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Front cover photo shows Sean Goodger
in action for Welney Croft Cricket Club
on May 20th 2007

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WELNEY POST OFFICE STORES

It is no secret!! The Post Office and Shop will be closing down mid June 07.

The programme for closure is that the Post Office will close down at 5.30pm on Wednesday 13th June, with no transactions after that date. The Shop will close down at 3pm on Saturday 16th June. Newspaper deliveries will also cease on that date.

Unfortunately we have been unable to find a buyer for the business as a going concern. Uncertainty over the future of rural post offices has killed off any interest and with the situation likely to deteriorate further there is little point in us hanging on in hope. Last Winter's flooding on the Wash Road did little to help the cause.

We would like to thank our loyal customers for their support over the past 31 years we have traded here. Our newspaper deliveries over the past 25 years have been reliable thanks to the efforts of Mrs Carole Connor who is also due to retire.

I am now looking forward to my retirement.

Wendy Redman

Editor's note:

Now that our post office / shop is closing down the Welney News will become the only way of keeping in touch with one another. If you normally buy your copy from Wendy please get in touch with us to organise a subscription in time for the August edition.

If private individuals in Welney have anything to sell, be it a table and chairs, a car or any other such item you would previously have advertised in Wendy's then please feel free to email details to me and I'll gladly include them in the next edition for free.

The Welney News team is always on the look out for new members: being part of the team involves coming to meetings (only 2 or 3 a year) searching out new advertisers, finding good pictures for the front page, suggesting or writing articles and if necessary delivering our beloved publication to houses around Welney every 2 months.

If you fancy joining us please do contact any of the team whose details are on page 27

Rachel

WELCOME TO WELNEY

Most people will have spotted the new residents at Cambria on March Road running about on the grass, well, the chickens belong to Paul Garrison and his partner Dawn who have recently moved over from Lakenheath to make Welney their home.

Another member of the family is Nancy the dog and soon Dawn's mum and dad will be joining them.

Dawn is a business manager for Renault and covers a large area over the south east, while Paul is a site manager for Larkfleet Homes who are based in Lincolnshire.

They both lead busy lives but have found time in August to get married, so congratulations and hope you enjoy your new life in Welney.

AU REVOIR TIM

The Welney News Committee is now one member short as Tim Bennett has decided to step down. Tim is one of the founder members of the Welney News which is coming up to its tenth anniversary, and was in charge of advertising, which is the magazine's lifeblood. He also took the magazine out to distributors and delivered his own 'round', as well as writing informative articles on nature and the environment.

Hopefully he will still find time to deliver on his patch and he will still be enthused to write the occasional article.

The committee and, no doubt, our readers would like to thank Tim for his dedication and commitment in the past and hope he will still take an interest in the future of the magazine.

Thanks Tim.

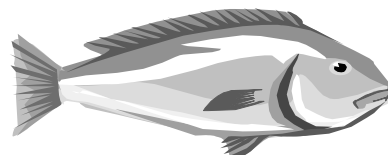
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Entry is free, and there will be something for all the family: You will all have a good time, and you may even learn something too, almost without noticing! Join us, and see how we make the most of the countryside, producing wholesome, affordable food, making sure wildlife thrives and producing non-food essential oil crops such as chamomile and lavender. You may even want to take part in one of the fun quizzes.

We will be open from 10.00am till 4pm and there will be all sorts of activities during the day including a nature trail; a farm walk through food and herb fields; bottle feeding lambs; gun dog demonstrations; pony handling; newly hatched chicks and ducklings; a display of old tractors and modern farm machinery; Essential oil distillery tours; working distillery; produce; food and drink, and a picnic by the farm pond. Information packs available for all.

Last year saw around 150 people visit and it is hoped to exceed 300 this year.

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The Friendship Club's first outing of the year was on May 15th to Cadbury World.

Instead of just touring the factory exhibits, we chose the Memory Lane Tour which included a bus tour around Bournville Village.

Although it rained all the way there and most of the way home, thankfully it was fine while we were there, and we had a most enjoyable day.

Also on the bus were passengers from March and Upwell who had seen our notices in various shops and decided it appealed to them so the bus was $\frac{3}{4}$ full which made it all worthwhile.

If anyone wants to come along to our meetings every other Tuesday, they will be made most welcome, or call either Queenie Johnson on 01354 610409 or Pat Rix on 01354610292.

The next outing is on June 12th to Oxford and Blenheim Palace.

Pat Rix.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT TIME IS JULY 17TH

**All items gratefully received
WN team contact details on page 27**

WELNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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2 VACANCIES

As you are no doubt aware, at the recent Parish Council Elections only seven persons stood for election to the Council leaving two vacancies.

The Parish Council are able to fill these vacancies by co-option and if you are interested in joining the Council, we would be grateful if you could write to the Clerk at the above address expressing your interest.

It is hoped that the co-options will take place at the Parish Council meeting on 13th June, 2007 and those persons expressing an interest will be invited to attend. If there are more than two applications for the vacancies then a secret ballot will take place amongst the elected councillors.

We look forward to hearing from you by the 9th June, 2007

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ACTION PLAN UPDATE

It was probably three issues back when I indicated that, hopefully, the Welney Action Plan would be appearing through your letterboxes shortly. Frankly, that was far too optimistic, because I hadn't appreciated just how much effort would be required to overcome the inertia caused by a prolonged Christmas and New Year lay-off.

Thankfully, things have got moving again and the Steering Group are pretty clear about what is needed now to produce the final document.

You will recall that you have already received a copy of the basic results generated by the questionnaires. Knowing that the analysis and interpretation of these was likely to take a while, we were keen to provide you with something in the interim, rather than fill up the actual plan with lots of fancy pi-charts.

The version of the Action Plan that you will all receive in due course will contain a simplified update of the 1997 Village Appraisal incorporated with comments on your responses in the questionnaires, which, in turn, indicate the kind of things that will be necessary to achieve our goals. Subsequently, you will be kept informed of how things progress towards those ends.

