

The Welton News and Views

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From the Editor.....

Dear All,

Welcome to the August/September 2018 edition, my first. You'll all agree that outgoing editor, Richard Tidmarsh has served the Parish Council's publication with dedication and hard work and his wonderful photography for the front covers have taken full advantage of the colour printing generously donated to us by our sponsors, Viridian Nutrition. His keen eye and local knowledge have often captured scenes from our neighbourhood that may otherwise have been missed by all but the most intrepid rambles. So our thanks must go to him. Valette indeed!

For the future, we have our regular features, plus a couple of new items. I was tipped off that a certain member of the village recently turned 80 and might have a tale or two to tell from his vast experience living in and working for the village, so I thought I'd introduce an interview feature where each issue I meet someone from the Parish and get them to spill the beans.

By popular demand, I have also introduced a "What's On" page to inform our readers of events in and around the parish. So please feel free to email me with any that you think will be interesting to our readership.

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Welton Parish Council

Chairman's Report

Dog Fouling Campaign

This will be the fourth year that Welton Parish Council have participated in the Daventry District Council Dog Fouling Campaign. The campaign will start in September and continue for approximately six weeks. As in the last three years, coloured paint will be sprayed to identify dog fouling. No paint on the footpaths—no dog fouling. It is an offence to allow your dog to foul footpaths and green spaces with a fixed penalty charge of £100 or up to £1,000 for being convicted in court. Remember: “BAG IT AND BIN IT!”

Footpaths & Bridleways

The glorious weather encourages us all to be outside and what better opportunity to take a gentle wander around the Parish. The footpaths in all directions are particularly accessible thanks to the efforts of the farmers. Whether you prefer a shorter walk within the village, exploring the perimeter or venturing out towards The New Inn on the A5 for lunch and a beverage, we are sure you will agree the Parish is looking very pretty and welcoming. Follow the green signs, white discs and enjoy exploring your neighbourhood.

Settlements and Countryside Local Plan

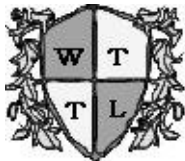
Daventry District Council is consulting on the latest version of The Settlements and Countryside Local Plan (Part Two) from Monday 13th August to Friday 5th October 2018. Further details about the local plan are available on the District Council's website: www.daventrydc.gov.uk/localplan and in this edition of the Welton News and Views.

Saint Martin's Spinney

Come and join us to Celebrate St. Martin's Spinney 20th anniversary on Sunday 16th September between 2.00pm and 4.00pm for a BBQ and refreshments. If you wish to join us in the celebrations, please confirm via the Welton Parish Council email : pc_welton@daventrydc.gov.uk or weltonparishclerk@gmail.com.

Derek Smith

Derek Smith
Chairman, Welton Parish Council



Welton Town Lands Trust

Registered Charity No. 204672

Every year the Trust awards December Distribution Grants that are designed to help the needs of people in the parish, regardless of age, and it is now that time of year for obtaining and filling in application forms for this grant.

In order to apply for the December Distribution applicants must:

1. complete an application form
2. be a 'deserving case'
3. have lived in Welton for a minimum of 2 years

make only one application per household

Everyone who filled in an application form for last year's December Distribution will receive one automatically in late September. For more information, or to apply for a grant for the first time, please telephone the Clerk on 01327 311753.

All completed applications must be received by Friday 19th October 2018.

Gisella Webber

Clerk to the Trustees, 1 Burrows Close, Welton Tel: 01327 311753

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Settlements and Countryside Local Plan Part 2

Proposed Submission Consultation

Your chance to comment on the Proposed Submission Local Plan Part 2

Daventry District Council is consulting on the Proposed Submission Settlements and Countryside Local Plan (Part 2) from 13th August to 5th October 2018.

Come along to one of our public exhibitions, where the Local Strategy Team will be available to answer your questions.



Venue	Date	Time
Brixworth Library	Monday 3rd September	2-6pm
Daventry Library	Wednesday 5th September	9.30am-6pm
Naseby Village Hall	Thursday 6th September	3-7pm
Moulton Community Centre	Wednesday 12th September	2-6pm

Please note that at this stage, representations to the Local Plan can only be made about legal compliance, the duty to co-operate and soundness.

Your representation must be made using the prescribed representation form or Survey Monkey form, setting out why you think the Council's policies and proposals do not meet these requirements.

