

THE WELFORD BUGLE

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St Mary's Church Fete 9th September 2023

2.00 – 4.30pm
at

The Manor House

by kind invitation of John and Christine O'Reilly

Enjoy a cup of tea and some delicious cake to the music of Lutterworth Town Band. Alternatively try your luck at one of the tombolas or else have a go at skittles. There will be plenty of other stalls to enjoy and explore.



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The Carnival Quiz

There may not be a Carnival anymore but we will continue to hold the traditional Carnival quiz night on Bank Holiday Sunday 27th August at the Wharf starting at 7.30 p.m. We have a new quiz master in James Bland and we will have the usual curry/ Bolognese and rice at half time. Cost of the quiz and food plus the chance to win the coveted Carnival quiz trophy is £7 per person, and this is paid on the night. Teams of up to 6 people, and there is only room for 12 teams so please phone the Wharf on 575075 to book your table as soon as possible.

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03/08	X			X
10/08	X	X	X	
17/08	X			X
24/08	X	X	X	
31/08	X	X		X
07/09	X		X	
14/09	X			X
21/09	X	X	X	
28/09	X			X
05/10	X		X	

Notes from your Parish Council

- The Parish Council has agreed to install three new street lights in the village. Two will be located at the north end of the High Street outside the Pocket Park, these will light up that area for people walking to/ from the canal and The Wharf and also provide light within the Pocket Park
- It has been reported that there are some dog owners still not clearing up after their dog has pooped. This is particularly noticeable within the Playing Field and is unhealthy for users. Under the Public Spaces Protection Order issued by WNC, dog owners and all persons in control of a dog on land to which this Order applies must have with them an appropriate means to pick up dog faeces deposited by that dog
- A white line has been painted at the entrance to the Playing Field in West End. This is to remind motorists not to park their vehicle there and leave the gates accessible in case of emergency
- If you have an issue in relation to potholes, loose paving, overgrown vegetation on roads and footpaths and you do not have access to the internet, WNC Street Doctor can be contacted between 9.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday on 0300 126 7000. If you have access to the internet, there is a link on the front page of the village website which enables you to make an online report using a map so that the precise location of the problem can be highlighted to WNC Highways

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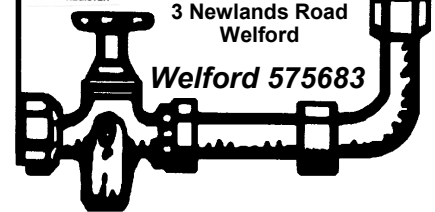
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Welford Open Golf Day

I had only 4 entries for this when it was advertised on July 2nd, so I postponed it. The new date is Sunday 20th August with a first tee time of 12 noon. Cost is £7.00 if you are a Cold Ashby member or £30.00 if you are a guest. This is your chance to win the coveted Open golf Claret Jug and write your name in Welford's golfing history – but only if we get enough people to enter! If I don't get ten or more Welfordians to play alongside some members from Cold Ashby I will assume the event has run its course, and we will say goodbye to another Welford tradition which I think will be a big shame. So please call me on 575422 or email john.nick@btopenworld.com to book your place as soon as you can.



WELFORD BRIDGE CLUB



Do you play Bridge? Welford Bridge Club meet twice monthly – the first and third Tuesdays in the Village Hall Billiard Room from September to May and are looking to welcome new members.

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WELFORD EDUCATIONAL TRUST

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

The Trustees meet in September and February each year. The next meeting will be held on **Friday 8th September 2023**.

In the past, students have received financial help towards the cost of books for college and university courses. Students wishing to apply for the book grant must complete an application form available from the Secretary, Ms S Barlow, 5 Westfield Crescent, Welford, Northampton, NN6 6HY, 01858575748.

Completed forms should be returned to the above address by **6th September 2023**.

Late applications cannot be considered. Please note that book grant applications will only be considered at the September meeting each year.

The Trustees will also consider applications from individuals and youth groups to provide financial assistance towards education, training and other needs. Applications by letter to the Secretary by **6th September 2023**.

cubs

Welford Cubs are looking for new members to join their friendly, fun pack.