As the Action Plan is intended to be a genuine "working document", it has been decided that the specific actions required - be it fundraising, or merely a letter to someone or other - by the Parish Council will be turned into a separate chart for its own use. However, anyone who would like their own copy of the chart will be able to have one on request. Should the whole project not have been completed with an official public launch by the time the next edition of Welney News lands on your doorstep I will be more than a little surprised.

Tim Bennett (Project Coordinator)

NO SMOKING

On 1st July, 2007 the No Smoking Law comes into effect.



Smoking will be banned in all Parish Halls, Village Halls, Pavilions etc., and there will be strict regulations to enforce this with fixed penalty fines and court appearances,

The Parish Council have decided to instigate the Smoking Ban at the Parish Hall and Pavilion with immediate effect.

If anyone hiring the venue or attending a function at either venue wishes to smoke, they must go outside, where we are hoping to provide a suitable container for ash and cigarette butts.

Thank you for your co-operation. Welney Parish Council

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD COMPETITION BY MARK BROWN

Send your completed
crossword to the Editor by
July 6th and you could win a
bottle of wine.

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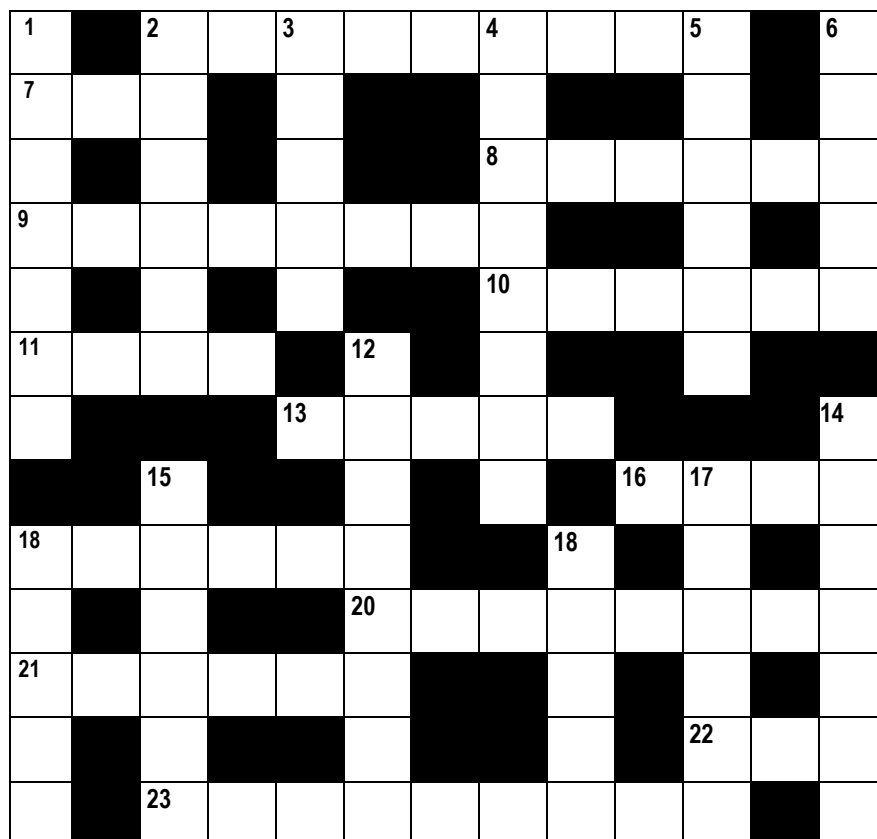


We had a bumper number of
correct entries last time...

Thankyou!

The lucky winners were:

Karen & Nigel Fleming



ACROSS

2. See 5 down
7. Inform on a rodent (3)
8. Frontman found delivering vocals in German? (6)
9. Find circus performer packing trunk in the plane (8)
10. New product could make a splash on takeoff (6)
11. Move hastily to destroy ones hopes (4)
13. Timid computer user keeping it to hand (5)
16. Lies around on small land mass (4)
18. Musically, canter into a hypnotic state (6)
20. Forget about reduction in price (8)
21. Mails a sausage from Italy? (6)
22. Argue about how to propel the boat (3)
23. All in a spin after getting the needle on deck (9)

DOWN

- 1/3/6d Mud-loving environmentalists (7,2,3,5)
2. Guides bullocks in the desired direction (6)
3. See 1 down
4. Anxious to become more active (8)
- 5&1a Fun-run where the unbalanced could end up smashed (3,3,5,4)
6. See 1 down
12. Discover a demonic side to funnyman (8)
14. Those seeking a fresh start now went typically to Milton Keynes (3,4)
15. Shakespearian village a favourite with smokers? (6)
17. Geometrically uncool (6)
18. Charges one with a series of chores (5)
19. Remove dirt from stunted vegetation (5)

SOLUTION TO LAST EDITION'S X-WORD

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Yoga in Welney; the 'Thursday Morning Group'.

Currently we are still meeting on Thursday mornings in term-time at the Pavilion. Our time has changed slightly so that we meet at around 9-30am for a start at 9-45, and the session lasts for about an hour and a half.

I asked our lovely Ed. for a small article this time instead of my usual advert, as I wanted to convey a bit more about the group. We would really like to attract a few new members if we can, to ensure the sustainability of 'Yoga in Welney'.

I am aware that some people may have both the time and the inclination, but might feel that they are not fit enough, not young enough, etc. to start something new. I would like to reassure anyone that it is more than possible to practice Yoga at any stage of life and any level of fitness. To try Yoga, all you need is a Yoga mat (I have some to lend), comfortable stretchy clothes, and an open mind!

Yoga can be adapted for stiff tired backs, tight shoulders, overworked knees, and a whole host of medical conditions. You can try Yoga even if you have never done anything 'physical' in your entire life! There is no competitive element whatsoever, and forget about that book you saw with all those mind-bending photos in it... standing on heads/lotus posture/whatever-it-was-that-scared-you IS NOT US!

