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## Park prepares for grand opening

THE grand opening of Welford's pocket park will be held on Saturday at 10.30am.

Pocket park pioneer and former Northamptonshire County Council countryside officer Alan Teulon MBE will be the guest of honour.

Mr Teulon first evolved the idea of pocket parks in the 1980s for people who live in rural areas but could not get

proper access to the countryside.

He will officially open the park and Kettering MP Phil Sawford will cut the ribbon over the village's £17,000 footbridge over the river Avon.

Parish council chairman James Corbett will introduce Peter Jones, external relations director of Biffa, which made a £25,581 grant to the project.

Mr Jones will make a speech on the landfill tax scheme which financed the construction of the pocket park.

Cllr Mike Stacey, of the pocket park committee, said: "We are really looking forward to this after working so long and so hard on the park. Everybody's efforts will be repaid during the spring and summer when the park blossoms."

### New parks guide

A NEW guide to pocket parks in Northamptonshire is to be launched by the county council.

Pocket parks are small natural areas of wildlife owned and managed by local communities such as parish councils and trusts.

The guide will identify each of the 70 pocket parks and facts such as footpaths and a history of the site.

Copies will be available from today at every library, tourist information centre, country park, volunteer bureau and council in the county.

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## Park's progress

WELFORD Pocket Park's committee has looked back on a successful first year.

At its first AGM co-ordinator Sarah Gorrod, treasurer Norman Hills and secretary and publicity officer Phyllis Hayhurst were re-elected.

The other members of the management team are Margaret Curis, Cliff Hayhurst, June Simkins, Michael Stacey and Peter Wattam.

The pocket park began with Welford Parish Council's decision in 1998 to have an environmental pond in a linear park to link its aim of a footbridge over the River Avon.

In February 1999 a public meeting decided to have a pocket park, a management group was set up and designs drawn up and work started with site clearance in April 1999.

Extensive planting has included a silver birch grove, trees, bulbs, wildflowers and shrubs, a hedge, a footbridge with a grant of £25,000 from Biffa Trust, bird and bat boxes, fencing, notice boards, seats and pond decking.

The opening of the park and bridge in March by Phil Sawford MP and Alan Teulon MBE, pioneer of pocket parks, was well attended.

Work will continue and anyone who can spare the odd hour to help is asked to contact Sarah Gorrod on MH 570810.

The pocket park accounts list the following grants: Daventry District Council £1,386, Welford Parish Council £58, Biffa £1,500. The group also received the donation of the prize of £200 for Welford's win in Operation Spring Clean in 1999. Expenditure on the path, seats and so on amounted to £1,444. The pocket park group now has £1,604. An earlier grant by Daventry District Council Giveaway for Good Causes enabled the group to buy a mower for site clearance and further grants will be available from the pocket parks partnership.

Entries to the Brownies Welford pocket park picture competition were judged.

The winner was Joanna Guy who receives a pocket park tee shirt. This and the other entries will be featured in one of the pocket park notice boards.



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# WELFORD & BRIXWORTH AREA NEWS

## Getting their skates on for new youth facilities

NEW facilities for youths in Naseby are being lined up following the success this year of the village's new play area for youngsters.

Naseby Parish Council aims to ensure facilities for an older age group will soon be put in place after providing youngsters with their own facilities.

A skate park is one of the suggestions, aimed at the 11 to-17

By James Hall

years age bracket, which has been put forward as a possible solution.

Members of the parish council are looking to start on a new project to cater for youths who have difficulty getting out of the village to places with leisure

facilities.

Parish council chairman Roger Hillyer said: "We would really like to make a real go and provide facilities for those in the 11 to 17 years bracket in Naseby.

"We have had a chat with some of them who have suggested a skate park would be a really good addition for the village.

"Many of the people we are aiming the proposed facilities at

often have trouble getting out to towns such as Market Harborough or Northampton where leisure facilities are more freely available.

"It may take some time to get things moving but we have made a start. The play area is well used and we are sure that further facilities will be as well."

The parish council is set to discuss options at its next meeting.



● In memory... (centre) Frances Stacey and Ian Elmes with fellow villagers during the tree-planting in memory of Michael Stacey at Welford Pocket Park. (Picture: Andrew Carpenter/000385-3)

## Park memorial to stalwart Michael

MEMBERS of Welford Scouts Association, the Pocket Park Group and other villagers attended a tree planting ceremony in memory of former parish council chairman Michael Stacey, who died

earlier this year. A Joseph Locke rowan tree was planted by Frances Stacey in memory of her husband, who died on March 2. Mr Stacey had been a member of the village's

scouts association since the 1970s and chairman of the scouts since 1987. He was also a member of the bowls club and the pocket park. Villager Phyllis Hayhurst

said: "As a parish councillor he undertook many other duties in the village for the benefit of the community and he will be sadly missed for all his efforts and his willingness to help."

