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Walk For Charlie 2024 and The Big Breakfast

On Sunday 28th April 1st Welford Scout Group are again organising a walk in memory of Charlie Lane to raise funds for Children's Cancer Charities.

There will be short, medium and long walks starting from the Welford Youth and Community Centre. Registration will be from 10am for a minimum £5 donation you will be given a choice of a 5, 10 or 15 mile route with map. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Anyone wishing to help with marshalling at key checkpoints please contact Ant Raisbury on 07545002843.

The Big Breakfast

In conjunction with the Scouts 'Walk For Charlie', there will be cooked breakfasts for sale (including a vegetarian option) at the **Welford Youth and Community Centre from 8:30 to 12noon**. David and Sue Cliffe with their team of helpers and Scouts will be looking to add to the monies raised for Children's Cancer Charities and the Scout Group's annual Summer Camp. Fuel up for the walk or just come and enjoy this annual village event.

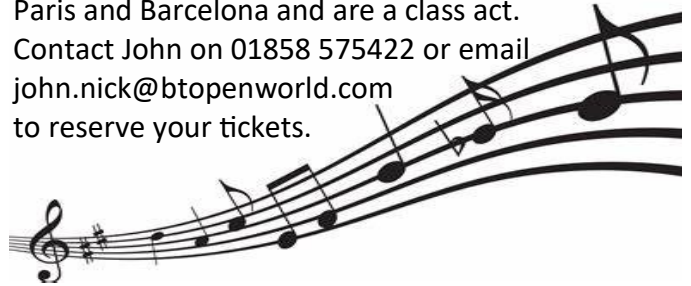
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THE QUEEN ELEANOR CHOIR

This very talented choir is coming to Welford to perform in St. Mary's church on the 8th of June from 7.30 pm.

Tickets will be available from John Nicholas priced at £10.00 to include a glass of wine or soft drink at the interval. This is really a show not to be missed, the choir have sung at the Royal Albert Hall and in Paris and Barcelona and are a class act.

Contact John on 01858 575422 or email john.nick@btopenworld.com to reserve your tickets.



GREAT NEWS FROM WADS

On May 29th 30th 31st we are presenting "We Happy Few", written by Imogen Stubbs. It is a play based on a true story. A group of women came together to take excerpts from classic plays around the country during WW2. These excerpts were as diverse as Macbeth to Winnie the Pooh! It is very funny, but also has moments of sadness. It is 10 years since we performed a straight play. A break from the usual farces. We hope you will support us. It will be a great evening's entertainment.

Mailing list tickets go on sale on 29th April. If you want to be added to our mailing list, let Chris know on chrisbrown55@hotmail.co.uk or 575494

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Notes from your Parish Council

Dear Residents,

Clare, your new Parish Council Clerk here.

I'd like to say a big thank you to the Parish Council for being so welcoming and helping me settle into the job. There is much going on and they are keeping me very busy.

Just a few points of interest, this time of year with the very wet weather please be mindful not to drive or park on any grass verges both in and around the village, as muddy tracks make it very awkward for future mowing, it looks unsightly and makes walking difficult for those on foot.

Dog walkers please note that sheep will have lambs now in the fields. Please always keep your dog on a lead near sheep and any other livestock to ensure they are not worried.

Do submit a response to the survey recently posted on Facebook regarding the Parish Council's efforts to register the Elizabethan Pub as an Asset of Community Value, as it sadly did not meet all the West Northants Council criteria for registering an ACV.

The planning application for the development of a solar farm on the land north of South Kilworth Road, Northampton NN6 6JH, was on a recent Agenda. The Parish Council are supporting the application but have some observations for West Northamptonshire Council Planning Services. If you wish to view the application, please go to : <https://wnc.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2024/0649/MAF>

Kind regards,

Clare

Action on Pre-Eclampsia Fundraiser at the Village Hall, 10th February

A massive 'thank you' to all of you who attended the Fundraiser! We raised £659 at the event itself and further donations received after the event bumped the fund up to over £700!

A huge thanks to all the wonderful bakers who provided delicious and varied cakes and bakes; Andrea, Julie, Mandy & Nick, Niamh, Rosie, Sandy & Sarah.