The Plan and all the supporting documents can be viewed at the Council's offices, local libraries and at www.daventrydc.gov.uk/localplan

Representations must be received by 4.30pm on Friday 5th October 2018. Responses received after this time will not be accepted.

Welton Neighbourhood Plan

The Independent Examiner, Mr John Slater BA (Hons), MRTPI, has now assessed the Neighbourhood Plan against the basic conditions and completed his report.

He complimented the Steering Group stating that it had produced a very professional Neighbourhood Plan. He has recommended to Daventry District Council that the Plan as modified by his recommendations, should proceed to referendum.

The District Council will now consider the Examiner's recommendations including whether the Plan should proceed to referendum. A number of key meetings will take place at DDC and it is anticipated that the referendum will be held at the end of January 2019.

The Examiner's report and all the other documents can be viewed online at <https://www.daventrydc.gov.uk//living/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/submitted-neighbourhood-plans/>

You can also find the Examiner's report and other documents by accessing Daventry District Council's website, click on Planning, then Planning policy, then Community-led Planning, then Neighbourhood Planning, then Submitted Plans, and finally Welton.

Geoff Smith Chair, Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Northamptonshire County Council Street Doctor

Did you know that you can report potholes, blocked drain covers, road marking and many other items via the NCC Street Doctor on line?

Simple go to the following website, click on REPORT HIGHWAY PROBLEM and a drop down list will appear of many highways items that members of the public can report. This can be done either by map or a form and is a very simple step by step process.

So if you see it report it! www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/



BE THE CHANGE YOGA

Ashtanga Yoga is a dynamic system that has the potential to create a vibrant healthy body and mind. In this method the physical postures of yoga are knitted together with careful attention to breathing and movement.

Ashtanga asks tightness to bend and softness to be strong. It is a way to become stronger, more flexible and increase stamina. However, there is much more to Ashtanga than bending, folding and twisting your body, it also brings calmness and steadiness of the mind.

Classes are fairly small (maximum 10) and everyone is welcome, including individuals that have never practiced before (independently of their age and/or abilities) or those that already practice Yoga.

Mondays 11:00am to Midday

Tuesdays 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Welton Village Hall

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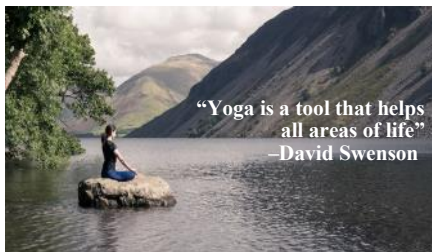
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Sessions are £8.50 drop-in or £42 for a block of 6 classes

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Bookings now being taken for Christmas Parties -

Four course Meal £22.95 from 1st December



St Martin's Church, Welton

Website - <http://www.stmartinswelton.org.uk>

Facebook – St Martin's Church Welton

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2018

Commencing at 10-45 a.m.

Each year at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, we observe a Two Minute Silence. This year Armistice Day on 11 November marks the end of the First World War and is a day to remember and honour those who have paid the price for our freedom.



*"They shall grow not old, as we that
are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the
years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in
the morning
We will remember them."*

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO THIS SERVICE.

Ladies skittles

The White Horse ladies skittles team started their journey back to their previous form and finished third in the A league at the end of the season. This was a good result delivered by a small but perfectly formed squad who showed on several occasions why they have been league winners more than once.



The presentation evening was an enjoyable event with food supplied by each team member (so many talents beyond skittles), drinks supplied by club funds, prizes chosen by Kate Barlow and poetry composed by Helen Thorne.

The roll of honour for 2017/18 season was as follows:

Player of the year: Bronwen Curtis

Runner up: Ann Warne

Highest score: Helen Thorne

Most stacks: Mags Elcock

Scorer of the year: Trish Thorne

Captain fantastic: Rose Bichener

Tin hat: some things we do not share

And with thanks to all regular team players....Marion, Annette, Kate, Cathy.

If anyone is interested in joining the ladies skittles team then just call into the pub and chat to Mags or contact any of the team. We can be found in the White Horse most Monday evenings from September.

Looking forward to even greater success in 2018/19!



Daventry District Council Release

Big Switch scheme returns ahead of winter months

People are being urged to sign-up for an energy switching service to help ensure they are on the best deal for their gas and electricity come the winter.

Big Switch Daventry District is a joint effort between Daventry District Council (DDC) and its switching partner iChoosr to use collective purchasing power to secure better energy deals for residents.

