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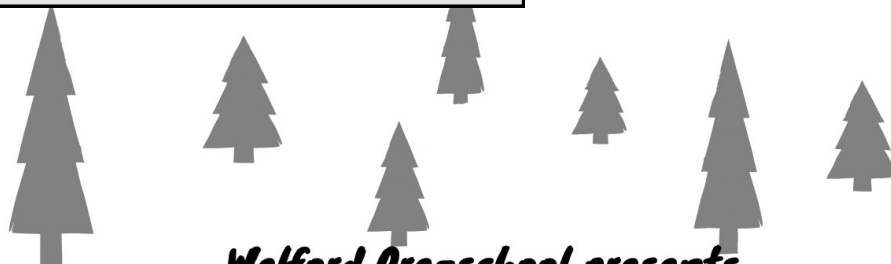
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Doorstep Carols

On Page 7 is the history of how "Come and Sing Carols" became such an important part of Welford's Christmas celebrations.

In the meantime, a Nationwide local radio initiative called 'Doorstep Carols' is taking place on December 16th at 6.00pm, where you can sing along to Radio Northampton on your doorstep, hopefully with your neighbours and instruments are encouraged! Radio Northampton is on 103.6/104.2 FM. Carols will be playing until 7.00pm. You can download a carol sheet/sheet music from their website. It looks like they are repeating it on Christmas Eve but no further details are available at the moment.



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Notes from Welford Parish Council November 2020

- The current bus service runs up to the end of March 2021; the Parish Council is in consultation with other Parish Councils and NCC to discuss if the bus service can continue beyond then and at what cost. This will then be debated at the December meeting
- Daventry District Council has agreed funding and contractor to install an electric vehicle charging point in West Street near to the cemetery. The planned installation is expected sometime in January/February
- As more homes have CCTV cameras there is guidance from the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) as to how they should be used and the correct signage that should be in place. When the filming takes place beyond that property then the public has additional rights and the ICO also has guidance for the public on their website
- The Parish Council continues to meet on a monthly basis using Zoom. Residents are welcome to listen to the proceedings either on the internet or by phone. Details of the meetings are posted on the village website at welfordvillage.org.uk

Ian Kelly, Clerk to the Parish Council



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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: welfordbugle@outlook.com

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If you answered YES to these questions then this might be the voluntary role for you!

Our local school, Welford, Sibbertoft and Sulby Endowed School (WSSSES), is seeking a local person to serve on its governing body: a newly-constituted community-focused Academy Governance Committee.

Set in the heart of Welford village WSSSES is an OFSTED rated 'good' school. In their report they described the school as 'a happy and friendly place'. It is a Church of England school and one of the Peterborough Diocese Education Trust family of academies. A recent SIAMS (Church) inspection also rated the school 'good' and said of it: 'the welcoming Christian vision is lived out at all levels of the academy where releasing the God-given potential of each member is foremost.'

The Academy Governance Committee is made up of parents, staff and appointed persons from the community. It is responsible for setting and upholding the school's vision and ethos, monitoring and supporting compliance with statutory requirements, and developing and monitoring the school's engagement with the whole community.

A key role of a Community Governor is to help to shape our future and foster links with the local vicinity. This is a crucial part of our school ethos and reflects our values as we are 'Living and learning together, celebrating life in all its fullness'.

For this important voluntary role:

- No previous experience is needed
- Training will be provided
- There is an annual time commitment of 6 meetings per year and occasional attendance at school and school events

If you are interested in being part of this welcoming local school and would like to know more please contact either,

- Michelle Pye, Headteacher on 01858 575431 or email: head@wssses.northants-ecl.gov.uk or
- Dr Gordon Temple, Chair of Governors on email: gtemple@wssses.co.uk

Living and learning together, celebrating life in all its fullness

Patrick Tierney's lockdown virtual 1000 Mile Charity Cycle Ride Challenge

Patrick - 73 years young with a pacemaker and a fully paid up member of the "Dicky Ticker" club is undertaking a 1000 Mile virtual cycle ride (10 miles every day for 100 consecutive days) - the scenic route from John O' Groats to Lands End for the charity Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis.