I am also so grateful to Geraldine and Sophia who made sure everyone had tea and coffee and kept on top of all the washing up throughout the morning.

A special mention to my sister, Sheila. She not only supplied 4 cake/bakes but also provided lots of books & Jigsaws to sell as well as organising the tombola. She also massively helped with promoting the event, not least through the Bugle!

Pre-Eclampsia is not a widely known condition, but it touches many lives. I spoke to several people on the day who had personal stories about Pre-Eclampsia; precious babies that were almost lost and one that was...

I know the charity will be so grateful for this donation and Isobelle is also running the London Marathon in aid of the charity in April.

Many, many thanks for making the event so uplifting and it shows, once again, how many generous & kind people there are in Welford!

Pat & Isobelle Moores.

Further on from this, my sister and I thought it would be good to raise money 3 times a year, with a similar Saturday Coffee morning for other charities, ones that are connected with young people or children that are local or smaller charities which don't receive the high profile that the larger charities often do. If you think we can help and you have a charity close to your heart then please contact Pat on 07776 292577 or Sheila on 07484 883433

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W.S.S.E.S School Association Fundraiser

PAMPER EVENING



Throughout the Pamper Evening there will be Beauty Treatments, Self-Care Businesses, a Fully Licensed Bar, Cakes and Raffle Tickets available to purchase.



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W.S.S.E.S School
Saturday 20th April 2024
6-9pm

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South Kilworth Bowls Club

New Season Open Day

Sunday 2nd June

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Bowls will be provided, you just need some non-heeled footwear

If you are tempted to join us, **membership is free** in the first year

South Kilworth is fortunate to have a 1st class bowling green and the Club competes with other local Clubs in friendly matches during the summer

Members are entitled to full use of the green and equipment at any time during the playing season

No need to book, just turn-up but if you do need more information contact John Wilson 575385 or Keith Rickhuss 575792

The Club meets on Wednesday afternoons (May-September) from 2.00pm
New bowlers always welcome

WSSES School Association Hits Jackpot at Casino Night!

The Casino Night on Saturday 2nd March proved a welcome addition to the village calendar as 70 guests made their way up the red carpet to gather at 'The Villaggio' for an evening of casino games run by professional croupiers. Canapés were served throughout the night and the well-stocked bar boasted no fewer than 6 different cocktails, expertly served by Welford's very own mixologist, Rob Pryce. With a dress code of 'Dress to Impress', there were dinner jackets and glitzy dresses aplenty – never has a night at the Community Centre been so glamorous. Even the Centre itself had received a cosmetic makeover: ambient lighting, tasteful casino-themed décor, stylish signage and even a faux palm featured! The School Association is delighted to report a profit of £1850, which will go towards funding a new climbing frame for the school playground.

The organising committee, comprised of Hannah Bedard, Niamh Bland, Jo Concar, Becca Horwood-Mews and Rob Pryce, would like to thank the following people and businesses for their help and generosity in making the event such a huge success: Avalanche Adventure, Bill's Restaurants, Foxbury Dental, Jamie Sharpe, Leicester Racecourse, Liz Seward, Mini Meadows Farm, Myriad Associates, Paul's Catering Butchers, Sainsbury's Market Harborough, Sulby Barns, Sulby Reservoir Retreats, The Wharf Inn, and Tim Sandercock.

See above for details of the next School Association fundraiser: Pamper Evening on Saturday 20th April.

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Charles Perkins

Charlie was born in Old on the 14th April 1943. He was the youngest of ten. Charlie married Margaret and little Charlie was born. In time he bought a JCB digger with a back hoe and set himself up working for farmers in the local area.

Many of you will know Charlie had a passion for vintage tractors and he spent a lot of his time restoring and renovating them, always doing an excellent job.

In 1989 Charlie met Gillian and in 1994 bought Burdetts Farm and cottage with Claire and Danny. In 2001 we did find time to get married in Welford Church.

The last four years have been hard for everyone. Charlie was diagnosed with vascular dementia, and sadly went downhill quickly.