Everyone who registers for the Big Switch is entered into a national collective, with energy companies then invited to bid for their custom in an auction. Because the auction is an opportunity for energy companies to secure thousands of customers in one go, the deals they offer in a bid to win that auction are often better than those advertised to the general public.

The sign-up process is quick and easy, with just an annual bill or indication of annual energy usage required. Following the end of the registration period, everyone who signed up will be sent an offer indicating any savings they could make. There is no obligation to accept that offer and no fees or charges involved, whether people decide to switch or not.

The deadline for registering for the autumn auction process is 8 October, with offers sent out from 22 October, so it is a good time for people to make sure they are on the best tariff ahead of the winter months. People who switched providers through last autumn's auction are particularly encouraged to register again, as their fixed-term contract will be coming to an end and this is an opportunity to secure another good deal through the scheme.

People are urged to sign up by visiting www.daventrydc.gov.uk/bigswitch or phoning 01327 871100 before the deadline, which is 8 October 2017.

the WI

INSPIRING WOMEN

The Soap Box Derby had been a very successful day. WI teas were very popular with people



calling in for a refreshing cup of tea and a slice of cake, an opportunity to sit down and relax away from the excitement outside. Thanks to the generosity of members, the WI had a very successful day. Marie thanked all the members for their contributions of cakes.



The July meeting until recently was “member’s night”. This year a speaker was booked and members brought a drink to their taste the committee provided the nibbles and made sure

everyone had something to eat.

The speaker was **Yvonne Bell** who is a Vestment Designer and paints on silk chasubles; stoles, copes altar clothes etc. explained the intricacies of silk painting. She brought along some fabulous examples of her work as you see.

9th August Footpath Walk. In the past, it was tradition for the WI to walk the village footpaths once a year to make sure they stayed open. This year members, their husbands and friends met at the pub on Middlemore, some walked from the village and others drove and met up at the pub. Here are the intrepid group of walkers. It was a very enjoyable evening.



16th August 2018 The local group of WI's celebrated 100 years of the WI in Northamptonshire Members from Welton, Barby, Kilsby, Yelvertoft, Braunston met in Barby Village Hall for a very special celebration tea party, caterers provided delicious sandwiches and cakes and members were treated to a glass of prosecco on arrival. The tables decorated with flowers and pretty china.



All the ladies were beautifully dressed to mark the occasion many wearing hats and pearls.



Each WI put on a short witty

entertainment. A group of members from Welton sang an amusing song encouraging bored ladies to join the WI and take advantage of all it had to offer they were accompanied by Martin Heath from BBC Radio Northampton, the song written by Val Hamblin many years ago had a chorus which everyone joined in with. Everyone agreed that it had been a lovely way to celebrate 100 years of the WI in Northamptonshire. Below are the Welton WI Group of Singers with Martin Heath.



Next Month Thursday 13th September, The Speaker is Carmelita Egan who will be speaking on her time in the Eastern Block. Carmelita is a relative new comer to the village and I am sure her talk will be very interesting.



The Editor Meets: John Emery, Welton Through and Through

“I’ve lived here my whole life. I was born in that room, there”. We are sitting in John’s living room and sure enough, through the double-glazed, sliding doors we can see the house next door and the first-floor window that John is referring to. “That was my parents’ house. My father built it and I was born in that little room upstairs 80 years ago!” says John. I suggest that this makes him a true Weltonian - “My wife says to me you think more of Welton than you do of me. I love my wife dearly, of course I do. But I do love this village”. He continues smiling, “She’s from Long Buckby. Rita worked at the village school for 30 years. The kids loved her there. We had our two daughters at the school, too. Before she joined the school, she worked as a comptometrist (*or Burroughs Calculator operator*) for John Laing on the M1 when it was being built. She was based down at the old Welton Railway Station.”

We are clearly talking about a long time ago! John continues, “We’ll be married 60 years next year. She was my first love. She swept me off my feet. We were married only four months when I was called up for my national service and I got shipped off to Germany, near Dusseldorf for two and a half years. Whilst I was away my father, a builder - a *one-man band* - built me this bungalow to get me started in life. I was very fortunate unlike some of the kids today to get that kind of helping hand and get me onto the housing ladder. He built a few of the buildings in the village including the village hall and a house for the (Royal Jewellers) Garrard family, who’ve a long tradition here in Welton”.

