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WELFORD BUGLE



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Welford Pre-school presents...

Christmas Windows

and carol singing

Saturday 17th December 2022



- Maps available at Welford Youth & Community Centre from 4.00 to 6.00pm
- Buy a map and raffle ticket bundle for £5 and then go and discover all the festive window displays around the village
- Mulled wine and hot chocolate will be available to take away, for a donation (please bring your own travel mug to cut down on waste)
- Food also available for purchase including hot dogs, soup and festive treats
- All monies raised will help fund a new heating system at Pre-school
- Stay around for **Carol Singing** in the playing field from 6:15pm (a collection will be taken for the Cynthia Spencer Hospice and the Children's Society)

If you would like to include your window on this year's trail, please contact:
Ellen Worrell | ellenkatherineworrell@gmail.com | 07857 019775



COME AND SING CAROLS

After 2 Covid-disrupted Christmases, we are at last able to reinstate the 60-year-old Welford tradition of Come and Sing Carols.

Do join us on Christmas Eve at 8pm in St. Mary's Church for a light-hearted hour of carol singing. All money raised will be divided between the Children's Society and The Cynthia Spencer Hospice.

If you are unable to attend but would still like to support these two worthy causes, please contact me, annbarracough@hotmail.com



Welford Masters Golf Day Thursday 29th December

This annual local golf major will take place at Cold Ashby Golf Club from 10 a.m. on 29th December and you are cordially invited to have a go at winning the coveted Yellow Jacket and a place in Welford's golfing history that now goes back nearly 40 years! Cost for non-Cold Ashby Members is £30, £8 if you are a member. That will mean there will be the usual large array of Prizes and the best Welfordian shield. You need your own golf clubs and shoes and a FAIR idea of what your handicap should be. Places are limited so if you would like to play (and you will be very welcome) please contact John Nicholas on 575422 or email as soon as you can.

You can also read the Bugle online at: <https://www.welfordvillage.org.uk/>



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Or directly to Sheila Scullion, 32 Wakefield Drive, Tel: 575784, Andrew Parsons, 2 Northampton Rd, 571258
John Nicholas, 25 High Street, Tel: 575422 Susie Bevin, West End Farm, Tel: 575226
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Advertisements and Donations handled by Andrew Parsons, 2 Northampton Rd, 571258, welfordbugle@outlook.com

Notes from your Parish Council

The Parish Council has arranged for some older play equipment in the children's play area to be replaced in early 2023. The equipment has been in place for some time and is now beyond economic repair. The window in the bus shelter on West Street has been repaired with plexiglass and a wooden frame to help reduce rain and wind into that side of the bus shelter. This will also help keep the books dry on the recently installed shelves.

WNC Public Spaces Protection Order commenced on the 1st November 2022. Anyone who is in control of a dog in a public place must:

- Pick up after the dog immediately
- Have the appropriate means to pick up after that dog
- Keep the dog on a lead within 50 metres of any entrance or exit of an Educational Institution, when open and in use by pupils
- Prohibit dogs from entering the following: children's play areas; schools when open and in use by pupils; skateparks; tennis courts; multi-use games areas (MUGAs) and bowling greens
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- Put the dog on a lead when requested to do so by an Authorised person
- Restrict the number of dogs that can be walked by one person to a maximum of 4 dogs at any one time

Ian Kelly
Clerk to Welford Parish Council



Scouts Christmas Post
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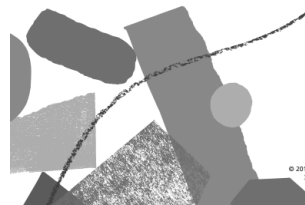
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Contact Ant on 07854 5002743 or 01858 575678 or Email antraisbury@yahoo.co.uk



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Welford in Harmony

Christmas Concert

11th December 2022

3pm in the Chapel



Please join us for an afternoon of folk, popular and Christmas songs, in the beautiful Chapel. Lead by our local singing group, conducted by Rebecca Schneider.

FREE entry. Donations welcomed. All monies raised will be split between the Chapel and The Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy. Mulled wine and Christmas nibbles served afterwards.

Poppy appeal 2022



This year's Poppy appeal raised £1,514.50 which is £200 more than last year.

Thank you so much to all who donated and helped in anyway. This is an amazing amount of money in these difficult times.

Happy New year

Jan Edensor (Poppy appeal organiser)

Community Christmas Boxes

Following the success of this community project over the past two years, we're once again inviting you to bring a smile to some deserving faces in the village this Christmas by contributing a box of festive goodies.

How to make up a box:

- Take a lidded box and wrap the box and lid separately in festive paper - a shoebox is a good option
- Include a little anonymous message for the resident - or even a picture or craft the kids have done!
- Fill the box with a selection of festive food items, ideally: mince pies, a small Christmas pudding, biscuits and crackers, jam and chutney (*please ensure all food items have a shelf life beyond Christmas and nothing that needs to be refrigerated please*)

Please get in touch if you would like to **nominate someone** who would benefit from receiving a box. We are hopeful that we will receive enough boxes to ensure all those nominated receive one - we're aiming to collect at least 25 boxes this year.

