

# THE WELFORD BUGLE

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## CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Saturday 9th December

WELFORD YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Come and support the Sportsfield Association's fundraising at our annual Christmas Quiz. All proceeds from the event will help us maintain the village's sporting facilities.

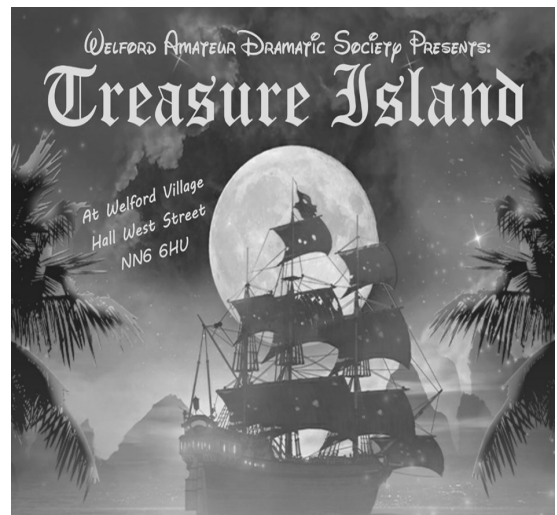


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See inside for details ...

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02/11	X	X	X	
09/11	X			X
16/11	X		X	
23/11	X	X		X
30/11	X		X	

## Notes from your Parish Council

- Reports regarding road matters such as pot holes can be made by following a link on the village website [www.welfordvillage.org.uk](http://www.welfordvillage.org.uk) and clicking the link on the right side marked 'Fix my Street' For those without access to the internet, WNC Highways can be contacted Monday to Friday by calling 0300 126 7000
- There was an incident involving our grass cutting contractor which resulted in the new climbing tower in the play area being unusable. This equipment has been repaired and is fully safe to use
- It's that time of year when the Council would like to remind dog owners to pick up their dog's mess. There are some inconsiderate owners who allow their dogs to foul footpaths which other residents walk in and unnecessarily soil their homes from their footwear.

*Ian Kelly, Clerk to Welford Parish Council*

### Peace and quiet!

This is a gentle reminder that UK guidelines for noisy building work including DIY should be confined to between 8am and 6 pm weekdays, 8am to 1pm on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays or bank holidays.

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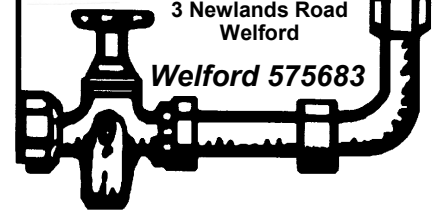
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# Christmas Boxes

***Welford Guides would like to spread some festive cheer and are inviting residents to make up Christmas Boxes for them to distribute. These will be delivered to nominated members of the community in the week before Christmas.***

## **How to make up a box:**

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

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

Boxes can be dropped off to a Guide meeting at the **Community Centre**, between **7.30 and 9pm** on the following dates:

**Monday 4th December**  
**Monday 11th December**

Alternatively, please contact Niamh Bland  
07837 579550 | [niamhbland1985@gmail.com](mailto:niamhbland1985@gmail.com)

*Go on, show some community spirit this Christmas!*



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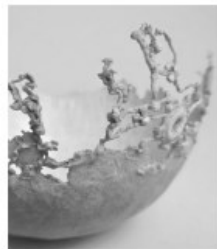
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## FOCUS ON WELFORD BABES & TOTS



We meet every Friday morning at the Youth and Community Centre and offer friendly support (and lots of toys for our littlies) over a cuppa.

Please come and join us.

**Open 9.30-11am** Entry £2 per child and 50p for siblings. FB page Welford Babes and Tots

## Welford Pre-School Committee



invite the parents of children attending

Pre-School and Kids Aloud Club to the

# AGM

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**8pm in the Pre-School mobile**

Please come and meet the committee and other parents - and join us for a glass of wine!

## DACT

Daventry Area Community Transport - Charity No 1170448

## Daventry Area Community Transport

“DACT” provides transport for medical appointments throughout Northamptonshire and just into neighbouring counties.

