

THE WELFORD BUGLE

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RIGHT TREE RIGHT PLACE RIGHT TIME



To all villagers

Trees for Welford cordially invites everyone who lives, works, plays, farms, gardens, walks in Welford to a special meeting at the village hall on **Thursday 2 March, 7pm for 7.30pm.**

Guest speaker: Bruce Durham, Harborough Woodland

Please come along to hear about the results of the tree survey carried out by volunteers; to have your say on where best to plant trees; share knowledge about trees and hedgerows for wildlife and natural flood management; plan how to fill the gaps left by ash die-back; find out about the best trees for climate change mitigation; learn the basics of tree planting and perhaps join a volunteer team; find out about the role of Tree Wardens. Join the discussion!

RIGHT TREE

- FOR:**
- carbon capture
 - shade
 - traffic calming
 - wildlife
 - natural flood management
 - food
 - longevity
 - the space
 - individuals to grow

HAVE YOUR SAY! JOIN THE ACTION!



RIGHT PLACE

- **Public spaces**
Tree survey volunteers have identified some potential public spaces for planting. We have advice and ideas from experts to share with you.
- **Private land**
Most of the land in Welford is owned privately. Trees for Welford is now affiliated to Harborough Woodland and through them we can access free tree supplies and free planting teams for medium to large-scale plantings to help farmers and large landowners.
- **Gardens**
We can all do our bit to plant trees for posterity in our front and back gardens. Let's together develop a village scheme to support that.

RIGHT TIME

- "The best time was 20 years ago, the second best time is now".
- Now to end March 2023.
- Planting season
September 2023 to March 2024.
- With maintenance plans in place.

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

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| Bin Collections | | | | |
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| Date | Food | General | Recycling | Garden |
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| 16/02 | X | | | X |
| 23/02 | X | X | X | |
| 02/03 | X | | | X |
| 09/03 | X | X | X | |
| 16/03 | X | X | | X |
| 23/03 | X | | X | |
| 30/03 | X | | | X |
| 06/04 | X | X | X | |

Notes from your Parish Council

- ◆ Unfortunately one or two uncaring dog owners are failing to clear up after their dogs have fouled in public areas. Please can you be more considerate and clean up after your dog.
- ◆ If you witness a dog fouling and the owner failing to pick up after the 'event', this can be reported to WNC using this link <https://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/business/environmental-health/dog-fouling/>
- ◆ Some of the play equipment in the Children's play area on the Playing Field is being replaced in early February. The two items will be fenced off until the works are completed. Parents are asked to ensure that the fenced off areas might be hazardous and are asked to remind children to keep out of those areas while the work takes place
- ◆ At the time of writing no decision has been made on the proposed slurry lagoon off Court Lane. Your Parish Council is monitoring this planning application and will update you as and when we have any news

Ian Kelly
Clerk to Welford Parish Council

Christmas Community Boxes

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all those who contributed a box this year; 28 were donated in total, demonstrating what a kind and caring community we have here in Welford.

A big thank you must also go to the five girls who represented Welford Guides and distributed the boxes for us; we very much had the easy job of transporting the boxes around the village in the car, whilst the girls, plus a very kind parent helper, delivered the boxes on foot in the slightly soggy and cold weather.

We consider this initiative to be well received in the village and hope to be able to run it again in 2023.

Hannah Bedard and Niamh Bland

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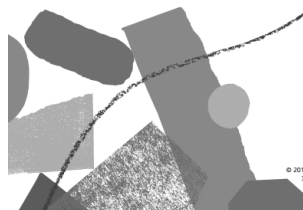
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We meet Sunday Nights at the YCC, 7-8:30pm. Age 13 and a 1/2 -17 welcome

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



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Please send any donations to Mr A. Parsons, 2 Northampton Road, NN6 6HP. Thank you

Walk for Charlie 2023

On Sunday 30th April 2023 Welford Scouts are again organising 3, 6, 10 and 18 Mile walks in aid of Teenage Cancer Charities, such as the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Registration for the walks will be from 9am at Welford Youth and Community Centre.

A £5 donation per walker or sponsorship >£5 is kindly requested. We look forward to seeing as many of you on the day.

Anyone wishing to help by marshalling various checkpoints along the route please contact Ant Raisbury 01858 575678.

Big Breakfast

In conjunction with the 'Walk for Charlie' the Scouts, with the support of David and Sue Cliffe are having a Big Breakfast at Welford Youth and Community Centre, 8:30 to 12noon. As well as supporting Teenage Cancer Charities, 1st Welford Scout Group are also raising funds to support their summer camp. Please come along and support, fuel up before your walk!