Boxes can be dropped off securely at the following locations between **19th and 21st December**:

**7 Millers Road
1 Browns Meadow**

If you would like to **nominate a resident** to receive a box, please contact:

welfordvolunteers@gmail.com

Hannah Bedard - 07493 638762
Niamh Bland - 07837 579550

Go on, show some community spirit this Christmas!

QUIZ NIGHT

21st January in the
Community Centre



Please come along to our easy-going quiz night. First question will be from 7.30 p.m. We will welcome teams of up to 6 people per team, and there will be refreshments at halfway. As you would expect there will be a licensed bar and of course a raffle!

Cost is £7 per team member and all proceeds will go to Church funds. The maximum number of teams is 10 so please book your team a table by calling John Nicholas on 575422 or email him. I look forward to hearing from you.

WELFORD FOOD BANK

If you need to access this 'no questions asked' service, please email:

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Or welfordpreschool@gmail.com

Or call/text 07857 019775, 07974 764946, 07568 082641, 07837 579550, 07981 197855, 07493 638762 or use 575455

If you would like to support this service, you can make a monetary donation by contacting any of the above.

If you want to donate food or supplies - non-perishables, hygiene and sanitary, long life products etc - they can be dropped off at 1 Millers Road.

Please help us to continue being the caring community that we are by supporting all our neighbours. Thank you.

Please help us make sure that the Food Bank is meeting the needs of our residents by completing this short, anonymous survey (even if you don't need to use the service we would like to have your views).

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The Green Welford committee aims 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

We are still able to take bookings for any households wishing to join our free home insulation survey initiative. Using an infrared camera to assess residents' levels of insulation within their homes, we will then 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 in January 2023, please scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/GW_homesurvey to register your interest.



Cinema screenings, Welford Village Hall

- 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
Free entry

Festive EcoFika: 23rd December

If you're not usually able to join us at our regular bi-weekly EcoFika coffee mornings, please do pop along on Friday 23rd December for a particularly festive event. We'll be joined by some local crafters so it's the perfect opportunity to pick up a last-minute gift or two. We'll also be demonstrating some simple Christmas crafts & have our usual array of delicious homemade treats to accompany a good cuppa.

Welford Village Hall, 10am-12pm



Future Green Welford events

- Repair café, February 2023
- An evening with Isabel Losada, author of "The Joyful Environmentalist", March 2023
- Earth Day Tree Festival, 22nd April 2023
- KidsFest, 10th June 2023

Upcoming EcoFika dates:

- 9th & 23rd Dec
- 6th & 20th Jan

*Welford Village Hall
10am-12pm*

Recycling bins

As a reminder, our crisp recycling bin is for crisps & similar snack packaging only. Please do not drop off any other soft plastics as this contaminates the load. Any other soft plastics can be taken to the following places for recycling:

- Tesco, Market Harborough
- Tesco, Rugby
- Aldi, Lutterworth
- Co-op, Market Harborough

Thank you for not leaving any other items.

Join our mailing list

If you'd like to be included on our mailing list to stay up-to-date with the latest Green Welford events, please email us: greenwelford@gmail.com

Christmas competition

Welf the Eco Elf will be back hiding around the village this Christmas – snap as many selfies with him as you can throughout the month and email us a collage. There are some great prizes up for grabs for whoever gets the most selfies! *Please do not move Welf.*



GREEN PLEDGES FOR WELFORD 2023

In an attempt to further engage the local community in our mission to live more sustainably, we're inviting individuals, households and even community groups to make small green pledges for 2023.

These are entirely personal and can be as big or little as you like; the most important thing is that we're all taking small steps.

If you're stuck for inspiration, here are some suggestions:

- Take reusable bags to the shops
- Ditch sellotape in favour of paper tape
- Cut out meat one day a week
- Leave the car at home for journeys within the village
- Commit to buying some items, such as pasta and rice, from a refill shop each month rather than those in plastic packaging

What you choose to do is entirely up to you, but we'd love you to share it with us so that we can get a feel for what's going on within our community.

Please email your pledge to: greenwelford@gmail.com

"IF MANY LITTLE PEOPLE IN MANY LITTLE PLACES DO MANY LITTLE THINGS, WE CAN CHANGE THE FACE OF THE EARTH"

MICHAEL FRANTI

WELFORD EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The Welford Educational Trust exists to promote education, (including social and physical training) of persons under the age of 25years, who reside in the Ancient Parish of Welford and who are in need of financial assistance.

The Trustees meet in September and 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 the book grant must complete a application form available from the Secretary, Ms S Barlow, 5 Westfield Crescent, Welford, Northampton, NN6 6HY, 01858575748. Completed forms should be returned to the above address by **3rd February 2023**.