We are an informal and light-hearted group; we stretch, we creak, we groan and we giggle, we invariably indulge in a bit of gossip, and we *enjoy* our Thursday mornings. We might even be persuaded to put the kettle on at the end of the session and brew up some hot chocolate!

We are not profit-driven, but would very much like to keep Yoga in Welney, so go on, dig out your old tracksuit bottoms and come and pay us a visit! Contact me on 610523 for more arm-twisting (sorry, I mean information and gentle persuasion!)

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Karen Fleming

Delph House news **Marifa Lodge Care Home**

Trips: Residents have enjoyed a number of trips since we acquired our own minibus. These have included:

- A visit by minibus to our local Wetlands Trust and visitors centre.
- A trip to Hunstanton for one resident to "have some real fish and chips".
- A minibus excursion to Springfields at Spalding for shopping and a picnic.
- A minibus trip to Ely to see the town and the waterside at The Maltings where we visited the wild ducks, geese and other birds as well as seeing the boats.
- A visit to Downham Market for one of our residents to celebrate his birthday.



Our next planned trip will be on 21 May to the Butterfly Park at Long Sutton. This is a trip we have done in the past which residents have enjoyed.

Repeat prescription medicine collection in Welney: As most residents of Welney will be aware, the village shop and post-office are unfortunately closing on 16 June. One of the many services offered by the shop up to now has been the collection from the Upwell Health Centre of medicines on repeat prescription.

We have been in discussion with the Health Centre and will be offering to provide this service for any Welney residents who may need it.

Repeat prescriptions handed in to us will be taken to the Health Centre and the medicine will be available for collection from Marifa Lodge. Details of this service will be provided shortly.

We hope that this will particularly benefit any Welney residents not having the use of a car.

Staff changes: We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Claire Tomkins, senior care assistant, who is moving on to another post in the care sector. We wish her success in her new job.

Coming events: **Clothes event 2.30 pm Thursday 7 June**

Pauline May Clothes will visit with a range of clothes for sale suitable for all our residents.

Graham Rainbird



William Marshall Pupil completes Marie Curie Sponsored Swimathon

Jake Wallington is a 7 year old pupil in Year 2 at William Marshall School, Jake is a very keen swimmer who regularly attends the swimming pool at Downham Market.

Marie Curie recently held a national sponsored swimathon, which due to Jake losing his Great Granddad Ron to cancer in December he decided himself after seeing the posters at the swimming pool that he wanted to take part.

The Swimathon challenge was to swim a set distance of over 1 mile without stopping, as Jake was only 6 ½ at the time he was allowed to accumulate his distance over a period of six weeks, during the six weeks Jake swam three times a week and accumulated a total of 3,735 metres which is 2.3 miles.

This was a major achievement for anyone, let alone a 6 year old.

However, the story doesn't end there, on the final weekend of the Swimathon Jake 'announced' that he wanted to try and swim as far as he could in one session. The most he had completed in one session was 800 metres, which is 32 lengths.

So, on Sunday the 25th March Jake got up early and Mum, Dad, Nan & Granddad headed off to Downham swimming pool.

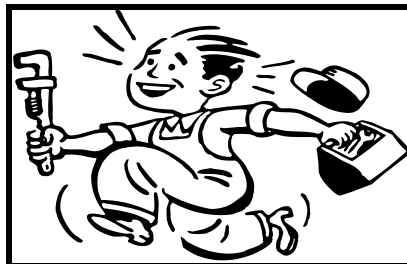
Over a period of 2 hours 13 minutes, Jake surpassed everyone's expectations (including all of the Lifeguards), and completed an amazing total of 64 lengths, which is 1,600 metres or 1 mile.

This brought Jakes Swimathon total over the 6 weeks to a staggering 5,335 metres or 3.3 miles and he raised over £300 for Marie Curie.

Jake would like to say a BIG thank you to all the kind people of Welney and the surrounding villages who sponsored him through completing sponsor forms that were kindly displayed and promoted by Wendy at Welney Post Office and Brian at Tweeds Butchers of Upwell.

Thank you

Jake



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Welney Homewatch

'Safer Neighbourhood Teams' are now being established in Norfolk and will focus on making policing more visible in local communities, and on establishing better contact with Parish Councils, schools, youth clubs, and other community groups and individuals.

Welney will be part of the Downham Market Neighbourhood. The Downham Market team is currently being recruited and will be composed of Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), and Specials. PCSOs in particular will have an important role in providing a uniformed presence, either on foot or on bikes in some communities.

There are some members of the Team in place already; these include PC Smart, PC Andy Deadman, and PCSO Tracy Milburn. To contact someone from the Downham Market team, call this number: 0845 456 4567 and ask for the Downham Market Team. Alternatively, e-mail enquiries@norfolk.pnn.police.uk

There is also an initiative to set up an A1101 'Corridor Scheme' linking the villages of Upwell, Outwell, Three Holes, Lakesend and Welney. Bogus callers, rogue traders and



other opportunists may well attempt to commit crimes in more than one of these villages, so it makes sense for there to be a communication system whereby any suspicious incident or suspect vehicle seen in one village will result in information being sent rapidly to all the others.

It is hoped that members from the Parish Councils of each village, along with interested individuals, Homewatch members etc. will form a group which will meet regularly and discuss any problems common to all five communities.

Members of the Police Force will also attend these meetings and support the group. A number of Welney residents have signed up to the Corridor Scheme at a recent road show in Upwell; we are now looking forward to setting the date for a first meeting. Look out for more information in Welney News!

