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Welford Scout Group



Everyone at Welford Scout Group would like to thank all Explorers, Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and parents, for their support during the last year. We are happy to say, that from Friday 16th April we will be starting face to face meetings again, they will be outdoors and socially distanced.

Explorers, Scouts and Cubs have good numbers, but lots of our Beavers have moved up to Cubs, so we do have space for children aged between 6 and 8 if they would like to become part of the Scouting movement.

Our meeting times at the moment are Fridays for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Sunday for Explorers.

Beavers: 5.00—5.45 Cubs 6.00—7.15 Scouts 7.30—8.45 Explorers 7.00—8.30

If you would like more information please contact Christine O'Reilly on 07921 841085

Help Needed

Welford Scout Group are looking for volunteers to help on a regular basis with Cubs and Beavers. If you are interested becoming part of the group please contact me.

Christine O'Reilly 07921 841085

Hockey Clubs season has been disrupted by the Lockdown but we did manage to get some games played prior to Christmas and hope to finish the season with games in April and May,



Therefore we're starting up Training for all age groups:-

- Juniors up to Yr6 - Sunday mornings 10-11am at Naseby Sports Court
- Juniors up to Yr 8 and U16 beginners - Monday Evenings 6:30 to 7:30pm at North Kilworth All Weather
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Further next season we are looking to form a Men's Team to play regularly on Saturdays in the Midlands Regional Leagues, more detail to follow but please contact me if interested in playing.

Our hope in the future is to run a ladies team as well should we get enough players, as well as our current Mixed, Badgers Under 16s (Mixed) and Junior Teams.

If interested in playing please do not hesitate to contact me. *Anthony Raisbury - Club Chair and Head Coach*

Coming Soon
Hopefully on Sunday 23rd May
The BIG BREAKFAST and
WALK FOR CHARLIE
Keep an eye out for more details!



The tennis courts are open once more!
To become a member please hand your membership money to the Reads at 42 the Leys.

We are keeping the fees the same as last year, £20 family, £10 per person and £5 for concessions!
We will be changing the code to the tennis courts on the 1st April, so prompt payment would be appreciated.

The Tennis Club have costs that have to be met from the membership fees, primarily insurance. We try to keep these as low as possible.

For further information please contact Nick or Theresa Read on 01858 575977

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Notes from Welford Parish Council

- It has become very apparent in the last few weeks that careless dog owners are not clearing up after their dog. This has been particularly noticeable on the Playing Field where children play and along some of the village footpaths. The farmers have also made us aware of dog fouling in the fields along public footpaths which leads to disease among farm animals. Dog faeces can cause serious diseases in sheep through the contamination of food and water. Dog waste on grazing land can pass worms and parasites to sheep. Another disease, neosporosis in cattle, is spread through eggs in dog mess and it is a major cause of abortions in herds., so it is vital that dog owners pick up their dogs' droppings when walking pets on farm land.
- The bus service will have an updated timetable from the 19th April with some journeys to and from Northampton through Brixworth. The timetable will be available on the village website
- The Electric Vehicle charge point should be installed opposite the church in West Street in the next few weeks.
- The Parish Council have formally adopted the street lighting on the Phase 1 Millers Lock and have notified Northamptonshire County Council of this; the Parish Council have also informed the County Council that we have no objection to adoption of the roads

Ian Kelly, Clerk to the Parish Council

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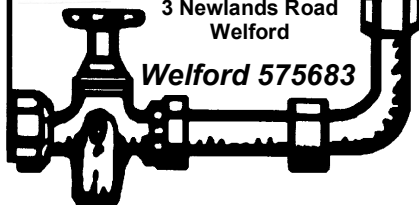
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Thank you to everyone who completed one of the wildlife diaries. We're compiling a list of all the species you recorded in your gardens and on your walks. We'll publish the results soon.

Thanks Welford Parish Council who funded the project as part of the Neighbourhood Plan. Meanwhile, in the first of a series on wildlife that you can see in Welford, here's a real success story.

Red Kite (Milvus milvus)

Watching a red kite soaring and circling in the skies over Welford is such a delight. They are unmistakable with their distinctive forked tail, mewing cries and huge wingspan.