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 **3rd February 2023**.



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FOOD OPENING

MONDAY – CLOSED
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 THU - 12-2PM 5-8PM
 FRI - 12-2PM 5-8PM
 SAT – 12-8PM
 SUN - 12-5PM

BAR OPENING

MON – 4 - 8pm
 TUES – 12 – 10PM
 WED - 12 – 10PM
 THUR - 12 – 10PM
 FRI - 12 – 11PM
 SAT - 12 – 11PM
 SUN - 12 – 10PM



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	52.0
Oct	72.0	113.0	73.0	60.0	35.0	21.5	46.0	153.0	153.0	84.0	119.2
Nov	127.5	39.5	82.0	65.0	79.5	44.0	40.5	132.0	62.0	42.0	108.2*
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	458.2
Prev 4 Year Average				776.1	678.8	687.5	658.1	753.8	821.5	834.3	780.9

After a dry summer, September, October and November have each seen well above average rainfall. Despite 2022 feeling like a dry year, it is now only slightly below the 20 year average and nothing like the very dry year seen in 2011. Mother Nature seems to be averaging things out.

We have been able to enter a further 10 years of historical data, back to 2002, using this for the averages. We can't print this extended period in the Bugle, but if anyone would like a print of the information, please contact stu.chadwick@icloud.com.

Upcoming Mending Circle date

13th December

Welford Village Hall, 7.30-9pm



Reg Wilcox

It is with much sadness that we report that Reg Wilcox has passed away.

He has lived in Woodhouse close for 19 years, and had many friends down at the Wharf, where he used to go for a lunchtime pint.

He was a big sports fan, watching the snooker, cricket and Rugby union particularly. He was a very big Portsmouth football fan going to lots of their matches when he lived in the south.

Most of all he was a loving family man, his wife Sheila, two children, and two grandchildren will miss him most of all, as will his Welford friends. May he rest in peace.



Val Read

We are sorry to report the death of Val Read. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends and hope to include an account of her life after Christmas.



The Welford Youth and Community Centre is available to hire.

Located on Welford Playing Field at the heart of the village it is a perfect venue for groups to hire and for any type of family gathering. Recent

bookings have included **Birthdays parties, Wedding receptions, Dance practices and Presentation evenings.**

The comprehensive facilities include a modern kitchen with a cooker and dishwasher, toilets including a disabled toilet, baby changing facilities and a separate meeting room. All of this at a very reasonable hourly rate.

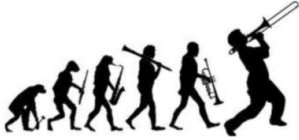
Presently available:

Daytimes – Monday, Tuesday pm, Wednesday pm, Thursday (except 3rd Thursday of month), Friday pm and Weekends.

Evenings – Saturday. During school holidays Mon, Fri and Sunday evenings are also available to hire.

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TREES FOR WELFORD

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY 2 MARCH 2023

For all the village – a presentation from Trees for Welford and Harborough Woodland; consultation with you on tree-planting, tree -growing, wildlife corridors, natural flood management

QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY update

"Following the wishes of His Majesty The King, The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) initiative will be extended to the end of March 2023 to give people the opportunity to plant trees in memoriam to honour Her Majesty." When you plant your tree, remember to pin it to Welford on the QGC map. Here's the link: <https://queensgreencanopy.org/map-education-hub/qgc-map-information/>

Just take a photo of you and your tree, and upload it with a bit of detail.



Save energy: help the environment.

Now that we have entered our period of long nights/short days I would like you to consider, just for a moment, what YOU can do to help protect your local environment. Our artificial light solutions are an essential part of modern society.

But these lights also present a problem. Not only is artificial light damaging to our health, contributing to light pollution and using a huge amount of energy, it is also dangerous to the survival of many species of wildlife.

Many species have very specific routines they depend on to survive. These routines include sleeping and eating patterns, mating habits, as well as flight and hunting paths.

Sources of artificial light from cars, houses and street lighting make it impossible for these species to follow natural light cycles from the sun's movements and sustain a normal circadian rhythm, which often has fatal results.

Unfortunately, we can't stop traffic driving into and through the village.

So, what can we do? Some simple steps.

Turn off lights not being used.

Minimise leakage of light from housing by drawing curtains, blinds etc.

Consider what external lighting you actually need. Cosmetic lighting looks great but for whose benefit? You can't see it from inside your home! If you do need some – security or visibility – is it on a timer, does it only illuminate the area that is needed? i.e., downwards not up into the sky. Also, and very important, try to use 'warm' LED not 'cool' (cool have shorter wavelengths which attract more insects).

Lastly, should we consider switching off our village street lights between midnight and 4am? Just thought I'd put that out there!

Steve – Green Welford

Hilda Irene Plevin. 31.12.28 to 8.10.22.