My parents had three boys: my oldest brother, Frank was an electrical engineer – he worked on the Valliant bombers at Gaydon as a radar man. I lost my middle brother three years ago, he worked as a bricklayer all his life and I went into engineering doing my apprenticeship with British Timken at Daventry behind the old cinema. They’d bring the old machines in from the factories at Aston in Birmingham and Duston and we’d strip them down and completely rebuild them with new parts. My speciality was centre lathe turning and I later got into precision engineering building machines for Rolls Royce at Derby. We built two 40-tonne T-bed lathes for RB211 Engines, which are still used today!”

I’m interested in finding out how things work within the Parish council: “My uncle, Bill Emery was chairman for many years and wouldn’t al-

street lighting for many years, saying that we couldn't afford it in those days! I say you should only ask for what you need to run the village but not to ask for any more than that". The funding for parish councils is allocated by the district council and is taken from the area's council tax; this is called an annual precept. The income and expenditure for the next financial year are calculated in the form of estimates and this amount is added to the local council tax and then returned to the parishes in two yearly instalments.

John still has quite a few tools and odds and ends in his shed from his lifetime as an engineer, which still come into use when a swing in the playing field needs fixing or some other minor mishap needs tending to - all part of the service for a Parish councillor. John remembers, "I'm in my 44th year with the parish council. I've served as chairman for 10 of those years and quite a few times as vice-chairman. We're having a party in a fortnight's time to celebrate 20 years since St. Martin's Spinney was acquired and opened. We'll have free food and drink and a bit of live music performed by a local act (see What's on in Welton)". They can also apply for UK grants and funding and EU money.

He is a keen cricketer "I've loved cricket all my life. Playing Saturdays and Sundays - How I got away with it, I don't know with a young family. I'm a left-hand batsman and I love fielding. I played for Welton until 1972 when we lost the ground to the re-development of Welton Place. I played my club cricket for (nomadic Daventry cricket team) WH Hemmings who were a local tailors in town. We played against some very good sides all over and often went on three-day tours! All the villages had a team and I've turned out for all sorts including Barby, quite a few from Welton played for them including the Cleghorns here", John explains.

I imagine that John has some very proud achievements during his involvement with our village and I ask about the latest of these, The Neighbourhood Plan. "The inspectorate was so pleased with what has been put together that he congratulated the team on the document". A Neighbourhood Plan (sometimes called a Neighbourhood Development Plan) is a way of helping local communities to influence the planning of the area in which they live and work. He continues, "So that document, once passed will give us a lot more protection not just for the village, but the whole parish from further land exploitation". So, this document must still get

The Editor Meets: John Emery Contd..

passed by Daventry Council. “We’ve been told that it won’t get looked at until the new year, but it will get passed, it has to. It’s in everybody’s interest to get this passed!”

John is not taking any credit for this: “the Parish Council controlled the process, but Geoff Smith chaired the steering group and a specialist prepared the text for the document in a proper and legal fashion, we provided the information and guided the process, but they finalised it”.

The Parish councillors are elected every four years and it seems unfathomable that it would sit for meetings after next year without John being involved, but he is reluctant. “I don’t think I can do another four years, we have younger members now who are keen, interested and talented. They have technical know-how. The Parish Council is in very good hands”.

We talk for the best part of an hour about various elements of Welton’s history and the various developments and how they’ve come to pass and



John makes a point that I’d never before considered, but which seems so obvious. “You can’t see Welton from the outside, not until you are in it”. I ask him to elaborate: “We have a lot of tree preservation orders which serve to not only seclude the village from its surroundings but serve as a natural habitat for birds, badgers, roe deer etc. but to also form a channel for those passing to other areas. A lot is thought about here. It makes a pleasant place to live and pass through for people as well as birds and animals.”

Welton has roads named after people and families with a strong local connection such as Halford Way and Clarkes Way, so it seems appropriate that the first sign I see having left John Emery’s bungalow and walk past his old family home toward my house at the bottom of the village, is Emery Close. Thanks John. (Ed.)



Save the Date!

Dates for your diary...