Gillian would like to thank everyone for all the cards of comfort, and Darren and his team at the Wharf for the wake. Charlie will always be in our hearts.

Come to me.

God saw you getting tired, and a cure was not to be,
So, he put his arms around you and whispered come to me.
With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away.
Although we love you dearly, we could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating, hardworking hands at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us he only takes the best.



What's on at the Movies?

The next 2 films are :-

- Saturday 6th April @7:30pm - The Miracle Club
- Saturday 4th May @7:30pm - One Life

These films were chosen by the people on our Mailing List, and if you want to join the Mailing List please email chrisbrownny55@hotmail.co.uk or call 575494.

Welford Movie Nights then take a bit of a break over the summer months, before we get back together in the Autumn when the next 3 dates will be:-

- Saturday 5th October @ 7:30pm
- Saturday 2nd November @ 7:30pm
- Saturday 7th December @ 7:30pm

Film for these 3 shows will be chosen by people on our Mailing List during September.

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Michael Morson



Mick was born in June 1943 in Nuneaton Warwickshire. He attended St. Paul's Church of England School and then went on to The Manor Park Grammar School. On leaving school he obtained a student apprenticeship with The National Coal Board and went on to work for East Midlands Electricity Board becoming a Project Manager. He retired from the Board in 2000, and then worked as a consultant with ABB until 2008.

He married Val in 1967 and in 1970 he was seconded to Nassau in the Bahamas as an Out Island Engineer. On his return he came to live in Welford where his two daughters Victoria and Clare were born.

He played rugby for Nuneaton Old Edwardians before and after going to Nassau. Whilst in the Bahamas he continued to play rugby, playing in a game representing The Bahamas against an English team from Bristol.

He was a keen Scouter, leading a Warwickshire contingent to America, and organising various international camps both in Warwickshire and Northamptonshire. Welford Scouts are very grateful to him for all he did for scouting in the village.

He was Church Warden of St. Mary's for almost 22 years, and as with the Scouts he was a stalwart working alongside John Haynes and John Dunn to help keep the Church operational and being there for when Welford needed it.

He was also a member of WADS for a long time being involved with the staging but mostly more recently with the lighting and sound.

He was Chairman of the School House Trust in Welford and Guilsborough School PTA. He also served on the Welford Village Hall committee for many years.

Working with so many of the village organisations it should be clear to everyone that our friend Mick was an enormous asset to Welford, and we send our sympathy to Val, Victoria and Clare for the loss of a husband and Father of whom you must be very proud.

Peter Wilson



Pete sadly died suddenly on 22nd January 2024 aged 80 in Market Harborough.

Pete was born in Spencer House Welford in December 1943. He attended Welford & Sulby Endowed School and was in the first intake that went to Guilsborough School.

Pete lived and worked in and around Welford until he was married in 1967. He leaves a wife Sue, son, daughter and son in law and three grandchildren. With Janet his sister and brother John, still living in Welford.

Pete always liked to be known as a Welford boy. The family are very grateful to Reverend Canon Ian Gemmell and to J. Stamp for conducting such a lovely service at Great Glen.

Pete will be greatly missed by all of the family and everyone who knew him.

A date for your diary...

St Mary's Church Fete
Saturday
14th September 2024
2.00 – 4.30pm
at
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NOTES FROM TREES FOR WELFORD

The hedgerows and some trees are beginning to shimmer spring; others are hesitantly pushing out their buds; many are not quite convinced yet that winter is over. Won't it be lovely when all is green, the leaves pumping out oxygen, sucking in carbon dioxide, shading us from the heat, supporting the ecosystem of our lives, harbouring animals, birds, insects.

Speaking of heat, did you know?

- that on 9 August 1911 the hottest temperature ever recorded in the UK was in Raunds in Northamptonshire, 23 miles away. It was 36.7C.
- that it took 79 years for that record to be broken by 0.4C, in 1990, when a temperature of 37.1C was recorded in Cheltenham.
- that 32 years later, on 19 July 2022, the record jumped by 3.2C when a temperature of over 40C was recorded for the first time in UK history. It was 40.3C in Coningsby, 62 miles away. It was 40.2C in Pitsford, 11 miles away, up 2C from the day before

Will the capricious climate spare us this year for Kidsfest and the church fete? If you were at Kidsfest last June, you will remember families crowding under lone trees to escape the burning heat. In September many people were very disappointed when the dog show at the church fete was cancelled due to the heat.