We welcome girls and boys from Welford and the surrounding villages.

Who are Cubs Scouts? Cubs are young people aged 8 to 10½ who like to:

Master new skills and try new things - Have fun and go on adventures -

Learn about the world around them - Make friends -

Help others and make a difference, in their own communities and beyond.

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EcoFika dates:

4th & 18th August
15th & 29th September
13th October

Welford Village Hall
10am-12pm



KidsFest24:
8th June 2024

KidsFest 2023: A huge success!

We were delighted to welcome over 450 visitors to Welford Youth and Community Centre and adjacent Playing Field on Saturday 10th June for our second ever KidsFest. With over 26 stalls and different activities for the children to enjoy, we really hope there was something for everyone. Based on the feedback we've received, those attending particularly loved the smoothie bike (again), but also really enjoyed Wormologist Anna's talk about worms and why they're vital to support our eco-system. Lots of the children enjoyed building a wormery to take home, and there's even one at Welford Pre-school and another at Welford, Sibbertoft and Sulby Endowed School. The worms are thriving on food scraps and the children will harvest the worm tea when it's ready to help feed the plants they are growing.

The event was free of charge for all to attend, and this was made possible from funding obtained through West Northants Council. We are now in the process of completing a new grant bid to enable us to host KidsFest 2024, but should there be any local businesses interested in sponsoring the event, please do get in touch. In the meantime, mark your calendars for KidsFest 2024: Saturday 8th June 2024!

We also held a very successful Summer Clothes Swap on Saturday 17th June, with many visitors taking away a new item or two. We're planning to host two more clothes swaps this year, so please hang on to any clothing in excellent condition (children & adults), and then come along to the Village Hall 10.30am -12.30pm to see what you could snag for nothing!

Sunday 1st October (particularly warmer clothes/coats)

Sunday 3rd December (particularly Christmas jumpers/festive wear)

We will also be offering a mending service on the day – bring along any item of clothing that needs a minor repair and we'll fix it for you so you can keep wearing it.

Tea, coffee & cake will also be available.

Recycling bins

We're delighted to report there has been far less contamination in the crisp recycling bin of late – thank you. As a reminder, any other soft plastics can be taken to the following places for recycling:

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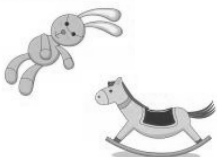
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Please book your place by phoning John Nicholas on 575422 or emailing him on john.nick@btoenworld.com We will only be able to cater for 70 people so please book your place asap.

This really is part of "living in Welford" and you will not need another meal on this Sunday. We look forward to seeing you.

WANTED

Are you good at maintaining lawnmowers? If so, you are wanted. We have a wonderful group of volunteers who mow the churchyard extension throughout the summer but none of us are particularly skilful when the lawnmowers won't go. We have them serviced professionally but if you think you could keep an eye on them between April and October so the valiant mowers can complete their rota then please get in touch with Sue on Welford 575422, 07879 852840 or email s.e.nicholas@btopenworld.com and you would be a valuable member of our volunteers – if not the most valuable (but don't tell the others!).



Welford in Harmony

A big thank you to everyone who came to our Summer Concert.

We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Thanks to your generosity we raised £150 for the Chapel and £240 for Springbridge Driving for the Disabled.

Our concert would not have been possible without our singers, our wonderful conductor Rebecca Schneider and the marvellous Chapel ladies who made sure everyone got tea, coffee and cake!

We start back singing after our Summer break in September, we meet on Mondays at 7.30 until 9.00pm in the Chapel. If you would like to join us please contact Sheila on sheilamscullion@gmail.com or text 07484 883433. It's £4 a session or £20 for 6 sessions.



