

THE WELFORD BUGLE

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CORONATION COFFEE & CAKE



Tombola



In the Chapel Schoolroom

Monday 8th May 2023

10am - 12noon £3.00

A warm welcome awaits!

The King's Coronation at Welford Youth and Community Centre

Saturday 6th May PTA Coronation Party and Hog Roast SOLD OUT!!

Sunday 7th May - "Big Lunch" Available from 12-4pm for 'Street Parties' free of charge. Tables will be set up and ready for use. (please advise the booking secretary if you are intending to use the centre) - WI will be selling cakes in aid of Welford Educational Trust.

Monday 8th May - "Big Help Out" Volunteering Fair – Stalls highlighting the work of village volunteer groups. Please let the booking secretary know if you are interested in putting on a stand. 11am – 1pm. Tea and coffee available

PLEASE NOTE: Welford Parish Council have agreed to a fund of £500 being made available for Coronation activities to suitable applicants and the Playing Field will be available for Village events. Welford Youth and Community Centre – Booking Secretary, wycbookings@gmail.com or 01858 575 795.



Walk for Charlie 2023 and Big Breakfast

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.

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!

The King's Coronation at the Church

During the weekend of 6th-8th May, the church will be open on **Saturday 6th May** so people can come and watch the Coronation Service from Westminster Abbey on the large TV screen in St. Mary's, Welford. There will be light refreshments available during this time. The PCC decided to make this historical occasion available in this way as during the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee and her funeral people in the community said how much they had enjoyed the opportunity to experience those events together as a community. (Also the colour and clarity of the events was spectacular to watch in high resolution and on such a large size screen!)

Once the times have been released for the procession and service and following events the time of this event will be advertised on posters on the Church noticeboards, on social media as well as on the Benefice website www.nasebygroup.org

On **Sunday 7th May** there will be a Benefice service of Holy Communion at 9.30am in St Deny's Church, Kelmarsh and also a Coronation themed Evening service at 6pm in St. Mary's, Welford. You are welcome to attend any or all of these activities, and we look forward to welcoming you on this historical occasion.

Kairen Ball 575331

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04/05	X		X	
11/05	X			X
18/05	X	X	X	
25/05	X			X
01/06	X		X	

Notes from your Parish Council

- There will be a special meeting of the Parish Council Planning Committee to discuss a proposal to build three commercial warehouses on the land on the southern side of the A14 junction of the A5199. Residents are welcome to attend the meeting which will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th April 2023 in the Village Hall.
- Every year, in every Parish, the Local Parish Council is required, by law to hold a 'Parish Meeting'. Whilst the Parish Council arranges this meeting and provides reports upon Parish matters, it is not a meeting of the Parish Council. It is, specifically, a meeting for Parish residents and community groups to bring up any issue, raise any questions or put forward ideas and proposals in relation to Welford Parish. The Parish Meeting will take place at 7pm on Thursday 27th April in the Village Hall, West Street and will be followed by the regular Parish Council meeting
- The issue of speeding vehicles continues to cause concern. The Parish Council is seeking volunteers to enable a Community Speedwatch team to be set up in the village. The scheme sees fully trained residents use speed detection devices to monitor vehicles travelling through Welford on roads with limits of 20 and 30mph.
- Warning letters are sent to the registered keeper of any vehicles caught exceeding the speed limit, which aims to increase awareness of the dangers of speeding and encourage drivers to reduce their speed.
- If you are interested in becoming a Community Speedwatch volunteer, please email Cllr. Tony Forder tony.forder@welfordvillage.org.uk to express your interest

Ian Kelly, Clerk to Welford Village

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Welford Wharf

Over the last year some of you may have noticed that the canal side warehouse at Welford wharf has undergone extensive restoration work. This has been undertaken by a variety of volunteer organisations, financed and supported by the charity Canal and River Trust (CRT). The warehouse was built soon after the Welford Arm was opened in 1814 and is a Grade 2 listed building. The work has been carried out using traditional materials and protecting the original features. The doors and window frames have been sympathetically repaired keeping as much of the original woodwork as possible. Repairs to the drains have also been carried out to help keep the building dry. The project is nearing completion and CRT are holding an open day on April 22 2023 between 10:00am and 3:00pm to give you a chance to look round the building and also to promote a variety of volunteering opportunities available to help them maintain and run the fascinating canal network while learning new skills at the same time. The nearby historic lime kilns are in a sorry state and there are plans to start work to stabilise and restore some of them later this year.

