

# THE WELFORD BUGLE

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There will be the usual excellent curry or Bolognese and rice at half time, and we will draw the 100-club raffle. Price is £7.50 per team member and the winning team will take home the unique Alan Barraclough designed Quiz trophy and a bottle of wine each. We are restricted to 12 tables so please book your table early.

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## QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE – THANKS.

The long weekend at the start of June 2022 saw Welford celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Friday night was a Gala Dinner Dance that had originally been planned for the VE Day 75 celebrations in May 2020. It featured a hog roast, live 20-piece big band and the chance to renew friendships after the years of COVID.

I would like to thank the following for making the dinner dance possible:

Val Jackson and Pauline Tear, who made up the small team that delivered the event.

Sue and Dave Cliff for their wonderful hog roast.

Jane Concar and Deb Siviter for providing the excellent vegetarian and vegan alternatives

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John Deacon and family for the loan of their field for parking

The Parish Council for providing the marquee for the Jubilee weekend

The committee of Welford Youth and Community Centre for their support throughout the project

Marcus Reynolds and the Rutland Big Band, Janet and Simon Roberts, Binnie Tear, Sandra Lane, Jackie Hewes, Gerald Garner, Niamh Bland, Marion and Adrian Bott, Chris Brown, Sarah Barlow and Rachel Eaton and the Wharf team, Geoff and Julie Newman, Albert's Antiques.

The dinner dance was organised to use local suppliers and to cover costs. All the tickets were sold so the small surplus has been given to two village organisations that the delivery team felt would use the money well. We also made a donation to the Ukraine refugee fund.

There was a small coordinating committee that came together to plan the elements of the weekend. It's important I thank them for their time and commitment. Alongside Val, Pauline and Janet were Julian Howell-Jones, Gordon Temple, Christine O'Reilly, Reverend Miranda, Alice George and Ruth Whitehead.

Across the weekend the church offered teas, coffees and cakes alongside an exhibition of school photos, village history and videos of Welford village life. The historical display was produced by the Historical Society with grateful thanks to Victoria Johnson and her family. The displays were so popular that they continued on Sunday afternoon after the well-attended Service of Celebration. Those involved in providing the refreshments should be commended: Ann Barraclough, Susie Bevin, Sue Lees, Jill and Colin Horner, Pam Lane, Val Morson, Sue and John Nicholas, Kairen Ball and Julie Newman.

Gordon Ball deserves thanks for organising the Queen's Green Canopy tree planting and blessing ceremony. A good crowd gathered in the Churchyard Extension as the sponsored trees were planted and afterwards in the church for nibbles and the toast to the Queen.

On Saturday the Playing Field was the venue for children's races organised by the Sportsfield, which proved very popular despite the dreary weather. The marquee played host to family picnics, and tea, coffee, cakes, BBQ and a bar were on hand to keep the spirits high. There was also an exhibition of the school's winning design from the River of Hope flag competition organised by Alice George. Thanks to all of the children who took part.

The weekend weather was unpredictable and the street parties that were planned became something of a literal moveable feast, with some taking place on Thursday and Friday to make the most of the sunshine. There was poor weather on the Sunday, but about 80 people took up the chance to relocate their street party to the marquee and Youth and Community Centre. The atmosphere was great and it made for a suitable end to the celebrations.

Thank you to everyone who got involved and made it a memorable few days of Welford life.

*Bill Wright*

..... And huge thanks must go to Bill who made it all happen. Thank you! (The Bugle Team)

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If you are interested in joining the council, please contact Ian Kelly, Clerk to the Parish Council for more information on 01858 575785 or by e-mail at [clerk@welfordvillage.org.uk](mailto:clerk@welfordvillage.org.uk) Information is also available on the village website <https://www.welfordvillage.org.uk>

Welford Parish Council currently meets in the evening on the fourth Thursday of the month. If you care about your community and would like to help make a real difference then why not...

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## Café Church launch

August will see the launch of Café Church at Welford St Mary's. Café Church is a fresh approach to Christian worship. It's informal, relaxed and straightforward whilst aspiring to be engaging and inspirational.