If you take six pages of The Bugle and lay them lengthways end to end, that's the distance from wingtip to wingtip of a typical kite (1.8 metres, nearly six feet). Yet kites only weigh around a kilo, less than one of those mallards that you see paddling along the canal. A red kite will live, on average for four years.

It is only very recently that the red kite has become such a common sight for us. In the 1930s, they were almost extinct in the British Isles. Just two pairs were nesting in Mid Wales. Persecution by humans by poisoning or shooting and egg collection was also a major reason for their decline.

A small and dedicated band of conservationists ensured that by 1967 there were 20 breeding pairs and by 1992, 80. Since then, the red kite has been the major success story for the countryside.

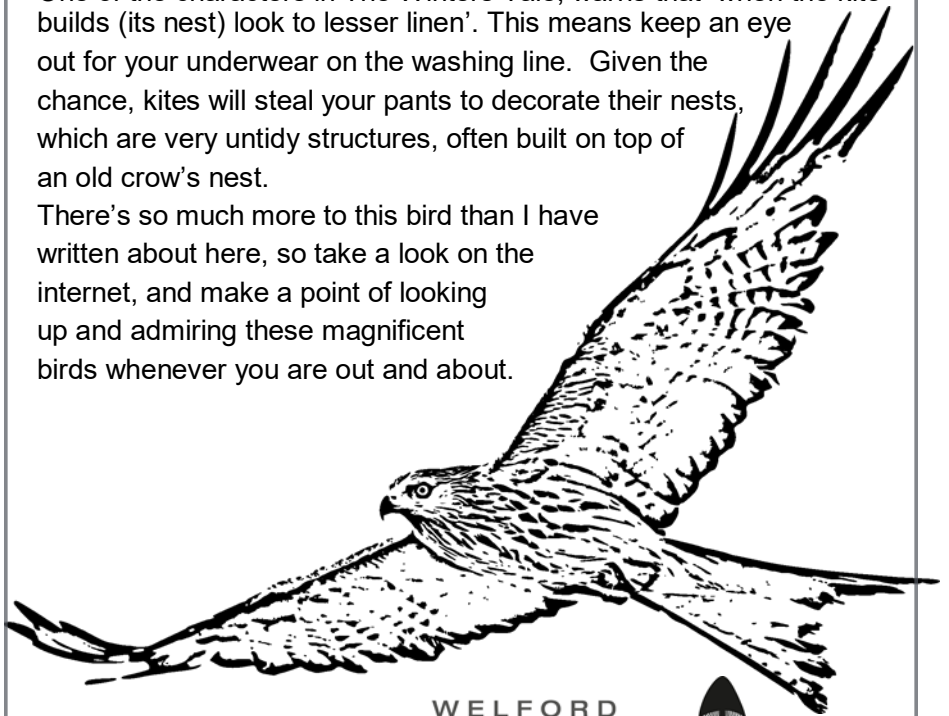
It is estimated that the British Isles will eventually host a population of 50,000 pairs - more than double the current world population. I suspect that those we see over Welford are descended from 11 birds released at Rockingham in 1995.

Like buzzards which are similar but don't have that elegant tail, they swoop down to eat carrion but they will take small live mammals, birds and even earthworms.

Historically, red kites were associated with towns and cities. Superb scavengers that they are, they helped to keep the medieval streets clean. William Shakespeare makes several references to them.

One of the characters in The Winters Tale, warns that 'when the kite builds (its nest) look to lesser linen'. This means keep an eye out for your underwear on the washing line. Given the chance, kites will steal your pants to decorate their nests, which are very untidy structures, often built on top of an old crow's nest.

There's so much more to this bird than I have written about here, so take a look on the internet, and make a point of looking up and admiring these magnificent birds whenever you are out and about.



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*If anyone is interested in running a stall/activity, please contact
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Welford Pocket Park

Spring is Sprung!; The Grass is Riz! I wonder where the birdies is! ...

... probably down at the Pocket Park, all nicely decorated with crocheted flowers.

But, as I started, Spring is Sprung! ... that means time to start work on keeping the Pocket Park tidy. As ever volunteers are needed, so if you can spare some time on any of the following dates, we would love to see you; there's plenty to be done. The only stuff you'll need is enough working limbs and a willing attitude (and the ability not to swear too loud as the nettles get you). Any simple tools you may have, feel free to give them a day out as well.