Trees for Welford and Green Welford are holding an event in the Welford pocket park on the same day and it will be running from 10am until 3pm with free activities for children and the young at heart focusing on trees and wildlife habitats.

FOCUS ON WELFORD BABES & TOTS



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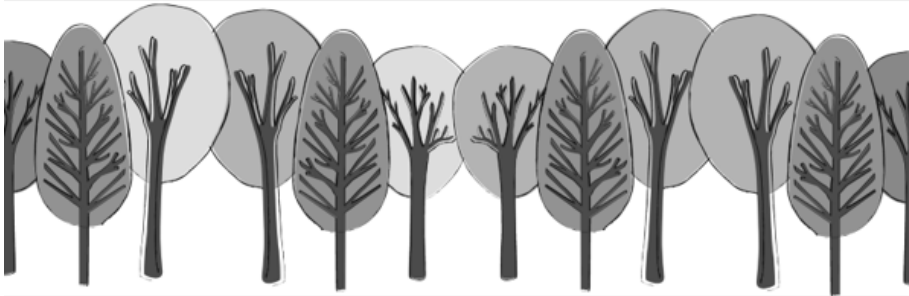
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celebrate Earth Day at Welford Pocket Park by joining in with lots of FREE activities to help learn about our wonderful trees and the important role they play - suitable for all ages!

- learn why trees are so important and what we can do to help protect them
- explore the pocket park and investigate the plants and wildlife that call it home
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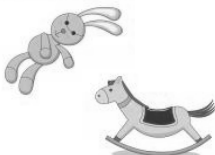
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Welford Guides – Fundraising

Update

Welford Guides would like to thank everyone who supported their Kindness Cookie initiative which raised over £170. The girls thoroughly enjoyed delivering the cookies to members of the community and hope that all the lucky recipients enjoyed their cookies. Coupled with the money they raised through their Sponsored Flip-a-thon in February, they have raised a total of £364.60.

After finding out a little bit about a variety of charities, the girls voted to donate £200 of the proceeds to the Children's Cancer and Leukemia Group (www.cclg.org.uk) with the remaining money going to fund the Easter Gift Bags which they will be distributing to various members of the community early in April.

This has all been in aid of the girls' work towards their 'Make Change' Skills Builder Badge, which is about making a difference in their local community. Other activities integral to this have included learning about Food Waste during Food Waste Action Week, thinking about things that matter to them by designing their own campaign t-shirts, and learning about animals at risk of extinction and ways we can help to prevent this happening.

The girls are already looking forward to new adventures and challenges next term, starting with an evening of pottery after the Easter break!

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



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	Highest monthly rainfall					Lowest monthly rainfall					* Up to 19th	
	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	49.2	
Feb	42.0	74.0	41.0	43.0	59.5	29.0	31.0	121.0	47.0	89.0	7.0	
Mar	62.0	43.5	27.0	78.5	54.0	166.5	55.5	35.5	46.0	41.5	76.0*	
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	132.2	
Prev 4 Year Average			776.1	678.8	687.5	658.1	753.8	821.5	834.3	821.8	683.9	

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APRIL 2023

9th Easter Day

23rd St Georges Day

MAY 2023

6th Coronation of King Charles III

18th Ascension Day



It has been a dry start to the year, with February recording the lowest February rainfall on record and January being below average too. To the end of February, we had seen a total of 56.2mm against a 10 year average of 68mm. However, we've seen a wet March so far - the third wettest March on record and it's not complete yet - leading to a certain balancing out in line with long term averages.

Stuart Chadwick



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

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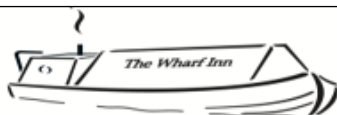
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Rebecca Barraclough (Chair WADS)



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Nature Notes

Whenever the first day of spring is on your calendar it does seem to have arrived! Meteorological spring apparently arrives on March 1st, which even in these times of strange globally warmed climate change seems too early. Harry Secombe used to burst into song on 21st March, declaiming that if he ruled the world, every day would be the first day spring, and on a bright breezy, daffodil filled late March day, who could disagree. We've passed the equinox, daylight now wins, and the seeds in the greenhouse are responding by germinating fast.