Karen Fleming

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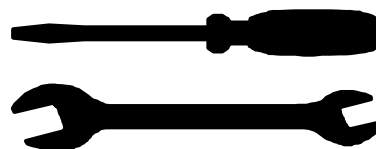
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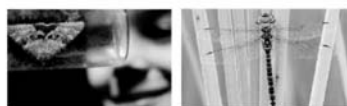


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Elsewhere in the centre, the Wigeon Café is offering home-cooked Seniors Lunches every Tuesday at 12.30pm. There is a choice of one, two or three courses, all including a free cup of tea or coffee! Booking is recommended to guarantee a table, and parties of all sizes are welcome! The Wigeon Café offers snacks, home-cooked meals, tea and fresh coffee, cakes and home-made pastries every day of the week, and entrance to the centre and café is free. Admission charges only apply to go onto to the reserve.

The gift shop, which has recently undergone a facelift, now has much more room to offer locally produced gifts, childrens toys and outdoor goods. Both the café and gift shop will soon be selling locally produced beers and wines, and the new premises licences means alcohol can be sold when special events are held.

The visitor centre is pleased to offer the use of its meeting rooms free of charge to local community groups. If you are interested in using this service, please call the centre to discuss your requirements.

A major forthcoming event is the Fathers Day BBQ and family fun day on Sunday 17 June from 12noon. Come along and take part in the fun, games and competitions, and explore the visiting Tipi! And throughout the summer the centre will be celebrating Ponds! There will be the opportunity for families to have ago at pond dipping every Saturday and Sunday from 2-4pm, starting on 21st July. Family workshops will be running through out the summer and on Sunday 12th August there will be the Wet at Welney Pond Festival with fun for all and advice on creating your own pond!

WWT Welney is also keen to invite anyone wishing to volunteer at the centre to contact the volunteer co-ordinator, Brenda Hutchinson, who is looking forward to hearing from anyone who has some spare time on their hands and would like to help a local charity. "You do not need to be a bird enthusiast to volunteer your time" says Brenda "all you need is the enthusiasm to help".

You can contact the centre on 01353 860711 or email info.welney@wwt.org.uk

THE WAY WE WERE

Yes, those posters that were pinned-up around the village and also appeared in the Welney News were spot on – Mike Petty is certainly a terrific storyteller. The social evening organised by The Welney Archive and Social History group was an enthralling hit with the audience who were kept spell-bound by Mike's Cambridgeshire / Norfolk narration of what life was like for a bargee working his way from King's Lynn carrying Newcastle coal from the port down the rivers to Cambridge city centre; whose journey was plagued by vagabonds and thieves, ill-considered low bridges, water pollution from the colleges of Cambridge, cholera at Ely and dare I say it, low water due to silting. Fascinating absolutely fascinating!

Getting into character, Mike had the audience laughing with his interpretation of the bargee's attempt to make a living. His accounts of the Littleport riots and the less known but more significant Southery riots were delivered with passion. The hangings from gallows in the river at Brandon Creek (which was a notorious place for barge ambushing) were described in all their gory details.

What? You didn't go?

What a corker you missed and the wine and refreshments at the end of the evening was a spread fit for any bargee or Welney villager.

This entertaining social evening was free, courtesy of the WASH group, whose aim is to encourage more people to join in and supply them with photographs or cine film of old Welney and its surrounds.

All material supplied is returned unscathed and WASH can, in some cases, produce improved copies plus enlargements, if wanted, for you to keep.

Derek Levesley



Some of the audience in early for the best seats



Terry Copeman and Mike Petty multi-tasking!

DOG AGILITY

"Rain stopped play" should be the headline for the Agility classes in Welney. However, fingers crossed that the rain holds off next week and we can get started!! Dog agility has been around for some 20 years as a competitive sport, but agility for pet dog owners, who just want to have a bit of fun with their dogs, is relatively new. With pet dog owners in mind, a group of interested people from the village and surrounding areas are about to get together to have a go and you never know, we may see them at Crufts in the years to come!!

Doing agility is often better than taking a fitness class and provides a lot more laughs. Classes combine control, co-ordination, co-operation, confidence, mental stimulation and last, but not least, fun. It always looks so easy when you watch the agility competitions at say Crufts, but to get anywhere near that sort of level, the dogs and handlers have put in a lot of effort and training. One of the fascinating aspects for me as the trainer is to watch the relationship between dog and handler blossom with agility training.

If you think you might like to have a go, why not give me a call on 01354 610230. The current classes are on a Wednesday evening, but if there's enough interest alternative days could be arranged. Dogs should be at least 1 year old with handlers any age between 8 and 80!!!

Sue Dobson

Farming Diary

Global Warming or What?

Since the start of Spring we have been drilling (sowing) seed, and between 12th March and the start of May no rain had fallen, allowing drilling and planting to go unhindered. However, then came the rain and wind, and in the space of just two weeks over 3 inches of rain fell. It was very welcome, as the onions that were drilled on one field between Welney and Tipsend had started to die off due to lack of moisture in the heavier (more clay) areas of the field. They had germinated well and got off to a good start, but the lack of rain for a prolonged period had started to take its toll and around 30% on the poorer soil area had died. Sugar beet had fared better, but some growers' fields were drilled in very dry seedbeds and some seeds have only just started to germinate, having been in the soil for up to 6 weeks. Potatoes were planted into almost ideal conditions but some fields had started drying out too much, meaning that clod bashing became the order of the day.

One of the main areas of concern for us was the herb planting as we had several acres of peppermint to plant for a new contract that Norfolk Essential Oils had acquired. There were also many chamomile plants to go in, but the land was so dry we had postponed planting until we were sure that rain was on its way. Luckily this paid off and around 6 acres of peppermint was planted before the rain came. This has all now taken root and will produce a harvestable crop by September. Had we not had any rain then the tiny peat plugs that the plants come in would have shrivelled and dried the roots before they had the chance to find any moisture. At a cost of 5p per plant and with us requiring at least 10,000 plants per acre this would not have been a good situation.

The plants are planted with a three row vegetable planter that seats 3 persons who remove individual plants from the propagated trays and place them in the planter cups where they are taken down into the soil by the planter and placed at the required intervals.