Wed 31 March, 10:00 to 12:00
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The Easter Day Services are:

- 6.30am Dawn Eucharist At Haselbech
- 9.30am Services at, Sibbertoft, Marston Trussell and Naseby
- 10.00am Virtual Streamed Service of Holy Communion at Clipston
- 6.00pm Holy Communion at Welford

Following Easter, it is planned for services to resume to the pattern adopted before the last lockdown with a 10.00am Virtual Service and 6.00pm evening services alternating between Clipston and Welford. Full details can be found in the Parish Magazine and benefice website.



WELFORD PRE-SCHOOL PRESENTS...

Spring Street Market

Saturday 22nd May
1pm to 5pm

**MAPS AND RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE
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All profits from map and raffle ticket sales will be used to purchase new outdoor equipment for Welford Pre-school.

ALL ATTENDEES MUST FOLLOW GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE REGARDING SOCIAL DISTANCING

THOUGHT then IDEA

First came the THOUGHT as I was walking my dog – all my better thoughts come then. We were in another lockdown and I was thinking about the families dealing with home schooling whilst working from home as well as running that home. Especially the mums.

Then came the IDEA. Some of these very same mums had organised the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal and gave some 80+ boxes and bags to the residents of Welford. Wouldn't it be nice to give them something?

So, a germ of an idea grew and after talking to my family to ask what might be a nice treat for said mums, I got, "A bottle of Prosecco and a facemask". Great idea. Sounding Jane out, our enthusiasm grew, and we were soon off the ground. We needed to fund this idea and so we started asking people if they would be willing to sponsor a bag and so it grew and grew until we were able to put more than the Prosecco and facemask into 60+ pamper bags and deliver them in time for Mothering Sunday. If you know of anyone with primary school age children who did not receive a bag, please get in touch (Sue 575422 or Jane 575549) and we can put that right.

So, a huge thank you to all the very generous Welford residents who willingly sponsored the bags – and boy did they come up trumps. Jane and I were so humbled by the generosity of our community and I have a lump in my throat typing this now! Thank you to the deliverers, those who answered my address questions, and those who encouraged us to do it.

We raised more than enough money and the residue will be donated to Niamh Bland who is raising money for the WSSS library refurbishment and restock once I know we have covered everyone. I hope you feel this is a fitting use for the remaining cash. Welford is truly an amazingly generous and community-spirited village. So, THANK YOU once more.
Sue Nicholas

Good Neighbours



Jane & Sue would like to wish all our 'Good Neighbours' a very Happy Easter. Last time we saw you was December. We are very hopeful we will be able to meet up for our 'Coffee Morning' in May, although not on our usual date as the village hall can't open until May 17th at the earliest. More details will be in May's Parish magazine.



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Nature Notes

Gradually the countryside is greening over. If you look closely at the Hawthorne hedges some have fat round buds about to burst and others already have tender bright green leaves. The lilac has quite a lot of leaf, the sycamore buds are gently swelling, and any day the whole countryside will boast that fresh green that thrills us for a few glorious weeks each spring. Some blossom is appearing too, and the camellias are putting on their spectacular spring show. The daffodils have been nodding cheerfully for some weeks, and grape hyacinths and tulips are making an appearance. On a sunny day the world looks inviting and full of promise.

The greenhouse is showing promise too, with trays of seeds germinating almost as we watch. Shepherding the plants is a daily delight, with more broad beans and the potatoes I planted in pots showing more leaves all the time. I have 7 large pots this year and we do enjoy stealing a march by eating really earl new potatoes. We're already relishing Purple Sprouting Broccoli and new seasons Rhubarb.

Our fields are empty at the moment as we wait for ewes and lambs to come back from their winter quarters. The grass needed a rest to give it a chance for a spring flush. If the lawn is anything to go by there will be plenty of growth. I've mown the lawn twice already. There are lots of early lambs to admire if you walk down Hall Lane or through the nearby fields on the footpaths. They are skipping about and look plenty strong enough to withstand the colder, wetter days that come with the Blackthorn Winter.

