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MIRROR MIRROR ON THE WALL WHO'S THE FAIREST OF THEM ALL? – SNOW WHITE OF COURSE?!

It's been 3 long years since the Welford Amateur Dramatic Society put on a traditional Christmas pantomime, so we are very pleased to announce that this year we're back and we will be performing Snow White in the Village Hall. Come and see Happy, Grumpy, Sleepy, Bashful and Dopey, and if you're very lucky, there will be the 7 dwarfs in it as well!! Be transported to another world and see this year's slice of good triumphing over evil. It's an evening not to be missed!

We have continued with some of the changes we brought in last year:-

- For the Wednesday 23rd November, and Thursday 24th November evening performances, everyone will be seated at tables of 4 with complimentary nibbles. The audience will be capped at 60. These tickets are £8 each, and it's £30 for a table of 4.
- There will be a Gala Night performance on Friday 25th November when a light buffet meal will be served at your table. These tickets are £13 each or it's £50 for a table of 4.
- There will be a Matinee on Saturday 26th November at 2:00pm. Seating will be in the traditional style, in rows, and these tickets cost £8 for adults, and £5 for kids.
- Ticket sales will be the same as last year. All sales will involve filling in a booking form available from Chris Brown, email chrisbrownny55@hotmail.co.uk or call him on 575494.
- General sales open on 7th November, but Priority Booking starts on 24th October. To become a Priority Booking member, email or call Chris Brown and he will add your name to the list.

INTERESTED? – THEN PUT THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY:-

Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th and Friday 25th November (Gala Night) all at 7:30pm, Saturday 26th November (Matinee) at 2:00pm.

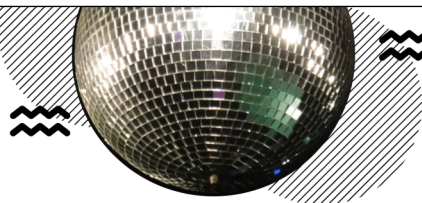
Welford Village Hall Cinema returns

The long-awaited return of the popular cinema is on Saturday the 3rd of December 2022. The Film is the Duke starring Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren.

You can pre book tickets from Chris Brown (Tel:01858 575494 or email chrisbrownny55@hotmail.co.uk)

The price will be £6.00 and includes tea/coffee and cake after in the billiard room. Film starts at 7.30pm Further film nights are scheduled for early 2023.

We look forward to seeing old friends and film lovers on the 3rd.



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Notes from the Parish Council

- The Parish Council Planning Committee met on Friday 23rd September, one of the items that attracted a lot of interest was the proposed slurry lagoon on Court Lane. The Council has made representations to the Planning Officer in relation to this proposal and has also taken into account the views of residents. The Council is also keeping our Unitary Councillors up to date on this matter so that they are able to consider and represent the village at WNC Planning meetings
- There is a concern about children on bikes exiting the playing field onto the garage forecourt via the fence gap then cycling across it onto the A5199. There is concern in the way the children exit the forecourt and parents/grandparents are asked to remind children about the dangers of the A5199 and taking care
- The Parish Council is reviewing some of the equipment in the children's play area on the Playing Field as it has become economically unviable to repair some of the equipment. Some of the equipment will be replaced in the new year and the Council will consider other changes next year.

Ian Kelly—Clerk to Welford Parish Council

Carnival Quiz 2022

This years Carnival quiz was a tightly fought evening with several teams in the running for the trophy right up to the last few questions. The winners this year were "The Jackson Five" namely Val Jackson, Rod and Liz Scribbins and John and Sue Waller, beating the "Six of One" team by a single point. Thanks, as usual go to Darren and his team at the Wharf for sponsoring and hosting the evening, serving us an excellent curry, and donating the bottles of wine as prizes. Thanks to all the teams that took part giving us a £254 profit for the Sportsfield, and hopefully enjoying a fun evening. See you next year!

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Venue Welford Village Hall starting at 2.30pm.

All users and villagers are cordially invited to attend.