After the plants have established themselves we have to ensure good weed control to allow the peppermint to achieve its yield potential. Weed control is maintained by using selective herbicides that target the very small germinating weeds and also by mechanical inter-row weed control. With so many different herb varieties being grown weed control can be very difficult and we have learnt new techniques, which include mowing or topping the herbs at certain times to control the weeds. This has worked very well in some of the chamomile crops and if the timing is right it can achieve good results.

Turning to a different topic, I was stopped the other

day by a lady walking along one of the local farm tracks who enquired about some of the grass strips surrounding many of the fields in the locality and I thought it may be of interest to people if I explained what is going on. The grass strips have been introduced as part of a DEFRA environmental scheme known as ELS, or Entry Level Stewardship. Here on Pates farm we have joined the scheme. This involves introducing 3 and 6 metre grass strip around some of our fields, examples of which can be seen alongside Hurn Drove, Stockyard Farm and several fields in Tipsend, as well as in many other locations. The strips include around 7 different species of grasses and are there to encourage all forms of wildlife, from birds and mammals to insects. Barn owls can often be seen flying along these strips looking for small mammals as food. The strips are in place for a minimum of 5 years and are to receive no pesticides or fertilisers other than those that are necessary to control pernicious weeds such as thistles, docks and ragwort. The strips are often next to a drain or ditch and also act as a buffer zone to protect the watercourse. Although they do look inviting to ramblers etc, they are wildlife only areas, and are not for public access or dog walking as this could disturb the nesting and breeding habitat of the wildlife.

We have also introduced over 100 skylark plots into our wheat fields. These are areas of 3m x 3m square where we have switched off the drill when drilling the wheat. These areas encourage skylarks to nest and feed and only today I witnessed several of these birds in one of the Welney fields. The biggest problem is remembering to switch off the drill for at least two plots every hectare!

Together with the wild bird seed corners that we have introduced and the native wild flower mixes we have turned approximately 15 acres of land into environmentally beneficial habitat, so hopefully we can all witness the benefits on our summer strolls round the village.

Ken Goodger



Welney Youth Club

Lots has been going on at Welney Youth Club.

Our regular meetings are held at either the village hall or the pavillion where amongst other things we play pool, loads of team games, try different foods from around the world and not forgetting the very important business of celebrating each others birthdays with cakes!

In the past couple of months we have been paintballing, ten-pin bowling and had an exhausting time at playtoday in the ballpool.

The next big day out on the agenda is a trip to London going by train and the ever exciting London Underground to visit Harrods for a bite to eat.

We also plan to offer all our regular members 2 free driving lessons once they reach their 17th birthday. Obviously to receive their lessons the members would need approval from their parent / guardian and also apply for their provisional driving licence.

We would like to thank everyone who has been kind enough to donate funds to our little club over the past year, all donations are gratefully received as they help us continue to give the young people of our village new, exciting experiences as well as hopefully equipping them with useful life skills.

Julie Perkins—Jones



BINGO

On the last Friday of every month there is an evening of family bingo in the village hall .

Doors open at 6pm with the games starting at 7pm.

Come along and join in the fun and who knows maybe win one of the many prizes on offer.

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Dear Ed,

I read the reply to Christopher Fraser's speech in the House of Commons debate and two things stood out as questionable.

Ian Pearson seems to be saying that the high levels of the river beds at present are due to two very dry summers and winters. However, a recent report on television (televised before the recent rainfall) about the levels of water in reservoirs reported that they were almost at maximum levels due to the wet end to the winter?

If it was such a dry winter where did all the water on the washes come from and how much more would there have been had it been a wet winter?

Why is it not possible to quantify the cost of disruption, surely the traffic is no more diverse and various as many other roads in the country. And where are the various alternative routes? If the Wash Road is impassable there are two alternatives, via Downham Market to the A10 or Manea to the A142!

Good Luck to Christopher Fraser.

Margaret Levesley.



WELNEY WASH ROAD FLOODING - HAVE YOUR SAY



The winter of 2006/2007 has seen a prolonged period of flooding on the A1101 Welney Wash Road, rendering it impassable to traffic for weeks on end as water depth levels on the road reached over 30 inches.

Whilst we appreciate that the Ouse Washes are designed to hold floodwater from the Great Ouse catchment area, Welney Parish Council believe the problem has been exacerbated by the failure of the Environment Agency to adequately maintain the Great Ouse river system, thereby allowing a build-up of silt to raise overall bed levels in the 100 foot and Great Ouse rivers, whilst huge silt banks have been allowed to form at various key points. This has drastically affected the EA's ability to discharge water from the Ouse Washes, leaving Welney and surrounding villages to bear the brunt of the consequences.

The situation has so far attracted media interest from local newspapers, television and radio, and has also been raised in the House of Commons by local MP Christopher Fraser. A meeting has since been held by Mr Fraser at which borough, district and parish councillors, plus three senior Environment Agency executives, were present, and it is now our intention to gather as much support as possible for our campaign to have the situation resolved to the satisfaction of local residents.

Therefore, following consultation with adjoining parish councils, Welney PC is asking anyone from the surrounding area who has been inconvenienced by the 96-day road closure to put pen to paper and let us know how you were affected. All the letters received will be passed to the local MP. Points you may wish to raise include:

- The effect due to lost trade on local businesses
- The additional fuel costs to motorists forced to take lengthy diversions
- The additional CO2 emissions created by motorists having to make longer trips
- The burden on emergency services called to rescue motorists trapped in floodwater
- Why the silt in the rivers has been allowed to rise to such high levels
- Why there has been no recent study into the idea of raising the A1101 Wash Road
- Why small, rural communities are so often ignored by central government
- How the 96-day closure of an 'A' class road can be considered acceptable

The above points are merely for guidance. Whether you are someone whose business has suffered; whose route to work is affected; whose children are affected regarding getting to school; or whether your life has been affected in other ways, please write and let us know. The louder our voice, the greater our chance of seeing this wholly unacceptable situation resolved. Thank you for your time.

