford Parish Council is seeking people who are interested in reflecting the views of Welford people in making improvements to the village. If you are over 18 years old and have lived in the village for at least 12 months then we would like to hear from you. More information is on the village website or contact the Clerk Ian Kelly on 01858 575785, email welfordpcclerk@btinternet.com





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Christmas 2018 waste and recycling collections

Collection schedules: Collections will continue to take place as usual over the Christmas and New Year period, except for Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



Extra recycling collection: Your blue-lidded recycling bin will continue to be collected as usual over Christmas and New Year, with the addition of an extra collection for all households in the week beginning 7 January - please put your recycling bin out on your usual collection day alongside any other bins that are scheduled. Please also note that this extra collection is not listed on the paper calendar you received in June.

Extra recycling that you cannot fit it in your blue-lidded bin will also be collected during the festive period -please place items into clear or white bags (not black or green sacks) and put them next to your bin.

Don't forget that a range of festive items can be recycled, including sweet tins, and foil-free wrapping paper and Christmas cards. As a good rule of thumb, wrapping paper that can be torn is probably made from paper and can therefore be recycled.

General waste: Black bins containing general waste will continue to be collected as normal on their three -weekly cycle. Please make sure you recycle as much as possible as side waste and bins with raised lids will not be collected.

Food waste: Food waste bins will continue to be collected on their usual weekly schedule. Please remember you can recycle leftover raw and cooked foods, including veg peelings, egg shells, out-of-date food, plate scrapings, solid fats, meat and fish bones. Please do not put any liquids in the caddy.

Garden waste collections: Those subscribed to the service will continue to receive collections on their usual schedule in the run up to Christmas and New Year. Please note there will be a short break in collections during the second week of January so that crews can focus on the extra seasonal recycling.

Christmas trees: Households subscribed to the garden waste service can put their real Christmas trees in their garden waste bin or alternatively place them alongside the bin for collection in the week beginning 22 January.

There are no communal collection points for real Christmas trees, but you can take trees to your local household waste recycling centre. Find your nearest centre at www.daventrydc.gov.uk/recycling









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Greening the High Street

The bank at Orchard Terrace

We would like to thank those listed below for giving their time and energy over the 20th & 21st October. We attempted to clear the bank at Orchard Terrace on the High Street of most of the existing plants and weeds, replenish the soil and replant with healthy perennials and bulbs. The project was only possible due to a generous grant from Welford Parish Council.

We hope that people will grow to love this small piece of the village over the coming months and years as a result.

Our sincere thanks to Alan Ainsworth, Mick Gaughan, Binny Teear, Steve Concar, Rolf Tieteman, George Cottrell, Shaun Lattin, Liam Morris, Pat Moores, Yvonne Dean (Parish Councillor) and Russell, Lisa & Charlie Fryer. Pauline Teear and Col Horner for supplying essential food and drink. Helen Dyson for providing many additional plants and ideas.

Deb Siviter & Bill Wright





Messy Church began just over four years ago as a way to provide a very informal service for children and parents once a month. We organize activities for the children including (but not limited to) colouring / making / decorating / role playing. All children and parents, whatever age, are welcome.

Session content varies depending on the time of year but we aim to retell Bible stories through art, practical activities and drama. Older children, from school year 4 and upwards, learn about a biblical character in a bit more depth and then report back to the rest of us.

The session lasts approximately an hour and is usually held on the second Sunday of each month starting at 10.45 am.

We cater for all experiences or none. If you have never attended a church service before it really doesn't matter. Come along and find out what we do... If you would like further information then please contact Bob Finch on 575179



Pocket Park Pond gets a Makeover

Welford's pocket park ponds had become overgrown with vegetation and heavily silted up. To remedy this a working party of pocket park volunteers and staff from the charity Froglife recently dredged the ponds and also cut back the adjacent trees to allow more light in. The work, including the hire of a digger, was funded by Froglife, a national charity based in Peterborough: grateful thanks are extended to Froglife. The photos show the transformation, with before and after views of the south pond. The ponds are havens for frogs, newts and other aquatic wildlife.

Regular working parties are held to maintain the pocket park and it is hoped that the hedge next to the road

will soon be laid in the traditional manner as part of a community project, subject to funding being available. All this work is part of a new development plan for the park, which was first established in 1999. If you would like to join a working party please ring Paul Brown 01858 571046.

Dr Paul Brown

RECENT DONATIONS TO THE BUGLE

Thank you for your support in these difficult times. The Bugle team is very grateful for <u>your</u> help in helping to keep The Bugle bugling.

Sheila Elmes Welford

Hazel Higgerson Duston

Please accept these grateful thanks for your donation. To avoid depleting your donation by 60 p. a time, thank-you letters will not be sent but your donation acknowledged here.

DJD

WELFORD AND SULBY MOTHER'S UNION

Our coffee morning held on Saturday 17th November raised the wonderful total of £460 for Mother's Union charities. Thank you to all who supported us and all our helpers.

Anne Wing

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE! There are 8 differences in these pictures. Can you spot them?