We appreciate that this is a very difficult year in so many ways but if you could donate anything at all you can do this by going to the Just giving Home page click on the magnifying glass and type Patrick Tierney in click on search. look for Patrick Tierney 1000 Mile virtual cycle ride and click on donate and follow the instructions
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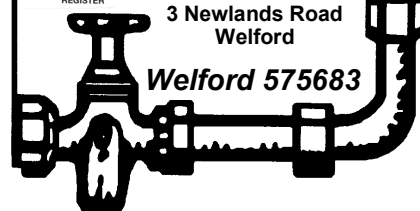
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Nature Notes

In this deep midwinter it may not be particularly cold but so many days have been grey, overcast and cheerless, with the dark evenings starting earlier each day. The occasional sunny day has seemed like a gift. There has been colour, the leaves have been slow to fall, and the russet oaks, golden maples and scarlet cherries have added some gaiety to the gloom, and the countryside is still exceptionally green for the time of year. I have been lucky in the wind direction as most of the leaves have blown away as they fell, so I haven't had to sweep them up.

With only one hard frost so far the dahlias are still in flower, and the little autumn cyclamen, and the holly berries are a blaze of scarlet among their shiny leaves. All the tender perlagoniums and agapanthus pots are in the greenhouse. I have a handy little sack barrow to help me move them. Bulbs are all planted, even though it is hardly cold enough for tulips to go in yet.

It has been a bumper year for fruit. I have a freezer full of apples and plums and pears, as well as all the vegetables and soups.

On the farming front, unlike last year most of the autumn crops have been sown, though now the land is getting very wet and muddy. Some sheep are still outside, and lambs are fetching a good price. Unfortunately some local cattle have reacted to their TB test, which means restrictions on their movement, always a great worry and a financial drain. Turkeys are being advertised, but it is difficult to know how large a bird we shall need until we know how many people we can invite to our Christmas tables. Difficult for us and very difficult for the suppliers.

Only a month to the shortest day, and then spring will be just around the corner! Gardeners and farmers are always looking ahead, not wishing life away, but planning and getting organised for the next phase in the growing cycle. By the next Bugle the days will be getting longer again, and maybe the news will be more hopeful too! Here's hoping, and also hoping that you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, with fewer nasty surprises than 2020.

Susie Bevin

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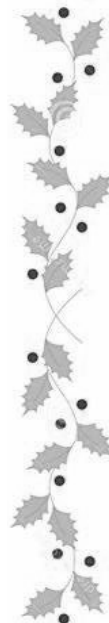
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Dear Welford residents and friends,

Inevitably, Christmas is going to be very different this year, and we are unlikely to be able to meet with friends and family in the way that we might want. However, the message of Christmas is unchanged: a baby was born that we might know of God's unfailing love for us.



That baby was born to an unmarried mother, in a strange town, far from her family, and in a shelter meant for livestock. Clearly, life was not running smoothly for Mary and Joseph, challenges abounded, and it must have been a fearful and uncomfortable time, a time of doubt and uncertainty as to what lay ahead. But in that strange town, help was found; we can be fairly confident that there were experienced women attending to Mary as she gave birth, and to the baby Jesus. There would have been a readiness to step forward and help this young girl through her first birth, a readiness to meet and embrace her needs - and those of the new life that was coming into the world.

Over the last few months, we have known fear and discomfort, separation from loved ones and those whom we might look to for help and support. But we have experienced, too, the kindness and compassion of those around us – and in ways that may have been unexpected, even surprising. That sense of individual commitment to our villages, to caring for our neighbour, has come wonderfully to the fore in recent months. In the midst of isolation many of us have found compassion and fellowship, and a renewed sense of unity and purpose.

One thing that we can all share in is **Doorstep** Carols. This is taking place across the country on **16th** December, 6-7pm. BBC Radio Northampton will be broadcasting the carols and we are all invited to take part and sing along. Carol sheets are available from doorstepcarols.co.uk, or from me. It should be a great communal event, and something we can all be a part of if we have access to BBC Radio!