The first Café Church on 21st August will be pilot session so do come along and help us 'shape' Café Church at Welford for future months. We will start with coffee/tea etc along with warm croissants and perhaps some other breakfast choices too at 10:30am. There'll be a chance to chat and a table quiz. We will aim to begin our activities before 11 and finish by 11:30.

Our theme for this first Café Church will be: Holidays: A change is as good as a rest. We will explore this theme together, drawing on our own experiences and thoughts from the Bible. There'll be something to watch and something to sing, and time for prayer. We aim to include something for everyone whatever age so why not come as a family.

For the future, Café Church at Welford is scheduled for the 3rd Sunday of the month so add it to your calendar! To find out more contact Gordon Temple: [gordon@gordontemple.com](mailto:gordon@gordontemple.com), 07990 887635

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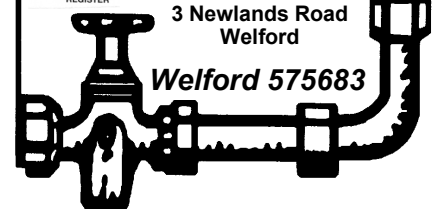
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## Money raised for Ukraine

Welford Pre-school are delighted to announce that our popular Cheese, Cheese and Wine night raised a brilliant £220, all of which has been donated to the Ukraine Appeal by Hope and Homes for Children. A huge thank you to everyone who helped organise the event and an even bigger thank you to everyone who attended for their insatiable appetite for cheese, wine and cheesy music!

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The Green Welford committee is made up of Jules Bennett, Hannah Bedard, Ellen Worrell, Bill Wright, Steven Bates and Sarah Pryce. Our aim is to help Welfordians live that little bit more sustainably. Below is a short summary of our latest endeavours and if you want to get involved, please email us: [greenwelford@gmail.com](mailto:greenwelford@gmail.com)

### **Successful funding applications**

We're delighted to announce that we've been awarded not one, not two but three grants to put on a range of events over the next 12 months! *West Northamptonshire Council* will be helping us to fund our ongoing bi-weekly EcoFika coffee mornings, the monthly mending circle, regular cinema screenings, and even hiring an infrared camera later in the autumn so we can assess residents' levels of insulation. Generous funding from the organisers of *Great Big Green Week* means we're putting together an exciting programme of free events for our KidsFest, to be held at the WYCC and playing field, on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October. We're also currently vying for top spot as part of this summer's *Tesco Community Grants Scheme*. To vote, simply make a purchase of any value within a participating store, grab a blue token and drop it in our slot. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag to receive a token.

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### **Village greening projects**

We're delighted to see that the Village Hall has now installed new recycling facilities and is actively encouraging users to separate their rubbish correctly. We're looking forward to working closely with the management committee to see what other changes they can put in place to lower the facility's carbon footprint.

We also enjoyed working with Welford Victoria FC to ensure their Family Fun Day was as sustainable and low-impact as possible.

If any other village group, club or facility would like our help to make them a little greener, please get in touch!

### **Upcoming EcoFika dates:**

- 5th August
- 2nd, 16th, & 30th Sept
- 14th October

Welford Village Hall  
10am-12pm

### **Recycling bins**

The latest fundraising total for Doctors Without Borders is £120.70. Thank you!

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## Frances Jasmine Stacey 1940-2022



Frances Jasmine Rench was born into a farming family on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 1940, the middle of 3 children. She vividly remembered the Land Army girls that worked at the farm in her early years. Her own main role on the farm was to care for the cade lambs, and she inherited a love for the Shire Horse from her father, and from an early age would help him to care for the gentle giants, often joining him in showing the horses at County Shows.

The Shipston on Stour Young Farmers Club was a large part of young Frances' social calendar, and it was here that she met her future husband Michael Stacey, a farm manager from Birmingham. They were married at Easter in 1916 and moved to Moreton in the Marsh, where their first child Ruth was born. Andrew and John followed and the family was complete with the arrival of Richard in 1970.

The insecure nature of employment in farming meant they often had to move, and eventually Michael decided to join the prison service to provide stability. He was based at HMP Gartree and the family moved to Welford in 1970.