Hilda was born in Cannock, Staffordshire, the second of 2 children. Despite a difficult childhood, she did well at school even passing the Grammar School entrance exam, although she was prevented from taking up her place. Instead, at the age of 14 she began working at GEC in Stafford as an Armature Winder. It was peace work and Hilda was "instructed" to slow down as she was working too fast!!

She met Dennis whom she married in 1948, initially living with her parents until a few weeks after their daughter Denise was born in 1952, when they got the keys to their own council house in Huntington. Nigel was born a few years later which prompted the move to owning their own 3 bedroom house in Brocton. Growing up, Denise and Nigel recall lots of laughter, love and singing. Perry Como, Matt Monroe and Jim Reeves being particular favourites.

In the mid 60's Hilda returned to work, this time at M & S in Stafford, initially to help whilst a flu` epidemic affected staffing. However, she was asked to stay and her hours were increased.

Hilda and Dennis moved to Welford in the spring of 1971 to a brand new house on The Leys when Dennis` department at GEC in Stafford was transferred to Rugby. Hilda was also able to get a transfer to M & S in Northampton, where she continued to work both in the men`s department and the office until she reached retirement age. Both Hilda and Dennis found Welford to be a very welcoming place and made many friends, some lasting a lifetime. This was especially true when very sadly, Dennis died suddenly in 1990. Family and friends rallied round and supported Hilda who was determined to become more confident and independent.

She and Dennis loved to travel and had made trips to Scotland and the Isles of Scilly, where Nigel lived for a while, and had visited Hong Kong and Canada. She went to Australia, Malaysia and Spain on her own. Until her fingers became affected by arthritis, she was an accomplished knitter....although she hated sewing! She loved reading, doing crosswords and making her weekly telephone calls to friends and relations who lived further afield...often chatting for a couple of hours. She was a very proud Grandma and Great grandma.

She enjoyed supporting WADS, especially first night, attending the monthly luncheon club....always generous in providing a raffle prize, or baking a ginger cake for coffee mornings and WI refreshments. When the covid pandemic struck, Hilda made the decision to stop driving and sold her car. (It found a new home the other end of The Leys!!!!). She found this loss of independence very hard. It also coincided with the decline in her health which she bore bravely and stoically. She managed to remain in her own home until the end of July when she was admitted to hospital before a place was found for her at a nursing home. Throughout her final 6 months she had many visitors, some helped her in a personal manner whilst others just sat and chatted. She loved and appreciated these times.

Having a strong faith, she really missed not being able to go to Chapel which was so important to her....it was her solace.

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JOHN MILLS 1934-2022

Thank you to everyone who attended John's memorial service on 27th October 2022, and for the many cards, flowers and kind words. John was a modest man who would have been honoured to have seen so many neighbours and friends in church to remember him.

Your kindness and tributes have brightened this sad time.

JANET MILLS

Maurice Alfred Barlow



Maurice was born in Welford in 1930 to Dorothy and Alfred and became an elder brother to Rita, Rodney and Patsy. He grew up in the village attending Welford school until he was 14. He was a member of the church choir for a while and was a keen Scout.

His first job was with Gus Hines fixing pram wheels! He worked there until he was conscripted into the Army. He met Betty on the bus to Northampton, she was only 14 but took a fancy to 18-year-old Maurice ruffling his hair and they have been together ever since.

After the war he got a job at the airfield moving the army vehicles around, so this is where his love of lorry driving started.

He then went to work at Walton's drainage which he loved, working with Ces and their friendship lasted a lifetime.

Maurice and Betty were married in Spratton Church in 1953, and moved to the newly built Westfield Crescent in May 1954. They had 5 children, Jane, Jonathan, Suzanne, Mathew and Sarah.

Maurice loved walking in the countryside taking his children on Sunday morning walks whilst Betty prepared the Sunday roast.

He was a keen cyclist and once sent his family to the East coast on holiday by bus and he rode there on his bike! He helped Betty on many of her trips with the Girl Guides, several times to Switzerland and many guides have treasured memories of those times.

He also helped Mick Morson and Colin Horner on some Scout trips often to Wales and again lots of us who enjoyed his company and knowledge of the mountains remember those good times.

There are a lot of Welfordians who will remember Maurice fondly and be grateful that they were his friend.
RIP Maurice.

Nature Notes

It's Advent, the waiting time of year, as we wait for the shortest day to come, and with it Christmas, before nature starts to wake up again - at least that is the normal sequence, but I have plump green buds forming on the lilac bush and the dahlias haven't succumbed yet, as we've had no frost to speak of. The countryside looks green and lush, and the leaves haven't all fallen. It may be great to be saving on the heating, but it doesn't seem quite right! We have had some real Novemberish dull foggy mornings, and lots of rain, which we did need. The gloom has been interspersed with glorious bright sunny days and starlit nights, just enough to keep our spirits up and get on with some outside jobs.

The leeks, carrots and beetroot from the garden are still keeping us supplied, but are very muddy when I harvest them.

