

FOOTBALL@WELF ORD

Welford Parish Meeting Update 28th April 2022

The club itself has been around since 1898 and has a rich and varied history, but – like so many rural village teams – is dependent upon people giving up their time to keep it running. As such, it goes through phases of activity, shuts down, then starts up again. The current iteration grew out of a Veterans team that started up about five years ago and the current custodians very much hope that this one will be here to stay for a good while yet.

The 2021/22 has been a resounding success. Not necessarily on the pitch – some of our results have been ghastly – but we define success a little differently. For us, a successful season is, of course, one in which we fulfil our fixtures, run our teams and hold our training sessions, but more important than any of that is that we enjoy our football and manage to do a little bit of good as we go along.

WVFC RAISES £1,100 FOR 'HOPE AGAINST CANCER'



On Saturday 20th November WVFC staged a concert at Shearsby Bath to support the fabulous Hope Against Cancer charity once again. A superblyattended event featured superb DJ sets and live performances, with Welford's very own Startled Magpies a particular highlight. Our particular thanks to all who generously donated an array of wonderful raffle prizes and helped us raise a total of £1,100.

WVFC RAISES MORE THAN £1,000 FOR 'PSC SUPPORT'



Our second charity calendar – "The (c)Hunks of Welford Victoria" raised money for a charity close to our hearts. PSC Support helps people suffering from a very rare, chronic liver condition and a member of our club's family has PSC. Featuring our Veterans and Sunday Adults in varying states of undress, it raised £1,010 for the charity. DON'T MISS OUR NEXT CHARITY EVENT SUNDAY 3RD JULY



But as well as raising money for these incredible causes, we also think that the opportunities we offer for exercise and socialising do a little good too – not just to people's physical health, but to their mental well-being as well.

There's always room for improvement –we'd love to win our leagues, but that's secondary. We want more participation. We're always open to new volunteers – especially if they can coach – but we feel we need a few more players because sometimes getting a team out has been a struggle. The Under 8s (soon to be Under 9s) sessions are really fantastic and deserve a larger number of boys and girls to attend. Working with the Under 16s (soon to be Under 17s) is incredibly rewarding and being part of the Veterans' squad is just great for those of us refusing to accept we're getting any older. We want to offer football to girls and women too – the Girls' Development squad wound down before the pandemic and we'd love for that to start up again.

JOIN US

If you want to play weekend matches or just join training sessions during the week, we'd love to hear from you. *Please contact Simon Stevens* (07707 654510 | secretary@welfordvictoria.com) *or Barrie Dowsett* (chairman@welfordvictoria.com)

Team	UNDER 9s	UNDER 17s	SATURDAY ADULTS	SUNDAY ADULTS	VETERANS	WOMEN
Eligibility	Boys and Girls under 9 at 31/08/2021	Boys under 17 at 31/08/2022	Men 16+	Men 16+	Men 35+ (but all are welcome at 'training')	We don't currently have a women's team, but we'd like one. If you'd be interested in joining, please get in touch
Training	Wednesdays 18:30 <i>Sportsfield</i>	Tuesdays 18:30 Sportsfield	Wednesdays 19:30 Sportsfield	Tuesdays 18:30 Sportsfield	Wednesdays 19:30 Sportsfield	
Matches	N/A	Sundays 14:00	Saturdays 14:00	Sundays 10:30	Sundays 10:30	











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