We spotted this headline a couple of weeks ago in the international press: **"The children can't play because there's no shade': California's desert communities look into requiring shade as a reprieve from dangerous heat"**. We are fortunate in being considerably further north than the Californian desert, but children everywhere will always need to play safely.

VOLUNTEER PLANTING DAY

Unkind weather has hampered planting this last season. We were anticipating organizing another successful volunteer planting day, but that did not materialise because the landowner had to change priorities over the winter, to urgently address two situations which directly affect the sustainability of hedgerow and tree planting: improving land drainage, after all the incessant and torrential rain, saturated soil, and unstable conditions; and devising a management plan to deal with the increasing influx of tree-shoot- and leaf-chomping roe deer over the last couple of years – from 2 then to 11 at the last count.

WNC TREE STRATEGY

We'd like you to know that West Northants Council is finally developing a Tree Strategy. Trees for Welford has attended a public consultation session, to contribute suggestions and questions arising from our work over the last 3 years. There will be further public involvement in the summer and WNC aim to launch their Tree Strategy in National Tree Week 27 November to 5 December.

ON A FINAL NOTE

In January, Trees for Welford presented to the Parish Council a report of the village consultation on proposed tree-planting plans for the few public/publicly-accessible spaces in Welford: roadside verges, the Playing Field and the Sportsfield. We asked the Parish Council to make this available to everyone on the village website. Trees for Welford has now completed its work in accordance with the Lottery Fund "Together for our Planet" project – to carry out a Feasibility Study on how to increase the tree canopy of the Parish in the context of climate change, as a community-led activity. We want to thank all those who have supported and helped us. We are now writing the Feasibility Study, for the Lottery Fund, the Parish Council, us all.

It will guide ongoing Trees for Welford activity.

Contact: trees@welfordvillage.org.uk



The Welford Youth and Community Centre is available to hire.

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For booking enquiries email WYCCbookings@Gmail.com, or phone Bill on 01858 575795.

FREE REFERENCE BOOKS

If anyone in the village is studying for a business degree I have a collection of reference books which could be useful, free to collect. Please call 01858 575560

Janet Dooris

Phyllis Hayhurst 18th February 1933 - 3rd February 2024



Phyllis was born and grew up in Nottingham. Her father was a builder and her mother was a lace-maker. She won a scholarship to grammar school but she wasn't allowed to take up her place because her father didn't think grammar schools were good preparation for employment, but that didn't mean that Phyllis gave up studying. As a child she borrowed as many books as she was allowed to from the library and she often finished at least one of them before she got home. She started to learn shorthand and typing in her last year at school and this got her a job, aged 14, with a women's clothing company. At the same time she went to night school to improve her office skills and soon joined the civil service. She started in the typing pool at the local branch of the Ministry of Town and Country Planning but quickly became PA to the UK's ironstone advisor, Sir Henry Prior. It was her job to accompany Sir Henry on visits to ironstone quarries. She was also required to trim his eyebrows and make him a cup of perfect Earl Grey tea. She kept on studying and won awards for her typing and shorthand speeds. By the 1950s she qualified to teach in further education colleges.

At about this time Phyllis went to Gilbert's Dance Hall in Nottingham where she met Cliff, a dashing young airman doing his national service in the RAF, and so began a romance that lasted more than 70 years. They married in 1954. In their spare time they toured the country on their bikes and did up neglected houses. They had 2 children, Ruth and Stephen, but Phyllis continued to study and gained 3 top grade A Levels, revising by locking herself in the bathroom. She upgraded her qualifications so that she could teach in schools, and in 1974 when the family had moved to Welford she became a full time teacher at Lutterworth College. She had to learn a new shorthand system, pass her driving test and get to grips with early computers. She persevered and became head of department and published 4 textbooks on typing.