The hedge trimmers have been busy. I never quite understand why they are so keen to cut all the berries off before the birds have had a chance to eat them. All the nature programmes tell us not to be too tidy for the sake of wildlife. Fortunately we have lots of berries left on the farm.

There have been times when the roads were awash, and many of the the grips that allow the water to flow into the ditches are blocked, so we splash through in our cars and hope that there isn't a lurking pothole under the water. We have better things to spend money on at the moment than replacing car tyres that were not worn-out.

The fields are full of sheep and rams, preparing for there to be lambs in the spring. They have been fine out in the fields through autumn and into winter. It may be meteorological winter now, but there's not much sign of it. I've hardly needed gloves yet, though we do enjoy a small fire in the evenings. In fact everything is conspiring to tell us that the climate is not behaving normally. Many of us are trying hard to live greener lives, but maybe we need to make some strict and difficult new year resolutions.

Susie Bevin

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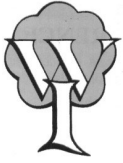
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WELFORD W.I. OCTOBER 2022 MEETING

Julie Newman deputized for Denise Cattell. Julie presided over the regular October meeting and the AGM. 24 members and 4 guest were present.

The meeting started with Alison Grantham giving an informative, and timely, talk on wrapping presents. She ably demonstrated using inexpensive, recycled materials to make very attractively wrapped gifts.

The talk was followed by the business of the meeting. Christine O'Reilly gave details of the evening meal arranged for Thursday 3 November at The Red Lion, Thornby. She also advised tickets had been received for the County Literary Lunch, and that all the documents were to hand for those attending the Federation AGM 26 October. Ann Thorington gave a brief description of the very enjoyable visit to Greenwich. Julie gave details of the craft afternoon making Dorset buttons, Monday 31 October.

The competition, organized by Mary Crowther and for a 'Wrapped Gift' was won by Denise Bott, with Jane Cottrell 2nd and Julie Newman 3rd. The raffle, organized by Pauline Underhill on behalf of Jean Baker, was won by Debbie Green, Val Morson, Mary Crowther and Carolyn Journeaux. October business was followed by the AGM. Sue Brotherton, treasurer, gave an overview of the finances and commented on the success of fund raising for our nominated charities – all thanks to the hard work of all involved. Jane Cottrell, secretary, gave a resume of the varied activities in which we had taken part of the past twelve months. Julie then read Denise Cattell's, president's, report. Denise thanked all for the help and support given her over her, very difficult (Covid), term of office. As the WI as a whole was moving the overall timetable to be in line with the new subscription year (April - March) The forthcoming 'year' would last until March 2023 when all would have to be re-elected. She expressed a willingness to serve those six months at the end of which a new president would need to be appointed. She and Jane were warmly thanked for all their efforts on our behalf.

November's speaker is Andrew Castley and The Cut-a-Caper Band. The competition is for a 'Vinyl Record'.

NOVEMBER 2022 MEETING

32 members and 3 guests were welcomed by President Denise Cattell and Jerusalem was sung accompanied by the Cut-a-Caper band. Denise welcomed new member Michelle Wilson and announced the new committee with their various roles. Details of our charity total so far was announced and the next craft afternoon on Monday the 28th will be producing Christmas decorations. Jane read her report on the County AGM. 18 members enjoyed the meal at the Red Lion Thornby and a card went round for a trip to Hairspray at Kilworth House next summer. Unfortunately the County Literary Lunch has been cancelled by the Marriot Hotel. Christine delivered the knitted blankets for Ukraine, having taken a photo first. Toys on the table can be left in Julie's porch or delivered to Denise Cattell. County events and Christmas Fayre details were displayed on the board. The Green Welford Festive clothing swap on the 26th November in the WYCC and the Welford in Harmony concert on 11th December at 3.00 p.m. in the Congregational Chapel were announced.

Andrew Castley then gave his follow-up talk on Folk Music up to the 1970s with lively performances by the Cut-a-Caper folk band with excellent audience participation! The Vote of Thanks was given by Alison Pryce.

Delicious refreshments were provided and served by Val Jackson, Gloria Hart and Maureen James. The raffle was won by Catherine Digby, Pauline Underhill and Jane Baker and the competition for a Vinyl record was won by Sue Lees with Pauline Underhill second and Sandra Wright third. Next month's meeting will be our Carol Service to be held in the Congregational Chapel.



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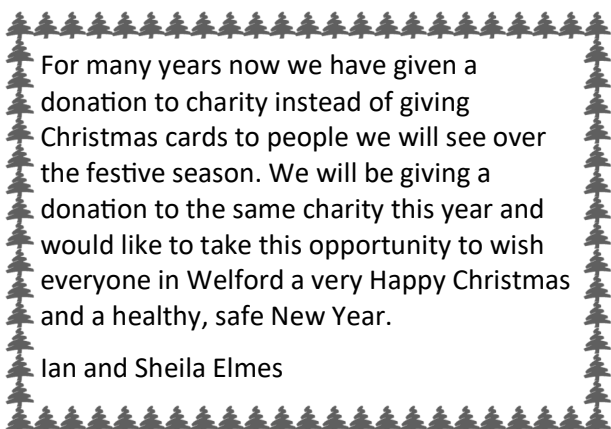
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A Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous new year to my friends, neighbours and anyone else who knows me.