We did have some quite dramatic snow after the met bods said it was officially spring, and I had a chest infection - I know lots of other people did too - and I sat by the window watching the birds come to our feeders for some hours. When I did the Great Garden Bird Count I hadn't put the feeders out and was disappointed how few birds I saw. Now I am offering food I was delighted to see the variety that come. Blackbirds, 2 smart yellow beaked males and one female; robins, at least 3; sparrows, - both house and hedge sparrows - lots of those; blue tits, great tits and long tailed tits in considerable numbers; chaffinches, greenfinches, a great spotted woodpecker; a pair of collared doves and the inevitable fat pigeons collecting the seeds dropped from above, and jackdaws - 10 at a time - trying to get at the fat balls and also pecking about in our mossy lawn. A squirrel has been trying hard to access the feast, without much success. Magpies are also about, but fewer than some years. I was delighted to see the first thrush for some time, but sad not to see a wren. They used to be quite common here. The red kite sails over quite often, and the occasional buzzard. Rooks are nesting noisily in the tops of trees. I am now scanning the sky for the arrival of the swallows. There were so few last year and the summer sky would be so empty without them.

The grass is growing fast - I had to mow the lawn the other day - and the fields are full of that other great sign of spring, ewes and their lambs. Farmers report a higher level of single births than usual, but there are lots of strong, healthy lambs skipping about. The blackthorn is flowering so winter will no doubt have another bite, but basically it's a cheery time of year.

Susie Bevin

Stamps for the Bone Cancer Research Trust.

I have been delighted with the response to my note in the Bugle. 21 people put packets of stamps through my letterbox and I have posted off a very large envelope - they send me a pre-paid one. They also sent an email in response to the first lot I sent to say that in 2022 they raised £10,471 from stamps - so do keep saving them and bringing them to 5, West End.

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The village hall was packed with over 70 people attending the Trees for Welford meeting on March 2nd. We were given a clear message that we should proceed with tree planting in the parish.

There were some important practicalities that we need to resolve around locations in the public spaces in the village, protection of saplings in hedgerows and ongoing watering and maintenance.

We highlighted the implications of the climate crisis on people, wildlife and livestock and the role trees and hedges can play in a future where temperatures are likely to rise.

To quote from our presentation:

“...in August 1911, a national record was set with the hottest temperature in 79 years—36.7°C. Where? In Raunds, Northamptonshire, just 28 miles away.

In 2022 we felt the first 40°C in UK recorded history. On 19 July the hottest place in the country was Coningsby, Lincolnshire - 40.3°C (in old money that's 104.5°F). Second hottest place recorded 40.2°C - where? Pitsford, just 15 miles away. “

We have been approached by a number of landowners who would like to increase their trees or hedgerow cover and we will work with them to agree the schemes most likely to work in their location.

We are working closely with Harborough Woodland to acquire the skills to organize effective planting work parties and by the time this edition of The Bugle is published, 1,500 hedgerow whips will have been planted



at West Hill Manor Estate on Hemplow Drive by volunteers of all ages.

The tree survey conducted last year highlighted the abundance of ash in the landscape. Ash-dieback disease will decimate their numbers. We urgently need to find ways to compensate for this loss.

There was enthusiasm to join our tree survey team for the spring and summer and we welcome more volunteers.

Being so close to the source of the River Avon, a catchment of the Severn, we will explore the possibilities of Natural Flood Management through tree planting to hold back flash flooding.

We will join the national and local Tree Warden schemes to benefit from their expertise and access funding.