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KEY:	Highest monthly rainfall					Lowest monthly rainfall					* Up to 26th	
	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	115.5	
Apr	22.5	31.0	25.5	50.0	10.5	65.0	15.0	35.0	9.0	23.5	56.0	
May	75.5	109.0	54.0	45.0	80.0	85.0	46.5	10.0	141.0	51.0	37.0	
Jun	41.5	69.0	26.0	77.5	52.0	1.0	148.5	66.0	43.5	34.5	44.0	
Jul	92.0	31.0	81.5	19.0	71.0	14.5	125.0	63.0	59.5	5.0	71.5*	
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	380.2	

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AUGUST 2023

15th Birthday Princess Royal

SEPTEMBER 2023

8th Ascension of King Charles

10th Welford Feast Day (7 Days)

NOVEMBER 2023

11th Remembrance Day



The year has continued to have peaks and troughs of rainfall but the overall is that by the end of June the total for the year to date at 308.7mm is pretty much in-line with the long term averages for the first 6 months of the year at around 313mm. However, July has been above the 22 year average, and far in excess of the average of the last few years. Did you know...long-term, the wettest three months on average are October, August and July - we don't have dry summers!

Stuart Chadwick



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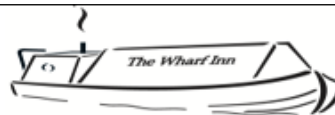
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Nature Notes

What a wet time. We're on top of a hill, and water has flowed down our yard like a river in spate. No wonder floods can overwhelm so quickly. Luckily ours ends up in the brook at the bottom of the paddock and flows on into the Avon, but those downstream are often less fortunate. The upside is that I haven't had to do too much watering. The downside is prolific weeds and extra lawn mowing when the weather relents. There are however compensatory moments, when the sun comes out and I can sit with a coffee, neglecting my book and just enjoying the surrounding garden and fields.

Someone at the bottom of the village was excited to tell me that he has seen two green woodpeckers at the same time in his garden. They have now paid us a visit, and spent a long time invading the ants nests that seem unusually numerous - about 10 on the top lawn.

The buddleia is in flower and this always means butterfly time. When it is dry I have seen peacocks, red admirals, painted ladies and many cabbage whites. The brassicas are all safely netted from their deprivations. Over the grass and the raspberry canes there are lots of meadow browns and the occasional flash of colour from a common blue, also bright red and black cinnabar moths, and lots little white fluttery ones which are all over the thistles in the fields. Large hawk moths take refuge in our porch. In fact the bug population seems to be thriving in this small corner - not to mention the spiders and flies which seem determined to take up residence in the house!

The vegetable patch is providing well - the next treat is the first runner beans with lamb and mint sauce. I also planted 138 leeks - there are a lot of seeds in a packet!

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Susie Bevin

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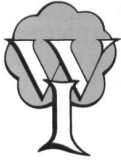
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JUNE 2023 MEETING

Denise Bott presided over the June Meeting of Welford W.I. 23 members and 1 guest were present. After the singing of Jerusalem and the signing of the minutes, Denise reminded members of the cakes volunteered for Kidsfest taking place Saturday 10 June. She thanked Sue Brotherton for organizing a very successful evening playing skittles.

As other commitments had meant numbers had dwindled for the craft afternoons, it has been decided to suspend this activity until the autumn, although those interested in decorating a terracotta pot for the Pauline Duff Trophy would be getting together at their convenience. Denise invited Christine O'Reilly, on behalf of Val Jackson, to give further details of the afternoon tea to be held at Coton Manor 12 July. Christine also mentioned the interesting work she, Denise Cattell, Sue Brotherton and Sandra Wright had been doing for the Challenge Trophy – devising a weekend for two in Northamptonshire.

Ann Thorington informed members of an outing to Ely and Ely Cathedral, the Literary Lunch and a Decoupage Workshop. She also mentioned county walks from Paulesbury (June), Lois Weedon (July) and Yelvertoft (August).

Denise then introduced three ladies who gave a delightful and very entertaining demonstration of Belly Dancing. They talked of the long history and the anatomical benefits for women who learn the skill. They concluded by getting all the members to have a go - great fun was had by all! Tasty teas were provided by Christine O'Reilly, Nicky White and Sally Harris.