Frances took every opportunity to join in village organisations such as the Tufty Club, Guides and Scouts, the Gardening Club and the Bowling Club. Church bell ringing became a family activity for the many years that Michael was Tower Captain. Frances also loved being a member of the WI and held various positions including president on a number of occasions and was still a committee member at her death.

Frances was an expert seamstress. Her skill was such that her curtains hang in Rockingham Castle, and there must be many of her curtains and blinds still adorning Welford homes.

Frances campaigned alongside Michael on many issues to ensure that Welford's history was not lost, such as the restoration of the well at the top of Well Lane, but the longest and most satisfying project was for a safe pedestrian path from Welford to The Wharf. It took many years and a lot of time and energy and Frances was deeply moved and honoured when Stacey's bridge was named in recognition of their efforts.

Following the sad loss of Michael in 2002, Frances slowly rebuilt her life. She took over the responsibility for raising the flags in the churchyard and recording the monthly rainfall for the Bugle. She became a volunteer at the school, and loved listening to the children reading their books. She joined the Luncheon Club, the Good Neighbours Coffee Morning and recently the Friendly Club at Cold Ashby. She was a longstanding member of the Cold Ashby Bowls Club and would often play 2-3 matches a week and was very successful in inter club matches.

Front row seats were always booked for WADS productions to watch granddaughter Stacy in her various roles, comedies and pantos always enjoyed!

Family were very important to Frances and she will be sadly missed by her children, grandchildren and beloved new great grandson Max, and by her wider circle of family and friends of many years.

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2nd £50 Kevin Coyne (79)

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## A BOMB NEAR HALL LANE!

In the middle of June Gary Mathews was out in the field to the right of Hall Lane with his metal detector. With the permission of the Deacons he was carrying out his new found hobby when towards the bottom left hand corner of the field his detector showed a large metal object. Gary decided to dig round it to see what it was. Low and behold he had found a bomb! It was more like a mortar, but he called the police who came and said they should call the bomb squad. This they did and later that evening they came and decided the safest thing to do was to explode it. This they did, and dog walkers can now continue to safely walk round the field. Well done, Gary!



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### David Dawson 1954-2022

David Dawson was born in Welford in October 1954 and passed away in Northampton in June 2022. He was father of Leah Dawson and brother to Patricia, the late Sheila and Brian. His funeral was held on July 22nd



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# Welford Mixed Hockey Club

## Season Reflection and Looking Forward



I think we can call last season a successful one! The mixed team won their league fairly comfortably, with some new players coming up from the Badgers team and slotting straight in alongside more “experienced” players. The Badgers themselves have grown into a very strong team and are getting good playing experience, thanks to Matt Johnson who does so much for the club on this. And with a string of juniors turning up even on the rainiest Sunday mornings the future definitely looks bright even when the skies don’t. Kids running around with a smile on their faces (even if it’s masking intense competitiveness) is what hockey is all about.

It should go without saying that a club like Welford relies on 3 key things – a committee to make sure everything runs smoothly(!) behind the scenes, the players themselves, and a whole army of other supporters made up of friends and family. On the first, the club would particularly like to thank Matt for continuing to run the Badgers team, and Heather Moore for all the work she does as Secretary even at the expense of training time. Thanks too to Laura Allen who has helped so much that we’ve roped her into joining the committee! On the second, special thanks to Molly, Jonti, and Adam Cliffe for stepping in when the club needed them at various times. And on the third, the club would like to thank anyone who gives up their time to ferry the players about, and also the hidden supporters who do the childcare or other things that allow the players to play.

We are also grateful to Welford Educational Trust, who have provided funds for first aid training.