Later Phyllis took early retirement and expanded her involvement in village life. She was Welford correspondent for the Harborough Mail, she taught English as a foreign language to several families and she brought cinema to Welford Village Hall. She and Cliff ran dancing groups which were extremely popular, and she became custodian of the village hall, living just across the street. She also made amazing tailored clothes for her family.

Phyllis and Cliff toured the country a camper van and loved visiting their son Stephen's family in Denmark. One of the hardest challenges of her life came when Stephen developed cancer in his 30s and died in January 1988, leaving his wife and grandchildren Martin and Ellen in Denmark. It was a body blow for the whole family. Phyllis and Cliff planted a silver birch tree in the pocket park - another village project Phyllis was very involved in - in memory of Stephen, and took huge pleasure in hosting his family on visits to Welford.

When she reached 80 she was diagnosed with a brain tumour and had a long recuperation with various complications, but she didn't give up and returned to yoga, dancing and the camper van holidays. In 2020 there were more health problems and she and Cliff were helped to continue living at home by the staff of Home Instead. In 1923 Cliff died. It was another huge blow. She went to live in a Care Home very near to her daughter Ruth in Lewes, where she enjoyed life while treasuring her contacts with Welford, always looking forward to the arrival of the Bugle! Sadly she became poorly and died just after Christmas. She overcame so much in her life by gritty determination, and her daughter thinks Gritty should be her middle name. Certainly Welford can be grateful for her determination in all her village projects, and our farewell to Phyllis was a beautiful memorial service in Welford Church and a very fitting tea in the only possible venue - Welford Village Hall.

The total collected for Cancer Research UK in Phyllis Hayhurst's memory was £335



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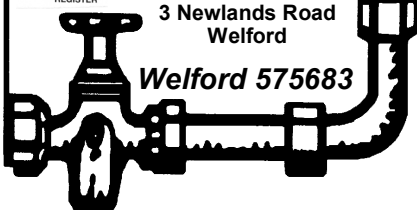
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The Green Welford committee aims to champion our community's sustainable future. Below is a short summary of our latest endeavours and if you want to get involved, please email us: greenwelford@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

We've been really busy planning a whole host of different events and hope to see you at some – if not all – of them!

Sunday Lunch with FarrinHeights

We were delighted to welcome local vegan caterers FarrinHeights to the WYCC on Sunday 4th February when we hosted our very first Sunday Lunch. We were thrilled to be fully booked and everyone seemed to enjoy their meals – there were certainly plenty of clean plates all round! We were spoilt for choice with a mouth-watering menu, so many diners decided to order one of everything and share. Genius!

Our next FarrinHeights event will be held in the evening on **Saturday 11th May**. Booking details to follow.

Make your own Herbal Remedies

(joint event with Welford Gardening Club)

Saturday 18th May, 10am-1pm, WYCC

Come and join us for this practical workshop and learn how to make herbal remedies using plants that can be grown in your own garden.

KidsFest

Saturday 8th June, 10am-3pm, WYCC & playing field

KidsFest is back for the third year in a row. We're delighted to have received funding from PECT, enabling us to put on a bigger event than ever before, while still keeping it free of charge.

Some of your firm favourites will be back again, including the smoothie bike, yoga sessions and hedgehogs, but with many new additions, such as Northamptonshire Badgers, Fairy Emma and the WSES School Eco Squad.

Keep your eyes peeled for more details soon.

Wine Tasting with Duncan Murray

Saturday 21st June, 7.30pm, Sportsfield

An evening not to be missed! Local wine merchant, Duncan Murray, will be delighting us with a range of sustainable English and European wines, paired perfectly with sumptuous locally sourced nibbles.

Numbers are strictly limited so please contact us to book your tickets before we sell out!

Future Clothes Swaps

30th June (Village Hall)

22nd September (Village Hall)

1st December (WYCC)

Recycling bin update

Thank you for continuing to use our recycling bins in the bus shelter – Welfordians certainly love their crisps still!