Welney Parish Council

Send your letter to: Mrs.P.A.Copeman, Clerk to the Council
1 Chestnut Avenue, Welney, Wisbech, Cambs PE14 9RG.
OR e-mail: WelneyPC@aol.com

WESTMINSTER UPDATE



I have recently received an interim progress report from the Environment Agency, following the meeting that I called to discuss the flooding of Welney Washes. Chris Howes, the Area Manager, has confirmed that he will report to me in the next few weeks about the use of Denver Sluice and how this may be impacting on water levels. Mr Howes is also looking at the opportunity of accelerating relevant sections of the Tidal River Strategy Report, to give me an up to date cost estimate for dredging the Tidal River which we can compare with the cost of providing a new road.

There is currently no indication from the Government when they will announce the outcome of the Department for Environment's consultation on new methods of prioritising flood risk management funding, which could be fundamental to government support for the area. I have written to ask the Minister for an indication of when announcements will be forthcoming.

I am pleased that progress is being made at a local level, though it was generally agreed at our meeting that there is no quick-fix solution to Welney's problems. I remain fully committed to finding a sustainable way forward for the Fens.

Christopher Fraser, MP for South West Norfolk



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The April Meeting of the Parish Council took place in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 11th at 7.30 p.m.

Closure of Welney Post Office - Mrs. Redman had written to the Parish Council advising that it was likely the shop and post office would close on 16th June. A Working Group was set up to look into any possible ways of purchasing the premises so that the shop and post office could continue, or to open the shop and possibly a post office in alternative premises, as a community project.

Meeting Reports - A meeting of adjoining Parish Councils was held at Welney on 28th March with particular reference to the flooding of the Wash Road. It was agreed that a Notice would be prepared asking for business or individuals to write to us setting out how they had been affected by the prolonged flooding. The letters received would then be collated and sent to the MP and the EA.

100 Club - The April results are on page 27. There was a discussion regarding the future of the 100 Club Draw. The current year expires with the draw in July. It was agreed to send a letter to all ticket holders asking if anyone would be prepared to assist with the running of the Club otherwise it will have to finish in July.

Elgoods Proposed Development and the Parish Hall - Details of the Informal Request for development at the Sandgate Terrace site are still awaited from the Borough Council.

The Playing Field has very little income and it was unanimously agreed to close its bank account and transfer any monies to the Parish Council. Playing Field matters would in future be dealt with in the Parish Hall Accounts. It was also agreed to consider whether the cost of a cleaner for the Pavilion can be justified, and it was agreed to inform all users, that they are required to leave the Pavilion in a clean and tidy state.

Planning Matters - The Council supported a planning application from Mr David Stuart of Croft Farmhouse, Wisbech Road, Tipsend for the erection of a building for the repair and maintenance of vintage tractors.

A letter was received confirming that the application for the installation of a wind turbine on the front of The Old Crown House, Hundred Foot Bank, had been withdrawn.

Meadow Lane - A letter was received from the Norfolk County Council asking for Council's opinion on the past use of Meadow Lane. After discussion it was agreed that a reply should be sent stating that as far as the Parish Council are aware, there has been unhindered public use of Meadow Lane for well in excess of 50 years.

Wash Road Flooding - All agreed that the meeting with Christopher Fraser MP and the EA on 29th March was an extremely useful meeting. The main outcome was that the EA would be looking at the cost of dredging against the cost of raising the road.

Council had requested some road planings to help make up **Hurn Drove** and Highways had kindly delivered approximately 6 tons to the site. Council had already confirmed that they would be prepared to fill the holes and level the road-way, but it was agreed that more than this would be needed. It was agreed to write to the residents living along that stretch of Hurn Drove to ask if they would be prepared to contribute towards purchasing more planings. Contact would be made with Highways to ask if they would look at the problems caused by lorries turning around on the **Lamb and Flag Carpark** when the Wash Road was flooded and the breaking up of the verges. This has also left a raised manhole which needs attention.

W.A.S.H. Committee have arranged another Social Evening on Saturday 28th April in the Parish Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Mike Petty would be giving a talk.

A letter was received from Cllr. Bray tendering his **resignation** from the Parish Council and explaining his reasons for not standing at the next election. Council was advised that there would not be an election for the Parish Council on 3rd May, as only 7 councillors had handed in the paperwork for the election.

Pat Copeman, Parish Clerk.

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The **AGM** of the Parish Council took place in the Parish Hall on Wed 9th May, 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

Cllr. Goodger extended a warm welcome to the newly elected Council and visitors. All elected Councillors signed the declaration of acceptance of office forms and declaration of interests forms.

Cllr. Ken Goodger was elected Chairman for the coming year, Cllr. Steve Kerr was elected Vice Chairman and the W.A.S.H. Committee were elected en-bloc.

Following new legislation, it was unanimously agreed that Council should adopt the new code of Conduct for Members including paragraph 12(2) effective immediately. The adoption would be confirmed to the Standards Board and the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk. All members then signed the Code of Conduct forms. Paragraph 68 of the Councils Standing Orders was also amended and adopted.

As only seven persons had completed the paperwork to stand for **election** to the council they had been returned duly elected, but this means that there are two vacancies on the Parish Council. Two persons have already written expressing an interest, and it was agreed that a Notice should appear in the Welney News and on the Village Notice Boards, asking if there are any other persons interested, they should write to the Clerk before the 9th June so that they can be considered at the meeting on 13th June when hopefully co-options will take place the Council will be up to full strength.

Closure of Village Shop - Mrs. Redman had again written to the Council confirming that as they had received little or no interest in purchase, they had taken the property off the market. The Post Office would close on 13th June and the Shop on 16th June. It was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Mrs. Redman and it was confirmed that the Post office could be started up again should someone be interested in doing so. The Clerk was requested to contact the Post Office and obtain details of how to go about this, so that the information could be handed on if anyone expressed an interest.