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WELFORD

Join us for a Lunch of Soup, Bread and Fruit to start Lent.

Ash Wednesday, the 22nd February, 2023
at 12.00 at the W.Y.C.C

All Welcome Adults £4.00, Children £2.00



kindness cookies



Would you like to surprise a loved one or just show someone how much you care? Welford Guides can help by delivering some home-made cookies to them on Monday 13th February.

Cookies cost £3.50 for a pack of 3, or £5 for a pack of 5. We can deliver them anonymously, or with a message of your choice. You can also order some for yourself, if you like!

To place your order, please email: welfordguides@gmail.com by Friday 10th February.

All profits will be split between a local community initiative and a charity of the girls' choice. See April's Bugle for further details.



Welford Guides – Spring Term Update

This term Welford Guides (aged 10 to 14) are working towards their 'Make Change' Skills Builder Badge, which is all about making a difference in their local community. Over the next few weeks, the girls will be doing 5 different activities to earn their badge. One such activity aims to demonstrate how a small gesture of kindness can make a big difference to someone, and the girls have therefore chosen to make and distribute special Easter gift packs to those people in the village that they think would most appreciate them.

The girls will need to fundraise in order to compile these packs, and have a couple of ideas about how to do this, which are detailed on the posters on this page. The fundraising activities also count towards their badge. If you can, please do consider supporting the girls and showing them the value of community initiatives.

Once the gift packs have been funded, any leftover money will be donated to a charity of the girls' choice, yet to be decided. Look out for a summary of the girls' efforts in April's Bugle, together with details of the charity they chose to support.

If you have a daughter aged between 4 and 14 (Rainbows, Brownies and Guides) who would like to join the Girlguiding adventure, thereby building friendships, confidence and different skills, then please contact:
welfordguides@gmail.com



SPONSORED FLIP-A-THON

Monday 20th February
7.45 to 8.45pm

Welford Youth and Community Centre



Come along to sponsor the Guides and see how many pancake flips they can do in 5 minutes.

Pancakes and drinks available to buy, plus a raffle and tombola.

All profits will be split between a local community initiative and a charity of the girls' choice. See April's Bugle for further details.



Green Welford

Thermal Imaging Survey

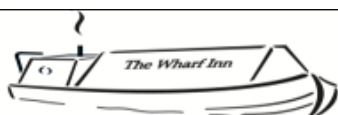
We're delighted to have surveyed over 30 homes in the village as part of our thermal imaging survey. The reports will be winging their way to residents shortly, allowing homeowners to see where best to concentrate their efforts and improve their home's efficiency. A huge thank you to Mike Slevin and Fluke for their generosity in lending us such a brilliant bit of kit and providing the necessary training!

Pass It On With Purpose

Dunelm in Rugby have partnered with Emmaus – a charity working to end homelessness in Coventry and the surrounding area – to pass on pre-loved homeware products to families and individuals in our local area. If you have any unwanted cookware, dinnerware, glassware, tableware, bakeware or home décor items in good condition, they can be dropped off at the new Dunelm store in Rugby.

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Any unwanted home textiles can also be dropped off in store, provided they are clean and undamaged. Contributions are re-used, donated or recycled.



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TUES – 12 – 10PM
WED – 12 – 10PM
THUR – 12 – 10PM
FRI – 12 – 11PM
SAT – 12 – 11PM
SUN – 12 – 10PM

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



Calendar of Events 2023

♥ FEBRUARY ♥ SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR OUR PLANET THIS MONTH BY DISPLAYING A GREEN HEART IN YOUR WINDOW

- 3rd Rita The Refill Roadster & Coffee Morning @ Village Hall & VARSHA'S CURRIES 10:00-12:00
- 17th Rita The Refill Roadster & Coffee Morning @ Village Hall 10:00-12:00
- 28th Mending Circle @ Billiards Room 19:30-21:00

MARCH

- 2nd "Trees for Welford" Special Event: Tree survey results & guest speakers @ Village Hall 19:30 (doors open 19:00)
- 3rd Rita The Refill Roadster & Coffee Morning @ Village Hall & VARSHA'S CURRIES 10:00-12:00
- 17th Rita The Refill Roadster & Coffee Morning @ Village Hall 10:00-12:00
- 28th Mending Circle @ Billiards Room 19:30-21:00
- 31st Rita The Refill Roadster & Coffee Morning @ Village Hall & VARSHA'S CURRIES 10:00-12:00