Rubbish, or litter, continues to plague the verges. More people are joining in the clean up campaign, which is really encouraging, but the fly tipping is getting worse. Along the A14 and main roads the trees are festooned with plastic. As the leaves appear this is disguised for the summer, but it degenerates and pollutes unseen if no-one collects it, and it is too dangerous a job for amateurs like me.

All most of us can do is to keep our own patch clear, and enjoy the softening growth that is magically transforming our corner of Northamptonshire.

Susie Bevin

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Seeds

- Sow annuals directly where they are to flower, try marigolds, cornflowers or poppies
- Sow sunflowers indoors for summer flowers.
- Start your very own herb garden by sowing basil, coriander and parsley.

Flowers

- Plant dahlias in pots or directly into the ground.
- Look after your roses, they will be hungry after winter so mulch their roots with a slow release fertiliser. Snip off any dead wood and tie in climbing roses.
- Lift and divide congested summer flowering perennial plants to improve their vigour and create new plants for your garden or neighbours.
- Deadhead daffodils, hyacinths and narcissus, allowing the leaves to die back naturally. This helps the bulbs make more food and come back stronger next year.
- Trim heather flowers back to stop the plants getting leggy over summer.

Vegetables

- Support emerging beans and peas by pushing in canes or twiggy sticks around them.
- Thin out March sown seedlings such as carrots, beetroot and spinach. Continue successional sowing of salad leaves.
- Continue to plant first earlies & second earlies to get a good potato supply over summer.
- Sow tomatoes under cover, or plant out plug plants. Tumbling varieties are great for hanging baskets.
- Sow cucumber, courgette, squash and marrows, push them in vertically to prevent rotting when you water them.

Fruit

- Plant your strawberries, you could try putting early varieties under a cloche to get an earlier crop.
- If space is tight try strawberries in a hanging basket or wall planter.
- Plant out any raspberry canes, rhubarb crowns or other fruit bushes.

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Paul Wootton



It is with sadness that I report the passing of Paul Wootton. He grew up in the Potteries and was a life - long supporter of Stoke City. He spent most of his married life in Welford with a short 2-year break in Germany the family came back to Welford and lived on West End. He enjoyed the company of many friends firstly at The Shoulder of Mutton, then the Elizabethan, and over recent years he was a regular at the Wharf. He helped anybody whenever he could, and helped on the Sportsfield committee, at Carnivals and helped with the junior football particularly watching Matt and Harry play as they grew up. The one thing everyone remembers about Paul is how he always managed to be late for nearly everything, frustrating for those that were waiting for him, but somehow, we loved him for it. He went on several golfing and skiing trips with his Welford friends and for the past 7 years had an incredibly happy relationship with Tanya who lived in Oakham.

Our sympathy goes to Matthew and Harry and family, Welford has lost a good friend.

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.

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For the attention of all you ladies!



How fortunate are we to be living in Welford, surrounded by the beautiful Northamptonshire countryside, during the long months of this pandemic?

On my walks round the village, it has been such a pleasure to have met several new faces, alongside 'old friends', and to stop....albeit socially distanced!....for a chat or just to pass the time of day.

When we return to normal, we mustn't lose this connection. To this end....why not give WI a try?

During lockdown, our secretary Jane, has put together a weekly newsletter with contributions from members, which has kept everyone in touch. The committee have provided Afternoon Tea goody bags and an Advent Jam Jar to amuse and challenge in the days leading up to Christmas. Telephone calls have been made to those not able to leave their homes and many other small, but meaningful gestures made to keep spirits up. Lately we have held our monthly meetings on zoom!

When we are able, our meetings in the Village Hall, (second Thursday in the month starting at 7.30pm except for August), provide a speaker or demonstration on a variety of topics, tea, cake and friendship. We also arrange walks, skittles matches, support charities, arrange outings and support those arranged at County level.

Why not give us a try? For more details call our President Denise Cattell 575494 or our Vice President Denise Bott 575746 for a chat.

No obligation to join! Attend one Thursday free of charge, as a taster of just what is on offer from one of the societies in the village.

Denise Cattell

THANK YOU

As a Husbands Bosworth resident (so sorry you lovely Welford people!), I didn't know about the Welford Volunteers until one of you walked into the village shop and gave me a bag saying that I had been nominated by a local resident! I received a lovely bag full of Christmas goodies, some of which were home made.