At our club celebration day we gave out a variety of awards, which were given to:

- Under 8s Coach’s award – Draven Taylor
- Under 10s Coach’s award – Eva Lockwood
- Under 12s Coach’s award – William Clarke, Evie McGregor
- Badgers Players’ player – Jenny Elliot
- Badgers Coaches award – Noah Wilkinson
- Mixed Most Improved – Mia Hopkins, Megan Astbury
- Mixed Players’ player – Jamie Shaw
- Mixed Highest Scorer – Jonti Spilman, Molly Callaghan (also league highest scorers)
- Waddilove Shield for Club Service – Laura Allen

It’s worth a reminder that players of any age and ability are welcome to join our club. Juniors train on Sunday mornings 9-10am at Naseby Playing Field; Badgers and Adults train on Wednesdays 7-8pm. If you’d like to know more please get in touch with Rob Pryce (575965) or Jules Bennett (575635), or visit our website which is [www.welfordmixedhockeyclub.co.uk](http://www.welfordmixedhockeyclub.co.uk)

We’re especially keen to get more junior players. If your kids are interested, or you’re interested in having a Sunday morning lie-in, please get in touch. We’ll likely be doing some activities with local schools too so you might see us around.

Here’s to another successful season!

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## Nature Notes

What a strange season! We have had drought and rain, cold and extreme heat, yet somehow the vegetable garden has been more productive than usual. Strawberries were abundant, our one gooseberry bush was loaded, blackcurrants and redcurrants cropped well on second year from new bushes, broad beans were twice as productive as usual, and mange tout peas have been delicious too. The first tomatoes taste so good, and tiny carrots have a wonderful flavour. Now tiny beans are forming on French and runner bean plants, the sweet corn is loving the weather, apples and raspberries promise to keep us going in the coming months. The main jobs now are weeding, watering and harvesting!

The flower garden has been more of a challenge, needing a lot of watering, especially the pots which dry out so quickly, but it all repays the effort, except the poor lawns which are tinder dry and brown, so not a pretty sight, but the upside is that they don't need mowing. I don't feel justified in using precious water to sprinkle the grass.

Harvest is beginning. We have seen some loads of straw travelling west along the A14. The problem is that the grain is too dry and yields may be down, just what is not needed at this time of world shortage.

We are worried about the ash trees that are such a feature of our landscape. Ash die back is becoming more widespread. You can see dead branches and poor leafage as you drive around. The East Midland news was reporting how many ash trees are being felled for safety in Leicester already, and locally the majority look in danger. They are replacing the Leicester trees, but didn't say which variety are considered more future proof.

It has been strange chatting to people who are pleased to be cool instead of wanting sunshine all the time. Our taste of near 40 degrees was quite salutary - we just need a good old British summer of sunshine and showers, not blazing heat followed by torrential rain. I wonder what August and September will bring?

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## Family fun-day raises £1,900 for charity

We are beyond proud to have raised £1,900 for PSC Support, Hope Against Cancer and The Bradley Lowery Foundation at our fundraising football fun-day on Sunday 3rd July. Each of the three charities will receive a donation of £634 (rounded up to the nearest £1). The main event was a game between three WVFC Representative XIs and Celeb FC, a team of celebrities and ex semi-professionals refereed by Daventry MP and Conservative Chief Whip Chris Heaton-Harris, who recently completed his fortieth season as a referee.

### Teams confirmed for 2022/23

For the coming season we will be running three teams. On Saturdays we'll have two open-age adult men's teams playing, one with a focus on younger players. On Sundays it's the exact opposite as our Veterans will take to the field. We'll announce fixtures on our website and on the This is Welford Facebook group as and when they are confirmed by the leagues in which we play. Admission is, of course, free (as if anyone would pay to watch us) but to raise funds we'll be looking to sell refreshments from the clubhouse.

### Please stop moving the goalposts

Our portable goalposts have become damaged as a result of people moving them incorrectly from the side of the pitch where they live during the summer (so as not to impose upon the cricket or rounders pitches). This unfortunately means we need to remind people that they are not provided for use outside of supervised club activities and, as such, would like to ask anyone up there to please refrain from moving them. Thank you.

### Wednesday night is football night

All are welcome to come and join our 'training' sessions on Wednesday nights. At about 6:30 we run games and drills for Under 9s, with differentiated sessions for younger children. From 7:30 the Veterans take over, but all ages are welcome at their small-sided games. They play until it gets dark or until one of them breaks; whichever happens first. If you want to get involved, head to [www.welfordvictoria.com/join-us](http://www.welfordvictoria.com/join-us) and get in touch!