APRIL

- 14th Rita The Refill Roadster & Coffee Morning @ Village Hall 10:00-12:00
- 19th "Saving the Planet One Plant at a Time" talk by Dr Hazel Roberts in conjunction with Welford Gardening Club @ Village Hall 19:00
- 22nd Tree Festival to celebrate Earth Day @Welford Pocket Park
- 25th Mending Circle @ Billiards Room 19:30-21:00
- 28th Rita The Refill Roadster & Coffee Morning @ Village Hall & VARSHA'S CURRIES 10:00-12:00

MAY

- 12th Rita The Refill Roadster & Coffee Morning @ Village Hall 10:00-12:00
- 23rd Mending Circle @ Billiards Room 19:30-21:00
- 26th Rita The Refill Roadster & Coffee Morning @ Village Hall & VARSHA'S CURRIES 10:00-12:00

JUNE

- 9th Rita The Refill Roadster & Coffee Morning @ Village Hall 10:00-12:00
- 10th KIDSFEST 2.0 @Welford Playing Field 10:00-16:00
- 23rd Rita The Refill Roadster & Coffee Morning @ Village Hall 10:00-12:00



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Cliff Hayhurst

With much sadness we report the death of Cliff Hayhurst at home in Welford on 8 January 2023, aged 93.

Cliff lived with his wife, Phyllis, at Rosemary Cottage in West Street for more than 50 years.

He ran a studio pottery from home and was a member of the village hall committee and the pocket park group. He and Phyllis taught dancing in the village hall until the covid outbreak.

Cliff is survived by Phyllis, daughter Ruth and grandchildren, Martin and Ellen.

All are welcome at the funeral service at St Mary the Virgin Church, Welford, at 10.30am on Thursday 16 February 2023, followed by refreshments in the village hall. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to Shelter at <https://cliffordhayhurst.muchloved.com/>

We'll include more details of Cliff's life in a later issue of the Bugle.



Jean Netta Tyrrell

30.6.1932 - 5.1.2023

Very sadly, Jean died in Kettering Hospital after a short illness. Although Jean was born in Leicester, she had lived most of her life in Welford and will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. A full obituary will appear in the next Bugle.



Come and Sing Carols 2022

Christmas 2022 saw us able to meet again on Christmas Eve after a two-year break because of Covid. The church was full, the singing was enthusiastic, the choir of 20 a privilege to work with.

Thank you to all those who donated to the magnificent collection of £724.26. This, together with money collected at carol singing after Pre-school's Christmas Windows and further donations received, means that we have been able to send cheques for £450 to both Cynthia Spencer Hospice and The Children's Society. We were thrilled with the turnout and the amount raised at a time when charities are feeling the impact of the cost of living crisis. Alan and Ann Barraclough

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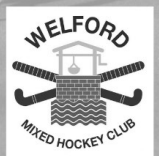
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Welford Rainfall



| KEY: | Highest monthly rainfall | | | | | Lowest monthly rainfall | | | | | ** Current = Part month (to 15th) ** | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | |
| Jan | 58.0 | 119.0 | 59.5 | 81.0 | 59.0 | 68.0 | 26.0 | 51.5 | 117.5 | 20.5 | 45.7 | |
| Feb | 42.0 | 74.0 | 41.0 | 43.0 | 59.5 | 29.0 | 31.0 | 121.0 | 47.0 | 89.0 | | |
| Mar | 62.0 | 43.5 | 27.0 | 78.5 | 54.0 | 166.5 | 55.5 | 35.5 | 46.0 | 41.5 | | |
| Apr | 22.5 | 31.0 | 25.5 | 50.0 | 10.5 | 65.0 | 15.0 | 35.0 | 9.0 | 23.5 | | |
| May | 75.5 | 109.0 | 54.0 | 45.0 | 80.0 | 85.0 | 46.5 | 10.0 | 141.0 | 51.0 | | |
| Jun | 41.5 | 69.0 | 26.0 | 77.5 | 52.0 | 1.0 | 148.5 | 66.0 | 43.5 | 34.5 | | |
| Jul | 92.0 | 31.0 | 81.5 | 19.0 | 71.0 | 14.5 | 125.0 | 63.0 | 59.5 | 5.0 | | |
| Aug | 51.0 | 95.5 | 53.0 | 56.0 | 78.5 | 52.5 | 79.0 | 140.0 | 40.0 | 22.0 | | |
| Sep | 26.0 | 8.0 | 50.5 | 45.0 | 79.0 | 36.0 | 89.0 | 28.5 | 50.0 | 52.0 | | |
| Oct | 113.0 | 73.0 | 60.0 | 35.0 | 21.5 | 46.0 | 153.0 | 153.0 | 84.0 | 119.2 | | |
| Nov | 39.5 | 82.0 | 65.0 | 79.5 | 44.0 | 40.5 | 132.0 | 62.0 | 42.0 | 114.7 | | |
| Dec | 51.5 | 54.0 | 75.0 | 24.0 | 100.5 | 67.5 | 100.0 | 139.0 | 81.0 | 48.7 | | |
| Total Rainfall (for year) | 674.5 | 789.0 | 618.0 | 633.5 | 709.5 | 671.5 | 1000.5 | 904.5 | 760.5 | 621.6 | 45.7 | |
| Overall Rolling Average | 684.0 | 692.0 | 686.8 | 683.2 | 684.8 | 684.1 | 701.6 | 712.3 | 714.7 | 710.3 | 680.1 | |
| Prev 4 Years Rolling Average | 690.5 | 733.9 | 776.1 | 678.8 | 687.5 | 658.1 | 753.8 | 821.5 | 834.3 | 791.7 | 666.6 | |