Services in church are obviously dependent upon Government regulations allowing them to take place, but we plan to have Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at **11.30pm**, and **Family Worship at 11am on Christmas Day** in St. Mary's. If worship in church is not permitted we will have a 10am virtual service via Zoom on Christmas Day, using our usual meeting ID: 697 715 534. If you have any queries, do get in touch.

So, yes, Christmas will be different but it is my hope that it will be a time when we truly celebrate the love and light that came down to Bethlehem so many years ago, in the midst of darkness and doubt.

With every blessing on you all, and may you know Christ's comfort and joy this Christmas tide.

Miranda

The Revd Canon Miranda Hayes, Rector 01858 525342 email: rector@nasebygroup.org

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Good Neighbours - Change of date

If allowed and lockdown is lifted, we will be holding the December Good Neighbours Coffee Morning on Thursday December 10th from 10.00-12.00 in Welford Village Hall. Cost £1 for coffee/tea and biscuits.

As last time, please bring the right money and your own mug. It will be table service again and we ask you to wear a mask until seated and your order taken. Please only sit in the four seats set out at each table and keep 2 metres distance if you stop to say hello to someone on the way to your seat!

There will be some books (£1) and jigsaws (£2) for sale this time and we ask you to bring the right money and only one person at a time at the table please.

We look forward to seeing some of you again.

Jane & Sue



Chris Hubbard

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Due to the current situation with the Coronavirus pandemic and its resulting restrictions, together with self-imposed shielding, I will not be sending Christmas cards this year. I therefore wish friends, colleagues and neighbours around the village my best wishes for this coming festive season and good health and happiness for 2021.

Audrey Bott.

Joan Dawson



Died on 28th September 2020 in Kettering General Hospital aged 91. Joan was born in Welford on 22nd August 1929 and named Edith after her mother so was known as Joan. Joan lived in Welford all her life, apart from the time she spent training to be a nurse, then a midwife and went on to become a nursing sister in London's Queen Mary's Hospital.

All this time she worked in London she travelled home every week to help her mother look after her brother Walter's four children who were abandoned by their mother at

a young age. Brian was only a few weeks old and there was David, Patricia and Sheila.

In 1974 Joan took a job at Tungstones in Market Harborough to be nearer her mother. Sadly in 1975 her mother Edith died. However while working at Tungstones she met Stan Burdett and they got engaged and were together until he died in 2005.

Joan had given up a lot to care for her mother and her brother's 4 children, but she had a happy time in Welford and had many friends. She was a member of the Welcome and Luncheon clubs and was well liked.

Now she will join her parents in the village cemetery. Joan never really got over her niece Sheila's death in 2018.

Thank you to everyone for their kind words and cards, and a special thank you to Peter Craig for all he has done for us over many years. He was Sheila's partner and a good friend to Joan. Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has been supporting me over the last two years since my sister Sheila's death, and while I looked after my Aunt.

Patricia Dawson

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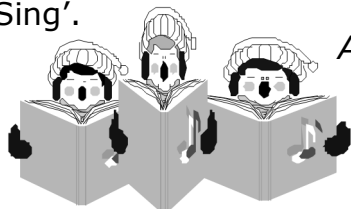
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COME AND SING CAROLS

In 1960 Mr Twemlow, the headmaster of Welford School and conductor of Welford and District Choral Society, instituted the first 'Come and Sing Carols' on Christmas Eve in Welford Church. When 'Twemmy' died in 1976, Philip Gardner continued the tradition and when W&DCS ceased in 2000, the young people of Welford Church Choir led the event, replaced in recent years by former choristers joined by 'more mature' volunteers. This year would have been the 60th Anniversary of an event that has marked the joyous and enthusiastic start to Christmas proper for so many and has raised a considerable amount of money for charity - just in the past 14 years over £15000, a portion of which included the proceeds of carol singing around the village and the generous contribution of WSSSES's Christmas concerts. Since 2001 this money has been divided between the Cynthia Spencer Hospice and a number of child-orientated charities. Such charities are extremely hard-hit by the pandemic which has affected all our lives in such dramatic and, for many, devastating ways. (if anyone would like to donate to one of our usual charities, do contact us for details on 575269, email annbarracough@hotmail.com).