It seems to be a recurring theme, but Terracycle have recently made some important changes to the Dental Care recycling scheme. From now on, we can no longer accept empty toothpaste tubes or packaging. Any cardboard packaging can go in your usual WNC blue-lidded household recycling bins but the toothpaste tubes will need to go in your WNC black-lidded landfill bin. However, you can now recycle plastic flossing sticks and interdental brushes in the bus shelter.

Community Café

Every other Friday morning, we host a Community Café in the Billiards Room at Welford Village Hall. We're open from 10am until 12pm, serving tea, coffee and a selection of homemade cakes.

It's been lovely to see some new faces in recent weeks and these coffee mornings are the perfect opportunity to come and spend a couple of hours with fellow villagers, and perhaps chat about various eco themes if you so wish.

Upcoming dates are listed below:

5th & 19th April

3rd, 17th & 31st May

Our coffee morning coincides with a visit from Rita the Refill Van – bring along your empty containers to buy anything from pasta, herbs and flour to shampoo or even washing up liquid. You'll be amazed at what's carried on board!

Calendar of Events 2024

JUNE

8th	KIDSFEST 3.0 @ Welford Playing Field 10:00-15:00
21st	Evening Wine Tasting Event with Duncan Murray @ Sportsfield
30th	Clothes & Toy Swap Event @ Village Hall 10:30-12:30

SEPTEMBER

2nd	Clothes & Toy Swap Event @ Village Hall 10:30-12:30
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DECEMBER

1st	Christmas Swap Shop @ WYCC 10:30-12:30
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WELFORD W.I.

FEBRUARY 2024 MEETING

On a very rainy and windy evening 30 members and 1 guest braved the elements and were welcomed by President Denise Bott. After the singing of Jerusalem, the January minutes were read and signed. The charity total stands at £1,214.44 and a cheque for £1,100 will be presented to Welford Educational Trust at the March meeting. A list was passed round for suggestions for the 2024 charity together with the duty and committee lists. The next craft afternoon is 'Carry On Knitting' on February 26th. The coffee meeting will take place on the 22nd February at Blend. There are 21 for the lunch at the Pytchley on April 11th. Thanks to Sue Walton, an enjoyable skittles evening was had by all. The next one will be at The Black Horse, date tba. County outings were pointed out to Middleton Hall on the 17th April and Springfields Outlet Shopping on the 30th April. Subscriptions at £48.00 are due in March. Contact Viv Journeaux for details of bank transfer or cheque.

The speaker, Susie Lickman, who runs a plant shop, Windowsills in Market Harborough, gave a short summary of how she came to be selling plants and gave us plenty of hints, especially on over-watering!!! She talked about the many plants she had brought for sale and answered questions from the floor. She was thanked by Maureen James.

Delicious refreshments were provided and served by Jean Baker, Mary Crowther and Sue Wilson. The competition for a plant pot organised by Val Jackson for A. Thorington was won by Val Jackson with Lynne Sharpley 2nd and Sue Wilson 3rd. The raffle organised by Julie Newman was won by Anne Wing, Jane Baker and Sue Wilson. The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

The March Meeting is the Annual General Meeting and the speaker is Martin Grant, a REMAP volunteer. The competition is a decorated egg. All are welcome.



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Mar	43.5	27.0	78.5	54.0	166.5	55.5	35.5	46.0	41.5	115.5	55.7*
Apr	31.0	25.5	50.0	10.5	65.0	15.0	35.0	9.0	23.5	56.0	
May	109.0	54.0	45.0	80.0	85.0	46.5	10.0	141.0	51.0	37.0	
Jun	69.0	26.0	77.5	52.0	1.0	148.5	66.0	43.5	34.5	44.0	
Jul	31.0	81.5	19.0	71.0	14.5	125.0	63.0	59.5	5.0	92.5	
Aug	95.5	53.0	56.0	78.5	52.5	79.0	140.0	40.0	22.0	39.2	
Sep	8.0	50.5	45.0	79.0	36.0	89.0	28.5	50.0	52.0	69.5	
Oct	73.0	60.0	35.0	21.5	46.0	153.0	153.0	84.0	119.2	115.2	
Nov	82.0	65.0	79.5	44.0	40.5	132.0	62.0	42.0	114.7	68.7	
Dec	54.0	75.0	24.0	100.5	67.5	100.0	139.0	81.0	48.7	110.7	
Total Rainfall (for year)	789.0	618.0	633.5	709.5	671.5	1000.5	904.5	760.5	621.6	804.5	238.9