Commentary

2022 comes to a close with a very cold, dry December, with just 48.7mm of rain in the month against a long term average of 67mm for a typical December.

This means that for the whole year 2022 finishes around 90mm below the long term annual average - we'd typically see around 710mm per year, but 2022 came in at 621mm. It may have felt especially dry in 2022 because we experienced three very wet years in 2019-2021, with an average of 888mm over those three years.

FLAGS

FEBRUARY 2023

22nd Ash Wednesday

MARCH 2023

10th Birthday of Earl of Wessex

13th Commonwealth Day



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 **Birthday 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.

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

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Dave Leebrook

I asked two "old Welfordians" for their memories of Dave and both Colin Horner and Julian Howell Jones said he was an easy man to like and to enjoy being with, as well as having strong views on a variety of subjects which he was not slow to tell you about.

Julian remembers the happy "safari suppers", with lots of banter and teasing with a fair bit of innuendo as well.

Colin said he remembers Dave as a "doer" committing himself to a task and getting it done. This was particularly evident when a large scale climbing tower was to be erected on the park. Everyone was wondering how it would be done, so Dave took over and sure enough the tower was built. He also said the visits to the Leebrooks for safari suppers were always different and very, very entertaining.

I remember a man who was always fun to talk with, his work to keep the tennis club going (we should always be grateful for that) and his happy involvement in lots of village activities Carnivals and the like.

However the most important thing in Dave's life was his wife Kath, and their four super children who should be proud of a Dad who loved them to bits. I know how proud he was of all of you.

A lot of people in Naseby and Welford will miss Dave, and will be pleased to have known him.

May he rest in peace.

John Nicholas

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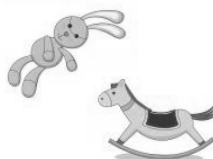
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Welford Babes and Tots
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or Claire on 07837852364
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Bosworth Tots Session Dates

February 3rd, Painting Stamps & Car Tube

10th, Valentines Cards

17th, Sensory Farm & Drawing

March 3rd, Flower Crafts

10th, Collage Pictures

17th, Mothers Day Cards and Chalk Boards

24th. Easter Crafts

Hannah, Sally & Saskia

WELFORD FOOD BANK

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

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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.

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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).

https://bit.ly/Welford_Foodbank



Sportsfield Quiz

Saturday 25th February
at the WYCC

Bar opens at 7.00pm

First question 7.30pm

Teams of up to 6 people

£7 per person, includes food

Phone Adrian on 01858 575784

Or email adrian.scullion@btinternet.com
to book a table

Sportsfield AGM

Monday 27th February
7pm at the Sportsfield

Nature Notes

Well, here we are, well into a new year and the weather is as strange as ever! We go from unseasonably warm to very wet or much colder than we've been for years. I love the sunny winter days, and the sunsets behind the bare silhouettes of trees, but the converse seems to be days and days of overcast gloom, which is enough to make anyone want to hibernate. Some of the January bright frosty mornings have been spectacular, a black and white world with our silver birch tree graceful in the stillness.

It's all very well getting all poetic. I've just been digging leeks and carrots for tomorrow's lunch and can hardly feel my fingers, and I well remember when we had ewes waiting to lamb in the poly tunnel in the paddock. The water troughs used to freeze and it was often a mornings work with the hair dryer or jugs of hot water to get the water flowing again, and many farmers must have been having that problem quite a lot this winter.