The pandemic has managed to cause what rain and tempest, frost and flood could not: the cancellation of an event that has brought to so many in Welford and beyond a joyous and interactive start to the Christmas festivities. Even supposing regulations are somewhat relaxed before Christmas, there is no likelihood of the go-ahead being given to mass gatherings, particularly if they involve choral events which are seen to pose a greater risk of Covid19 transmission.

If you are one of the many in the community who have joined us over the years, fear not: in 2021 we shall have an even more uplifting and joyous 'Come and Sing'.



Ann and Alan Barraclough

Season's greetings,
Instead of sending cards to the many friends we have in Welford we will be donating to our favourite charity: we would like to reassure all that we have not forgotten them!
We wish you all a happy and we sincerely hope, a healthy Christmas and New Year.

Sandra and David Hoskin

For many years now we have given a donation to a 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 everyone in Welford a very Happy Christmas and a healthy, safe New Year.

Ian and Sheila Elmes

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Happy Christmas and thanks for all your support this year from all at the Wharf. We hope we've helped make a difficult year more bearable.

For Christmas this year we'll be offering a take away food service on both Christmas Eve and on New Year's Day night. We're also offering a full Christmas Dinner takeaway – delivered Christmas Eve to reheat on Christmas Day – for anyone who doesn't want the stress of cooking their own! Please place your orders no later than Tuesday 22nd.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a better 2021. Thanks once again from everyone at the Wharf.



School News from WSSES...

This has been a very different school term from usual, with lots of new routines to get used to. Thankfully we have managed to keep all of our school ‘bubbles’ open since the start of the school year in September, and we are grateful to all of our families for their support in helping this happen. Some of the changes that have been made to our school day include:

- Staggered arrival and departure times from school for different age groups
- The use of our school car park as a drop-off and pick-up point for children, to avoid ‘bottlenecking’ in the pedestrian gates (*thank you to local residents for your patience with teachers having to park their cars on the road at the moment – this is the reason why*)
- Regular handwashing and cleaning routines
- Staggered playtimes and lunchtimes to avoid the mixing of bubbles
- No whole school collective worship or other whole school gatherings
- No non-essential visitors to the school site

The children have been truly remarkable in their resilience and ability to adapt to all of the changes that have taken place to enable them to keep learning in the best place – school. With Christmas around the corner, we are now thinking of ways to make the festive season special in school without some of our usual events to look forward to.

Our library is ‘Out of this World!’



Earlier this year, the school council decided that they would like our School Association to raise funds to revamp our rather tired looking school library. The classes all voted on a theme and ‘Space’ was the winner. Over half term, an amazing transformation took place to start the process. A former parent and school association member, Ali Conway, and her daughter Erin came in and created a wonderful space-themed mural in the library – we are sure you will agree it looks truly ‘out of this world’! Although it is going to be more difficult to fundraise this year due to Covid restrictions, our committed team of parent volunteers are still determined to continue raising money for much-needed topic books and furnishings for the library, with plans already in place for a Christmas hamper raffle to get the ball rolling.

Meanwhile we are hugely grateful to Ali and Erin for giving up their time to put smiles on faces as the children came back to school after half term.

If you would like to buy a raffle ticket to support our School Association you can do so by following this link:

<https://raffall.com/143923/enter-raffle-to-win-wssesa-christmas-raffle-hosted-by-wssesa-welford>

Children in Need

On Friday 13th November, we held a non-uniform day to raise money for Children in Need. The theme for this year’s appeal was ‘wellbeing’ and classes across school took part in a range of activities to boost their wellbeing, from joining in with Joe Wick’s Children in Need workout, to completing gratitude journals and building their growth mind-set with a range of fun challenges. We were proud to raise an amazing £240 for Children in Need, helping others whilst having fun and making ourselves feel good.