We are looking for more volunteer drivers in the Welford area. If you feel you could help, please contact Phil on 01327 701665 and he will be delighted to tell you more about helping people get to their medical appointments.

I have been driving local people for over 4 years now and it is a rewarding job, meeting and chatting to lots of people who are grateful for your help. Please help if you can.



SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER 11AM  
WELFORD YOUTH AND COMMUNITY  
CENTRE

Welford Rainbows and Brownies in association  
with Welford WI



## FAMILY COFFEE MORNING

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Your comments will be valuable for community  
decision-making.

**Friday 10 November 2023**

**10am to 4pm Village Hall**

**and 4pm to 7pm Village Hall Billiard Room**

**Saturday 11 November 2023**

**10am to 4pm Youth and Community Centre**

contact: [trees@welfordvillage.org.uk](mailto:trees@welfordvillage.org.uk)



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## Christmas QUIZ

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER - 19:30

WELFORD YOUTH AND COMMUNITY  
CENTRE

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or 575494 for tickets

**Evening:**

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 7:30pm

Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 7:30pm

**Gala Night:**

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 7:30pm

**Matinee:**

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> 2pm



It'll soon be  
Pantomime time  
again .....

Oh yes it will!!

Tickets don't go on sale until early November, so save the dates, and if you want to be added to our Priority Booking list, let Chris know on [chrisbrownny55@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chrisbrownny55@hotmail.co.uk) or 575494.

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# WSES School Association News

WSES School Association would like to thank everyone who has supported their fundraising efforts so far this year. In March, the School Association was presented with the challenge of raising money to fund some new outdoor equipment for the playground. After a great many fundraising events, including an Easter egg hunt, an adults' pamper evening, a film night, a summer fayre, a Coronation ceilidh and two silent discos, not to mention a variety of raffles, we are pleased to say we have raised in excess of our original target of £3,300. This has contributed to the new trim trail activity pieces on the playground, which were installed recently.



*Leo Bland & Verity Finch enjoying the new play equipment*

The next phase of 'Project Playground' involves purchasing a nest style climbing frame, which will require us to increase our fundraising efforts further. We're lucky enough to be in the customer vote for a Tesco Stronger Starts grant. It's a scheme which gives community projects like ours grants of up to £1,500. Tesco customers will now vote in stores in Market Harborough, Corby and Oundle from the beginning of October through to mid January to decide how much funding we get, so please support us if you shop in any of these branches of Tesco. If we receive the highest number of votes, we will be awarded £1,500 towards the project. The School Association is a registered charity and if you work for an organisation that makes donations as part of its ESG initiatives then please get in touch with us at: [wsses\\_pta@outlook.com](mailto:wsses_pta@outlook.com) if you are able to help us. We look forward to updating you on our continued fundraising efforts in the new year.

WSES SCHOOL ASSOCIATION  
&  
FARMHOUSE FLOWERS OF NASEBY

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Learn how to make a beautiful, natural wreath on a moss ring. Choose from a variety of fresh materials, ribbons and decorations.

**THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER**  
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**EcoFika dates:**

13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> October  
10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> November  
8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> December

*Welford Village Hall 10-12*

**Clothes Swaps in full swing**

We held a very successful Autumn Clothes Swap on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October, with many visitors taking away a new item or two. We're hosting two more clothes swaps this year, both with a distinctly festive feel!

- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 3:30-4:30pm at Welford School (Children's Christmas jumpers – ready for the NSPCC's Christmas Jumper Day on 7<sup>th</sup> December)
- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 10:30am-12pm at the Village Hall (particularly Christmas jumpers/festive wear)

We will also be offering a mending service on 03/12 – 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.

**Free home insulation surveys on offer again this winter**

With thanks to Mike Slevin for lending us an infrared thermal imaging camera, we are delighted to be able to offer free home insulation surveys again this winter. Last year, we surveyed over 30 homes and then provided homeowners with comprehensive reports and suggestions where they may wish to focus their attention. It is our intention to offer the same service again this year – completely free of charge. We're hoping that this will help villagers save some money on their heating bills given the ongoing energy crisis.