Audrey Bott



For many years now we have given a donation to charity instead of giving Christmas cards to people we will see over the festive season. We will be giving a donation to the same charity this year and would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in Welford a very Happy Christmas and a healthy, safe New Year.

Ian and Sheila Elmes

Churchyard extension mowing

As the mowing season comes to an end, a big thank you to all our volunteer mowers who all have done a terrific job, keeping the extension neat and tidy throughout the year.

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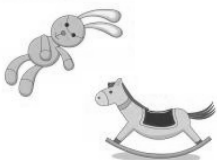
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all booing loudly, Snow White was played with great
charm by Hannah Kilham, and Chris Sheldrick was a
splendidly hen pecked king. The Dwarfs, led by Mike
Tanser as Doc, heigh hoed their way to work and back with
gusto, and each demonstrated the characteristics of their
names as the plot unfolded, with Sophia Yates as Happy,
Sian Bates as a very sneezy sneezy, Grumpy was Emma
Finch on Wednesday but due to her being poorly
understudy Dad, Bob, stepped in. Sleepy was Lizzie Kilham,
Ben Macdonald lived up to his name as bashful, and Eddie
Martin had great fun with his part as Dopey. Elizabeth
Bates needs a special mention as an amazing dancing cow
in an incredible inflatable costume, Lydia Finch was an
excellent Prince, singing some delightful duets and a
rousing closing number with Snow White. The Mirror,
central to the story, was Christine O'Reilly, who kept
informing the queen that she was no longer the fairest of
them all, and the children of Welford - Molly Barraclough,
Verity Finch, Lizzie Kilham, Tristan Sheldrick and Ava
Geraghty sang and danced and became a forest
delightfully.

The set was beautifully designed to serve as palace and
cottage by Ruth Whitehead, Madeline Howell-Jones and
Rebecca Barraclough did a wonderful job with the
costumes - loved the dwarfs outfits. The music, lighting
and sound and all the other work off stage combined to
make this a real fun evening - well done all, Chris Brown
and Rebeca Barraclough producing, Bob Finch directing
and Ann Barraclough for producing the singing. The cast
looked as if they were having fun, and the audience at our
little tables with drinks and snacks definitely were. We
were still chuckling next morning!

Susie Bevin

COB WALL BUILDING

Welford village hall hosted a practical cob building workshop for local architects and lecturers funded by the Eastern region of the RIBA for the Northamptonshire Society of architects, given by David Sleight, conservation builder from our village, in association with the University of Northampton Architectural Technology course. Dr Theo Shittu, the course leader gave a talk on the unusual buildings he was trying to save in Nigeria which had been badly repaired and now suffered from torrential unseasonal rains. This followed on from an on-line event giving a background of earth architecture by Madeleine Adams RIBA,(conservation architect), Yvonne Dean RIBA (architect and academic) on the pioneering work by Clough Williams Ellis and examples from Le Domaine de la Terre in France-(below right) an experimental village of earth architecture. David Sleight gave a detailed talk on his experience of repairing these buildings locally which include the very long wall at Swinford which has been expertly restored.



We are fortunate that our area of Northamptonshire has the right kind of sub soil suited for this sort of building and although examples are scattered through the country they are much better known in Devon and Cornwall. We have nine listed cob buildings in Welford, not easy to see, as those on view are rendered - Marlow cottage and Engine cottage for example, although there are unrendered barns in the back yard next to Butcher's close and some remnants of walling remain in the village. The walls are generally between 500-600mm thick. They give a wonderfully comfortable environment, being cool in summer and warm in winter.



Given our current housing shortages and the cost of building materials it is worth looking at the resources we have locally and revive these traditional building techniques.

Thanks to Madeleine Adams for organising this event with the RIBA, and David Sleight for his practical workshop as well as to Sandy Lane of Decadent Catering who provided lunch. Thanks also to Bill Wright who digitally processed some of my historic slides. And Geoff Newman for lending his projector. There will be a follow up discussion at the University of Northampton on November 23rd.

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The fete is one of our major fundraising events in the year and it was lovely to see so many Welfordians, as well as those from further afield. In the end we raised nearly £2000.

The event involved well over 50 volunteers, so I cannot name check everyone here however I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you for making the event what it is. In particular Sophia and her team for the excellent job they did with the tea tent. Of course it would not be as attractive without the wonderful array of delicious cakes and bakes on offer, so thank you to all those involved in baking. The dog show was well attended as always and my thanks go to the Whorton family for organising and running it. Peggy is very proud of her rosettes, particularly third place in 'best behaved'!