WELFORD W.I.

The competition for a bell, organized by Hilary Downing, was won by Ann Thorington, 2nd Jane Cottrell and 3rd Pauline Matthew. The raffle, run by Sue Lees, was won by Nicky White, Catherine Digby and Sally Harris.

The speaker next month is Sarah Burgon talking about Footwear and Footcare. The competition is for a sock.

AT JUNE 2023

JULY 2023 MEETING

23 members and 1 guest were welcomed by the President and after the singing of Jerusalem the June minutes were read and signed. Denise thanked all who helped or provided cakes for the Kidsfest in June when £179 was made for our charity. She also thanked Val Jackson for arranging a very enjoyable afternoon tea and visit to Coton Manor Gardens. The next Institute outing will be to 'Hairspray' at Kilworth House in August. Sue Brotherton has arranged a taster evening for indoor bowls on the 8th August at 7.00 p.m. County Outings and walks were given out and a list went round for the County AGM on October 26th.

The speaker, Sarah Burgon a hospital podiatrist, then gave an interesting, informative and (sometimes) humorous talk about the care of our feet and the footwear we should all be wearing. She was thanked by Denise Bott.

The delicious teas were provided and served by S. Greeves, A. Pryce and S. Wright. The raffle run by M. Cockerill was won by D. Bott, A. Wing and H. Cockburn. The competition for A Sock organised by J. Newman was won by P. Matthew with S. Brotherton 2nd and S. Lees 3rd.

The September meeting will be a Social Evening and the competition will be decided on the night.



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WELFORD VILLAGE HALL NEWS

During a recent visit by Frances Harris the ACRE Community Facilities Adviser the committee underwent the Trustee Training requirements. Following this, Frances included a report in the ACRE bulletin. During the meeting it was mentioned that Welford Village Hall could be the oldest in Northamptonshire. Other halls may be older, but these tend to be Church halls and Reading rooms etc. The original building in Welford dates back to 1905.



Frances Harris writes “ I recently had the pleasure of visiting Welford Village Hall to deliver trustee roles training to the hall’s committee. I was given an incredibly warm welcome and, after completing the training, enjoyed a tour of the handsome building.

This very well-supported and run hall, which was built in 1905, sits in the centre of the village of Welford in the northwest of the

County, close to the Leicestershire border. Serving a village community of just over 1,000, the building has a main hall, generous sized meeting room, modern kitchen and a parking area to the side.

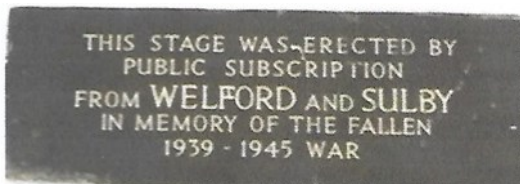
The main hall can accommodate up to 100 people and, with the Billiard Room, another 40. Facilities include a kitchen, disabled toilet, baby-changing and, since 2021, Wifi.

The committee took the decision to install wifi in part to offset the difficulties created by Covid and to help encourage the return of user groups as restrictions were gradually eased. In June of that year, the WI held a very successful hybrid meeting with 27 people in the main hall (the maximum allowed at that time) plus another 10 joining via Zoom. Subsequently, wifi has proved useful in facilitating debit and credit card payments for services provided by on in the Hall.



The main hall (above and right), which is bright and airy thanks to large windows on two sides, has a stage designed and constructed by former committee members. Two commemorative plaques are on display. The first (below) records:

This stage was erected by public subscription from Welford and Sulby in memory of the fallen 1939-1945 war.



The other plaque touchingly remembers a former committee member, John Haynes, who helped design and build the stage.



This plaque is to commemorate the 57 years that John Haynes served on the village hall committee, it is placed on the stage that he designed and helped to build.