This tree and hedge planting season is at an end and we will be creating plans for working parties to plant trees in the 2023/24 autumn/winter planting season. We would very much welcome your involvement. If you've not already signed up to hear more, you can contact us at:

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WELFORD W.I. FEBRUARY 2023 MEETING

28 members and 1 guest attended the meeting. After the singing of Jerusalem, the President introduced Natrice from the Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Service. She outlined the work of the service, how they are funded and the various types of abuse catered for. There are now nine refuges in Northamptonshire, including one for men. She was thanked by Julie Newman, and presented with a cheque for £1,000 by Denise Cattell, being the total of our fund-raising in the year 2022/2023. Members had also brought a large amount of toiletries, etc. for the charity. The business was then carried out, mentioning various county events and outings and our meal out on the 22nd March and Kilworth House on August 2nd. Denise C, Sue B and Christine are forming a sub-committee to enter the Challenge Trophy on our behalf and the Pauline Duff challenge to decorate a terra-cotta pot is open to all!! As this was the last meeting Denise Cattell will take as President, she was presented with flowers and thanked for the hard work she has done, especially all through Lockdown and beyond. There followed a social and hilarious half-hour in the form of a beetle drive, organised by Sue Brotherton and then refreshments were enjoyed, provided and served by Sue Lees, Jean Baker and Sandra Wright. The competition for a black and white photograph, organised by Christine O'Reilly was won by Julie Newman with Sue Wilson 2nd and Sue Lees 3rd. The raffle organised by Denise Bott was won by Mary Crowther with Debbie Green 2nd and Monica Cockerill 3rd.

MARCH 2023 MEETING

23 members and 1 guest braved the ice and snow and after the singing of Jerusalem, Vice-President Denise Bott introduced the first speaker, Mick Morson, who gave a short talk about the Welford Educational Trust, which is our chosen charity for the next six months. We were then treated to the most humorous and informative talk by Lucy Swales about the life of Madame Tussauds and how the world famous attractions came to be. Lucy then described the making of the waxworks including her part, which is painstakingly attaching each and every hair!!! She was thanked by Julie Newman. A special presentation was then made to Anne Wing and Janet Mills of a certificate celebrating their 60 years membership of Welford W.I. A special cake, made by member Debbie Green, was cut and served together with the refreshments provided and served by S. Wilson, V. Journeaux and M. Crowther. The normal business of the evening followed, mentioning several County trips and walks, cakes for Cransley Hospice, Aviator Lunch and the subscription rise to £46 from 1st April. The AGM then took place with reports from the Treasurer, Secretary and outgoing President, Denise Cattell. The new committee names were read out and Alison Pryce proposed Denise Bott as our new President. She agreed to stand and was voted in unanimously. The competition for a candle organised by Catherine Digby was won by Julie Newman, with Christine O'Reilly 2nd and Catherine Digby 3rd. The raffle organised by Ann Thorrington was won by Ann Fletcher, 2nd Christine O'Reilly and 3rd Denise Bott. Next month's speaker is Jo Parish and her talk is entitled 'Stone Age Woman'. The competition is a Decorated Stone. Everyone is welcome.



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Ted Lewis 30.10.1934 – 27.01.2023



Edwin John (Ted) Lewis was born on 30.10.1934 at Hilltop Farm, Normanton Le Heath, near Ashby De La Zouch in Leicestershire.

The mixed arable and livestock farm had been farmed by the family for three generations after Ted's great grandfather bought it and moved from Cheshire, walking (driving) his cattle, sheep, and geese all the way. During the 1930s the Coal Board requisitioned most of the land for shallow open cast mining. Although it was reinstated, the land was very poor and Ted's parents struggled to make a good enough living to support him and his three brothers. The farm was sold but the family stayed on as tenants.

As a young man Ted's lifelong love of sport had developed. He was keen on cricket and football, but his first love was boxing, in which he became runner up in the midland ABA lightweight division. He was delighted a few years ago when he met former British champion Jack Bodell at a fight and Jack remembered them training together at the Ibstock boxing club.

Ted told many stories of his life on the farm but one of our favourites was when his Jack Russell disappeared down a badger set. Ted and his brother dug all afternoon and most of the night before they found the poor lifeless dog, which they laid on the grass while they filled the set in again. When they'd almost finished the dog woke up, shot back down the hole, and reappeared the next day as good as new!

Ted met Margaret at a young farmers dance and after they married they took on the farm. Neil and Tim were born and spent their first few years there. In those days there was little traffic and at the age of five Neil would sometimes fetch the cows up the lane in the afternoon for milking.