The raffle was supported this year by the Sarah at The Dog House, giving away a free groom, and also the village shop who kindly donated a bottle of prosecco. All donations are greatly welcome!

Other notable contributions from Pete Garner with their hay bales, Helen Dyson for the road signs and the 'Dad's Night Out' crew for doing the lifting and shifting of tables, chairs, crockery etc...Local groups such as the Guides, Cubs, Brownies and Scouts organised games, whilst other refreshments included the gin tent as well as ice creams. My thanks and appreciation to you all.

I cannot finish without thanking John and Christine for allowing us to use their wonderful garden to host the fete. A very special venue indeed. We marked the passing of the Elizabethan Era and the beginning of the Carolean Age with a rendition of the national anthem led by the Lutterworth Town Band. For many of us it was the first time we sang God Save the King.

I look forward to doing it all again next year! Bob Finch

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A belated thank you (sorry the Bugle ran out of space in the last issue)

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WELFORD CRICKET CLUB . 2023 SEASON

Mid November saw our AGM take place with a committee of 8 people elected to take the club forward into next year. Particular thanks to Bob Edge (Chairman) and John Waller (Treasurer) who stood down after many years' service to the club both on and off the field. Taking over are Chris Sheldrick as Chairman and Charlie Vaughan as Treasurer. A warm welcome to these 2 and to the other new faces on the Committee.

Senior Sunday fixtures for 2023 are already being confirmed with the season currently starting on Sunday May 14th (Home v's Crick Lions) and finishing on Sunday 10th September (Willoughby CC Away) with other fixtures in June, July and August. Full fixture details including net practice details will be published next year and the Sunday team is open to all adult cricketers and youths (aged 16+) with existing junior cricket experience.

As part of next year's activity, we are hoping to run an Inter Club 6-a-side cricket tournament at the beginning of July at the Sportsfield, a successful event from the past, but which has not run for a while, again full details next year.

On the junior front, we are hoping to again run the ECB's 'Allstars (aged 5 to 8)' and 'Dynamos' (aged 8 to 11) Softball programmes and we would like to re-establish an U11 'Hardball' team to play in the local Rugby and District Evening League between mid-May and mid-July. Likewise, more details will be published in the New Year.

New players for the adult/youth (aged 16+) Sunday team and junior cricketers of all age groups for any of the above are extremely welcome.

For more information in the New Year and to register interest, please contact below.

Senior Cricket Chris Sheldrick (chris_sheldrick@hotmail.com)

Senior & Junior Cricket Robin Bennett (Bennettrobinb@aol.com)



What goes WWWWDWWW?

The Welford Victoria Saturday Adults team currently sits proudly at the top of the Leicestershire County Football League's third division with eight wins and a draw from its first nine games. Jordan Drew, Ollie Magee and the team joined our club this year and have made a flying start to life at Newlands Road.

We're just as proud, though, of our Saturday Colts. A new team formed from last season's U16s and a selection of new arrivals, they are yet to record a win but that is not uncommon in the first years of a team's existence. Also, not uncommon – and a major contributing factor to results – is inconsistency in team availability. At times, this team has played with a 40-year gap between its youngest and oldest players but led by manager Simon Stevens and captain George Jeffrey, the improvement is visible week after week.



The Veterans are four games into their league season and are more competitive now than they have ever been – a combination of new players, tactical masterclasses from Luke Foster and the general familiarity that comes from having played together for a few years being the main reasons for this.

The U9s training sessions on a Wednesday evening have been growing in popularity, too. From a point last year where, in the depths of winter, we were getting four hardy souls turning up, we are now getting between 16 and 20 children join us for fun, games, drills and skills. In a couple of weeks they'll be playing a second friendly match too, so excitement levels are reaching fever pitch. Our thanks to Tom Clow for the amazing sessions he, Barrie and Tim Sandercock put on for all the children.

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. We're particularly keen to hear from anyone who may be able to help our junior coaches on a Wednesday evening or manage our bar and clubhouse on a Saturday afternoon.

If you'd like to come and watch us on a Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning, admission is free and the bar will be open. Please go to <https://bit.ly/WVFCFixtures> for upcoming matches across our teams.

www.welfordvictoria.com or find us on Facebook (Welford Victoria Football Club)

Welford Hog Roast

by Dave and Sue Cliffe

- Slow spit roasted hog served with stuffing and apple sauce in a roll
- Catering for weddings, parties and all occasions
- Cooked and served in front of up to 120 guests by experienced hog roast chefs
- Top quality local pork sourced from Joseph Morris Butchers



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St. Thomas' Charity

If you are over 65 years old and have lived in Welford for three years or more, you are entitled to a small monetary gift from the charity. This is given out just before Christmas.

If you have not been receiving this gift and would like to, please contact Sue Nicholas on 575422 or email s.e.nicholas@btopenworld.com

The trustees meet in early December to check the number of donations and how much everyone should receive. So please contact Sue as soon as you can to be included in this year's batch of donations. If you are too late for this year, we will include you for 2023.