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We are now in the midst of the second lockdown and while this one is not as strict as the first, we are still here and happy to assist with anything that will make life a little easier in these tricky times.

How to get support?

If you do need help from us then please call the person who is coordinating your part of the village using the phone numbers **ON THE BACK OF THE BUGLE**. If you cannot get through to them for some reason, please call any of the other contacts on the list and they can assist. Alternatively, send an email to welfordvolunteers@gmail.com and we can connect you to someone who can help out.

If you have any questions please contact Hannah Bedard 07493 638762 (welfordvolunteers@gmail.com)



Hannah Bedard

2020 Cricket Season - Down ...but Not Out!

After the heights of the 2019 cricket season, with the national team winning the ICC World Cup for the first time, Ben Stokes becoming the BBC Sports Personality of the Year and locally, the joint Welford & Yelvertoft Junior Cricket initiative successfully launching the ECB 'Allstars' programme for ages 5 to 8, there were high hopes that interest in playing cricket might experience an uplift this seasonbut then Covid 19 arrived with other ideas .

New junior kit was purchased, Indoor Practice Sessions at Guilsborough Academy were booked for U11 & U13 'Hardball ' players (thanks, as always to WET for their financial support) and fingers were crossedbut then Covid 19 arrived at the end of March in a big way and recreational cricket at all levels was suspended until early July, as the World grappled with the first pandemic in most of our lifetimes .

Instead, like most of the rest of the population, we were obliged to resort to online activity through a 8 week programme of key skills cricket activity designed by Northamptonshire County Cricket Club for 'Allstars', U11's and U13's for delivery by parents/guardians in the back garden, back yard or even in the kitchen! Feedback was positive, but it doesn't replace practicing and playing outdoors with your mates.

Sadly, by the time clearance was given for recreational cricket to re-start in a Covid 19 secure environment, and with our own WCC/YCC Covid 19 secure event guidelines locally approved and published to parents, most of the junior season had already gone. Interest in playing had mostly been lost, and the summer holiday season had arrived. An attempt was made to try and re-start some outdoor junior activity in mid-August, but the numbers interested and available to play were too low to make anything worthwhile, and so the 2020 season finished without a single local junior ball being bowled!

However, despite all of this, there were some positive signs to emerge from this "anti-climax" of a season. Firstly, there are still lads (very happy to see lasses as well) at Allstars U11 & U13 age levels interested in playing locally in both Welford, Yelvertoft and the surrounding villages where most of our players come from. Welford still remains one of the very few villages in this area to continue to offer the chance for our youngsters to play junior cricket from May to August. Encouragingly, there could also be enough senior players interested in playing "Sunday Social Cricket" for a re-launched Welford village team, the first time for nearly 10 Years. It's also been great to see International cricket back on terrestrial TV, although it takes a bit of getting used to watching with no spectators present!

Covid 19 and all its implications is highly likely to play a massive role in the 2021 season as well, but as we enter our planning cycle for next year we remain hopeful that cricket will continue to adapt to the "New Normal" in a safe and secure way for all players, whether senior or junior. If you, your lad or lass is interested in being involved next season in any capacity (direct ongoing involvement with the juniors will require relevant course attendance and cricket specific DBS clearance), please make contact over the next few months with either of the below .

SENIOR CRICKET . Adrian Scullion.

Adrian.Scullion@btinternet.com

JUNIOR CRICKET . Robin Bennett.

Bennettrobinb@aol.com

Periodic updates for cricket in Welford will appear from early next year both in the Welford Bugle and through the Welford Village Facebook page, all subject of course to the ongoing situation with Covid 19 .

Robin Bennett. October 2020.

Community Christmas Boxes

Would you like to spread some festive cheer to a deserving member of our village community this Christmas?

Between **1st and 15th December** we will be collecting festive boxes to be distributed to deserving residents just before Christmas.

Please get in touch if you would like to nominate someone who you think would appreciate a box - this could be someone on their own, someone who has had a difficult time this year, someone who has supported the community through lockdown, or simply someone who needs a bit of festive cheer! We are hopeful that we will receive enough boxes to ensure all those nominated receive one.