I was humbled by such an unexpected gesture and want to say THANK YOU.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support, kindness and generosity over the last 12 months, which have been trying for all of us to say the least. I have got to know a lot of you and it has been / is a pleasure serving you all in the shop / P.O. and helping some of you with your shopping.

Here for you all—Evelyne
(from Springfields shop)

Just wanted to thank the villagers, who over the years have always been prepared to pick up litter they come across when out and about in the village, and especially for sweeping up broken glass. It's great to think a 'reduced litter zone' is spreading out from Welford, thanks S.B., Nick and Theresa, and the people clearing up the spinney.

Mel Ainsworth

Patrick's 1000 mile virtual bike ride challenge

Thank you very much to all the very kind people of Welford for their support and contribution either via my just giving page or the cash and cheques posted through my door.

You know who you are so thank you all for helping me exceed my target total and raising nearly £700.00 for Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis
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THANK YOU

Thank you to the wonderful crew who have taken it upon themselves to clear the path out of the village towards the A14. Over recent years this has become ever more overgrown and regularly floods. The work you have done to reclaim the path leaves it looking so much neater. As a regular runner along there I want to extend a warm thank you to all involved.

Andrew Parsons

THANK YOU FROM ALL THE MUMS!

It was such a lovely surprise to have a knock on the door the day before Mothering Sunday and to receive a bag of treats: daffodils (reminiscent of the bunches given out at the traditional Mothering Sunday service), face mask, prosecco and bath bomb. These were given to all the mums of primary aged children in the village to recognise the support we'd given our children through the period of home schooling. It was such a lovely gesture and we all really appreciate it! Thank you! (And thanks to the dads for doing their share too!)

Lucy Parsons

The New Guaranteed Mortgage Scheme



The Government hopes that by offering a plan to guarantee mortgages, lenders will be willing to reintroduce low-deposit lending. Many stopped offering high loan-to-value (LTV) deals during the pandemic, amid fears over how Covid-19 could impact the economy.

Lenders view 95% mortgages as higher risk, since they're at the mercy of falling house prices, with borrowers potentially ending up in owing more than their home is worth.

The idea behind the new 95% home loans is that they will provide a real boost for many would-be homebuyers who are unable to raise 10%.

Some key questions and answers.

How much deposit will I need?

Instead of needing a 10% deposit – and having to save £20,000 to buy a £200,000 home – you will now only need a 5% deposit. This means only having to amass £10,000 to buy that same £200,000 property.

What's the borrowing limit?

Loans will be available for properties costing up to £600,000.

When does the scheme begin and end?

The Guaranteed Mortgage Scheme is due to launch in April 2021 - and will run until December 31, 2022.

Why is it being introduced now?

The hope is that this scheme – alongside the stamp duty holiday extension – will offer a welcome boost for first-time buyers and those with smaller deposits, and therefore help the market as a whole.

Which banks are taking part?

So far, Lloyds, Santander, NatWest, HSBC and Barclays have all said they are looking to offer 95% mortgages once the scheme begins.

What sort of interest rates can borrowers expect?

As yet, no details of actual rates have been revealed, but generally speaking, rates on low-deposit mortgages tend to be higher than those on mortgages requiring a bigger deposit.

Does the scheme only apply to first-time buyers?

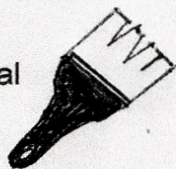
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School News from WSSES...

We're back...again! It has been wonderful to welcome all of our children back into school for the last three weeks of this term and already it seems as though we have never been away.

Library Refurbishment

The School Association and all of us at school would like to extend a massive thank you to all parents, carers and friends of WSSES for raising over **£1000** to support our refurbishment of the school library through the JustGiving page set up following our recent quiz night. We were really touched by the donations from members of the community not necessarily directly involved with school, including the team at The Wharf Inn, who donated £145 in honour of World Book Day. Along with the generous donation from the Welford Education Trust last month, we are now in a position to get started on the further improvements that we would like to make to the library, and we have ordered the first new batch of wonderful non-fiction books to support our topic next term of 'The Earth and Beyond'.