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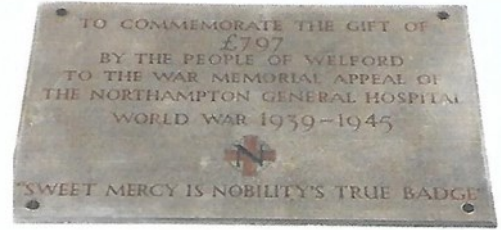
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WELFORD VILLAGE HALL NEWS CONT.

At the opposite end of the main hall is a memorial tablet which records a gift of £797 by the residents of Welford to Northampton General Hospital's WW2 war memorial appeal. This would have been a very substantial sum at the time, equivalent to around £27,800 today, so this was an act of great generosity on the part of the people of Welford.



Welford Village Hall is a very busy community hub hosting a wide variety of activities and services: ARTS (Amateur Dramatic Productions by WADS), CRAFTS (Quilting, Gardening, Sewing, Stitching, Visualise and Watercolourist groups), EDUCATIONAL (Green Welford, Historical Society and WI), RECREATION (Bowls, Pilates, Table Tennis, Yoga and Bridge groups), SOCIAL (Good Neighbours, Cinema, Welcome Club and Birthday Parties), and ADMINISTRATION (Polling Station, Parish Council, Pocket Park, Welford Action Group and other Public meetings).

Under the Chairmanship of Geoff, the committee is planning further improvements to the Hall, starting with adaptations to the front entrance and path in order to facilitate easier access especially for wheelchair users. There are also plans to improve the building's energy efficiency including better insulation, as a precursor to replacing the existing heating system and installing solar panels.



Left: Welford Village Hall's Chairman, Geoff, with fellow committee member, Ann



Above: Chris (Treasurer) with committee members Denise and Julie.

My thanks again to Geoff, Chris and the team for showing me around their fantastic Hall!"

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1st Welford Scouts

Our Scout Troop is looking for new members, girls and boys aged 10 ½ to 13 ½, who would like to take part in adventurous activities each week during Northamptonshire school term time. We meet regularly at the Welford Youth and Community Centre (WYCC) on Fridays 7:30 to 8:45pm plus Weekend Camps and an Annual Summer Camp (last year we went to Holland for a week!). Scouts is about learning Skills for Life, having fun and working in teams (called Patrols). We have a very experienced team of Volunteers who oversee a programme influenced by the Scouts themselves. If interested in joining or helping as an adult volunteer we start back on Friday 15th September, for more details contact Ant Raisbury on 07545002743 or 575678.

EXPLORERS

Welford Ajax Explorer Scout Unit

Our Explorer Unit is looking for new members, young people aged 13 ½ to 17, to join our highly active group. We meet Sunday evenings during term time at the Welford Youth and Community Centre (WYCC) on 7:00 to 8:30pm plus Weekend Camps (adventure trips to Wales) and an Annual Summer Camp (last year we went to Holland for a week!). Our programme is based around the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and developing our young people for their futures, including volunteering, community work, life skills etc. Whilst also developing social skills through fun activities like Ten Pin Bowling, Go Karting, Zip Wiring, Paddleboarding etc. The Explorers plan their own programme guided by our experienced volunteer leaders. If any young person is interested in volunteering as part of their DofE Awards we offer opportunities as part of our Young Leader programme. If interested in joining or as an adult volunteer we start back on Sunday 10th September, for more details contact Ant Raisbury on 07545002743 or 575678.



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will be spent on improving our outside area/garden and buying tablets to enable the staff to start using an electronic communication system for parents in September.

The Pre-school committee were very moved to receive a donation for £250.00 that was left as a bequest to Pre-school in the Will of Delphine Bell. We were very touched by such a kind gesture and it is sad we are not able to thank her personally. Thank you to Paula Draper for getting this to Pre-school. We have been told by Paula that Delphine was a pupil at the main school from 1942 and had many happy times there. She knew the value of education in early child development and thought the Pre-school could make good use of the donation. Thank you Delphine and Paula.

Welford Pre-school committee



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Our Company is planning to run two new extra curriculum clubs for both Junior and Secondary school aged children starting in late September, once settled in school.