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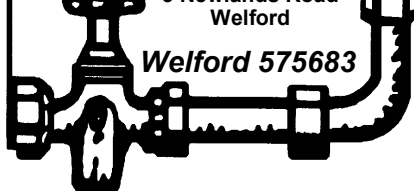
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The Green Welford committee is made up of Jules Bennett, Hannah Bedard, Ellen Worrell, Bill Wright, Steven Bates and Sarah Pryce. We aim to champion our community's sustainable future. Below is a short summary of our latest endeavours and if you want to get involved, please email us: greenwelford@gmail.com

Free home insulation survey

Thanks to the funding we have secured from *West Northamptonshire Council*, we will be hiring an infrared camera to assess residents' levels of insulation within their homes. We will use the pictures taken during the survey to compile a report and suggest where homeowners may wish to focus their attention. We're hoping that this will help Welford residents save some money given the ongoing energy crisis.

If you'd be interested in us coming to your house to complete the free survey, please scan the QR code below or visit bit.ly/GW_homesurvey to register your interest. The survey is somewhat weather-dependent, and while we hope to complete it in November 2022, it may need to be pushed back to January 2023 to ensure the temperature difference between inside and outside is big enough.



Cinema screenings, Welford Village Hall

- Saturday 22nd October 2022
A Plastic Ocean: This award-winning documentary explores the fragile state of our oceans and uncovers alarming truths about the consequences of our disposable lifestyle
- Saturday 21st January 2023
The Ants and The Grasshopper: This documentary follows Anita Chitaya as she travels across the US on her mission to persuade Americans that climate change is real.

SAVE THE DATE

The next **Vegetarian & Vegan Food Tasting** event will be held at Sibbertoft Reading Room on Saturday 22nd October to raise funds for Sibbertoft church.

Upcoming EcoFika dates:

- 14th & 28th Oct
- 11th & 25th Nov

Welford Village Hall
10am-12pm

Recycling bins

Our community recycling bins are still being used brilliantly – thank you!

We have already filled the crisp bin 35 times this year, and collected over 140kg of hard-to-recycle items.

If there are any other bins you'd like us to consider adding, please drop us an email.

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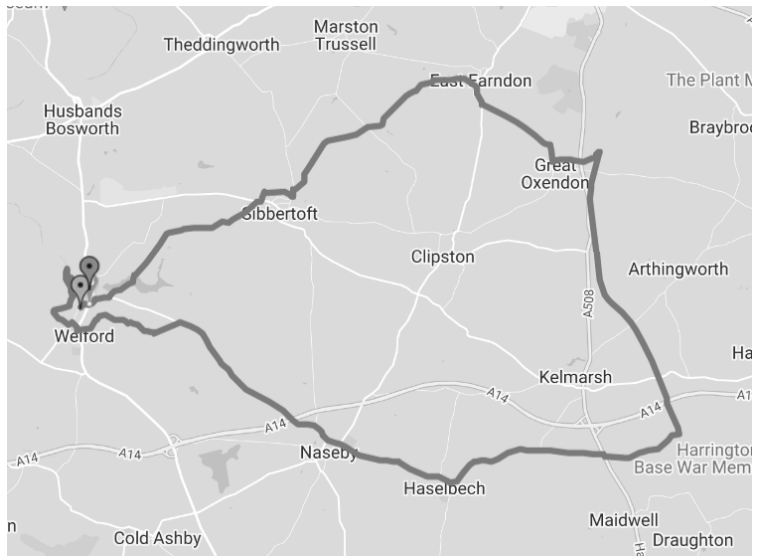


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Sarah's charity walk for Suicide & Co

A huge thank you to every single one of you who supported my charity walk for Suicide & Co - it's difficult to put into words quite how much it means. By nature, it is such a difficult topic to talk about, but then again it's also difficult to accept that roughly 34k people are directly affected by losing someone in this way every single year. I'm so pleased to report that thanks in part to your donations, Suicide & Co have achieved (and exceeded!) their target of raising 34k to help fund counselling for those directly affected by suicide loss.



Now for the fun part - 34 km of walking was the target, and very conveniently, my husband Rob managed to plan a route that started from our house and ended up at the Wharf (which I can confirm is exactly the kind of place you want to end up after that distance).

It led us through Sulby, Sibbertoft, East Farndon, Great Oxendon along the Brampton Valley Way, Haselbech, Naseby and back home for a pub dinner.