Guitar Lessons Available

Experienced, friendly, affordable teacher & composer offering guitar lessons in Welford.

Acoustic, Electric & Classical guitar, all genres and levels taught. Lessons are tailored to the individual and ideal for children and adults alike, beginners welcome.

(Compositions & performances recently featured on BBC Radio 3 & 4)

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or email Prelude42@hotmail.com

CharlieJamesGuitar.bandcamp.com

POSITIONS FOR CARERS AT SIBBERTOFT MANOR NURSING HOME

We are looking for candidates who can provide the excellent care in a way which promotes, dignity, privacy, choice, safety, and independence.

Assisting residents with personal care activities such as washing, personal hygiene, dressing and meal times. Providing physical and mental stimulation by taking part in recreational and social activities with residents, both individually and as a group

You must act in a caring and courteous manner to residents, relatives, and staff members, always responding efficiently to requests and assistance. You will be responsible to the Nurse in Charge of shift.

No qualifications or experience required as full training will be given allowing you to attain the National Care Certificate. We have an in-house training team to support and assist you in gaining recognised qualifications.

Shift patterns are 7am – 2.30pm or 1pm – 9pm. Candidates are required to work a mixture of early and late shifts on a 4-week rolling rota. All staff are required to work one weekend and 2 half weekends with one full weekend off during the 4-week rota.

Pay rates range from for £10.45 per hour for new candidates, rising to £10.72 once you have gained your Care Certificate. A 2% enhancement is paid for all weekend shifts.

If you are interested in joining our friendly care team and developing a truly rewarding career, please contact us via email at office@sibbertofmanor.com or phone 01858 881304 for an application form.



We meet every Friday 9:30 - 11:30 at the Husbands Bosworth village hall.
£1.50 for under 1's £2.50 for over 1's

WELFORD, SIBBERTOFT & SULBY ENDOWED SCHOOL



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Our School seeks a Community Governor

- Are you community-minded?
- Do you like to support groups and activities in your neighbourhood?
- Would you like to help your local school, its children and families?

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

Our local school, Welford Sibbertoft and Sulby Endowed School (WSSSES), is seeking local people to serve as Governors on its governing body: the Academy Governance Committee.

Set in the heart of Welford village WSSSES is a Church of England school and is one of the Peterborough Diocese Education Trust (PDET) family of academies.

The school is rated 'good' by Ofsted, confirmed a year ago. In their report the inspectors commended the 'strong sense of community in the school'. The 2020 SIAMS (Church) inspection also graded the school 'good' and said of it: 'the welcoming Christian vision is lived out at all levels of the academy'.

The Academy Governance Committee is made up of parents, staff and others appointed from the community. A key role of Community Governors is to support the community life of the school and its relationship with the wider community, fostering links within the area it serves.

For this important voluntary role:

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

If you are interested and would like to know more please contact either:

- Mrs Abbie Underwood, Head of School on 01858 575431 or email: head@welford.pdet.org.uk
- Dr Gordon Temple, Chair of Governors on email: g.temple@welford.pdet.org.uk

Living and learning together, celebrating life in all its fullness

Waste and recycling collections

Christmas and New Year
2022

Real tree collections

Crews will collect real Christmas trees between
Monday, 9 and Friday, 20 January

For more
information
scan here



Garden waste
collections across
West Northants will
be suspended from
24 Dec to 6 Jan

Large tables for hire at Xmas

Christmas is coming, and like last year, the Village Hall is hiring out its large tables (1830mm x 765mm) for a fee of £10 over the Christmas or New Year period.

You can book a table by emailing Chris Brown, at chris-brown55@hotmail.co.uk to get all the relevant details.

Tables should be ordered and paid for in advance, and will be ready for collection from the Village Hall on **Christmas Eve between 10:00am and 11:00am**. They should be returned on **Wednesday 28th December** in the same condition as they left.

New Year tables will be ready for collection between **10:00am and 11:00am on New Year's Eve** and should be returned on **Tuesday 3rd January 2023**.

We wish all the Village Hall's regular and not so regular users a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. Thank you for all your support throughout 2022.

WHAT'S ON IN WELFORD

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

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)
Rest and restore Yoga 6.30-7.30pm	WYCC
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
Bosworth Tots 9.30 - 11.30am	HBVH
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

DECEMBER

3rd Film—Duke	VH(MH)
11th Carol Concert	CPL
17th Christmas Windows and Carols	WYCC
29th Golf Masters	CAGC

JANUARY

21st Quiz	WYCC
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VENUES:

CAGC	Cold Ashby Golf Club
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
HBVH	Husbands Bosworth Village Hall

For further information or to have your dates listed please contact Geoff Newman on Tel 575335

Keep up to date with events or advertise on www.welfordvillage.co.uk or follow @Welfordvillage on twitter.

Can all organisers please confirm your details are current and correct by confirming them to Geoff Newman.