We are actively planning to offer Walking Football in the not-too-distant future. If you think you might be interested in this, please email [info@welfordvictoria.com](mailto:info@welfordvictoria.com) and we'll be sure to tell you when it starts up.



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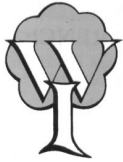
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## WELFORD W.I.

### JUNE MEETING

The June Meeting of Welford WI, presided over by Denise Cattell with Denise Bott acting as Secretary, was attended by 28 members. Following the singing of Jerusalem, the speaker, John Wood was introduced. He gave an interesting and entertaining talk on the Ladies who made us Laugh. A potted history of some of the most successful comediennees of the second half of the 20th Century, starting with Joyce Grenfell and ending with Victoria Wood (no relation)! His talk clearly demonstrated that good humour is timeless. The meeting then recognized the 90th birthday of long-standing member Jean Tyrrell with a cake and flowers.

During the business Denise spoke of the cakes to be made for Cynthia Spencer Hospice, the tombola stall at the Sportsfield Charity Fundraiser on Saturday 3 July and the Pre-loved Clothing Sale on 16 July. Members were reminded of the planned visit to The Holy Sepulchre Church in Northampton.

The competition for Royal Memorabilia run by Ann Thorington with prizes provided by Denise Cattell, was won by Jean Baker with Christine O'Reilly 2nd and Julie Newman 3rd. The raffle organized by Sue Lees was won by Viv Joumeaux, Janet Mills and Ann Thorington. The speaker next month is Judith Morris on Life Changing De-cluttering and the competition is for a Household Tip.

### JULY MEETING

Denise Cattell presided over the July Meeting of Welford WI with 29 members and 1 guest present. Denise spoke of the successful and very interesting visit made to The Holy Sepulchre Church in Northampton and of the possibility of a similar visit to The Guildhall.

She went on to remind members of the Nearly New sale being held in the Village Hall Saturday 16 July and advised those who had volunteered to make cakes for The Cynthia Spencer Hospice that they would be need by 23 /24 July. As well the Ravensthorpe Walk 23 July, there is to be a walk from Welford Village Hall on 17 September and a card, for members volunteering to make soup, cakes and to help, was circulated. Denise Bott advised members of the other events taking place in the County over the coming months.

The speaker, Judith Morris, described how de-cluttering was a life changing experience for her, so much so that she went on to develop a business that she takes to the homes and offices of others to help them experience it for themselves. She went on to advise not only what "clutter" was but also how to apply some of the aspects of de-cluttering for ourselves.

The competition, run by Sue Lees, for a Household Tip was won by Jane Cottrell with Sue Brotherton 2nd and Viv Journeaux 3rd. The raffle organized by Mary Crowther was won by Maureen James, Michele Williams and Julie Cromack.

There is no meeting in August. At the September Meeting the speaker will be a representative of Thomas's Fund, our current charity and the competition "A Musical Instrument"

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Now, ash die-back disease is forecast to kill four out of five ash trees.

About half the mature trees in Welford are ash.

## THE PLAN

The lottery money we have is to pay for expert support to create a long-term masterplan for getting everyone working together and planting trees.

To begin, we need an accurate record of trees in and around Welford for the experts to work with.

It will help them help us to pinpoint the best locations for new trees and decide what kind of trees we should be planting.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

You can help by volunteering to survey a stretch of a public footpath or road to identify and measure the trees you see.

## GET IN TOUCH IF:

- You'd help us survey the village to identify and measure trees
- You're a farmer or landowner looking for help to cope with ash die-back or plant new trees and hedges
- You'd like to donate a tree or trees for a planting project next spring
- You have a piece of land that we could use as a temporary tree nursery
- You have room in your garden for a tree (even a small one)
- You'd like to volunteer to plant trees next year



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## **William Frank Gardner (Bill) 1927-2022**



Bill Gardner, who until 1988 was Welford's High Street Grocer, died at the Andrew Cohen Care Home in Birmingham on April 16th 2022, having celebrated his 95th birthday only a week earlier. He is survived by his daughter Jill and son Peter, his wife Dorothy having died in June 2017.