The bit between Haselbech and home was mostly roads but still enjoyable, although our feet were definitely feeling it at that point. After a casual 8 hours we were back, and although no alcohol was consumed on my part at the Wharf, my walking style home probably suggested otherwise.

Overall I'm just really happy with the result and hope that those in need will benefit from this event. If you'd like to read more about my cause behind it and/or would kindly like to contribute anything at all, the fundraising page is still open: tinyurl.com/SarahPryceWalk



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WSSES LIBRARY PROJECT IS NOW COMPLETE!

WSSES School Association is pleased to announce the completion of the library refurbishment project, which was initially launched back in March 2020. Whilst it didn't take us too long to raise the necessary funds, thanks to the generous support of many local people and the Welford Educational Trust, we were held back by certain COVID restrictions, meaning that we have only recently been able to install the soft furnishings.

Children are really enjoying their updated library area, which has been decorated in a space theme, as voted for by the children. In addition to hosting lots of lovely new books, the library now features a fantastic space mural, kindly painted by Ali Conway, bookshelves fashioned into rockets, made by the talented Adrian Maisch, and is adorned with a variety of wonderful space-themed accessories, including beanbags, comfy chairs, and a reading tent.

On behalf of all the children and staff, WSSES School Association would like to thank all those who donated money to make this transformation possible, with a special thanks to the Welford Educational Trust for enabling us to purchase a number of new topic books and educational magazines.



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Welford Rainfall



KEY:

Highest monthly rainfall

Lowest monthly rainfall * Up to 23rd

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Jan	46.5	58.0	119.0	59.5	81.0	59.0	68.0	26.0	51.5	117.5	20.5
Feb	23.5	42.0	74.0	41.0	43.0	59.5	29.0	31.0	121.0	47.0	89.0
Mar	27.0	62.0	43.5	27.0	78.5	54.0	166.5	55.5	35.5	46.0	41.5
Apr	155.0	22.5	31.0	25.5	50.0	10.5	65.0	15.0	35.0	9.0	23.5
May	55.5	75.5	109.0	54.0	45.0	80.0	85.0	46.5	10.0	141.0	51.0
Jun	135.5	41.5	69.0	26.0	77.5	52.0	1.0	148.5	66.0	43.5	34.5
Jul	99.0	92.0	31.0	81.5	19.0	71.0	14.5	125.0	63.0	59.5	5.0
Aug	94.5	51.0	95.5	53.0	56.0	78.5	52.5	79.0	140.0	40.0	22.0
Sep	51.5	26.0	8.0	50.5	45.0	79.0	36.0	89.0	28.5	50.0	33.5*
Oct	72.0	113.0	73.0	60.0	35.0	21.5	46.0	153.0	153.0	84.0	
Nov	127.5	39.5	82.0	65.0	79.5	44.0	40.5	132.0	62.0	42.0	
Dec	135.5	51.5	54.0	75.0	24.0	100.5	67.5	100.0	139.0	81.0	
Total Rainfall (for year)	1023.0	674.5	789.0	618.0	633.5	709.5	671.5	1000.5	904.5	760.5	287.0
Prev 4 Year Average				776.1	678.8	687.5	658.1	753.8	821.5	834.3	738.1

Commentary: Following the sad loss of Frances who has collated this data for some time, we now have Stuart Chadwick who has agreed to take this on and provide us with local, Welford-specific rainfall information which we know many people enjoy seeing. As a result of this changeover, May-July 2022 have had to be calculated from data available across Northamptonshire and therefore are not specific data collection from Welford. August 2022 onwards is again reflecting actual Welford collections.

The data clearly demonstrates the low rainfall reported in local and national press (and as each of us has experienced in our gardens!) with both July and August 2022 being the lowest for those months across all the records.

Doing some analysis of the trends, we can also see the swings in rainfall we've experienced in the last 4 years, with 6 of the driest months and 9 of the wettest months all occurring in the last 4 years.