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Date	Event	Organiser
13/09/2018	7.30pm Village Hall: My Time in the Eastern Bloc with Carmelita	Jackie Hibbert: jackie.hibbert@rocketmail.com
24/09/2018	7.30pm Village Hall: Talk on Hand Looms (WHG)	Jackie Hibbert: jackie.hibbert@rocketmail.com
29/09/2018	Evening Village-wide: Safari Supper	Antonia Bonser safarisupper@aol.com
11/10/2018	7.30pm Village Hall: Welton History Group AGM followed by	Jackie Hibbert: jackie.hibbert@rocketmail.com
13/10/2018	10am-12noon Village Hall: Dem-Cafe Coffee morning & tabletop sale, raffle & tombola	Brenda Davis brenda_colin@talktalk.net
22/10/2018	7.30pm Village Hall: Talk on Crime & Punishment in 14th Century	Jackie Hibbert: jackie.hibbert@rocketmail.com
22/10/2018	School Half Term Holiday	Welton CE Academy
08/11/2018	7.30pm Village Hall: Practical Action with Helena Molyneux	Jackie Hibbert: jackie.hibbert@rocketmail.com
13/12/2018	7.30pm Village Hall: The Moon Field and the Silk Factory with Ju-	Jackie Hibbert: jackie.hibbert@rocketmail.com

Please contact the editor with dates and details for forthcoming events in and around the village. I know there are lots of things going on, so let's hear about them, please! (Ed) **WNV_Editor@yahoo.co.uk**

St. Martin's Church

“...To give and not to count the cost...”

Last month I wrote about kindness and how we could start a revolution in Welton with a smile. This quote is a line from a prayer by St Ignatius of Loyola. It is about generosity. It has been quoted by film stars, prime ministers, Archbishops and Popes.



The summer season is often a time when many people organise fundraising activities for local communities, churches, charities and organisations both in this country and overseas – marathons, fetes, walks, collections etc. Our own village has benefitted greatly from such activities. I am so grateful to all of you who have given and supported the work of your church; whether that be with cutting the grass, cleaning, doing the flowers, giving structural advice, helping with repairs and with your donations.

One other charity that has been highlighted to me this summer is the Trussell Trust who organise and run 400 Food Banks across the country. They have also provided hot meals for hundreds of children across the country this summer holidays. Many of these

children would have had a hot meal each day at school and their parents struggle to find the extra money needed to feed their children 3 meals a day during the holidays.

We have a collection box by the door at St Martin's Church for the Food Bank in Daventry. Last year they had 749 referrals, provided 24,500 meals and helped over 700 children and dependants. They do all this through the generosity of others.



We will soon be celebrating Harvest Festival at the school, church and other groups in the village where much of the food that is donated will go to the Daventry Food Bank. Harvest Festival is a time of celebration for the food that we have and to give thanks to God for it. It is also an opportunity to give to others.

I know that Welton is a village full of generous people who not only give their money but their time and talents as well to enable this village to flourish and be such a great community to be part of. The Bible talks about being joyful givers and we have a great example of someone who gave in the person of Jesus, someone who gave without counting the cost. Thank you for all that you give.

Rev Nat



Coming Soon: Welton Good Neighbours Scheme

You may have seen a TV news item about the Good Neighbours Scheme in Moulton. We are inching ahead with plans to establish a Good Neighbour Scheme in Welton, currently by wading through the paperwork necessary to apply for a grant to get us going.

What is a Good Neighbour Scheme?

Good Neighbour Schemes are established and run by local people to provide day to day support for other residents who may need help on an occasional or regular basis. It will provide a social “safety net” by enabling volunteers to complete practical tasks (such as shopping and minor household maintenance) and emotional support (such as friendship and opportunities to socialise). It may be that some people will be both volunteers and clients e.g. someone who is able to visit others, but needs more practical help themselves.

The aim is to support neighbours to maintain a good quality of life, remain independent in their own homes if they wish to and provide a locally-available meaningful opportunity for residents to volunteer their time and energy.

What doesn't a Good Neighbour Scheme do?

A Good Neighbour scheme does not provide specialist support, e.g. personal care, child care, household repairs needing professional input, financial advice.

What do we want you to do?

In time, we will be asking for volunteers who can give a little of their time, so watch out for updates in the News and Views. There will be a launch event, probably sometime in 2019. Immediately, if anyone feels they are able to give a little time to help us with the setting up of the scheme, we would gratefully share our jobs list – it is much longer than we anticipated when we first started!

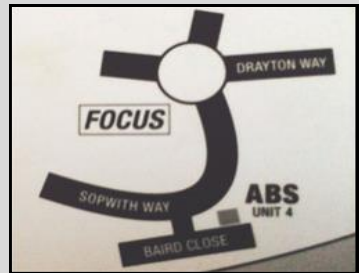
Please contact one of the steering group: **Chris Smith Tel. 871433 or Jackie and Brian Hibbert Tel. 312514.**



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Wandering Wildebeests!!