Most of the fields are clear of stock now. It's a time to check the hedges, fences and ditches, and collect firewood to season for future years.

Meanwhile nature seems to be waiting. We do have some snowdrops in bloom - the large variety with broad grey leaves. Daffodil leaves are also standing proud. We're thinking of planting broad beans soon, and hoping that the new fruit trees we've planted will be ok. We lost a pear tree we planted last winter despite regular watering. A great many saplings planted with hope for the future of the planet didn't survive the hot dry summer. It's not just a case of plant a tree and watch it grow, they need water and keeping free of weeds while they get established. The bumper crop of apples from our older trees has lasted well, 6 eating apples left and still cookers and blackberries in the freezer. By the next Bugle spring will be advancing fast. An annual glory to look forward to!

Susie Bevin

Stamps for Bone Cancer

Thank you so much to everyone who has put their stamps through my letterbox at 5 West End. In case anyone hasn't got round to it yet I won't post them off until 14th February.

Susie Bevin



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WELFORD W.I. DECEMBER 2022 MEETING

The December meeting took the form of our annual Christmas concert in the Congregational Chapel. After a very short welcome and business from the President, 25 members and 1 guest joined together to enjoy a programme of readings (both serious and comical) interspersed with carols and songs beautifully accompanied by Mary Woodward. This was followed by very welcome mulled wine, mince pies and shortbread served in the schoolroom by Sue Greeves and Ann Fletcher.

The January meeting is on the 12th and the speaker is Steven Bruce with 'Behind the Screens – humorous stories about TV Antiques programmes'. The competition is Something Old. ALL WELCOME

JANUARY 2023 MEETING

25 members and 1 guest attended the January meeting. After a welcome from the President and the singing of Jerusalem, a minutes' silence was held in memory of a long-standing and much-loved member, Jean Tyrell, who passed away recently.

County outings to London, Cambridge, Swindon, Cardiff and Bradford were mentioned, together with walks, spring coffee morning and Japanese Braiding. Tickets have been booked for Hairspray at Kilworth House on August 2nd and a lunch in March is planned.

The four proposed National Resolutions, with explanatory notes, were read out and were voted on during refreshments with buttons in bowls. The next craft afternoon will be on 30th January – bring your own project.

Steve Bruce then amused us with tall tales of the Antiques trade including some very questionable anecdotes? He then talked about and valued several things that members of the audience had brought along. He was thanked by Sue Brotherton.

Tasty refreshments were provided and served by Christine O'Reilly, Sue Walton and Debbie Green. The competition for 'Something Old' run by Christine O'Reilly was won by 1. Maureen James, 2. Julie Newman and 3. Christine O'Reilly. The raffle was won by Catherine Digby, Sue Brotherton and Anne Wing.



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Enid Overland

It is with much sadness that we report the death of Enid Overland on 17th January at the age of 95. For the last 7 years Enid has lived with and been cared for by her daughter Mandy and her family, Nick, Hattie and Jess in their home in Welford. We extend our sympathies to the Cant family for the loss of a truly lovely lady. More details of Enid's life will follow in the next Bugle.



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Welford Cinema Update

We've now had 2 Saturday evening Movie Nights since the activity returned at the end of last year, and both films were well received

Here is our schedule for the rest of Spring 2023 :-

- Saturday 4th February - The Lost King
- Saturday 4th March - Top Gun Maverick
- Saturday 1st April - Ticket to Paradise

Put these dates in your diary!

Doors open at 7:00pm, and the show starts at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Tickets are £6 on the door, payment by cash or card, please.

We were planning to have a further film night on the first Saturday in May, but that's the date the King's Coronation is going to be, so we'll let you know as soon as possible, when the new date is going to be.

If you want to join the Welford Cinema mailing list and book tickets or have an input into which films we show in the future, please email me your contact details, and I'll be in touch.

Thanks very much in anticipation of an avalanche of responses!!

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[northants](https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/northants) has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Northamptonshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

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John Harris

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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.

Many of the people visiting graves comment on how well the extension looks. I hope you all will stay on the team, please let me know if you wish to retire, otherwise I will get a rota out to you for next year, when I hope we can continue to keep it looking as well as this year.

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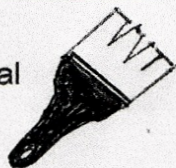
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Excerpts from The Eulogy of the late Valerie Read; 12th February 1940 – 27th October 2022



Valerie Read (nee Howes) was born on Monday 12th February 1940. At No 1 Easenhall Road, Harborough Magna to parents Frank and Florence ('Betty') Margaret Howes.