The **No Smoking Law** comes into effect on 1st July, 2007. The Parish Council agreed to put the No Smoking Law into effect immediately and suitable notices will be displayed at the Parish Hall and Pavilion.

Meadow Lane - A further letter had been received from the NCC asking if any councillors would be prepared to confirm the use of Meadow Lane and what type of use it had been. It was agreed that it was used, and still is used by walkers, cyclists and motorists, and several councillors agreed they would be prepared to confirm this.

Reports from Village Organisations - A report was given on behalf of the William Marshall charity and the Bishops Land Charity.

Parish Council Annual Accounts to 31.3.07 - Councillors had been supplied with copies of the Annual Accounts for the Parish Council and following consideration these were formally adopted and signed.

Finance - The renewal papers had been received for the Parish Council and the Parish Hall, and it was agreed to contact Zurich for clarification on one or two points before these were approved.

100 Club - The May draw results are shown on page 27.

Elgoods Proposed Development and the Parish Hall -

The chairman had spoken to Elgoods and had discussed the current situation regarding the Lamb and Flag and the Hall Site. A reply had been received from the Borough Council regarding the Informal Request on the Sandgate Terrace land, and it looked very hopeful for the Community Centre. It was agreed to make contact with the Carter Family regarding their ideas for the housing development and possibly arrange a further site meeting.

Playing Field - The fixture list for the Cricket Club Summer Season had now been received and the Membership certificate for the Norfolk Playing Fields Association had been received.

Planning Matters - The following planning permission was received from the Borough Council.

Ref No. 07/00362/F Mr. D. Stock, Old Welney Nursery, Wisbech Road, Welney Extension to Bungalow and erection of a detached Garage.

The following application was received and after discussion it was recommended for approval

Ref No. 07/00644/F Mr. A.W. Scott, Construction of extension to dwelling at West View, New Road, Welney.

Highway Matters - Speed restriction signs have now been installed between Welney and Lotts Bridge on the A1101, but it was considered there are one or two points where repeater signs are needed and it was agreed to contact Highways. With regard to Hurn Drove, two residents had very kindly made a donation towards purchasing more plantings to make up the roadway. It is hoped that within the next few weeks, a further delivery will be made and the holes will be filled in and the roadway much improved.

W.A.S.H. Committee - The Social Evening arranged for Sat 28th April, 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, was a very successful event. Mr Mike Petty gave an extremely interesting talk from the perspective of a Bargee in the 1830's travelling from Cambridge to King's Lynn. The evening concluded with Cheese and Wine and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It is hoped to hold a further Open Day during the Summer Months.

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council is Wed 13th June, 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Pat Copeman, Parish Clerk

W.I.

April was members' night, giving the committee a well earned rest. A welcome visitor was Mrs. Sylvia Stone who joined members for the evening.

Jennifer James took over as president and showed slides of Stody Gardens, Gooderstone Water Gardens and the 1984 Tulip Parade at Spalding, which brought back happy memories for some members.

A delicious buffet supper was provided by members and went down very well with everyone.

There were so many raffle prizes that most members were lucky enough to win one.

A teaspoon was presented to Jennifer James for gaining maximum points in recent competitions.

Guess the number of mini eggs in a jar was won by Bet Smith.

The monthly competition had reached the letter U with members bringing along a uniform, umbrella and Union Jacks.

Bettine Watson, Cissie Bedford, Carol Halls, Jean Newell, and Amy Markham gained 5 points, and Vera Singleterry, Queenie Johnson, Sheila Dore, Blanche Markham 4 points.

Amy Markham welcomed everyone to the May meeting which began with the business. Instead of the usual three resolutions this year there is only one which is to 'Stop the Closure of Community Hospitals' who provide essentials services to local people. The resolution will be discussed at length at the A.G.M. which is held in June at the Albert Hall. Everyone was in favour as most people have used the Community Hospital at some time in their lives.

Mr. Samuel from March was the speaker. He and his wife were dressed in Victorian clothes and really looked the part.

Mr. Samuel spoke of his meeting with Anne Robinson and his appearance on The Weakest Link. Having been successful in the audition at Peterborough he was soon on his way to Pinewood Studios. He managed to survive the first two rounds but came unstuck in the third one when he was voted off. He enjoyed his day at Pinewood immensely and would love to do it all over again. The programme will be televised during September.

A flower quiz was organised for social time with Sheila Dore getting most correct answers and Amy Markham and Carol Halls coming a close second.

The competition letter was V with all entries being totally different including vegetables, varnish, Vick, vase, viola and vodka to mention a few.

Cissie Bedford and Jennifer James gained 5 points, Queenie Johnson, Shelia Dore, Carol Halls, Vera Singleterry, Bettine Watson 4 points, Amy Markham, Dawn Stephenson and Blanche Markham 3 points.

Lucky raffle winners were Cissie Bedford, Bet Smith and Dawn Stephenson.

Enquiries to Amy Markham on 01354 610340

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In this issue we are featuring villagers at play – young and old as they dress up for the many varying functions that were their entertainment , before television and IT came along to put the final nail in the coffin of big village social gatherings.





As always WASH welcome your comments and would still like to bore you with its request for your old photos for them to copy.

You can contact the W.A.S.H Club on: 01354 610226

Derek Levesley

French Visitors at Tipsend

Tuesday the 17th of April saw 57 French visitors arrive at the Norfolk Essential Oils distillery in Tipsend.

These visitors came by coach and were involved in a twinning visit with Wells next the Sea on the North Norfolk Coast. They came from the town of La Ferte, which is about 66 miles from Paris on the border of the areas of Brie and Champagne. Unfortunately they did not bring any samples with them. An old college friend of mine was involved in the twinning committee and thought they might like to visit the distillery on their way to visit the WWT and spend the afternoon in Ely.