How to make up a box:

- Take a lidded box and wrap the box and lid separately in festive paper - a shoebox is a good option
- Include a festive greetings card - either homemade or commercial - and, if you have them, get the kids involved by making a festive collage or picture, maybe even a crafted item
- Fill the box with a selection of festive food items, ideally: mince pies, a small Christmas pudding, biscuits and crackers, jam and chutney (please ensure all food items have a shelf life beyond Christmas)

If you would like to help out, but don't want to donate a whole box, then we will gladly accept individual donations of the items above.

Boxes can be dropped off securely at the following locations between **1st and 15th December**:

**7 Millers Road
1 Browns Meadow
38 West End
25 High Street (up Gardner's Way)**

Please rest assured that boxes will be quarantined for **at least 5 days**, before delivery in the week commencing 21st December.

If you would like to **nominate a resident** to receive a box, or if you feel you can help out in any way, please contact:

welfordvolunteers@gmail.com

Hannah Bedard - 07493 638762 | **Niamh Bland** - 07837 579550

Go on, show some community spirit this Christmas!





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MAR	40.5	7.5	27.0	62.0	43.5	27.0	78.5	54.0	166.5	55.5	35.5
APR	27.5	5.5	155.0	22.5	31.0	25.5	50.0	10.5	65.0	15.0	35.0
MAY	26.5	31.5	55.5	75.5	109.0	54.0	45.0	80.0	85.0	46.5	10.0
JUN	49.0	59.0	135.5	41.5	69.0	26.0	77.5	52.0	1.0	148.5	66.0
JUL	47.0	41.0	99.0	92.0	31.0	81.5	19.0	71.0	14.5	125.0	63.0
AUG	143.5	53.0	94.5	51.0	95.5	53.0	56.0	78.5	52.5	79.0	140.0
SEP	53.0	20.0	51.5	26.0	8.0	50.5	45.0	79.0	36.0	89.0	28.5
OCT	46.0	35.5	72.0	113.0	73.0	60.0	35.0	21.5	46.0	153.0	153.0
NOV	49.5	36.0	127.5	39.5	82.0	65.0	79.5	44.0	40.5	132.0	
DEC	22.0	64.5	135.5	51.5	54.0	75.0	24.0	100.5	67.5	100.0	
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JANUARY 2021

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20th Countess of Wessex



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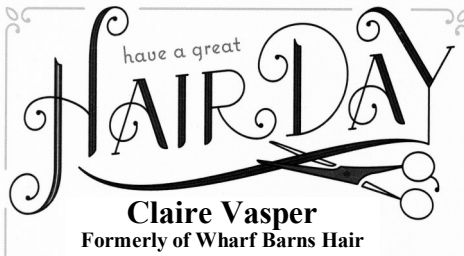
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It would be lovely to have more of a Welford presence on Facebook because love it or hate it, it is a great way to spread community news and discussions. So, we have

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).

Welford book of Remembrance

Just a reminder to everyone that if you would like to remember a loved one in this book in Church all you have to do is write your two or three lines of commemoration and give it to Denise Bott or myself and Denise will enter the words in her lovely clear handwriting, so you will have a lasting tribute to the one you have lost. There is no fixed charge for this, but a small donation to Church funds is always appreciated.

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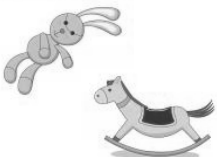


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I would like to say a big thank you to the ladies of the "good neighbours" group for the lovely gifts left on our door steps during the first Coronavirus lockdown and subsequent weeks.

Also, another thank you to Sue and to Jan for the coffee mornings. These meetings were something we all missed during the dreary months of the first national lockdown. Thankfully, they were recently restarted only to stopped once again by this second national lockdown. Let us hope and pray for a quick return to the normal living that we were all so familiar with.

Audrey Bott.