Frank and Betty made the decision to christen mum 'Valerie', with 2 days to go to Valentine's Day (the saint of love). She was the third of five children. Her siblings being Melvyn, Thelma, Anne and Tony. Both Tony and Thelma are with us today.

A happy carefree young girl, living in a village community, surrounded by countryside, a humble home (i.e. pigs in the garden, a part time 'Offy' and outside 'thunderbox') but with a loving mother and father, sisters and brothers and village friends for company. She must have been a happy young girl in Harborough Magna, However, life at this time was not at all easy for common folk.

The Second World War ended in 1945, but with food rationing, not much money and general hardship was taking its toll and life had plenty of challenges for many families.

Many serious diseases were in evidence as a result of these struggles. Mum's mother, Betty, was sadly taken into hospital with T.B. and Mum, Val, also was stricken with T.B. Ultimately, they both ended up in the same hospital in adjacent wards, where they would write letters to each other as inter ward visiting was not allowed. Many letters over the weeks and months were sent, until sadly one day, no letter was received from her mother and Valerie was told by the nurses that her mother had passed away. Mum was barely 10 years of age at this time. How she overcame this loss, we will never know, and we don't think that anybody ever would truly come to terms with such a terrible loss. The letters were kept by our Mother Val, we have found them all, lovingly stored in a little used draw at the family home.

After a further year of recuperation in Edward VII Sanatorium, in Hatton, Warwickshire. Mum was able to return home to her father, brothers and sisters and back to school with her friends.

Frank her father soon realised that he was not going to cope with rearing all 5 children on his own and so a difficult decision was made for young sister Anne to stay with Aunt Maude in nearby Wolston, at 'The Derry', whilst Mum, sister Thelma and Tony, would stay with their father in Harborough Magna. Older brother Melvin on a farm, working the land.

Mum attended Rugby High School for girls, making many life-long friends, whom she kept in touch with throughout her life. Some came along to her funeral, getting lost on the way but luckily making it in time for the wake reception!

In 1959, Mum entered and won Holiday Princess of the Week at Butlins Metropal Hotel in Blackpool, where she was holidaying at the time. Yes, she was treading the Strictly Come Dancing floorboards at the tender age of 19. She went on to the area finals which had a coveted grand prize of £1,000, which was some serious money back in 1959!

On entering the competition, she was given lessons on modelling for catwalk and photos; One foot placed at 90 degrees in front of the rear foot, with back straight, Chin up, big smile and work those shoulders! This advice was always put to good use and evident in virtually every photograph that she appeared in, from that time onwards. Indeed since Mums passing the family have been touched by kind comments from villagers and folk that knew her, many have said how Mum was always *very well turned out*, always neatly dressed, coiffured, polite and pleasant in conversation. Given the above one could say perhaps she was being taught very early on!

The early days of employment for Mum were at GEC in Rugby, where she was a Comptometer Operator in the Wages Department. A Comptometer being one of the first mechanical, manual calculators, similar to a typewriter, but with numerical keys. Mum was a popular office girl and made many lifelong friends.

Mum enjoyed working and bringing home a salary that enabled fabrics to be bought, and Mum picked up the skills to become a good dress maker. There was still a lot of "make do and mend" in those days mind, but she would buy, where she was able, the fashionable clothes of the day or indeed style her own, sometimes starching the underskirts to create that fashionable full skirt volume that was popular at the dawn of the Rock and Roll era.

The fact that Rock n' Roll was now over here, and Britain was building back from the war, things were on the 'up' and Mum was part of that exciting time, and life at the age of 19 was good, she and friends even went to see Bill Haley and his Comets at Hinkley, walking part way there as their car broke down.

It was in the New Years' Eve of 1959, that mum had been invited to a New Years' Eve party. Also attending this party would be a young man from Fulham, London, who was up working in the Coventry area, selling National Cash Registers to pretty well anyone who wanted to buy one! His name was Michael Read (Dad). He was going to be Mum's blind date for the evening, it was love at first sight and they married less than a year later on the 10th December 1960.

Initially they rented a flat in Coventry, then mortgaged their first house in Ullswater Road, Binley, Coventry. It was here that we three children were born. Myself, Jonathan (now in Brixworth) and Julia (now in Minnesota USA). It was not long before they realised that these were going to be tall children and they were going to need a bigger house!

Valerie Read Eulogy Continued ...