It's been a warm, dry summer and it's all too easy to focus on the last few months, but looking at this longer 4 year pattern, the message is actually one of it being wetter over this extended view. The trend for the 'Prev 4 Year Average' moves significantly higher in 2019, dragged up by the significant rain we experienced that year. Since the high rainfall in 2019, the total rainfall has reduced each year, though 2021 was still wetter than the years prior to 2019. Our current year data is incomplete but it is currently heading for being the driest on record, bringing the 4 year average back in line with previous trends.

In summary, 2022 may have been a dry year with almost every month being well below average rainfall, but we've had some wet years recently so we probably should enjoy it!



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After months in the planning, as the church bell rang 10am on Saturday 1st October, the Green Welford team had no idea what to expect. Would Welford's children (and their grown-ups!) come? Would they enjoy it and maybe learn something at the same time? Would the weather behave?



Well, Welford – you did not disappoint! The sun shone beautifully and a whopping 350 people came throughout the day, and not just from here in the village, but from as far afield as Roade, Daventry, Market Harborough and even Glapthorn. It was a joy to see everyone having a wonderful time at all the stalls, including (but not limited to!) planting bulbs, making glass hangings, testing out their hockey skills, making cards and notebooks, painting, learning to sew and crochet, listening to stories, practising yoga, and even learning how to make soap and how bees make honey. And let's not forget the ever-popular smoothie bike: Welford's pedal power blended up over 110 smoothies! The day wouldn't have been half as brilliant without all our amazing stallholders who accepted our challenge of modifying their craft to make it suitable for children of all ages – our thanks go to each and every one of you for facilitating your activities. A huge thank you to Welford WI for not bolting in the opposite direction when we asked them to run the vegan cake stall, and another big thank you to the sixth formers from Guilsborough Academy for volunteering.

We rounded off the day with an inspiring talk from Jen Gale from Sustainable(ish), accompanied by delicious nibbles – thanks to Varsha from Mistry's Kitchen and Caroline from Sustainable Sibbertoft for feeding us all. The entire event was funded by The Climate Coalition and West Northamptonshire Council's Community Fund.

Last but not least, thank you to everyone who came – the day far exceeded any of our expectations.

Upcoming Mending Circle dates

11th October

8th November

13th December

Welford Village Hall, 7.30-9pm



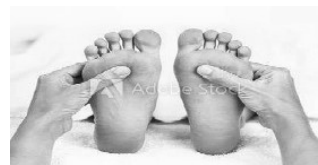
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Jeni and her husband Tim Fuller met as students in Portsmouth where she studied fine art, he engineering. She started her career as a care assistant at The Coombe Farm home for Cerebral Palsied adults. She had worked there before as a volunteer, and she loved her job. She was already talking about taking a post graduate course in Art Therapy, a brilliant way to combine her passions for art and for caring. Jeni made sure that Tim's feminist credentials were up to scratch, and kept her own name when they married in 1987. At first they lived in Lancaster' enjoying long walks in the three areas of outstanding natural beauty on their doorstep, though for the first year of marriage they spent much of their time separated by a couple of hundred miles while Jeni studied for an MA in Art Therapy at the Hertfordshire College of Art and Design in St Albans.

In 1989 the first of 3 children, Calum was born, followed by Heather in 1993. The family moved to Welford for work in 1995, and that turned out to be a great thing. The local primary school was very good, small and nearby. Elspeth was born in 1996, completing the family.

By 1999 Jeni was ready return to work and she teamed up with Jayne Thomas to run the Welford Playgroup. Jeni and Jayne loved the children and were instrumental in developing the playgroup into a preschool via the move to a portacabin in the Welford school grounds. Jeni completed a distance learning course in Preschool Practice. She also took her caring skills to a new level by wearing the Special Educational Needs hat.

Jeni left the preschool in 2005 and became a teaching assistant at Guilsborough secondary school. Again, she gravitated towards those with special educational needs and mental health issues. The Head was very supportive and in 2009, via an arduous process, she was registered with the Health and Care Professional Council.

As a self-employed therapist she built her clientele over several years including work for Guilsborough secondary and primary schools, The Banyan Tree - a residence for young people and KidsAid, a Northampton child support charity. In 2016 with several colleagues she started Orchard Therapeutic Services, a Community Interest Company. They won multiple contracts with schools and Northamptonshire County Council. Jeni and a friend also started a voluntary older adults art therapy group at Brixworth. For Jeni it wasn't about the money, it was about connection and helping people. She was always trying to improve herself, attending training courses, including Theraplay with Children First. Sadly she was unable to complete that training.