If you'd be interested in us coming to your house to complete the free survey, please scan the QR code below or visit [bit.ly/GW\\_homesurvey](http://bit.ly/GW_homesurvey) to register your interest. The survey is somewhat weather-dependent, and while we hope to complete it in November 2023, it may need to be pushed back to January 2024 to ensure the temperature difference between inside and outside is large enough. We will be sure to keep you updated though.



**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:

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

*Thank you for not leaving any other items.*

**Lightbulb recycling point**

Any type of lightbulb can now be dropped off in the bin outside 20 Millers Road and they will be taken away for recycling.

Please be sure to clean up any broken glass.



Open in school holidays



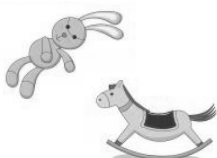
First session free!

**WELFORD BABES AND TOTS**

Stay and play with your little one, meet other parents and carers, refreshments provided for you and your children, lots of fantastic toys.

Expectant mums and newborns welcome!

Fridays, 9.30am – 11.00am  
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## **An Update from Welford Guides: October 2023**

Welford Guides have been very busy since the last update in May's Bugle. Highlights from last term include:



- Visiting the Odeon in Kettering for a special Girlguiding showing of 'The Little Mermaid', together with other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from the district
- Presenting a cheque for £250 to representatives of Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group (CCLG) who came to talk to them about the valuable work the charity does
- Learning about 'fast fashion' and its impact on our planet during an interactive workshop with representatives of Green Welford
- Having a sustainable dessert party, using ingredients that were either locally grown or Fairtrade
- Cooling down on a hot June evening with a water fight
- Helping to sell ice creams at KidsFest
- Attending a division-wide games event at Guilsborough Academy to commemorate the Coronation

One of the biggest highlights of last term, however, has to be the girls' final session before the summer break when they had a gold themed party to celebrate Bethan Sheldrick achieving her Gold Award, which is only awarded when all six theme awards have been achieved. This is an incredible achievement and we are all so very proud of Bethan.

This term the girls have a varied programme planned as they work on their Innovate Skills Builder badge. So far this has included learning about tessellation and designing their own tessellated patterns, and learning about the roles of architects and town planners. One meeting involved a walk around the village, during which the girls had to consider redesigning various sections of the village. This resulted in some creative solutions, such as turning the bus shelter into a walk-thru McDonalds and painting a community mural onto the side of the Village Hall. It was lovely to listen to the girls' creative ideas. Over the coming weeks the girls are looking forward to learning about binary code, the science of baking, a Halloween party and a Christmas pottery evening, with fabulous local potter, Lisa.

**Do you have a daughter aged between 4 and 14 (Rainbows, Brownies and Guides) who would like to join the Girlguiding adventure? Or would you like to get involved as a unit helper or leader? If so, please get in touch: [welfordguides@gmail.com](mailto:welfordguides@gmail.com)**

**It is so very rewarding to work with these wonderful girls each week and we are always looking for new members of the Girlguiding team, across Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.**



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# Welford Rainfall



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	92.5	
Aug	51.0	95.5	53.0	56.0	78.5	52.5	79.0	140.0	40.0	22.0	39.2	
Sep	26.0	8.0	50.5	45.0	79.0	36.0	89.0	28.5	50.0	52.0	57.0*	
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		
<b>Total Rainfall (for year)</b>	<b>674.5</b>	<b>789.0</b>	<b>618.0</b>	<b>633.5</b>	<b>709.5</b>	<b>671.5</b>	<b>1000.5</b>	<b>904.5</b>	<b>760.5</b>	<b>621.6</b>	<b>497.4</b>	

## FLAGS

NOVEMBER 2023

- 11th Remembrance Day
- 12th Remembrance Sunday
- 14th Kings Birthday



July continued the wet pattern it had started, resulting in it being the third wettest July on records back to 2002. However, August at 39.2mm came in far below the average for that month (69.8mm), maintaining the 'peaks-and-troughs' nature of 2023. September is in line with averages. At the time of writing, the year-to-date total (497.4mm) is almost exactly matching the long term average for the Jan-Sep (499.7mm). Remember we print the last 10-11 years in the Bugle but this commentary looks at trends from 2002.