The Welford Masters Golf day 29th December



This annual Winter major will take place at Kilworth Springs Golf Club on Tuesday 29th December. An ideal way to burn off the Christmas excesses. Cost for non - Kilworth Springs members would be £30 per player to include a bacon sandwich before teeing off at 10 a.m. so please arrive by 9.30. Cost for Kilworth members is £10. There will be the usual array of prizes including of course the coveted Yellow Jacket that has been signed by all the previous winners. If you have not got an official handicap that does not stop you from playing just please give yourself a handicap that is fair to all the other players. Please call John Nicholas on 575422 or email

john.nick@btopenworld.com to enter and give yourself a chance to be part of Welford's growing golfing history.

WELFORD EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The Welford Educational Trust exists to promote the education (including social and physical training) of persons under the age of 25 years, who are resident of the ancient parish of Welford and who are in need of financial assistance. The Trustees meet in February and September each year.

At both meetings the trustees will consider applications from W.S.S.E.S, individuals and youth groups to provide financial assistance towards education, training and other needs.

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MONDAYS

Yoga for All 10.00-11.30am	VH(MH)
Bell-Ringing 1 st and 3 rd 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 7.00-9.00pm	VH(MH)
ISE Group (Stitch & Expression) 10.00-4.00 2nd in Month	VH(BR)
Welford in Harmony 7.00—9.00pm	WSF

TUESDAYS

Doctor's Surgery 9.00-11.30am	VH(BR)
Pilates 9.30-10.30am	WYCC
Pilates 7.30-8.30pm	WYCC
GN Coffee Morning 1st week	VH(MH)
Short Mat Bowls 7.00-8.30pm	VH(MH)
Bridge 7.30-10.00pm (1st and 3rd weeks)	VH(BR)

WEDNESDAYS

Welford Watercolourists 9.00am-12.00	VH(BR)
Ladies Fellowship 1 st and 3 rd week 2.30pm	CSR
Welcome Club 2 nd week 2.00-4.00pm	VH(BR)
Yoga for All 7.30-9.00pm	VH(MH)

WEDNESDAYS (Continued)

Gardening Club 2nd week 7.00-9.45pm	VH(BR)
P.C. Planning Com. 6.30pm 2nd week	VH(BR)
Football — Welford Vets 7:30-8:30pm	WSF
Hockey Training: Secondary & Adults 1920-2030 LC	

THURSDAYS

Doctor's Surgery 9.00-11.30am	VH(BR)
Dancing for Fun 9.45-11.30am	VH(MH)
Pilates 6.00-7.00pm	WYCC
Parish Council 4 th week 7.30pm	VH(BR)
Women's Institute 2nd week 7.30-10.00pm	VH(MH)

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(MH)

SATURDAYS

Football – reception & Yr 1 9.30-11.00am WSF

SUNDAYS

Hockey Training: Primary & Newbies 10-11am	NPF
Explorer Scouts 14-18 yrs 7.00-8.30pm	WYCC

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Area	Name	Contact Number
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	Niamh Bland	571174 or 07837 579550
Browns Meadow	Lucy Stawt	07725 848231
Newlands Road	Jules Bennett	07974 764946
High Street lower (shop to bottom of hill), Orchard Terrace	Sue Nicholas	575422 or 07879 852849
High Street upper (shop to Church Lane), the Paddocks, Abbey View	Lee Gravestock	07954 417817
Northampton Road/ Woodford Glebe	Mandy Cant	575536 or 07944 516439
	Hannah Collins	07736 939993
Church Lane	Sheila Scullion	575784 or 07484 883433
West Street and West Court	Tania Hall	575917 or 07713 255696
Wakefield Drive	Sheila Scullion	575784 or 07484 883433
West End, Hall Lane, Hemploe View	Hannah Bedard	07493 638762
Salford Close, Dovehouse Close	Suzanne and Isabel Howells	575411 or 07775451148
The Leys and Christopher Court	Kathy Cox	575806 or 07738274201
Westfield Crescent	Kayleigh Riley	07564 991015
Avon Fields	Ruth Leddington	07496 029016
The Hemploe, Court Lane, Elkington Road (off Court Lane)	Bob Finch	07733 326700
Sulby	Andrea Tuck	07960 616150
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