Lots of lovely new books!

If you would like to make a donation, the JustGiving page is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/wssesassociation21>

Easter Thoughts

As we reach the end of a second spring term without our usual celebrations, we have still been trying hard in school to incorporate the Easter story and thoughts about Lent and Holy Week into our time together, through Collective Worship and RE lessons. Earlier this term, some of our keyworker provision children were involved in creating part of a prayer trail, which will be travelling between our group of churches between now and Easter.

- Wagtails have learnt the Easter story and sequenced it, and looked at why Christians put a cross in their garden at Easter.
- Woodpeckers have been learning about the story of Easter and why it is so important to Christians, discussing why Hot Cross buns have a cross on them, to symbolise Jesus on the cross and can be eaten on Good Friday (they tasted theirs slightly early!)
- Robins have been learning about why Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday. They have explored the events of Holy Week including Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday and written diary entries from the point of view of Mary.
- Kestrels have been trying to answer the question 'Was Jesus the Messiah?', looking at the prophecies made in the Old Testament and comparing them to the story of Jesus' life and death, particularly focusing on Palm Sunday when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.



Tasting Hot Cross Buns in Woodpeckers Class



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

You may remember from the December issue that WSES School Association is on a mission to transform the school library, in line with the school council's wishes. Following the fantastic space themed mural that former parent, Ali Conway, and her daughter, Erin, created in October, the School Association set about thinking of creative, pandemic-friendly ways to raise money. First of all there was the Christmas hamper raffle, which started off the fundraising nicely, and then there was a free family quiz in February, designed to coincide with the launch of our Just Giving page. We set the rather ambitious target of £1,000 and were incredibly surprised when, within only a few days of the link going live, we were already half-way to our target! We have been utterly overwhelmed by the generosity of the wonderful people in this village and never imagined that we'd be able to raise so much money without any actual fundraising events. We have now surpassed our target of £1,000 and are in a position to start purchasing new furniture, accessories and, most importantly, reading material for the library. Keep an eye out for photographs of the transformation in future issues of the Bugle! If you would still like to contribute to the appeal, this is the address: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/wsesassociation21
Many thanks,
WSES School Association

WELFORD W.I.



FEBRUARY MEETING

The first virtual meeting of Welford WI was held, via Zoom, Thursday 11 February at the normal meeting time of 7.30 pm. Denise Cattell presided and 20 members joined in from the comfort of their homes. Denise brought all up to date with events over the past 11 months since last a meeting was held. She and Jane Cottrell, Secretary, were warmly thanked for all their hard work keeping members informed and engaged during that time. Christine O'Reilly gave a short demonstration on making a simple Danish heart using paper and scissors, with members, with various success, following her lead. Another virtual meeting is planned for 11 March when we will be joined by Sam Passi who will give his talk entitled "Tax, Care and the New Guy". AT

MARCH MEETING

President Denise Cattell welcomed 19 members to the March meeting of Welford WI. Once again, because of restrictions, the meeting was held via Zoom. Members were invited to take part in the nationwide Elizabeth Bell Challenge that involves making a record of events during the 2021 calendar year. Information was given regarding subscriptions, due 1 April. Various County events were highlighted, including a 'drop-in' coffee morning to be held via Zoom. Members will be invited to again make cakes for the Cynthia Spencer Hospice.

This month there was a speaker, Sam Passi. He gave a lot of important information and advice on the need for making a will, especially in the event of a second marriage, and of also arranging the relevant Power of Attorney. He also strongly advised on checking that the details still apply on any existing Power of Attorney, particularly if it had been set up prior to October 2007. The speaker next month will be Patricia Heed. Her talk is entitled 'Social History of Fashion Women Arise' (the emancipation of the modern woman). AT

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So, I am taking part in The Mighty Hike, a 1/2 marathon trek around Ullswater Lake in the Lake District on 19th June 2021, as my way to say thank you to Macmillan for all the amazing work they do.

All donations, as little (or a lot!) will be very appreciated by me and all the people who will benefit.