With a young family to support, Ted eventually gave up the tenancy on the farm and took a job as an animal feed rep in Suffolk - a brave move for someone who'd rarely been away from his own tiny village. He loved his new life and, trundling around in his Austin 1100, he made many friends in the countryside of that beautiful county. Typical of him was when one of his customer friends was critically injured in a road accident, Ted went to his friend's farm before and after work every day for months to help feed his pigs and keep things running until his friend was well again.

In the late 1960s Ted started working for Spillers, based in Wigston, and the family moved to the recently built Wakefield Drive in Welford, before moving in the mid 1970s to West End. Ted was always a farmer at heart and kept all sorts of animals in the little paddock and buildings behind the house. His grandchildren loved it when he'd buy a few Cade lambs for them to help rear. The rest of the family would despair when he brought home Geese that would hiss and chase us if we went near!

Ted and Margaret often holidayed in the Scottish Highlands where one rare bright sunny day they visited Fort William. Dressed in his shorts, t-shirt, and sandals he went for a wander around the base of Ben Nevis, only to reappear several hours later telling a worried Margaret, "Well it was a nice day so I thought I might as well go to the top"!

When he retired, Ted bought a few acres of pasture land near Laughton and spent most of his days there, tending his cattle and sheep, visiting markets and nattering to his friends.

Ted was a devoted family man and enjoyed nothing more than spending time with or hearing about his Grandchildren & Great Grandchild.

Margaret, Neil, Tim and their families would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support after Ted's passing on 27th January.

Thank you

Several young ladies from the First Welford Guides came to find me in the shop at Christmas time. They brought me a Community Christmas Box on behalf of the Welford Volunteers, a nice box full of Christmas goodies.

I would like to say thank you for this kind gesture and also thank you to the person(s) who nominated me. I have no idea who did (nominate me) but maybe I will find out one day and be able to thank you in person!

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and kindness. It is a pleasure to serve you in the shop and the Post Office and to support those of you, who sometimes need help with their shopping when feeling under the weather.

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There is simply no excuse...

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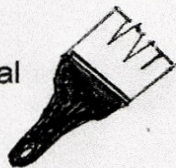
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Jean Netta Tyrrell 30.6.1932 - 5.1.2023

Jean was probably the kindest person you could meet, someone who would always see the best in people. She had many interests, and read the newspapers every day. You could talk to her about most things whether it was about how Leicester City were doing in the Premiership, how many goals Jamie Vardy had scored or about all the changes going on world, good or bad.

Born in 1932, Jean grew up in Welford where the family home had been since the early 1900s. Her parents, Gladys and Roland, ran the village shop selling groceries, petrol and oils that ran well into the 1970s until they retired and the shop closed.

Jean attended Welford Primary School where she made many lifelong friendships. She gained a scholarship for Market Harborough Grammar School in 1943, before going on to secretarial college in Leicester. She joined Barclays Bank in Leicester as a manager's secretary, which would become her lifelong career, working in Leicester and Market Harborough before transferring to the area Head Office in Nottingham. Here she bought a flat for living during the week and would come home to Welford at weekends. In 1983 Jean was asked by Barclays to setup a new charity helping disabled people with work placements. Jean became the Community Relations Manager and was key to setting up this new charity. She was absolutely suited to this role and was presented with a surprise award from Margaret Thatcher at the opening of the charity in 1985.

She sold her flat in Nottingham and came home to Welford to support her mum who was now living on her own after her father Roland died in 1977. When Jean finally retired in 1987 her energy and enthusiasm continued. She became a Barclays Pensioner and a member of the Pensioners Club. A regular highlight was the annual Pensioners Club lunch.

She was an active member of many of the village clubs and associations and was a long-standing member of The Mother's Union, particularly enjoying their many outings. She was a loyal member of the WI, in particular, a keen participant in the monthly competitions. Jean thoroughly enjoyed the many monthly jaunts and holidays that she and fellow WI members regularly went on.

She also helped produce and edit the Welford Parish Council magazine for many years with her good friend John Haynes, putting her secretarial skills to good use.