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

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## Nature Notes

There was a man who wrote regularly for the Dalesman magazine who called himself "the man who sees". This is what all naturalists and artists have in common. They observe and notice the details of what they see. This involves being totally "in the moment" as the modern phrase goes. Despite being busy a lot of the time, the odd minutes can provide wonderful images for what Wordsworth described as "the inward eye". What all this is leading up to is the sharing of some memorable glimpses of nature I have enjoyed in the last few weeks.

We went up to the top fields and while Charlie was inspecting the state of the fences and the grass I saw a fox slip past a gap in the buildings and a few minutes later spied a hare in its form. I got quite close to those pricked ears but it remained statue still in the hope that it wouldn't be noticed, and I passed it by. Unlike another time when I didn't notice the hare and stepped on it and it gave me such a fright as it leapt away on its long back legs.

Another memorable sight was a young heron which had spied our pond. It didn't know there were no fish available and it perched precariously on a high branch of a nearby silver birch tree and spent about 10 minutes trying to keep its balance and watch the pond before it flew off, disappointed.

I thought the swallows had departed some weeks ago, but in the last week of September there was one swooping over the back field and later dozens of them were swooping round and round the church tower at dizzying speed.

On a recent sunny morning I picked some late blackberries and found the hedgerow full of hips, haws and sloes with butterflies basking and enjoying the nectar. It was like an illustration from a Brambly Hedge book, if you read those as a child.

So I've seen all this in odd moments when I happened to be there. I wonder how many fascinating and beautiful things I've missed!

*Susie Bevin*

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## **Marian Wright – 20-02-1936 - 20-08-2023**

She was born Marian Millward in Husbands Bosworth, Leicestershire to parents Maggie (née Sullivan) and Bill Millward. Her mother was an accomplished cook and seamstress who prepared the school dinners in the village and her father was a ganger on the railways. She had an older sister Ann, who went on to marry local man, Ken Payne. They lived on Bell Lane, in a converted cowshed that still had the ring in the wall for tethering the bull, before moving to the newly built houses on Welford Road.

Marian was mad for sport – all sport. During Olympic years she would hardly leave the house. She watched everything from the swimming and diving to skateboarding and wall climbing and particularly enjoyed the athletics. Marian was actually an accomplished sportswoman. In the 1950s she hurdled and ran for Leicestershire schools – she would cycle from Husbands Bosworth to Lutterworth, get on a coach to go to another Leicestershire school to compete, get bussed back at the end of the day and cycle home. Her dad even made a set of hurdles so she could practice up and down the garden at home. She was made a Prefect in recognition of her sporting achievements.

Both Marian and Dick love football though they supported different teams and I can tell you there was some rivalry when they watched Leicester play Spurs on TV. One year they watched every single match of the European Football Championships except for one, that night they were watching an Abba tribute band on Cromer pier. They both enjoyed watching women's football (before it became the thing to do) and would set aside whole evenings to watch games on catch-up.

Marian loved animals. From an early age she would rescue field mice during harvesting and stray cats which she would turn up with at home. A more recent example; for a year she fed a blackbird in the garden with pears until eventually it brought its fledglings into the kitchen to show them off to her. For the last 10 years she was a Supporter of the RSPCA. She visited the Shire Horse Centre whenever we were on holiday in Norfolk and that's why we've chosen that as one of the beneficiaries of any donations from today. She found looking after animals too hard in later years but had substitutes in the soft toy animals that friends and family bought her. Animals seemed to know that she was on their wavelength and seemed to respond to her. For example her neighbours Heather and Jamie's cat Bumble has adopted her home as his own.

Marian had a very happy childhood with her parents and sister, Ann, but she felt that her first experiences with education held her back. When she went to Lutterworth school at age 11 she couldn't write, spell or do any useful mathematics. At Lutterworth, her eyes were opened to new subjects like Science which she came to love. She very much resented her poor start and worked hard throughout her life to learn and improve herself – in her later years she taught herself to do crosswords, use a laptop computer, write newsletters for the Welcome Club, send emails and instant messages, and pay bills and order her prescriptions and groceries online. She adored Facebook – it was her way to share her love of animals, her kindness and love of life with her friends and stay in touch across huge distances and we are very thankful to her many Facebook friends who are here today.