Sing A Song Of Sixpence

Wads have reduced me to tears again! In 'Letters to the Trenches' it was tears of sadness, this time it was many, many tears of laughter. If laughter is the best medicine those who saw this hilarious production should be set up for a healthy Christmas. The story was typical pantomime with the charming young lovers played by Josh Ireland and Georgia Bennet at it's heart. Their adventures on the way to true love were beset by evil in the form of an extremely wicked witch played with real intent by Stacy Hall, so well disguised that I had to look in the programme to see who she was, but the Boos at her every entrance were well deserved, and her evil cackle was really menacing. The good fairy, Eloise Hibberd, was sweetness and light by comparison. The Dame was an irrepressible Alistair Dunn, gloriously costumed, especially for the wedding scene at the end. This key element of any pantomime was wonderfully acted. His sister Dilly was played with great verve by Denise Bott who was in her element. One of the high spots was her duet with a reluctant King Ferdinand, (Mike Tanser on good form) singing "Kiss me Honey Honey, Kiss me..." Simple Simon was a very youthful Bob Finch, who was a great foil to the Dame. Matt Yates as the Chamberlain entered into the spirit of pantomime making his part his own. Flip and Flop (Maisie Green and Emma Dunn) as the court fools kept the gags going at a good pace, and gave a marvelously funny rendition of 'Anything you can do...'

The young chorus sang and danced brilliantly, so well choreographed. All of them had other parts too. Olivia McGhee and Sophia Yates were the maids, hanging out the clothes, Kira Keith and Jack Hobson were the main gypsies, with Hannah Kilham, Alice Ireland, Lucy Tanser and Mia Knight. Jack Wilson had his own catch-phrase "let me kill him"! In the cake making scene Isabella Dowsett, Gracie Brown, Lydia Finch, Emma Finch, Leah Hobson, Eddie Martin and Ben MacDonald kept us entertained with their curious ideas about what to put in a cake before the Dame arrived with the main ingredient. Many of them were also menacing blackbirds, released from the pie. Christine O'Reilly, Hilary Whorton, and Neil Kitson provided a tuneful chorus. So many scenes were memorable, but the funny/scary bedtime scene with the 2 Dames had excellent special effects, thanks to Mick Morson. The scenery, with the giant oven and the rock prison was clever and the costumes were just right too. All in all a very special evening. Congratulations to Madeline Howell -Jones as Director, Alan Barraclough as Musical Director, Stage Manager Tim Whorton. and everyone else involved. The programme also deserves a special mention with its delightful illustrations by Walter Crane. Well Done WADS.

Susie Bevin





THE WELCOME CLUB

We were blessed with fine weather for our trip to do Christmas Shopping at Derby Outlet Village which made the coach journey enjoyable, looking out on the Autumn countryside as we made our way.

With plenty to choose from our bags got a little heavier as the day progressed and many of us arrived back home feeling a little more ready for Christmas. Thanks to Ann Wing for organising the trip

8th December, The Raffle at the Village Hall, 10am to noon with mince pies and coffee.

12th December, Christmas Dinner at The Bull's Head, Clipston. 9th January, New Year lunch at The Wharf, 12.30 for 1.00.

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.

W.I. update 2018.

It has been a year of new challenges, new interests and a variety of speakers, which you should never pre judge by the title! For me, memorable talks have included; Old Cures & Remedies, (Kate Wills very kindly `cured` one of our members!!), hearing about The Hope Centre in Northampton and their important work, and a gentleman keen on promoting food from the county who produces apple wood smoked cheeses in his little smoke house. The samples he brought along were delicious! We have also learnt about Lace making, had a craft evening and we are looking forward to a Chocolate presentation nearer Christmas. In December we will hold our Carol Concert, this time in Church.

There are always numerous outings to choose from, some are organised by county. These include; Bordesley Forge and Abbey, a needlework exhibition in Hampton Court and Literary Lunch dates.

Organised within our own institute, a small group went to Tolethorpe Open Air Theatre, near Stamford to see School for Scandal in August, performed by a very talented group of amateur actors. Next month a group have tickets to see Calendar Girls in Leicester.

Sporting events include playing skittles, walking netball and country walks, admiring the beautiful countryside we are fortunate to live in.

Several lunches and evening meals have been arranged supporting local hostelries.

Of course, we have a `raffle` at our monthly meetings which helps to keep us solvent, plus an easy competition to enter on a given theme with points awarded for the hotly contested end of year shield! And we shouldn't forget the teas and delicious cakes!

In conclusion, don't say; "It's not for me"......come to a meeting, 2nd Thursday in the month at the Village Hall at 7.30pm, and give it a try. There's something for everyone. Remember, you only get out of it what you put into it. Ann Barber.

POETS' CORNER

WINTER

When winter winds blow storm and gale And robins perch on gate and rail, When grass is brown and trees are bare, And frost dries up the cold clear air.

When cattle stand knee deep in mud Naught else to do but chew their cud. Patiently they stand all day Awaiting the farmer with feed of hay.

When logs are stored in from the yard, And doors and windows tightly barred, With evening meal served piping hot, The farmer's happy with his lot.

When rabbits thump upon the ground And owls call out their ghostly sound Then foxes leave their woodland lairs And steal game caught in poachers' snares.

This winter scene is all complete Sleep on good earth, beneath my feet. *Robin Williams, Late of Waikanae*, NZ

Would you like to draw/paint in a friendly group. Even if you've



not taken up a pencil or paintbrush since school, please join us on:

Tuesday 15th January

10am

At the Sports Field

This is our first meeting and we just want to see if there is any interest out there. If you can't make this date but would still be interested please contact Mandy and Sheila on Lipsy1@hotmail.co.uk

WHAT'S ON IN WELFORD

REGULARS - weekly, unless stated otherwise

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FRIDAYS

Babes a Beaver Cub Sco Scouts 7 Dancing	Welford Pre-school 9.00am-3.00pm F Babes and Tots 9.30-11.00am Beaver Scouts 6-8 years 5.00-6.00pm Cub Scouts 6.15-7.15pm Scouts 7.30-9.00pm Dancing for Fun 7.00-8.30pm				
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