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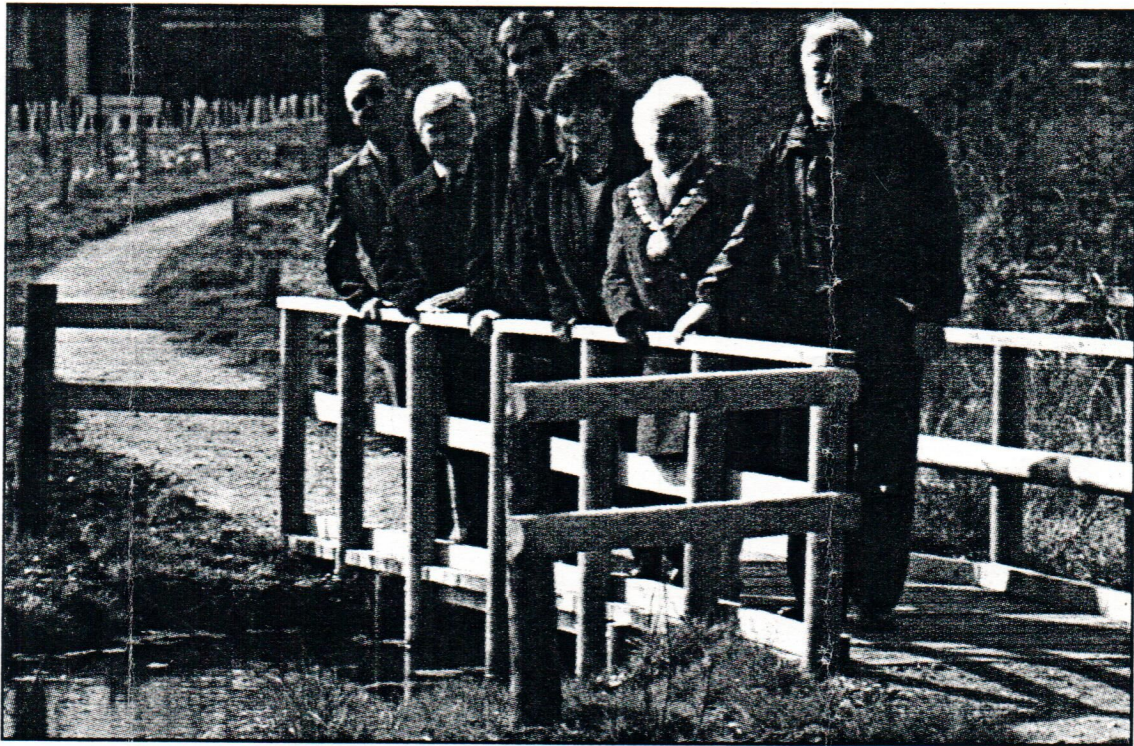
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# Community effort opens new amenity



● Pocket park opening...at Welford, from left, are Mike Stacey, James Corbett, Phil Sawford MP, co-ordinator Sarah Gorrod, Daventry District Council chairman Ida Taylor and Alan Teulon. (Ref: 00/3/459/24)

## THE grand opening of Welford's pocket park was celebrated by more than 100 people.

Visitors from Harborough joined residents to mark the completion of years of hard work by villagers.

Welford Parish Council chairman James Corbett began the ceremony to open the park and footbridge over the River Avon.

He thanked all who had contributed including the Biffa Trust, which gave more than £25,000 to the project, the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, pocket park pioneer Alan Teulon

## By Dan Martin

and campaigner Harry Middleton.

He announced the new footbridge would be named the Stacey's Bridge in recognition of parish councillor Michael Stacey and his family who worked tirelessly to get the bridge.

Mr Stacey said: "I cannot say how proud I am for this honour. We have needed this bridge for so many years for road safety reasons but this was completely out of the blue."

The area's MP Phil Sawford spoke

about the need to protect the environment as he opened the bridge and Mr Teulon, former countryside officer for Northamptonshire County Council, cut the ribbon on the park.

He said: "The pocket parks is a place for tots to play and the elderly to relax.

"It is a place which can be used by schools for environmental studies, where wildlife can find a home and where volunteers can learn new skills.

"The community will be able hold events here, revive village traditions and find fresh air and exercise."



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organisations are involved, including the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV),

Included in the Welford Heritage Project is a new heritage trail throughout the village.

will take place in the summer and will enable people from the area to

involved.

# More than a scrap of talent!

MORE than 100 visitors attended Welford School last week to view pupil's wild trash sculptures.

All of the models were made from recyclable materials and were based on a wildlife or nature theme.

Billy Niven won the first prize in the five to seven years category with a rabbit design and the eight to 11 age winner was Charles Longdin with a black widow spider sculpture.

Prizes of £25 were given to the successful pair, courtesy of Biffa, who sponsored the event which was organised by the Pocket Park group.

- Sculpture fun...teacher Harriette Pulling (centre) with pocket park members (from left), Phyllis Hayhurst, Sarah Gorrod, June Simkins and Cliff Hayhurst with youngsters looking at Charles Longdin's winning sculpture. (Picture: 000308-15).



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### Institute report

WELFORD Women's Institute members were interested about plans for an annual walk discussed at their recent meeting.

They also heard there is to be a change of plans for the annual outing, while the annual litter-pick will depend on members clearing up the village hall area.

The WI national campaign is supporting farming, and rural affairs particularly hit by the foot and mouth crisis. Social problems in care homes were emphasised.

At short notice Mr and Mrs C Bevin entertained by relating the life and literary works of BB. He was Denis Watkins-Pitchford who was born in Hampton, Rectory, and lived in Welford for 15 years. He accurately described the local countryside. Mrs D Bott offered a vote of thanks.

The pick-me-up competition organised by Mrs D Wood was won by J Walker, P Watson and D Bott. Mrs H Downing ran a raffle, won by F Stacey, A Barber and J Barker. The catering team was F Stacey, V Morson and A Barber. S Brotherton provided delightful refreshments.

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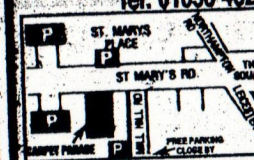
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