Although Jean spent most of her life in Welford, she loved travelling and visited places like Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Italy and Cyprus with her old school friends when she was younger. When Jean retired, she celebrated with her mum by going on a P&O Canberra cruise around Spain, Madeira and the Canary Islands and later a cruise up the Rhine.

In later life she loved travelling around England and went on many coach holidays with her brother Richard and close friends from the village. They had a passion for visiting stately homes and gardens and loved spending weeks on the South Coast and in East Anglia.

As you know, church was very important to Jean and for most of her working life she supported the young people in the village teaching at Sunday School when she was home at weekends. Recently, friends have shared their fond memories of the times when Jean taught them there.

Whilst Jean was still happy driving, she would visit her family in Kent and East Sussex and travel to see many of her long-standing friends. She had a keen interest in music and on her many visits to Kent and Sussex, she would love to go to the London musicals and ballet and see her great nieces and nephews in their school plays and dancing shows. She loved to watch the New Year's Day concerts from Vienna, and Alfie Boe and Michael Ball were among her favourite singers.

Once she had given up driving, John Haynes and then George Cottrell took her shopping to Market Harborough. George looked forward to 'Driving Miss Daisy' as he called her and they would often come home via Sibbertoft or Naseby so Jean could enjoy the countryside.

Jean Netta Tyrell Continued ...

More recently, Jean became a founder member of the Historical Society and was pleased to exercise her phenomenal memory of all things Welford bringing along lots of interesting items relating to the shop and her father's cacti.

Meeting up at the monthly Luncheon Club and the Welcome Club was a real pleasure for Jean and until Covid she regularly enjoyed coffee with friends at their Tuesday coffee mornings.

In 2021 she moved to Sibbertoft Manor as the family home was becoming more and more difficult to upkeep and manage. She continued to attend monthly WI meetings and celebrated her 90th birthday last year.

Jean was a kind, thoughtful and generous lady. She would always be interested in our families and what they were up to, especially the children. She will be sadly missed by everyone in the family and by her many friends in Welford.

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With cricket due to start in earnest in April, here's a brief overview of the season ahead.

SENIOR CRICKET (Sunday pm friendlies, home & away) 6 x matches are now confirmed from Sunday May 14th to Sunday 10th September. As per last season, the team is open to all adults and youths (aged 16+) with existing junior cricket experience and net practices will start at the Sportsfield on Friday 14th April (6.00pm to 7.30 pm) and run on Friday evenings throughout the season. New players are very welcome, club kit available. Just come along!

INTER CLUB 6-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

Sunday July 2nd

The club will be organising a 6-a-side tournament at the Sportsfield on Sunday July 2nd, bringing back a successful and fun fixture which was played for many years in the village. Teams of 6 (+ reserves) are open to any club, society or group with Welford Village connections. Bar, food and other entertainment will be available during the day. Spectators very welcome! Cost per player £5.00.

To register interest or for more information on the above, please contact either Chris Sheldrick (chris_sheldrick@hotmail.com) or Robin Bennett (Bennettrobinb@aol.com)

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The Suburbanisation of our countryside

As Welford embarks on an ambitious plan to plant more trees, improve habitat, wildlife corridors and water retention to mitigate flooding; there has been a rise in hard fencing and boundaries. Hedges have been ripped out and tree cover reduced. Any hard boundary stops small mammals travelling across gardens. Hedge removal reduces places for nesting birds, and habitat for our smallest mammals, voles, shrews and mice. Hedgehogs are starting to come out from hibernation but now find their runs reduced or lost.

From work on the technical committee of the CPRE we are often acting for people who see the fragile boundaries of hedges and trees diminished. This is a plea for our own villagers to think twice before putting up any more hard landscaping.

It is difficult to pursue the plans for improving tree cover if we have a simultaneous reduction of flora and fauna. The Welford neighbourhood plan clearly supports biodiversity and the conservation areas help to enforce this policy. There is also a policy to make green buffer zones between properties, not reduce them.

Villages are placed in the countryside which have normally quite leafy boundaries, especially if adjacent to fields where hedge and ditch are the whole boundary line and remain in ownership of the landowner. The ditches help water drainage and should not be encroached upon and used as garden extensions. Where these boundaries have been compromised they could be seen to be in breach of the Countryside Act. If in doubt contact a solicitor or the Parish council for advice.