Most of us will have found 2024 to have been wet so far - the truth is, it's been record-breakingly wet. February has been the wettest in our 23 years of records and January and March have both been above average. February last year (2023) was actually the driest February on record with just 7mm of rain, but this year saw a huge 121.5mm. This has been the wettest start to a year since 2018, but stay optimistic - after a wet start, 2018 turned into one of the drier years overall. Fingers crossed!

Stuart Chadwick

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Nature Notes

Wet, wet, wet! That about sums up the last couple of months and it's causing a lot of problems for farmers and gardeners who can't get on the land to plant spring crops and who have very poor germination from those sown in the autumn. I have also heard that the roots of those which have germinated will be very shallow because they reached the water table very near the surface, so if we go on to have a drought the plants will not survive with no roots reaching down to what moisture there may be.

The warmth which has also been unusual has meant that we have a very early spring. The daffodils will be pretty well over by an early Easter, tulips are flowering in March and I even have bearded Iris in full bud and they shouldn't be about until late May/June. There was talk on the radio earlier about swallows also arriving early, but where will they find insects in all this wet weather?

Fly tipping is becoming a huge problem, some large amounts of rubbish dumped, and the ever present litter cast from passing cars. Some gallant souls collect what they can, but it seems a modern plague.

So, some reasons to be cheerful. Blossom is glorious, the blackthorn whitening the hedges and the magnolias fantastic. Just hope a blackthorn winter/sharp frost doesn't come along to spoil the party. The fields are full of ewes and lambs which are at the pretty skippy stage that brings a smile to my face. The hedges are greening nicely with fresh hawthorn leaves. It is the hopeful time of year. The water lily leaves are surfacing and a newt has appeared. Where did it come from and how did it get here into a newly established pond?

We see a lot of Red Kites hovering and many birds enjoy our feeders - just wish the jackdaws didn't collect the lion's share. I saw a greenfinch yesterday for the first time in a while.

In the vegetable garden we are still enjoying leeks and the purple sprouting is coming into its own. It's also rhubarb time, so fresh produce for the table, and the broad beans are waiting in pots to be planted out. The asparagus bed is weeded and salted and covered in fresh home produced compost, so I am waiting for the first delicious shoots to appear. They were early last year so maybe even earlier this year. By the next Bugle it will be Rose time and maybe things will have dried up, hopefully not too much!

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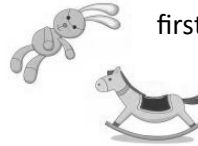
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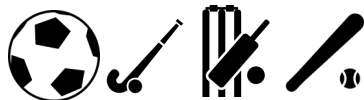
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UPDATES FROM THE SPORTS FIELD ASSOCIATION AND MEMBER CLUBS



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The Badgers team continues to go from strength to strength with a number of our 13 and 14 year olds making the step up to Mixed this season. We also have some younger ones coming through and they have played some tremendous hockey under our dedicated management team.

Our wonderful parents organised an (nearly) end of season event for our last home game and we can't thank them enough for their organisational skills and generosity. The Junior section of the club, though small, are playing well and enjoying their hockey. We are moving from a Sunday am to a Tuesday after school (see ad in this edition) so if your child is in Reception, Y1 or 2 and would like to try hockey, please register using the link on the form.

We are celebrating our 35th season this year and are planning a super end of season event on May 18th at the WYCC from 4pm onwards. We will have our AGM and trophy presentation and all members, past members, family and friends are welcome.

SENIOR CRICKET

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MATCHES

8 x Sunday afternoon friendly matches are now confirmed, starting Sunday May 12th with a Wednesday evening match scheduled to finish the season in September. Full details are on the club's Facebook page with further matches to be confirmed. New players, whether men or women, are very welcome

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JUNIOR CRICKET

U11 & U13 Hardball coaching sessions will be dependent upon the level of interest registered with us over the next few weeks.