The Safari Headquarters are in full swing preparing for this year's Safari Supper!

September 29th 2018

Contact Antonia to join in.
safarisupper@aol.com



Welton History Group

History Group meetings are open to anyone and September sees the start of our new programme of meetings. We also now have a free lending library of local history books. You will be sure of a warm welcome if you join us.

Our new season starts in September with a visit from an old friend of Welton, Wendy Raybould, who ran the evening class that started the first History Group some years ago.

Here is a preview of our forthcoming events:

September 24th 2018, 7.30pm, Village Hall.

Admission £3.00

October 22nd 2018, 7.30pm, Village Hall.

Admission £3.00

Everyone is welcome to our meetings. Just turn up!

“The loom he weaves in”

Handloom weavers in 18th Century Northamptonshire

Wendy Raybould

Hear the story of the wool weaving cottage industry, including George Ringrose of Welton.



Wendy is no stranger to Welton, as she ran the original “History Group” some years ago. We look forward to her return.

**Outlaws, Sheriffs and Wild West
Northamptonshire: Crime and
Punishment in early 14th Century West
Northamptonshire (with all the gory
bits)**

Jackie Hibbert

Take a pictorial tour of West Northamptonshire discovering the crimes that happened in some of the villages and towns (including the antics of the Lovell boys from Welton) and find out about some of the strange medieval laws and punishments.



Where in Northamptonshire is this face, and what strange tale is associated with that village?

Jackie Hibbert

History Group Organiser

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**I want to fill this space in future
issues. Please contribute by
emailing me :
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Thanks, Ed.

The logo for Welton Village Hall is a dark green rectangle with a white border. Inside, the words "Welton" and "Village Hall" are written in a white, serif font, stacked vertically.

Welton Village Hall

SOAPBOX 2018

First of all, congratulations to everyone who contributed to the success this year's Soapbox Derby. We were very pleased to be part of the event with our Bottle Tombola outside the hall, with the WI cafe inside. The car park was used for the catering outlets and we should thank all the vendors, Chris Barlow and the Soapbox team for ensuring the carpark and hall were suitably cleared. We are also grateful for the donation made by Barclay Community Charity who donated £1000 to the Village Hall Trust funds. We look forward to working with the Soapbox Team again next year.

PARISH COUNCIL BBQ

We are also pleased to offer the Village Hall facilities for the Parish Council's BBQ to mark 20 years of St Martin's Spinney on the afternoon of Sunday 16th September. Records show that in 1998 when the Spinney was originally gifted to the Parish, 'after the ceremony tea was taken in the Village Hall'. Twenty years on we hope the weather will be fine, but if not, the hall will provide shelter.

ADMIN

As the school year starts again all regular hall user groups will be asked to confirm their leader's contact details, meeting times and dates, size of group etc. Even if your group has had no changes please complete and return the form. It ensures that the trustees have up-to-date facts to support any grant application they make.

There will be a space on the form for your suggestions. Please set aside a few minutes of your group's time to discuss changes or developments in the hall your group would like the trustees to consider.

INSIDE THE HALL

Our thanks to Steve Bichener for installing the dado rail around the hall. This is to protect the wall from damage by the chairs. To keep the hall floor looking good please carry or wheel heavy equipment rather than dragging it across the room and causing scratches.

PLANS

Encouraged by the success of recent fundraising and grant applications the trustees are now turning their attention to the storage and toilet facilities. We are looking for ways to make the best use of the available space to provide a revised location for the accessible disabled toilet, a baby changing facility and revised layouts for Ladies, Gents, or possibly Unisex toilets. We also want to be able to keep enough storage for tables, chairs and large equipment, as well as storage for smaller equipment belonging to regular user groups. If you have any comments or suggestions about how this might be achieved, or you can recommend an architect or tradesman please get in touch with one of the trustees.

GET INVOLVED

We are likely to have a one or possibly two vacancies for Trustees in late 2018. Would you consider joining the trustee board? Any of the current trustees will be happy to talk to you about what is involved without putting any pressure on you. Just get in touch.