Boundaries are always a sensitive area but they are not definitive lines. They are places of habitat as well for nesting birds and small mammals so the greater the width, the better for biodiversity.

Yvonne Dean

CPRE Technical Committee Northamptonshire
For more information on the CPRE work on hedgerows see the latest OUTLOOK March 2023 as our latest hedgerow campaign comes to an end.
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Extracts from the eulogy for the funeral of Cliff Hayhurst on 16 February 2023



My dad, Cliff Hayhurst, loved living in Welford. Before he came here, he got restless every few years and wanted to move on. But that didn't happen in Welford.

Cliff brought his family to Rosemary Cottage, in West Street, more than 50 years ago and he was determined to end his days here. Welford was where he realised his dream of a studio pottery. He spent many hours fixing the house and garden. He and his wife Phyllis enjoyed exploring the local countryside and contributing to village organisations.

But Welford was a long way from Cliff's roots. His family was originally from Lancashire and he was born in 1929 in Nottingham. He said he didn't enjoy school much, apart from his favourite subject, art. But did have a lucky break at 16, when he joined a small furniture company.

At the time, the furniture industry arranged for apprentices to spend two days a week at a technical college. Cliff joined courses at Nottingham College of Art and he added evening classes – enough to get a full art school diploma. His long career in art and design was born.

Just after this, Cliff met Phyllis at Gilbert's Dance Hall in Nottingham. This was the start of a romance spanning more than 70 years. As well as enjoying dancing, they were both keen cyclists. A quick Sunday afternoon spin would be the 16 miles from Nottingham to Derby and then back in time for tea.

They married in 1954 when Cliff was appointed as a designer in Birmingham with one of the country's biggest paint companies. It was his job to decide which colours should be used in large public buildings all over the country.

Cliff and Phyllis later moved to Hagley, a village in Worcestershire. The house had been empty for two years and had an overgrown garden about 100 meters long. They replaced floors, laid drains, built a garage, extended a bedroom, and created productive fruit and vegetable plots, all the time holding down jobs and bringing up two children.

Then Cliff got itchy feet. He applied and got a job as a designer with the Midland area museum service. This involved creating exhibitions at around 15 museums and galleries. He once described it as the most satisfying job he'd ever had. At Birmingham Museum, he designed a gallery for a collection of vast stone buddhas. He must have been very proud of this because he took us to see it every school holiday.

Four years later, his feet started to itch again and he decided to change direction once more. He did a three-year training course to become an art and design teacher. Money was suddenly much tighter. But Cliff had ingenious ways of getting round this. We didn't have a television but he built a receiver that could broadcast TV sound. Then he taught us how to use binoculars so that we could watch the programmes being shown in the house across the road.

Cliff's first teaching job was at an upper school at Desford in Leicestershire. Here, he discovered pottery for the first time, and lots of new ideas about art education. Three years later, he was appointed head of a new design department at Robert Smythe school in Market Harborough. He put his new ideas into practice, offering courses in film-making, photography and, of course, pottery.

Not all the members of his team accepted these changes. Cliff had a folder in which he collected the blocking tactics of one of his colleagues. In 1978, after another row with this teacher, he said to himself:

"I've had enough of this. I'll be a potter. I can do this, enjoy it and no-one can argue with me."

He marched down to the headmaster's office and resigned.

The family had been living in Rosemary Cottage for about six years by then. The outbuildings made it a perfect place for a small business. And so Rosemary Cottage Studio went into production. Cliff made hundreds of mugs, vases, plates and pottery animals. If you walk round Welford, you'll still see house numbers made in his studio. It was a settled and enjoyable time. Cliff and Phyllis sharpened up their dancing skills and passed exams. They bought a camper van and toured the country, discovering new special places and revisiting old favourites. They visited my brother, Stephen and his family in Denmark.

But there were very sad times too. In 1998, Stephen died, aged 35, following treatment for brain cancer. It was a huge blow that took many years to come to terms with. Cliff and Phyllis wanted to celebrate Stephen's life and one way they did this was through Welford Pocket Park. They planted a grove of silver birch trees in Stephen's memory and joined the group set up to look after the park.