ECB 'ALLSTARS' (5 - 8) and 'DYNAMOS' (8-12)

These softball programmes will again run in conjunction with Yelvertoft/Houlton CC on Saturday mornings at Yelvertoft Playing Fields from 11th May until the end of July.

Full details (registration, costs and kit) will be confirmed by the ECB (English Cricket Board) in April via their website. Parents of last year's participants should also receive details via email. Places will be limited to meet ECB qualified Programme Activator/Adult Helper ratios.

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7th place P11 W2 D1 L8



REVIEW OF THE YEAR

WSFA AGM 27th February 2024

It has been a very exciting year for the Association and its member organisations, with progress made on and off the field in a number of different areas. The refurbishment of our social area was completed in the summer, and our lovely modern space has been very well received by all users and visitors. Work on the patio and outside area remains our next objective. Completion of this will make our facility easier to access and also provide us with extra capacity needed.

Financially, the accounts showed another large deficit but that continues to be driven by exceptional items rather than a failure to generate enough income to cover our costs. This year's accounts reflect a period in which we have refurbished our bar, purchased new equipment, upgraded our internet, repaired our tractors (more than we would have liked), refitted a toilet and (at the insistence of Anglian Water) undertaken work to locate and cut-off an underground water connection that is no longer needed. Our main fundraising has been successful this year – our quizzes have sold-out, our raffle raised nearly £1,000 and our 100club is thriving.

On the field, Welford Victoria Football Club has continued its incredible growth, now boasting two open-age men's adult teams, two mixed under-8s teams and a Veterans' team. However, the thing of which we as an Association and they as a club are most proud is the sense of community they have built and the positive impact they have on society, having raised thousands of pounds for charities via their fun-days, quizzes and calendars.

Welford Cricket Club is also on an upward trajectory. Having brought cricket back to the village in the last couple of years, the number of friendly games they play increases year-on-year, and in partnership with Yelvertoft Cricket Club, they operated a hugely successful ECB Dynamos and Allstars programme for junior cricketers over the summer. They also instigated what we hope will become a village tradition by staging a T20 match against the football club in July, although with a larger pool of shared players, next year's fixture may present captains with a selection headache.

Having been promoted to the top division in their league, our Rounders team – Pam's People – was expecting a tough season against stronger opposition. As it happened, they were more competitive in the higher division than they expected and managed to avoid relegation.

And it remains a long-term ambition of ours to be able to obtain an artificial playing surface that will welcome Welford Mixed Hockey Club back to the village. If anyone happens to know next week's Euromillions numbers, please do tip us off.

We also say a very huge thank you to Julie Bentham and Sue Cliffe, who after many years of service have stepped down from our committee, and a very warm welcome to new members Chris Sheldrick, Jeff Bedard, Kate Litchfield, Shaun Morton, Phil Catterall, Dave Concar and Tim Sandercock

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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)
Hockey Juniors Reception / KS1 1545-1645	SCH

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 7pm-8pm	WYCC

Hockey Training

KS2 / Secondary 7.00-8.00pm	LUT
16+ / Adults 8.00-9.00pm	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)
Yoga with Carla 7pm-8pm	WYCC

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

Explorer Scouts 14-18 yrs 7.00-8.30pm	WYCC
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EVENTS

APRIL

6th Film—The Miracle Club	VH
20th Pamper Evening	SCH
28th Walk for Charlie & Big Breakfast	WYCC

MAY

4th Film—One Life	VH
29th, 30th, 31st WADS We Happy Few	VH

JUNE

8th Queen Eleanor Choir	CH
8th Kidsfest	WPF
21st Wine tasting with Duncan Murray	WSF
30th Clothes swap	VH

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
WPF	Welford Playing Fields
WW	Welford Wharf
RC	Rugby College
NKA	North Kilworth All weather
NSC	Naseby Sports Court
WTC	Welford Tennis Club
YPF	Yelvertoft Playing Fields
HBVH	Husbands Bosworth Village Hall

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