Bill was born and grew up in Welford, the son of Frank and Mary Gardner. Frank ran the village shop at 23 High Street, and when Bill left school in 1941 he began to work for him. However, in May 1945, just as the second World war was drawing to close, Bill was called to serve in the army, and he joined the Grenadier Guards. He saw most of his military service in Germany and he witnessed a lot of suffering and sadness, but two of the highlights of this time were being promoted to Corporal, and being selected to represent his battalion as an athlete, for which he was excused other duties and given extra rations.

On being demobbed in 1948 he returned to Welford and the family business. This turned into an amazing father-son partnership over many years. In 1957 Frank and Bill swapped roles and Bill became Grocer-in-Chief while Frank continued to assist him until his death in 1970.

In 1954 Bill married Dorothy, the village school teacher who had arrived from Wales to take up her post 4 years earlier. They set up home in a new house which was built for them in the back garden of Bill's parents house, and they lived there at 25, High Street until 1986.

The shop served Welford but also took, and delivered, orders from the residents of neighbouring villages. In the early 50's these included people in the Polish resettlement camp at Husbands Bosworth. Bill provided their groceries and Dorothy taught their children at the village school.

Later on, when he took over the management of the business, Bill updated the shop to become self-service, and dealt with many fresh challenges, including decimalisation and the introduction of VAT. When in the 80's the fabric of the old premises (at 23 High Street) gave considerable cause for concern, Bill and Dorothy took the difficult decision to build brand new premises and relocate their home and business further down the street (to 29-31 High Street). The easy way out would have been to abandon the crumbling building and retire early, but Bill didn't want to leave the village without the all-important asset of a village store. He got the new shop up and running, and then was happy to retire to Cheshire where he and Dorothy spent the next 8 years before moving again to Kings Heath in Birmingham.

Bill had many interests and talents. He was an excellent ballroom dancer and a keen tennis player in his younger days, and he was a Church Warden in Welford for many years. Although he moved away in 1988 Welford still has much to be thankful to Bill for, and many of us still remember him, Dorothy, Jill and Peter very fondly.

## **POPPIES IN THE POCKET PARK**

Hi everyone. It is that time of year again when we start making poppies. We will be doing a display of poppies in the Pocket park in November. It would be lovely if we could have lots of poppies, knitted, crocheted or sewn. Please help if you can. For more info contact Jan Edensor or Sue Lees.



## **Jeni O'May**

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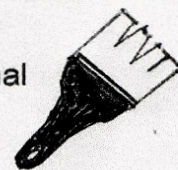
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Trustees meet in September & February each year. In the past, students have received financial help towards the cost of books for college and university courses. Students wishing to apply for a book grant must complete an application form available from the Secretary, Ms. S. Barlow, 5 Westfield Crescent, Welford, Northampton. NN6 6HY, 01858 575748.

Completed forms should be returned to the above address by **5th September 2022**. Late applications cannot be considered. Please note that book grant applications will only be considered at the September meeting each year.

The Trustees will also consider applications from individuals and youth groups to provide financial assistance towards education, training and other needs. Applications by letter to the Secretary by **5th September**.



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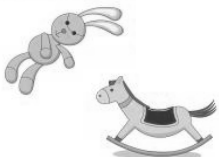


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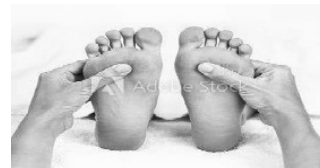
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# WELFORD CRICKET CLUB

## 2022 season so far

### SENIOR CRICKET FRIENDLY TEAM

With the senior team having been re-established only last season, the plan for this season was to play just 6 fixtures, spread over June, July and August. With 1 match in July having to be cancelled, only 2 matches have been played at the time of writing, both at Welford Sportsfield using our new facilities, and we are very pleased to report our first Victory! .... against Crick CC on Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup> in the sweltering heat! Congratulations to everyone involved! There are 3 further matches currently organised as follows:-

- Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup> vs Nth Kilworth CC (Away)
- Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> vs Willoughby CC (Away)
- Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup> vs Crick Lions CC (Away)

We are always looking for new players, so anyone interested in being involved , please make contact with Robin Bennett at [Bennetrobinb@aol.com](mailto:Bennetrobinb@aol.com)

### JUNIOR CRICKET

Our joint WCC/YCC ECB junior cricket programmes, "Allstars" (aged 5 to 8) and "Dynamos" (aged 8 to 11) started on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May with 27 boys and girls (a new record for us!) enjoying themselves and learning a bit more about cricket at the same time. These are currently due to finish on Saturday 6th August.