As the century turned, Cliff began to wind down the pottery. He spent more of his time painting in water colours, experimenting with digital photography, reshaping the garden and creating a model railway in his

workshop.

One of his weekly highlights was Dancing for Fun, the sessions he and Phyllis ran in the village hall, up until the covid lockdown. They also hosted a monthly tea-dance which attracted people from Welford and beyond.

Cliff joined the table tennis club and served on the village hall committee. He loved a good discussion at the monthly Good Neighbours coffee morning.

He was particularly passionate about good design and construction. He was never more frustrated than when something broke and he couldn't fix it. For many months, there was a lawn mower in his workshop which he just refused to give up on.

And if you've ever been in the workshop, you'll know that Cliff had tools for every imaginable job, all in their designated place – although only he knew where this was.

Cliff learned the traditional techniques for everything from pottery and painting to gardening and bricklaying. And then he'd work out what he thought was a better way to do it.

He was fiercely independent and loved the idea of setting off in the camper van with Phyllis, not knowing quite where they'd end up.

The family thanks everyone who came to the service at St Mary's in Welford and joined them afterwards in the village hall to remember Cliff's life. A fantastic £381.75 has been raised to support the work of Shelter.

Ruth Hayhurst

On – and off – the trophy trail...

With just a couple of months of the season remaining, we're still on course to be celebrating a trophy at Newlands Road for the first time since 2011 with our Saturday Adults team (at the time of writing) just one win away from securing the Leicestershire County Football League Division 3 title. After seventeen matches, they remain unbeaten (W15, D2) and can now only be caught by one other team. In fact, we could secure the trophy without kicking a ball if that team, who we beat 5-0 in our last game, fail to take maximum points in both of their two games in hand.

Out of their title race, however, are the Veterans' team. At the start of March they had the opportunity to close the gap on the league leaders to just one point, and after taking a 2-0 lead just five minutes into the top-of-the-table clash, it was very much 'game on'. Sadly, Oundle Town's superiority shone through and instead the gap widened to 7 points, with the next game – a frustrating 0-1 defeat to Wellingborough Exiles – ending our chances.

Elsewhere our Colts celebrated their first point of the season after a 1-1 draw with Wellingborough Old Grammarians Reserves in late January. They also came very close to picking up more in their last two games, losing 2-3 and 0-2 respectively. Despite the league position – which is rather immaterial in a new team's first years – we're delighted with the progress they're making as a group.

The Veterans and Colts train on Wednesday evenings at the Sportsfield. If you'd like to join us, you can find contact details at www.welfordvictoria.com or on Facebook (Welford Victoria Football Club)



Legends lend a hand

Our Under 9s have been boosted by the return of not one, nor two, but three Welford Victoria legends who have dropped by to lend a hand with coaching, either as a regular part of the coaching group or on an occasional basis when availability allows.

Our sincere thanks to Martin Howells, Dave Concar and Steve Wood for answering the call and joining Tom Clow, Barrie Dowsett and Tim Sandercock on our roster of coaches and assistants. (We now need to persuade them to find their boots when the Veterans play)

Our U9s train on Wednesday evenings too, and this group is open to boys and girls in school year 4 or below.

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. A big thank you to Phil Catterall who has started helping out in the bar for us.

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.

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)
Football U9s (Y4 & below), Colts (16+), Vets (35+) From 6.15pm	WSF
Beginners Pilates 10.00-11.00am	WYCC
Set the Pace Fitness club 7-8PM	WYCC
<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

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

APRIL

22nd Welford Wharf Open Day	WW
22nd Tree Festival	PP
24th Pamper Evening	SCH
30th Walk for Charlie	WYCC
30th The Big Breakfast	WYCC

MAY

6th Coronation Party—SOLD OUT	WYCC
6th Coronation screening	CH
7th Big Lunch	WYCC
8th Coffee and Cake	CPL
8th Big help out	WPF

VENUES:

CAGC	Cold Ashby Golf Club	
CH	Church	
CPL	Chapel	
PSM	Pre-School Mobile	
PP	Pocket Park	
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	
WW	Welford Wharf	
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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