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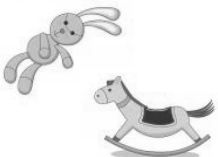


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Junior Cricket update 2021 Season

For all UK cricket clubs, the 2020 season was marked by the arrival of the Covid19 Pandemic and the cancellation of most of the early/mid season activity. By the time clearance was given for outdoor group recreational cricket to re-start in mid July, most Junior interest had been lost and summer holidays had arrived. As a result, no group junior cricket was played last year out of either Welford or Yelvertoft (although adult led back-garden sessions were provided online). Whilst the Pandemic still remains with us, we are however more hopeful (at the time of writing) of being able to re-start some junior cricket this season. This will be part of a continued joint junior initiative between Welford and Yelvertoft Cricket Clubs. Current Plans look like this:-

National ECB “Allstars” Programme (Ages 5 to 8 + 9/10 Yr old ‘Softball’ Players)

Due to re-commence on Saturday May 22nd at Yelvertoft Playing Fields 9.15 am to 10.15 am. 8 week Programme, cost £40.00 (fully re-fundable) which includes free backpack with bat, ball, personalised T-Shirt, cap and other items. Returning participants receive slightly different items. **Full details, including how to sign up can be found on the ECB (English Cricket Board) ‘Allstars Cricket’ Website, under Yelvertoft CC.**

U11’s “Intermediate Ball” and U13’s “Hardball” Practice/Friendly Matches

Due to re-commence on Saturday May 15th or 22nd at Yelvertoft Playing Fields, 9.30 am to 10.45am, cost £2.00 per session on a ‘Pay as you Play’ basis with Club Kit provided. Please register interest in attending with Bennetrobinb@aol.com first.

There are no WCC/YCC RDCL League Teams entered this year, but we will aim to play some age specific friendly matches, if there are sufficient players interested.

U15’s to U18’s Hardball Players. Friendly matches Welford CC Sunday Social Team

Activity TBC dependent on the level of interest, with practices using the new cricket facilities at Welford Sportsfield. Please register interest with Bennetrobinb@aol.com first.

All activity will take place in line with Government/ECB Covid 19 guidelines and best practice and is inevitably therefore subject to change/cancellation at short notice. All sessions are open to boys & girls. Anyone interested in being involved with supervising/coaching junior cricket on a regular basis will need up to date Cricket specific DBS Clearance and attendance on relevant ECB course(s). For more info on any of the above, contact Robin Bennett on 07774 839299 or Bennetrobinb@aol.com.

Cricket Fingers crossed for a 2021 Season!

Welford Pre-school



Well, what a very different year we have had! It’s hard to believe that we had to close a year ago for the first lockdown. We reopened 11 weeks later in June, and welcomed back a lovely small group of children and finished the summer term off with lots of fun and learning. During this time we were trying to maintain social distancing from each other and the children in order to try and keep all our families safe. It was a relief to reach the summer holidays knowing we were all ok.

We opened again at the beginning of September to start the autumn term. This time all the school children were finally back in and we could offer our breakfast and after school clubs once again, in addition to all our preschoolers being back. As we needed to keep these ‘bubbles’ separate, this meant a shortened preschool day in order to allow for cleaning between the different sessions. Lots of quarantining, rotating and cleaning of equipment and sanitising all areas.

January brought another lockdown, but all early years settings were able to stay open as usual. We didn’t offer our breakfast and after school clubs then as the school was closed to most children. We were all very happy to be back, although a little confused as to why we were the only sector to be open as usual and with no social distancing, and where the guidance said it wasn’t appropriate to wear protective equipment. Unfortunately the sector wasn’t given the lateral flow tests that were being given to all schools, but were given the option to travel twice a week to mass testing sites to be tested, if we wished. Over the months quite a few children and staff have had to go and get the PCR tests as they’ve had various symptoms, but all negative.

Finally, we received delivery of lateral flow tests to be started on March 22nd! So far, all negative!

We’ve had a great spring term, continuing to follow the children’s interests, supporting their developmental progress, and having meetings with parents in the street or over the phone. We have welcomed some new children to our preschool family and have had the settling in visits at the weekends as we can’t have visitors in the sessions. The children have been extremely resilient throughout all of this. Their parents can no longer come into the preschool, so we collect the children at the school gate. They all come through the gate smiling, and even if there are occasionally one or two reluctant ones, it doesn’t take very long for them to cheer up and enjoy their day.