Mondays 5:45 to 6:45pm Table Tennis Active – a 6-week course in the fundamentals of Table Tennis at the Village Hall for young people aged 11 – 16. Spaces will be limited!

Thursdays 5 – 6pm Fun and Fitness – a 6-week programme of fun activities and games to improve the Strength, Agility and Quickness (SAQ) of your child aged 6 to 10 years old. This will be at the Youth and Community Centre. Spaces will be limited!

Both clubs will be bookable online and run by Ant Raisbury, 07545002743, highly experienced School Sports Coach and SAQ Practitioner. More details to be released via our website www.aimstrongsport.com and local social media.

If any local Sports Clubs would be interested in SAQ training sessions to improve your teams, we offer both coach led sessions or Coach training. Further, we are providers of high-quality training equipment. View us at www.aimstrongsport.com or contact Ant Raisbury on 07545002743.



Keep Fit Club

The club has been active now for a year but needs more members, we train every Thursday 7-8pm at Welford Youth and Community Centre. Our training is overseen by a qualified trainer who leads warmups, demonstrates the 10 exercises and post session stretches. The exercises are done on a circuit basis, HiIT principle of 50 seconds activity 20 seconds rest, 3 repetitions with a minute break. All exercises are done at your pace, but we find exercising with others motivates us. The group is mixed and only age limit is you have to be 18+. One off session is charged at £5 per person or you can book 10 sessions in advance for £40. If you want more detail contact Ant Raisbury on 07545003743.

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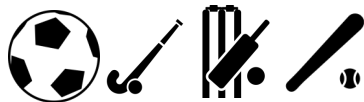
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WELFORD WORLD OF SPORT...

UPDATES FROM THE SPORTS FIELD ASSOCIATION AND MEMBER CLUBS



WELFORD LADIES ROUNDERS CLUB



The rounders season this year is going brilliantly. After moving up to division 1 at the start of the season we weren't too sure of the level we were about to join but it's safe to say we are proving we deserve to be there. Currently we have lost 5 games, drawn 2, and won 3 taking us up to 3rd place in the league. We've got a tough few games coming but we hope to continue to play well and win some more.

WELFORD MIXED HOCKEY CLUB


An update on the 2023/23 season...



A few weeks ago we enjoyed a slightly belated end of season do at Naseby playing fields. Hockey was played, picnics were eaten and I'm pretty sure the kids beat their parents at rounders! Our AGM was very well supported and we welcomed Nigel on to our committee.

We also said a sad farewell to Liz, who has been involved with the club as a parent and player for many years and has been our club treasurer for at least 12 of those years. We thank her for many years of dedicated volunteering, many, many years of her and Doug being the 'bar people' at events (providing at least 1,000,000 napkins) and, most importantly, great snacks at committee meetings. We love you Liz! Sarah Lane is taking over as treasurer as we welcome her back onto our committee.

It's been an amazing season from a coaching point of view. The U8s, U10s and U12s have played some exceptional tournaments including the U10 boys and girls making it through to the regionals where we joined forces with Long Buckby. The Badgers league has been of an excellent standard and all the matches have either been won or lost by 1 or 2 goals. The last game of the season saw a number of players mature and grow into wonderful role models. Our adult team were sadly relegated from Div 1 of the Leicestershire and Rutland Mixed league but are looking forward to next season! Their team spirit has been awesome and I personally have loved playing with them. Thank you to the captains for making such a fun and enjoyable atmosphere in the team.



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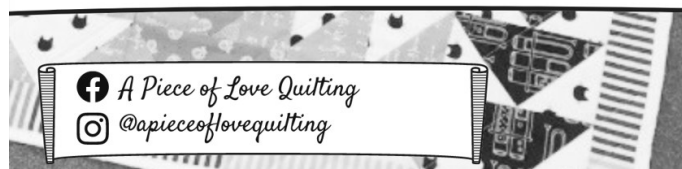
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Here's to the 2023/24 season! *Julia Bennett*

2022/23 AWARD WINNERS

Shoulder of Mutton Plate for Most Improved Mixed Player
Jacob Lane

Pryce Shield for Mixed Top Scorer
Tom Greeves

Mixed Team's Player's Player
Dan Tyrell

Foreman Trophy for Badgers Players' Player
Issy Sawyer

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Saturday 15th July saw Welford Victoria's annual fundraiser take place in beautiful weather... and terrible weather... at the Sportsfield. Across the course of the day, over 360 guests – plus an unknown number of under 5s who entered for free

– were entertained by three senior football matches, two junior tournaments and a whole raft of other entertainment as we sought to raise money for two incredible charities.