Marian's work was very important to her. As a young woman she worked at the Coop in Market Harborough in the homewares department. She liked to tell the story of rainy days at work, when browsing shoppers would want to see every carpet on sale and expect her to roll back each one, before the customer suddenly disappeared to catch their bus leaving her to put all the carpets back in place. Marian went on to work at the shoe factory in Husbands Bosworth where she created uproar for not knowing her right foot from her left, something she struggled with her whole life, but took the ribbing she got in good part. She worked at the Welford village shop that used to be opposite the bus shelter on West Street, for Mr and Mrs Bowen in the 1980s. Later she worked for Mrs Hoskins at Welford House. The 12 years working with Shelagh Hoskins was a particularly happy one – they were very close and when Marian retired she missed Shelagh terribly.

One Saturday when she was 19 years old Marian was catching a bus to Rugby to the pictures expecting her friend Sylv Fox to join her at Kilworth. Sylv didn't turn up, but a group of lads on the bus started



chatting. Dick Wright was in the group of lads and sat with her, holding her hand throughout the film because 'he thought she might be scared'. They fell in love and married in 1958 and bought a small cottage in West Street, Welford, opposite Westfield Crescent. They had three children, John, William and Maria. John sadly passed away in 2013, an event that we thought they would struggle to recover from, but their positivity kept them going. Maria and her partner Stuart, have two children; Karen and Jake. A short while after John's death Karen had a son, James (now Jim) which was a confirmation of new life that Marian found a great comfort. I have to thank Maria for her amazing strength being here today as her dear husband, Stuart, passed away just a few weeks ago.

When she was 60 years old Marian retired; Dick had already retired by that time and they were keen to get involved in Welford things. They joined the Welcome Club, which is for older people in the village. Soon after, Joan Jolley who ran the club took ill and was unable to continue. She asked Marian if she would take it on and it's a testament to how much Marian had grown over the years that she became the president of the club for the next 20 years – keeping it alive and fun. We are very proud of that achievement.

I can't speak about Marian without mentioning her kindness to others. She rarely saw the bad side in anyone, and if she did I can't remember her being vocal about it. She welcomed everyone into her home to share her wonderful chocolate cake and sponge cake. For many years she collected the pensions for neighbours who couldn't get to the post office – she collected for 6 local ladies in all and on a Monday morning would monopolise poor Val Jackson at the post office, with an ever growing queue of shoppers behind her. She would visit an elderly, bedridden neighbour every morning and asked for nothing in return. Being kind was very important to her and it was at the forefront of her thinking. Marian wasn't religious – she didn't believe in heaven – she wanted people to make the world a better place while you can. I think that shows in the way she treated others.

Both Marian and Dick want to be well remembered by the young people around them so they went to a lot of trouble to wave at the kids on their way to school and give small gifts at Christmas. That kindness was rewarded during lockdown when every day their connection with the outside world was the children waving, giving thumbs up and blowing kisses as they walked by – particularly Andrew and Sarah Lanes children.

Marian was a huge Beatles fan (John Lennon actually) and I have great memories of us all dancing in the kitchen to 1960s songs on an old reel to reel tape recorder. All of the music in this service was on the iPod that she always had on whenever we travelled any distance by car. Music was a joy to her.

When Marian was 6 or 7 she caught scarlet fever, a common childhood disease before vaccinations were introduced. This left her with a small scar on her lung that didn't affect her health until she was in her 70s but it was this that caused her chest infections that eventually put her in hospital. She enjoyed a blissful month in Brook House in Husbands Bosworth recuperating and came home for a short spell before the infection reappeared for the final time.

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The President, Denise Bott, welcomed members and guests and Jerusalem was sung. The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved. Christine O'Reilly was thanked for arranging the trip to see 'Hairspray' at Kilworth House and Sue Brotherton was thanked for arranging the Skittles and Bowls evenings, all of which were enjoyed by those who attended. Sue was asked to repeat both. The cakes delivered to Cransley Hospice by Denise were gratefully received. Details of the Nearly New Sale on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September were detailed. Denise Bott will collect the items on the 6<sup>th</sup> October for the County Craft Fair at WI House on the next day. The County AGM will take place on October 26<sup>th</sup>, the County Walk and lunch in Welford is on the 4<sup>th</sup> November and Christine is going to arrange an evening meal on the 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> November. Alison Pryce asked, on behalf of the school, for help with the RHS school garden challenge and for helpers to go on 'wellie' walks with the reception class on Thursday afternoons. We have been asked to make some cakes for the Rainbows and Brownies for their afternoon tea and this was readily agreed. Denise gave out the birthday flowers and congratulated Hilary Downing on becoming Mrs Attwood in the summer.