We have definitely had to change a lot in the way we have worked over the last year, and have had to put a few things on hold, and change the way we do things, but we are still there every day for the children and their families, doing what we can to support them. We have a fabulous pre-school team and a very supportive committee, and we are looking forward to a lot of pre-school fun when the summer term starts on April 12th.

Happy Easter to you all, from all the staff and committee of Welford Pre-school x

Ladies Rounders

Do you know that Welford has a Ladies Rounders Club? Details of practise sessions will be put on This is Welford and Welford is Kind when covid rules allow. If you are interested in playing or just coming along for a practise and are 13 years or older then please email ilex65@aol.com to register your interest.

WHAT'S ON IN WELFORD

(All currently subject to the situation relating to the Corona virus)

MONDAYS

Yoga for All 10.00-11.30am
 Bell-Ringing 1st and 3rd week 7.30pm
 Rainbows 5-7 years 5.15 - 6.00pm
 Brownies 7-10 years 6.15 - 7.30pm
 Guides 10-14 years 7.30 - 9.00pm
 Table Tennis 7.00-9.00pm
 ISE Group (Stitch & Expression)
 10.00-4.00 2nd in Month
 Welford in Harmony 7.00—9.00pm
 Hockey training Juniors up to year 8 and
 U16 beginners 6.30-7.30pm
 Hockey training Yr 9 and older plus Adults
 7.30-8.30pm

TUESDAYS

Doctor's Surgery 9.00-11.30am
 Pilates 9.30-10.30am (zoom during Covid)
 Pilates 7.00-8.00pm (zoom during Covid)
 GN Coffee Morning 1st week
 Short Mat Bowls 7.00-8.30pm
 Bridge 7.30-10.00pm (1st and 3rd weeks)

WEDNESDAYS

Welford Watercolourists 9.00am-12.00
 Ladies Fellowship 1st and 3rd week 2.30pm
 Welcome Club 2nd week 2.00-4.00pm
 Yoga for All 7.30-9.00pm
 Gardening Club 2nd week 7.00-9.45pm
 Football — Welford Vets 7.30-8:30pm

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

Babes and Tots 9.30-11.00am
 Beaver Scouts 6-8 years 5.00-5.45pm
 Cub Scouts 6.00-7.15pm
 Scouts 7.30-8.45pm
 Beavers/Cubs/Scouts starting 16th April
 Dancing for Fun 7.00-8.30pm

MONDAY - FRIDAY

VH(MH) Welford Pre-school 9.15 - 2.45pm PSM
 CH Breakfast club 7.45am - School start PSM
 WYCC After School Club. End of School - 6.00pm PSM

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VH(MH) Football – reception & Yr 1 9.30-11.00am WSF

VH(BR) Cricket National ECB “Allstars” Programme
 (Ages 5 to 8 + 9/10 Yr old ‘Softball’ Players)
 Starting 22nd May 9.15-10.15 (8 week course) YPF

WSF Cricket U11’s “Intermediate Ball” and U13’s
 “Hardball” Practice/Friendly Matches.

NKA Starting 15th/22nd May 9.30-10.45 YPF

SUNDAYS

NKA Hockey Training: Juniors up to Yr 6 10-11am NSC
 Explorer Scouts 14-18 yrs 7.00-8.30pm WYCC
 Starting 18th April

EVENTS

WYCC April

VH(MH) 16th and 18th Restart of Scouts—all ages WYCC

VH(MH)

VH(BR) May

22nd Spring Street Market

23rd Big Breakfast and Walk for Charlie WYCC

VH(BR) July

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VENUES:

CH Church
 CSR Chapel School Room
 PSM Pre-School Mobile
 SCH Welford School
 VH(BR) Village Hall Billiard Room
 VH(MH) Village Hall Main Hall
 WYCC Welford Sports Field
 WYCC Welford Youth and Community Centre
 PP Pocket Park
 LUT Lutterworth College
 MH3G Market Harborough 3G
 GUIL Guilsborough School Hall
 WYCC LS Lawrence Sheriff School
 WYCC LC Lutterworth College
 WYCC NKA North Kilworth All weather
 WYCC NSC Naseby Sports Court
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