The day kicked off with a very special matching pitting the Welford Victoria Veterans (the old ones) against a team of Welford Victoria Legends (the even older ones) before two junior tournaments and two senior matches took place.

Throughout the day, guests were entertained by our DJ booth, with a 60ft inflatable and a soft play keeping the visiting children amused. Additional entertainment came in the form of dodging the intermittent rain showers that punctuated an otherwise really rather pleasant and sunny (if a bit windy) day.

50% of the event's proceeds, a total of £937.50, is being donated to Hope Against Cancer, a charity we have supported for many years which has, since 2003, been discovering, delivering and sharing HOPE against cancer in our local area. 25% will be donated to a charity close to the heart of a player in the Veterans' team, Jon Nottingham, whose young daughter Immie has been diagnosed with Opsoclonus Myoclonus Syndrome (OMS), a rare neurological autoimmune disorder that affects as few as one in ten million children. Jon is running the Royal Parks Half Marathon in October to raise funds for the Evelina London Children's Charity who have looked after his daughter so brilliantly, so £468.75 will be donated to his JustGiving appeal on behalf of the club. The remaining 25% will be used by the club to cover its operating costs, insurances, equipment and suchlike.



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WELFORD SPORTS FIELD ASSOCIATION



SUMMER QUIZ: SAVE THE DATE

Our next quiz takes place on Sunday 27th August at The Wharf Inn. Arrive from 7pm for first question at 7:30pm, and the cost is £7.00 per person to include food and quiz entry. To book, please email stu.chadwick@icloud.com or call **07973 120816** confirming the captain's name and the size of team.

TWO NEW LOOKS AND LOTS OF NEW CHAIRS

If you've not seen the inside of our club house since its refurbishment, please do take the opportunity to come and visit us when one of our teams is playing or when we next stage a fundraising event. From "90s clubhouse" to "contemporary sports bar", our indoor transformation is nearly complete, but this really is only the beginning. To go with our new bar and its new furniture we also have a new logo. The colours have been chosen to reflect our clubs... but you'll have to take our word for that, I'm afraid. And as if 20+ new chairs in the bar weren't enough, we've a new chair of our committee. After ten years of incredible service to the association Adrian Scullion decided that he'd suffered enough and stepped down, with James Bland stepping into the role. Adrian, however, has not been able to escape—he has been persuaded to now serve as vice chair and to remain as the 'face' of the 100 Club draw... and what a face it was when he pulled the same ball out twice in a row earlier this year.

100 CLUB DRAWS thanks to all members for their continuing support

May	June	July
£150 Julia Bennett	£300 Elsie Nicholas	£150 Peter Swales
£50 Adrian Scullion	£100 Deborah Watts	£50 Karen Anderson

COMING UP...



Monday 7th August 18:30

vs Naseby



Saturday 5th August (11am)

WVN Pre-Season Friendly



Sunday 13th Aug (10:30am)

WV Vets Pre-Season Friendly



Sunday 20th August (PM)

Senior Friendly Match



Sunday 27th Aug (10:30am)

WV Vets Pre-Season Friendly



SEASON 2023/24

With the new season nearly upon us, we've a few changes to report ahead of kick off. Most exciting is our new U8s team, which will play in the NYDAL on Saturday mornings. Managed by club chairman Barrie Dowsett, it is open to boys and girls who will be in school years 2 and 3 from next year. Training sessions are on Wednesdays along with other juniors, with boys and girls ranging from Y5 to Reception welcome.