We are currently looking at the possibility of running a couple of 'Introduction to Junior Hardball Cricket' sessions for ages 8 to 13 on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> August at Yelvertoft Playing Fields. For more Information or to register interest, please contact Robin Bennett at [Bennetrobinb@aol.com](mailto:Bennetrobinb@aol.com)

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### WSES School Association Platinum Jubilee Quiz

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#### Grown Ups Quiz-

- 1st place - Rachel Slevin
- 2nd place- Julia Bennet
- 3rd - Kayleigh Ashleigh

#### Kids Quiz-

- 1st-Helen Jacob-Lloyd
- 2nd-Kayleigh Ashleigh
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### MONDAYS

Yoga for All 10.00-11.30am  
 Bell-Ringing 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
 Welford in Harmony 7.30—9.00pm

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### TUESDAYS

Intermediate Pilates 9.30-10.30am  
 Intermediate Pilates 7.00—8.00pm  
 GN Coffee Morning 1st week 10-12.30  
 Short Mat Bowls 7.00-8.30pm  
 ISE 10.00-4.00pm 2nd in Month  
 Football 6.00-8.00 U16s and Sunday Adults

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### WEDNESDAYS

Welford Watercolourists 9.00am-12.00  
 Welcome Club 2<sup>nd</sup> week 2.00-4.00pm  
 Yoga for All 7.30-9.00pm  
 Football 6:30-8:45 U8s, Saturday adults & Vets  
 Rest & Restore Yoga 6.30-7.30pm  
Hockey Training  
 11+ 7-8.00pm

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### THURSDAYS

Gardening Club (3rd week) 7.00-9.45  
 Pilates/Stretch 6.00—7.00pm  
 Parish Council 4<sup>th</sup> week 7.30pm  
 Women's Institute 2nd week 7.30-10.00pm  
 Village Hall Meeting 4th week 3.30pm  
 Rise & Shine Yoga 6.30-7.30pm

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### FRIDAYS

Babes and Tots 9.30-11.00am  
 Beaver Scouts 6-8 years 5.00-6.00pm  
 Cub Scouts 6.00-7.20pm  
 Scouts 7.30-8.45pm

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### MONDAY - FRIDAY

Welford Pre-school 9.00 - 3.00pm  
 Breakfast club 7.45am - School start  
 After School Club. End of School - 6.00pm

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### SUNDAYS

Hockey Training  
 Juniors (up to yr 7 9.00-10.00am)  
 Explorer Scouts 14-18 yrs 7.00-8.30pm

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### EVENTS

#### AUGUST

21st Café Church  
 28th Carnival Quiz

CH  
 Wharf

#### SEPTEMBER

10th Church Fete  
 10th Ride and Stride  
 17th Gingo

Manor  
 WYCC

#### OCTOBER

1st Kidsfest  
 15th Silent Disco

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### VENUES:

CH Church  
 CPL Chapel  
 PSM Pre-School Mobile  
 SCH Welford School  
 VH(BR) Village Hall Billiard Room  
 VH(MH) Village Hall Main Hall  
 WSF Welford Sports Field  
 WYCC Welford Youth and Community Centre  
 PP Pocket Park  
 LUT Lutterworth College  
 MH3G Market Harborough 3G  
 GUIL Guilsborough School Hall  
 LS Lawrence Sheriff School  
 LC Lutterworth College  
 NKA North Kilworth All weather  
 NSC Naseby Sports Court  
 WTC Welford Tennis Club  
 YPF Yelvertoft Playing Fields  
 NPF Naseby Playing Fields  
 CA Cold Ashby Golf Club

### FLAGS

#### AUGUST 2022

15th Princess Royal

#### SEPTEMBER 2022

10th Welford Feast Day (7 days)

#### OCTOBER 2022

21st Trafalgar Day



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