Welton Village Hall Trustees:

Duncan Webber (chair), Amy Jenkins, Morgan Jenkins, Caroline Maxwell, (bookings), Jude Proto,(secretary), Chris Smith, Sarah Souter(Treasurer), Ian Threadgold

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Caroline Maxwell

on behalf of Welton Village Hall Trustees

Regular Users of Welton Village Hall



Activity	Timings	
Rainbows	Fridays in term time	5:00 - 6:00pm
Brownies	Wednesdays in term time	5:15 - 6:45 pm
Guides & Rangers	Wednesdays in term time	7:00 - 8:30 pm
Parents & Toddlers	Thursdays in term time	9:30 -11:00am
Parish Council	2nd Monday each month	7:30 pm
Short Mat Bowls	Wednesdays	2:00 pm
Women's Institute	2nd Thursday in each month	7:30 pm
Yoga	Mondays	11:00 - 12:00 pm
	Tuesdays	6:00 - 7:00 pm
Bridge Club	1st and 3rd Monday evenings of each month (incl. Bank Holidays) 7:15 pm	
Art Group	Wednesdays in term time	9:30 - 12:30 am
History Group	4th Mondays	7:30 pm
Table Tennis	Thursdays (occasional)	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Family Martial Arts	Sundays	10:00 - 11:00 am

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WELTON RECREATION TRUST

Autumn Quiz 2018

Dates for your diary : Autumn Quiz
2018 : Thursday 22nd November 2018

Please contact Chris Smith if you wish to participate.

Walks :

We have had some very successful walks from Welton using the footpaths to Norton, Ashby and Long Buckby. The walks generally take 2-2.5 hours and we cover between 4 and 5 miles. It is a great opportunity to stretch the legs and enjoy the company and local scenery. Next walks are :

Sunday 23rd September at 10.30am in Village Hall car park

Sunday 14th October at 10.30am in Village Hall car park

For those who are a little more adventurous, there is a 17 mile Daventry Round Walk departing from White Horse in Welton at 10am on Saturday 15th September. The walk goes through Ashby, Braunston, Staverton, Badby, Newnham, and Norton. Lunch stop at Badby. Good boots and suitable clothing for the weather are required.

Defibrillator Update :

The second defibrillator for the Village has now been installed in the school car park. This is accessible 24 hours per day. If you have any need to try to revive a patient, go to the unit, ring the number and the emergency services will provide you the code to unlock the door. Take the defibrillator out, and use on the patient. The original defibrillator unit in the Village Hall will remain accessible when the hall is open. We are progressing to ensure both units are shown on the National database for UK defibrillators.

Funding :

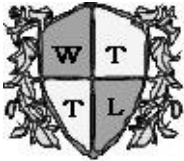
The Recreation Trust would like to continue to promote different recreation activities in Welton. We are aware that additional equipment in the playing field would be appreciated and so providing some new equipment is one of our goals. We are aware of Rainbows, Brownies and Guides yet we are aware there seems to be less organised activities for boys within the village. We would be pleased to support for any new ventures.

Welton Recreation Trustees:

John Edwards, Peter O'Mahoney, Jack Perry, Chris Smith,
Sarah Souter, Duncan Webber

Duncan Webber

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Welton Town Lands Trust

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VACANCY FOR A CLERK

A vacancy occurs for the office of Clerk to the Trustees with effect from November 2018. In brief, the role involves:

- Organising 3 meetings per year, held in March, June and November
- Agendas and minutes for the above meetings
- Producing the accounts
- Dealing with any correspondence relating to the Trust and its lands
- Receiving applications and distributing grants on behalf of the Trust

The clerk receives an honorarium and expenses for carrying out the role.

Applications invited in writing to the Clerk, Mrs Gisella Webber at the following address:

**1 Burrows Close
Welton
Tel: 01327 311753
Email: gisellaw@hotmail.co.uk**

If you wish to have any further information regarding the role, please telephone or email the Clerk.



Private Thomas Wootton of Welton 1880-1917

In 2018, for the end of the First World War Centenary Commemorations, the CWGC have fixed their official plaque to St Martin's Church gate to mark the fact that Private Thomas Wootton's grave is in the churchyard.

As I have an Ancestry website account, and am tracing my own family history, I have also done some research on Thomas's family and their life in Welton. (Our own

family lost a Great Uncle in WW1, and an Uncle in WW2, both in France.)

Thomas Wootton was born in 1880. His father was Frederick Wootton (1855-1900), and his mother Rhoda Whitlock (1858-1925).

Thomas's Baptism was on 21.06.1880 in Syresham, Northampton.