There followed a very enjoyable social evening. The mystery competition of the oldest receipt in your purse was won by a guest called Linda with one dated July 2022. We then played an hilarious and energetic game of Piggy (based on Beetle). The winner with the highest number of points was Val Morson and the booby for the lowest was won by Val Jackson. The table quiz set by Jane Cottrell was won by Val Jackson, Maureen James and Julie Cromack.

Delicious cakes and tea/coffee were provided and served by Val Jackson, Maureen James and Julie Cromack and the meeting closed at 9.30p.m.

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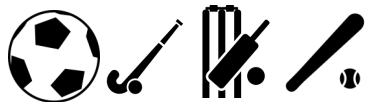
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faces enjoying their cricket in a friendly environment on Friday evenings, Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons.

Whilst we played more matches this season than in 2022, our season finished with a whimper rather than a bang as our opposition were obliged to cancel our final match.

The hard work for the 2024 season has already started though as we again hope to play more Senior Sunday friendlies and run more Junior Activity. We're also currently exploring the possibility of re-introducing pre-season indoor practice for both our Senior & Junior players. Once everything is agreed, details will be published on the club's Facebook page and here in the Bugle.

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## WELFORD LADIES ROUNDERS CLUB

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It's been a super start to the season with many new, and old, faces turning up to training on a Wednesday and Saturday. The Badgers have started the season with a 3-1 win over Saints 1 and are playing Saints 2 in their next

fixture. The juniors have their first tournament on the 8th and these are always a lot of fun. The Mixed team have had a tremendous start in Division 2 of the Leicestershire Leagues and sit in 3rd place with a win and a draw under their belts. We have had a number of the older Badgers step up into the Mixed team and they have been phenomenal, keeping pace with the adults and already scoring goals; we can't wait to see how this season develops for them! We have also had a number of players selected for the Northamptonshire County Squads with the Leicestershire trials taking place this weekend. Best of luck to all of those who are taking part. If you are interested in playing hockey or are an older player who would like to come back to hockey, please send us an email and we will find a session that suits you!

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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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### August

£150 Jeff Bedard

£50 Anthony Stevens

### September

£150 Mandy & Alex Thomson

£50 Rosie Jeffery



## SUMMER CHARITY DONATIONS TOP £1,700 AFTER FUN-RUN AND MATCH

Following one final pre-season intra-club friendly, from which players' match fees totalling £144 will be donated to the Evelina London Children's Charity, we are delighted and more than a little humbled that our fundraising for charities this summer has now exceeded £1,700.

Earlier this year we learned that one of our Veterans players, Jon, was running the Royal Parks Half Marathon in aid of the hospital that has cared for his daughter so brilliantly while she battles a very rare condition. A quarter of the proceeds from our fun day were donated to his fundraising (which has now topped £10,000) by the club in July, but the players across all three of our teams are striving to do more to support Jon's effort, with two of his fellow Veterans having signed up to join him.

## NOTICE OF AGM

All members, neighbours and friends of WVFC are hereby notified that the club's Annual General Meeting will take place at the clubhouse on **Wednesday 1st November at 20:00**. In addition to officer roles, volunteer committee members are also sought and can be elected at the AGM

If you would like to join our committee, please email [chairman@welfordvictoria.com](mailto:chairman@welfordvictoria.com) on or before Wednesday 25th October. The bar will be open selling drinks and snacks. A regular committee meeting (not open to the public) will follow.

### CLUB SPONSORS



## JUNIOR LEAGUE FOOTBALL RETURNS

After an absence of a couple of years, junior league football has returned to Welford with not one but two U8s teams competing in the NDYAL. Children under the age of 8 as at midnight on 31/8/23 (School Year 3 or 2 for the 2023/24 academic year) can join our teams, while squad training is available up to School Year 5 on Wednesdays.