When Jeni became ill it was heartbreaking that she had to let clients down and withdraw from all she had built up over 10 years.

Her family were very important to her and she created beautiful homes , kitting them out with tasteful decor and too many cushions! In 2013 their coach house was converted into an art studio, where she produced fantastic art work, a wonderful legacy for the family. There are so many memories of holidays and walks in beautiful places. Jeni died far too young and our sympathies go to Tim and their children.



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Maurice Barlow 1930 - 2022



It is with much sadness that we report that Maurice has passed away after a long illness. He will be remembered fondly by lots of people in Welford for his help with several different groups particularly the scouts. We will print a more detailed account of his life in the December Bugle. We send our sympathies to Betty and the Barlow family. May he rest in peace.

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Alex Foreman – A Welford Village Boy

Alex moved to Welford from London aged three with his parents and younger brother Ian and quickly became part of village life. He started school at just four and made many lifelong friendships.

He became a cub as soon as he could followed by the scouts, after being confirmed he became a server at church and helped ring the bells. He joined the WADS working behind the scenes and later helped with the sounds and lights. His love of action saw him become a founder member of Welford Hockey club, a sport he and Ian enjoyed together.

He loved the great outdoors and helped on local farms including the Garners and Mathews farms. He got his tractor license at sixteen. He became a Young Farmer and was involved with many of the club's activities.

At sixteen he was offered a three year apprenticeship with GEC Alstom in Rugby and after doing this he went on to Wolverhampton University where he obtained a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

The opportunity arose for him and his friend Darren to run the Wharf Inn, so he left his job to start a new career as a pub landlord. After ten happy years there he moved to the Elizabethan where he established a successful games room with darts and his favourite game of Pool.

In 2017 Alex married Shellie at Welford Church and celebrated with a party and BBQ at the pub. Sadly in 2018 the Owner of the property decided to close the property for renovation work and Alex had to leave.

Alex moved to Rothwell to be closer to his mother and joined the local conservative club where he soon became involved with the club helping behind the bar and the other jobs that needed doing. He made many new friends, and with Shellie ran a local Pool team.

For the last three years Alex worked for World of Sheds in Leicester and was kept busy building sheds all through lockdown, he was joined here by his old Welford friend Ben Adkins.

Alex died suddenly at the age of 47 years on the 8th September after a brief spell in hospital. His life was short but he enjoyed it and Lived it to the full.

May he rest in peace.



Welford Mixed Hockey Club would like to pass on their deepest condolences to the family and friends of Alex Foreman. Alex and his family have all been great supporters and players of our club since it was formed and it was with great sadness, we learnt of his passing. Rest in Peace.

Nature Notes

We have just passed the equinox, now the dark is longer than the light each day, but the weather was so glorious that it didn't seem depressing. There are usually equinoxial gales, but a few tranquil sunny days have made the arrival of autumn seem less of a threat. The harvest was safely gathered in very early this year, and rain has been needed to germinate the newly sown crops for next year.

I have been picking blackberries and sloes, and have never seen such abundance. The Hawthorn bushes are covered in berries and there is a good crop of rosehips, all shining in the sun. The old saying is that lots of berries mean a hard winter to come - we shall see. The Fieldfares and Redwings will enjoy them when they come swooping along the hedgerows.

In the last two months we have seen the grass parched in gardens and fields, but some welcome rain has revived it and the sheep are happily grazing and the lawnmower is back in use. so many of the flowers in my garden failed to really thrive despite conscientious watering, but the rain that fell recently, after the dramatic thunder and lightening, has made all the difference. The half hearted dahlias are now flourishing, and the michaelmas daisies are about to put on a colourful display. We have had some chilly nights, so I hope early frosts don't spoil the show!

I haven't seen a hedgehog for years, but one has been found in the garden, hiding under a dead fern. As they are mainly nocturnal one doesn't often see them, though they do leave evidence of their presence!