Our two adult teams have been renamed to better reflect the fact that they are both "first XIs", they just happen to be playing in different leagues. Both teams have been entered into their leagues simply as "Welford Victoria", but we differentiate between the two by referring to the counties in which they play. Therefore last season's Colts are now Welford Victoria Northamptonshire (WVN) and are now managed by Jeff Wilson. Our all-conquering 'Saturday Adults' are now known as Welford Victoria Leicestershire (WVL) and remain managed by Jordan Drew. We'd also like to welcome Phil O'Brian, who takes over as manager of Welford Victoria Veterans. *Our thanks, too, to our wonderful sponsors (left). Without their support, we'd have no kit to play in. You should all be grateful really; without kit, our matchday galleries would start looking like our charity calendars...!*



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WELFORD CRICKET CLUB



An unusually warm and welcome sunny start to the season has come to a rather abrupt halt with the arrival of the rain in early July affecting our Senior fixtures and junior sessions.

During May and June we played three senior Sunday matches but, despite massive improvement from the team in all

quarters, a victory over another cricket club still eludes us this season. At the time of writing our next match is Sunday 30th July (away at North Kilworth CC), with further matches planned on Sunday 20th August (home) and Sunday 10th September (away)... if the weather allows.

Without enough teams to resurrect the Welford 6-a-side cricket tournament, we instead took on Welford Victoria



Football Club in what we hope can become an annual T20 Challenge. A lovely sunny day saw us, to our relief, record a victory against the footballers in a match played in an excellent spirit. With many of the footballers counting the time since their last game of cricket in decades, not just years, the game was a lot closer than we, and perhaps they, anticipated, our slow start in the first innings doing nothing to ease our nerves. Fortunately the footballers started slowly with the bat too, eventually recording a very respectable 95/6 in reply to their target of 136.

Our thanks to the players, helpers and spectators, as well as to Joanna Foster for photographing the event.

A record number of children (39) have taken part in our joint Welford & Yelvertoft Junior Allstars (ages 5 to 8) and



Dynamos (ages 8 to 11) softball programmes. With the rain having affected the last four Saturdays the programme is now drawing to a close. It has been great to see so many kids out enjoying themselves playing cricket. Particular thanks to Chris Sheldrick and Toby Taylor who have looked after the Allstars and to all the parents who helped out.

To complete our junior season, a couple of 'Introduction to Junior Hardball' sessions for boys and girls aged 9 to 12 are planned at the Sportsfield on Friday 11th and Friday 18th August (4.30pm to 5.45pm). Junior club kit will be available to use with a nominal charge of £3.00 per session to raise funds towards the provision of more Junior kit for next season. For more information or to register interest, please email Bennetrobinb@aol.com.

We sincerely hope the weather improves for the last part of our season, and that our final 2023 update will include news of a victory for WCC.

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HOCKEY

Training (from September 2023)

KS1: Sunday, 09:00 - 10:00

@ Naseby Playing Fields

KS2 & Adults: Wednesday,
19.00-20.00

@ Lutterworth Academy

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CRICKET

Seniors play from April to September, with matches on a Sunday and net practice on Friday evening. Junior (9-12) hardball sessions throughout August on Fridays from 16:30.

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FOOTBALL

Welford Victoria Football Club's season runs from August to May but training is all year round on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings. Junior teams play Saturday morning, adult teams play Saturday afternoons and Veterans (35+) play Sunday mornings

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ROUNDERS

The ladies Rounders team's season runs from April to August inclusive, with matches or training typically on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings

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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

AUGUST

13th Coffee, cakes and plants morning	HBVH
20th Welford Open Golf	CAGC
27th Carnival Quiz	WW

SEPTEMBER

3rd Harvest Lunch	WYCC
7th Welford Fete—Manor House	
14th Silent Disco	WYCC

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

For further information or to have your dates listed please contact us on welfordbugle@outlook.com Keep up to date with events or advertise on www.welfordvillage.co.uk or follow @Welfordvillage on twitter.