### COMING UP...

[welfordvictoria.com/fixtures-and-results/](http://welfordvictoria.com/fixtures-and-results/)



**Saturday 14 October (14:00)**

WVL v Burbage & Huncote Res



**Sunday 15 October (10:30)**

Vets v Golden Horse



**Saturday 21 October (14:30)**

WVN v Weedon



**Saturday 28 October (14:00)**

WVL v Stoneygate FC



**Saturday 4 November (14:00)**

WVN v Stanwick Rovers Res

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## CRACK IN THE SKY

It was a dismal summer. Rain, failure to regain the Ashes and defeat in the Women's World Cup Final at the hands of Spain.

How could it be worse? Ask Mark Newman, who carded six no-pointers in the Welford Open to win the dreaded Mr Blobby prize.

Or Alan Barraclough who in the year of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday discovered that the hand-crafted Open jug he created was smashed to smithereens. A window at Cold Ashby Golf Club blew open during the tournament and knocked it from the sill. But for every losing Lioness, there is a Conquistador, so to speak.

In Mark's case, there were three - overall winner Alastair Long with a smashing 45 points, brother Tom Newman who won the coveted Best Welfordian shield and dad Geoff who lifted the family prize with Tom.

For organiser John Nicholas, who may have left the trophy on the sill, it was the knowledge that Alan had the foresight to make a spare.

We had been contemplating a trip to tv's The Repair Shop, but in the event, regular competitor Phil Longworth volunteered to try to piece the clay jug back together.

For the players, there was relief that the clouds cracked to let in some overdue sunshine.

A new introduction this year was a prize for the longest hole out, won by Peter Valentine with a 50-yard birdie chip on a hole where his handicap suggested he should be taking three more shots.

On a rare hot day at the tail end of the summer, that Mr Blue Sky moment propelled his playing partners to the team prize.

### Results

#### Best Welfordian: Tom Newman

1. Alastair Long
2. Tom Newman
3. Peter Valentine

Nearest the pins: John Fromont, Rose Dempsey, Ian Shearing, Phil Longworth, Jacob Shearing

Family Prize: Geoff and Tom Newman

Best Team: Rose Dempsey, Peter Valentine, Duncan Hopwood, Richard Duffield

Mr Blobby: Mark Newman



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### Welford Bowls Club

Mid - September saw the Annual General Meeting of the Bowls Club, followed by the finals of the singles and pairs competition.

John Nicholas, Geoff Newman and Col Horner were re-elected as

Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, and Sue Brotherton volunteered to be our representative on the Village Hall committee.

We all agreed how much we enjoyed our Tuesday evening bowls nights and it would be good to welcome any new members to join in the fun.

The singles final was won by Geoff Newman, beating Stan Sharpley, and partnering Nigel Brotherton won the pairs final just beating John Nicholas and Sue Brotherton by a single point.

Seriously if you would like to try your hand at indoor bowls please come along on a Tuesday evening at 7.00pm and try your luck. You will be made very welcome.



# 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 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> 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>	
KS2 / Secondary 7.00-8.00pm	LUT
16+ / Adults 8.00-9.00pm	LUT

### THURSDAYS

Parish Council 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 9.15 - 3.15pm	PSM
Breakfast club 7.45am - School start	PSM
After School Club. End of School - 5.30pm	PSM

### SATURDAYS

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

<u>Hockey Training</u>	
Juniors (KS1 9.00-10.00am)	NPF
Explorer Scouts 14-18 yrs 7.00-8.30pm	WYCC

### EVENTS

<u>OCTOBER</u>	
21st Rainbows & Brownies Coffee morning	WYCC
21st/22nd/23rd Visualise	VH

### NOVEMBER

18th Mothers Union Coffee Morning	VH(BR)
19th Husband Bosworth Xmas Fair	HBVH
22nd/23rd/24th/25th WADS Panto	VH(MH)
30th Xmas Jumper swap	SCH

### DECEMBER

2nd PS Xmas Quiz	WYCC
3rd Xmas Jumper swap	VH
9th WSFA Xmas Quiz	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

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