The vegetable garden is still productive, but the usually reliable runner beans were an occasional treat rather than a glut. The French beans have been good, the sweet corn less productive than usual, the carrots and beetroot prolific - must make more soup - and the tomatoes in the greenhouse have loved the summer. As for the apples, they look amazing, but only just ripening, not yet passing the Monty Don twist the stem test, though a couple of fallers have been delicious. Kale is ready to eat and a small army of leeks looks promising.

I tried to book a chimney sweep, and have one coming in November as they are very busy. Apparently a lot of people are going back to open fires or wood burners during the current fuel crisis. We are lucky to live in the countryside and have the option to do that! Susie Bevin



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October gardening tips

October is the time to enjoy autumn colours, which are a little early this year and crispy cold days. Its a good time to start tidying and preparing for the dormant winter months. One job might be to clean out water butts and allow the autumn rains to fill them again, perhaps installing an extra water butt ready for next year's summer.

Lawn Care

- Sweep up any fallen leaves that harbour fungal spores and provident hiding places for slugs and snails. Use them to make leaf mould for the garden.
- Make the last mowing of the year in October
- Aerate the lawn with a garden fork to avoid compaction and repair any bare patches.

Flowers

- After tidying flower borders, mulch with bark chips, well rotted manure, leaf mould or spent mushroom compost to insulate plant roots for the winter and keep weed growth in check.
- Lift and divide perennials while the soil is warm
- Lift and store dahlia tubers, gladioli and begonia corms, remove and dead material and store in dry sand, sawdust or soil in a cool dry place over winter

Vegetables

- If your greenhouse is looking emptier now, give it a good sort out and clean to remove pests and diseases.
- Harvest the last peas and beans, pumpkins and squashes before the frosts
- Plan your bean and pea sites for next year by digging deep trenches and filling with manure or kitchen waste.
- Reuse spent grow bags by cutting the top off and sowing salad seeds, protect with a cloche or fleece from early frost.
- Hang unripe peppers and tomatoes upside down inside to help ripen them. Or put them in a paper bag with a banana, (I know; crazy)

Fruit

- Its a perfect time to plant fruit trees and shrubs, or to lift and move them.
- Lift and divide congested rhubarb clumps.
- Apples are ripe when they come away from the tree easily. and pears are soft next to the stalk when gently pressed.

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Welford Pre-school are delighted to announce that the perennial favourite – Gingo – raised just over £440. It was a sold-out event and everyone in attendance seemed to enjoy several rounds of bingo, particularly the speed round when dabbers were flying through the air furiously! With 12 different gins to choose from, our barmen Ben & Jeff were kept on their toes all night long. All the money raised will be put towards a new heating & cooling system for the Pre-school mobile. A huge thank you to everyone who helped organise the event and supported us on the night.

While it feels a little early to mention Christmas, please mark your calendars for another traditional favourite: Welford's Christmas Windows are set to shine again on Saturday 17th December. More details to follow, but if you'd like to be included on our map, please contact Ellen Worrell (07857 019775, ellenkatherineworrell@gmail.com).

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.



WELFORD W.I.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Denise Cattell presided over the September Meeting of Welford WI with 22 members and 4 guests present.

A minute's silence was held after the very sad news that our beloved Queen had died that afternoon.

Denise spoke of the recent successful Nearly New sale and thanked members for the cakes for The Cynthia Spencer Hospice. There is to be a walk from Welford Village Hall on 17 September and we will be serving refreshments at the Kidsfest on October 1st as part of Big Green Week.

The speaker, Lucy Smith, from our charity Thomas' Fund received a cheque for £650 and spoke of her fundraising over the last 15 years, including a tandem ride from Land's End to John O'Groats which raised £25,550.

The competition, run by Sue Wilson, for a musical instrument was won by

Sue Lees, with Denise Bott 2nd and Pauline Matthew 3rd. The raffle, organized by Nicky White, was won by Jean Tyrrell, Sue Wilson and Denise Cattell.

At the October meeting, which is our AGM, the speaker will be Alison Grantham on gift wrapping and the competition is a wrapped parcel. JC

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Golf: The Open

It's a family affair

The Open is a big deal. Organiser John Nicholas bumped up this year's entry to nearly 40 by inviting his Cold Ashby buddies.