The Census Forms follow the Wootton family through the decades:-

CENSUS 1881. Living at Crowfield, Syresham, with first son Thomas.

CENSUS 1891. Thomas aged 10. Living in Bell Lane, Syresham.

CENSUS 1901. Sees the family living in "Middlemore cottages", Ashby Road, Daventry, mother Rhoda (43) now a widow, with sons Sydney 12, George 16, and Thomas aged 20 who is employed as a Shepherd on a farm.

CENSUS 1911

Thomas age 30, single, is a border in Welton, living with William Stevenson 56, and Ellen Stevenson 56. Occupation Labourer on a farm. This is where Thomas met Ellen Webb (1876-?).

Census 1901 shows Ellen living at 1 Station Road, Welton ^{With Her} parents Richard (1843-1909) and Lucy (1844-1919) Webb, and her 2 brothers Thomas and Harry. Ellen was baptised at St Martin's Church on 08 October 1876. Her occupation was Needle worker.

(NOTE. The Webb family can be traced in Welton back to the 1700s –

Ellen's Grandparents John Webb 1811-1893 and Elizabeth (nee Oliver) Webb 1813-1893.

Ellen's Great Grandparents William Webb 1770-1852 and Sarah (nee Smith) Webb 1780-1869.

Ellen's Great Great Grandparents Thomas Webb 1749-? and Ann (nee Davis) 1750-1837 who were married in Welton on 05/07/1770.)

Thomas Wootton and Ellen Webb were married in St Martin's Church on 21 November 1915. *(Reference: BDM Peterborough. Ref 3b, 359).*

They made their home in Station Road, Welton.



In WW1 Thomas signed up with the Royal Army Service Corps (RASC), Northamptonshire Regiment, 1st Battalion. His service number was 27767.

July 1917 saw the 1st Battalion involved in the German retreat to Hindenburg Line and The Second Battle of Passchendaele.

During this period he was injured and brought back to England.

Sadly on the 19.07.1917 in the 2nd General Hospital, Manchester, he "died of his wounds". He was 37. (Reference:- *France & Flanders. National Archives - Records of Casualties Ref MH106.*)

His grave is in St Martin's churchyard, with the official CWGC headstone.

He was awarded the British War and Victory Medals. (Ref: *National Archives WO/372/22/73885*)

Thomas is named on the War Memorial Roll of Honour 1914-1917 which is on the wall inside the Church near the south porch door.



Private Thomas Wootton will be remembered, together with all the other casualties of wars, at a special Remembrance Service at St Martin's Church, commencing at 10.45am on Sunday 11th November 2018 to include a 2 minute silence at 11.00am. All will be welcome at this service.

This is the information I have so far on Thomas and his family. If anyone has any further information, please do let me know.

(Researched by Roslyn Loades, Member of St Martin's Church, PCC.)

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember them."*



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH TEAM

Who covers which neighbourhood area?

ASHBY ROAD
Mariann Holloway
311295



and
Jeanette Mortimore
871011



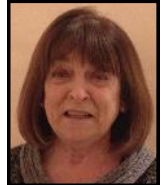
HIGH STREET, WELL LANE
& STATION ROAD

Jack Perry **704282**



WELTON PARK & CLARKES WAY

Jean Williams **872368**



CHURCHILL ROAD & THE PADDOCK

Andy Newell **703481**



KILN LANE, EMERY CLOSE
& HALFORD WAY

Peter Mossop **878712**



THE BOTTOM OF THE VILLAGE

Bob Somerville **871275**



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

August 2018

Only one disturbing incident to report. Fortunately, no harm done after someone had tried to break in to a locked house whilst the owners were present. There's not much you can do against such an intrusion. The householder did ring the police on 101.

There is really nothing more for me to report. All I must do is to remind you all that there are still a lot of the scams and rogue telephone calls that keep troubling us. Included in this warning is the increasing occurrence of identity theft. Do consider shredding any material that might include private information – this might include bank statements, old invoices on which you might have written your account number/credit card numbers, old building society pass books, etc.

Finally, I have been visited recently by two apparently genuine tradesmen, offering to do work for me (replacement soffits and drive cleaning). Strangely, both jobs needed doing but I would never accept anyone's offer on the doorstep. They did seem very genuine, but I declined in both cases and yet both have returned hoping that I had changed my mind! (I had not).

Stay safe.

Tony Pernyes
NHW Co-ordinator
704264

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