In 1970 the family found a new build house (Cippenham Builders Ltd), 33, The Leys ('Newland Park' on the original house documents!) in Welford, after a tip off from a Warren Marshall. Warren ran a garage on the A45 near Coventry, where Dad used to call in for petrol and car maintenance on his Ford Anglia. Warren and his wife Jean became good friends and latterly the good neighbours at number 34 moving in around the same time, just next door. Through Annette (now Kingston) their surviving daughter, there is still family connection. Mandy Marshall, their youngest daughter was killed in a tragic car accident some years ago.

As The Leys was being built and new people were moving in. There was a shared need for making friends and reaching out and helping each other. Many friendships were borne, through children, schooling, Church and village activities. Friendships that still endure to this day through Julie Cromack, Jean Tucker, and so many local families that we have the privilege to know.

It was around this time that Mum and Jean Tucker set up the Tufty Club (Tufty was a squirrel that was a nationwide symbol for RoSPA, for children's road safety at that time). A float with many children on was entered into the Welford Carnival. The children dressed as either Tufty, Mrs Fluffy tail, Bobbie Brown Rabbit, or Policeman Badger. We have found photos of the youngsters dressed as these characters, some by now must hold high office positions and so the photos must be worth a ransom fortune!

Mum was also a member of the local W.I. Taking it in turn, with other members, to make cakes for their meetings. Her cream sponge cake was always a winner. She thoroughly

enjoyed the company of the local members and taking part in the competitions and raffles, she found the various presentations enlightening and would often talk about them. The WI gave her a warm feeling of community and a welcome focal point in her calendar, The Welford WI should be congratulated on the accomplishments warmth and solidarity.

It was with great sadness that, as a family, we saw mum's decline in her later years. This was partially due to the Vascular Dementia that was diagnosed some 3 years ago. This disease unfortunately slowly robbed Mum of her independence and dulled the shine of someone who all through her life had sparkled so brightly for us all.

We as her family supported her during this difficult time, to make sure that she was able to stay in her own home for as long as possible; Julia spent the last two summers over from USA with Mum. Supporting her and taking her out and away to holidays in Devon, to give Mum the best quality of life possible. Indeed, this last long very warm summer, must have been, we hope, a truly lovely summer for Mum. Certainly, it was a summer that Mum was able to enjoy, with family, and she was still living in her own beloved home and surrounding garden.

Mum's health unfortunately declined after a fall down stairs and she spent the last few weeks of her life, at Anya Court Care Home in Rugby, the care and compassion from the team there were very evident. Mum passed away peacefully with members of her family around her on the eve of the 27th October 2022.

Mum Val will always be remembered with great affection and love.

The whole Read Family would like to thank the friends and community of Welford for their kindness and support over these recent difficult months.



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JUNIOR CRICKET

We are again hoping to run the well received ECB (English Cricket Board) "Allstars" (ages 5-8) and "Dynamos" (ages 8 to 11) National Softball Programmes between mid May and the end of July and would like to re-establish an U11 "Hardball" team to play matches on a Thursday evening in the local Rugby & District League between mid May and mid July.

We are also looking at the possibility of arranging some U13 "Hardball" friendly matches, and some Summer holiday junior cricket sessions at the Sportsfield, if there is sufficient interest to do these. All junior cricket is open to both boys and girls.

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Golf: The Masters

MIDWINTER MYSTERY

As the 30th anniversary of the Welford Masters drew nearer, golf's midwinter major took on a distinctly cosmopolitan flavour with competitors from as far away as Australia, Shepherd's Bush and Crick.

First held in 1994 in Cold Ashby, the Masters returned to the windswept hilltop venue in 2022 after many years at nearby Kilworth.

It is not easy to climb a mountain when it's wet underfoot and gales are pushing the windchill temperature towards zero. That is without the intense pressure of trying to perform in the ice cold cauldron of one of Welford's two golfing championships. In his presentation speech, organiser John Nicholas admitted he struggled out there.

He was not the only one. Guest competitor Crispin Jolly who travelled up specially from London the day before came last - not surprisingly in only his third ever round - but escaped picking up the booby prize. Yes, shock horror, Mr Blobby has gone missing.

The family prize was won by father and son Derek and Graham Bott. They should have taken home a golfing print but that too is mysteriously AWOL.

A former winner of the ignominious Mr Blobby trophy, Sheila Scullion, went from zero to hero in lifting the ladies' prize.

Last year's winner, Paul Brown, did his best to defend his title for the village, and was the best of the Welfordians, in third place overall.

But our winner, and now the proud holder of the famous yellow jacket hand embroidered with the names of all the previous victors, was Cold Ashby regular David Durkin. Originally from Yorkshire, he perhaps has some genetic advantage when it's bleak outdoors.