Satisfyingly, none could match our best Welfordian Mark Newman.

Under pressure, one of the guests was marching on to the fairway before someone pointed out he'd left his clubs behind. Ha ha.

But the Open is not to be laughed at. This is a trophy as sought after as any of those on offer on the same final Sunday afternoon of July as England's Lionesses despatched Germany, the Commonwealth Games warmed up and England's T20 team went cold against South Africa.

And while we're talking family, Mark brought home the silverware for dad Geoff winning the father and son title, and brother Tom, helping him to the team prize with Matt Johnson and Rod Lane.

Perhaps golfers unfortunate enough to be from anywhere but Welford don't have the fire in the belly it takes to triumph in the midsummer major. For Welfordians were all over the leader board.

Barry Mitchell had a stellar score to win the bronze medal, though he still finished a distant third. Welford might have had all three places on the podium if his friend, Keith White, hadn't pushed ahead to second.

Barry was one of four Welford winners of nearest-the-pin goodies for the most accurate shots along with Rod Lane (who also won longest drive), Geoff Newman and Stu Nicholas. Only Phil Longworth, a regular at the Open and its midwinter antipode the Masters prevented a Welford clean sweep.



Phil, you may recall, is a former winner of Mr Blobby, an award that might most kindly be called chastening. Thanks to the organiser's toy industry connections, this is a miniature version of the character that once appeared in a dreadful weekend primetime tv slot.

It is smaller but far more dreadful. For failing to score on more holes than anyone (marked as blobs on the scorecard), Ben Green must now carry the symbol of shame on his golf bag for the rest of the season. It's the trophy no one wants to take home.

Unlike, of course, the glorious clay claret jug sculpted by multitalented Welfordian Alan Barraclough. Along with the Welford Open shield (inaugurated by Liz Scribbins all those years ago), wine, golf balls and other goodies, Mark Newman is keeping it in the family.

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WHAT WE NEED

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WELFORD CRICKET CLUB 2022 season

With both our Senior and Junior Seasons now complete for 2022, a few thanks are in order.



Firstly to all the senior players who've taken part this season, a number of whom have played cricket matches both on Saturday afternoons for other teams and for WCC on Sunday afternoons. In the end, summer holidays intervened, and we were unable to play as many matches as we had plannedbut we did record our first victory since the re-establishment of the senior team last season! Star performances on the field included half centuries from Charlie Vaughan & Matt Johnson and a 5 wicket haul from Anthony Raisbury. Particular thanks also to Robin Basten and Shaun Morton who took on the often challenging task of captaining the team.

On the Junior front, our Welford and Yelvertoft Joint initiative saw us able to run both the ECB 'Allstars' (ages 5 to 8) and 'Dynamos' (ages 8 to 11) programmes on a Saturday morning between the end of May and beginning of August with 27 children signed up, the first time we have been able to run both programmes, and the highest number of young participants we have had. My particular thanks to Chris Sheldrick and Toby Taylor who looked after the 'Allstars' this season.

Whilst planning for next season is yet to begin in earnest, we hope to have both senior and junior operations up and running again. A number of current long serving members of the WCC committee have indicated their intention to stand down at the next AGM, so the club is currently looking for some new 'Blood' to take everything forward. Anyone interested in serving on the committee or indeed just playing some friendly Sunday matches next season, please make contact with me as below.

Over the last decade the joint WCC/YCC Junior venture has successfully run 'Hardball' teams at U11/U13 & U15 Level in the local RDCL (Rugby & District League) evening leagues, but has been unable to raise sufficient junior players to do this since 2019. We would like to be able to enter an U11 team next season to start this all off again, so please register any interest (boys & girls) with me as below. More details will be provided in the New Year.

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The 2022/23 season is underway!



By the time you read this, all three of our teams will have kicked off their seasons. At the time of writing, though, it's just the two Saturday teams who have played and it's fair to say their fortunes could not be more different. In the Leicestershire County League, our Saturday Adults sit second on goal difference, having won their first two games without conceding a goal. In the Northamptonshire Combination, our Colts are still seeking their first point.

Our Veterans will begin with a cup game as they are in a much smaller division this season, meaning league matches are somewhat few and far between.

Wednesday night is football night

It's all going on at the Sportsfield on a Wednesday. Well, by "all going on", we mean there's some football and the bar is open. From 18:15 it's our Under 9s for fun, games, drills and skills. Boys and Girls from Year 4 down to Reception are welcome to join this group.

A bit later on it's our Veterans (35+) and Colts (16+) who start with some warm-up exercises before having a small-sided (or large-sided, depending on numbers) game. All are welcome to join these teams and their sessions – we suggest getting in touch to be added to the WhatsApp group as the start times can vary.

Join us

If you'd like to get involved as a player, coach, volunteer or all three, please do contact us. We're friendly, positive, supportive and anyone is welcome.

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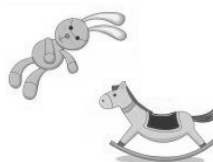



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WHAT'S ON IN WELFORD

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REGULARS—weekly, unless stated otherwise

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)
Welford in Harmony 7.30—9.00pm	CPL

TUESDAYS

Intermediate Pilates 9.30-10.30am	WYCC
Intermediate Pilates 6.00-7.00pm	WYCC
Intermediate Pilates 7.15—8.15pm	WYCC
GN Coffee Morning 1st week 10-12.30	VH(MH)
Short Mat Bowls 7.00-8.30pm	VH(MH)
ISE 10.00-4.00pm 2nd in Month	VH(MH)
Bridge 7.30-10.00pm 1st & 3rd of the month	VH(BR)
Mending Circle 7.30-9.00pm 2nd of the month	VH(BR)

WEDNESDAYS

Welford Watercolourists 9.00am-12.00	VH(BR)
Gardening Club 3rd week 7.00-9.45pm (September—May)	VH(MH)
Welcome Club 2 nd week 2.00-4.00pm	VH(BR)
Yoga for All 7.30-9.00pm	VH(MH)
Football U9s (Y4 & below), Colts (16+), Vets (35+) From 6.15pm	WSF
Beginners Pilates 10.00-11.00am	WYCC
Pilatesway 9.00am -12.00	VH(MH)
<u>Hockey Training</u> 8+ (U14s/Badgers) & Adults 7.00-8.00pm	LUT

THURSDAYS

Parish Council 4 th week 7.30pm	VH(MR)
Women's Institute 2nd week 7.30-10.00pm	VH(MH)
Village Hall Meeting 4th week 3.30pm	VH(BR)

FRIDAYS

Babes and Tots 9.30-11.00am	WYCC
Beaver Scouts 6-8 years 5.00-6.00pm	WYCC
Cub Scouts 6.00-7.30pm	WYCC
Scouts 7.30-9.00pm	WYCC
Rita the Refill Van & Coffee Morning 10am-12 alternate Weeks, starting 2/9/22	VH(BR)

MONDAY - FRIDAY

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

SATURDAYS

Football—reception & Y1 9.30-11.00am	WSF
Blockhead Quilters 9.15am-4.15pm 2nd of the month	VH(MH)

SUNDAYS

<u>Hockey Training</u>	
Juniors (up to yr 7 9.00-10.00am)	NPF
Explorer Scouts 14-18 yrs 7.00-8.30pm	WYCC

EVENTS

OCTOBER

15th Silent Disco	WYCC
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NOVEMBER

12th Sportsfield Quiz	WYCC
23rd—26th WADS Sleeping Beauty	VH(MH)

DECEMBER

3rd Film—Duke	VH(MH)
17th Christmas Windows	

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
RC	Rugby College
NKA	North Kilworth All weather
NSC	Naseby Sports Court
WTC	Welford Tennis Club
YPF	Yelvertoft Playing Fields
NPF	Naseby Playing Fields

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Sat 8th Oct 2.00pm vs Barlestone St. Giles
Sun 9th Oct 10.30am vs Npton Thorplands (VETS)
Sat 29th Oct 2.30pm vs Weedon Utd (Colts)

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NOVEMBER 2022

11th Remembrance Day

13th Remembrance Sunday

14th King Charles

20th Queens Wedding

27th Advent



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