Results

David Durkin 39pts

Peter Valentine 38pts

Paul Brown 36pts

Nearest the pins: Peter Valentine, Richard Duffield, Spence Daniels, Paul Brown, Graham Bott.

Team: Steve Bull, Spencer Daniels, Colin Bell, Richard Duffield.

..... Breaking news! Mr Blobby has been found (shame!) as has the golfing print!

Russell Bott has written to the Bugle asking if anyone can shed light on these 2 photographs.

He writes, "As a family we lived in Rugby but on many Sundays dad would take us on walks around the reservoir or the surrounding area, pointing out all the flora and fauna and tales of his young years in Welford. We'd often finish up watching the gliders (on the airfield where he delivered papers to the servicemen during the war).

My dad passed away in 1995 but Welford will always be a special place for us and we still walk around the reservoir and down Hall Lane and remember the often told stories"

Russell Bott's father was Edwin (Eddie) and lived at 1 The Square during the war with his dad (John) and mum (Gertrude) and sisters (Betty and Ruth). His great-grandfather was Edwin Bott and as far as Russel knows he, and probably previous generations lived at 'Bott's Lodge' which was down Hall Lane. There's no trace of the building now but he remembers seeing the part ruined building as a lad and thanks to a chance visit to the Historical Society exhibition a few years ago managed to find the site again.

In the football photo (1919-1920) there may have been some of Russell's relatives, John Bott (Grandfather, 15 at the time), great grand-father (Edwin 55)

Or possibly great uncles Joseph (34), Arthur (22) and Ernest (19).

If you have any information on either of the photos can you send it to the Bugle and we will pass it on to Russell. Many thanks.



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Into the quarter finals

At the time of writing, we are awaiting the draw for the quarter final of the Northamptonshire FA County Cup, which will feature Welford Victoria's Saturday Adults team following a superb 4-1 win at Woodford United. That team remains unbeaten this season, raising hopes of a first trophy at Newlands Road since 2011.



125 years of WVFC

2023 will, at some point, mark 125 years of football in Welford. We can't be sure exactly when that year the club was formed, but this newspaper report of a game played on Boxing Day in 1898 is the earliest record we have, kindly shared with us by the Welford and Sulby Historical Society.



In 1999, as many of you may well remember, a game was played against a team of Leicester City All-Stars to celebrate the centenary of the club. The game, part of a day-long festival of football, helped the club raise £2,400 for Imperial Cancer Research and the British Heart Foundation. As it seems it all began right at the end of 1898, meaning the centenary was marked in 1999, the current committee and managers will have to decide whether to celebrate in 2023, 2024 or both!

In amongst the treasure trove shared with us by the Historical Society was this picture of a WVFC Reserve side from the 1921/22 season. We couldn't resist putting it alongside our Colts team, photographed about 100 years later!



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.

As a reminder, we have two adult teams playing on Saturdays, a Veterans team that plays on Sunday mornings and an U9s group for boys and girls in school year 4 or below. Training is on a Wednesday evening.

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 in Harmony Christmas Concert

Many thanks to all those who braved the freezing conditions and came to our concert. We were very apprehensive as it's been a while since our last concert, but we all enjoyed it, and hope that you did too. Thanks also go to our amazing conductor Rebecca Schneider who also did a couple of solos, it was fun looking out onto the audience and literally seeing mouths drop open as she started to sing!

Although entry was free, your kind donations meant that we raised £310.00 which was shared between the Chapel and Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy. Huge thanks to Lin, Rachel and Pat for their help on the day and Denise and Marion for enabling us to use this lovely chapel.

We hope to make this an annual event, next time hopefully in a lovely warm Chapel!

If you would like to join us, please contact Sheila on sheilamscullion@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON IN WELFORD

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

REGULARS—weekly, unless stated otherwise

MONDAYS

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| Blockhead Quilters 9.15am-4.15pm 2nd of the month | VH(MH) |
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SUNDAYS

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| <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

FEBRUARY

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| 4th Film—The Lost King | VH(MH) |
| 20th Guides Flip-a-thon | WYCC |
| 22nd Lenten Lunch | WYCC |
| 25th Sportsfield Quiz | WYCC |
| 27th Sportsfield AGM | WSF |

MARCH

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| 4th Film—Top Gun Maverick | VH(MH) |
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APRIL

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| 1st Film Ticket to Paradise | VH (MH) |
| 30th Walk for Charlie | WYCC |
| 30th The Big Breakfast | WYCC |

VENUES:

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| 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 |

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