Although April is not a good time for distilling herbs we did manage to put on a demonstration for them using some dried material we had available. The weather was in our favour and we welcomed them with teas and coffee before commencing the morning's demonstration whilst sitting them on straw bales. Sadly I do not speak a word of French but was told that if I spoke slowly then they should understand. Well, anyone that knows me will realize that for me to talk slowly is virtually impossible, but I did try. It is difficult with a Fen accent to keep slow, but eventually a rather pleasant French lady stood up and volunteered to translate, and though there were a few difficult technical terms we managed it quite well and they even understood some of the local jokes and humour.

Debra had arranged a display of the products we have available such as the soaps, creams and essential oils, and they couldn't wait to spend some of those nice, crisp new banknotes that had obviously been acquired before their trip. I became surrounded by some of the middle-aged members of the party who were very interested in the distillery and farming business, due, I believe, to them having many lavender fields and distilleries in the areas of Southern France. Eventually it was time for them to go, and the organizers had to prise them away from the various bottles and testers we had on display. All in all it was a very enjoyable gathering and we hope that our cousins from across the Channel had a good time and learned a little about the diversity of modern British farming practices.

Ken Goodger



UPWELL HEALTH CENTRE
PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

The Group acts as a watchdog on behalf of the patients, but cannot deal with any problems of a medical nature. If a patient is having problems accessing services at the Health Centre they can contact their local village representative whose names and telephone numbers are on the notice board in the Waiting Room.

At the recent AGM the following were elected as Officers for the coming year: Mrs Elaine Robinson – Chairman; Mrs Jill Bliss – Vice-Chairman; Mrs Barbara Terry - Secretary; Mr Ken Sorensen – Treasurer; plus 6 committee members.

The retiring Chairman, Michael Pattison, gave a report in which he congratulated the Group on organizing a very successful Health Fair in October 2006. It was noted that the cost of running last October's Fair had been £319.99 and the income was £398.15. Last December the Group donated £500 to the Hunter Rowe Trust, being the combined profits from all the Health Fairs held over the past five years. The Trust is managed by the Health Centre, and recently its funds have been used for the rental of special beds for terminally ill patients. Each bed is rented from a private company and placed in the patient's home for as long as needed. Any bequests to the Health Centre are automatically paid into the Hunter Rowe Trust.

During the past year the Borough Council, in consultation with Borough Councillors V. Spikings and D Pope, entered into a joint venture partnership with five local Parish Councils and the Primary Care Trust, to develop a car parking area on land owned by the Borough opposite the Health Centre. The development of the site will initially be funded by the Borough Council and the joint venture partners. It has been provisionally agreed that Welney will contribute £150, but this may alter as the scheme progresses. It is hoped that around 50 extra parking spaces will be available.

The Welney representatives on the Patient Participation Group are: Ken Sorensen (Tel. 610516) and Charlotte Cox (638610).
Charlotte Cox

Algae ?

Have you got a pond that suffers from algae in the summer?
If so give Mike a call down at Pisces as he has the solution and is willing to share it with you for free!
There is a new water treatment used by fisheries to control the dreaded algae and it is environmentally safe too....The good news is that Mike has a stash of this wonderstuff and is offering some to anyone who needs it...no charge! You can contact Mike on 610257

Dear Rachel,

The other week, having visitors, we decided to have a fish supper, so I telephoned Navradys as per the advertisement in the Welney News to place my order. On arriving there at the agreed time my order was ready for me plus my 10% discount already taken off the bill. What excellent service and food!
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Regards,
Derek Levesley

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Blades of Glory (12A)

Sunday 10th: 7.30pm

Stars: Will Ferrell & Jon Heder

In 2002, two rival Olympic ice skaters were banned from men's single competition. Several years on they find a loophole that will allow them to compete.



Curse of the Golden Flower (15)

Thursday 14th : 7.30pm

Set in China's Tang Dynasty, follows an imperial bodyguard named Phoenix and Prince Ping as pair of star-crossed lovers who fall in love. It leads them on a dangerous journey where secrets of the royal family are uncovered.



Becoming Jane (PG)

Sunday 17th: 7.30pm

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Thursday 21st: 7.30pm

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Tickets: £12.50, £8.50

Fri 8th: 7.30pm - That'll Be The Day .Tickets: £18.50

Sat 9th: 7pm - Golden Jubilee Concert
King's Lynn Male Voice Choir. Tickets: £10

Wed 13th: 8pm - Rita Coolidge. Tickets: £24.50

Thurs 14th : 8pm - One Man Star Wars Trilogy
Tickets: £14.50, Under 16s £11.50, £9.50

Fri 15th : 8pm - One Night Of Queen
Tickets: £16.50

Sat 16th: 1.30pm & 4pm - Noddy & Friends.
Tickets: £10.50, Children £9.50, Family (4) £38

Sun 17th: 7.30pm - Ken Dodd Tickets: £17.50

Wed 20th: 2.30pm

The Magnificent Music Hall Matinee Tickets: £11.50

Thurs 21st : 8.45pm - Comedy Club Adults Only!
Tickets: £8.50

Fri 22nd : 8pm - The Bootleg Sixties
Featuring The Overtures Tickets: £16.50, £9.50

Sat 23 : 8pm -The Best Blues Brothers Show in the World - Ever! Tickets: £17.50

Sun 24th: 7.30pm - Ted Heath Orchestra Tribute
Tickets: £16.50, concessions £15.50

Sat 30th: 8pm - Opera Babes "Unplugged"
Tickets: £18.50, £9.50

Whats on at:



Box Office:
01485 532252

Sat 2nd : 7.30pm Memories Are Made Of Hits
Tickets. £9.50 to £13.50

Sun 3rd : 1pm The Singing Kettle Wild West Show
Suitable for 1-8 year olds. Tickets £9 Family of 4 £32

Wed 6th – Sat 9th : 7.30pm, Thurs Matinee 2.30pm Film : Fracture (15) The perfect murder starring Anthony Hopkins. Call box office for prices

Sun 10th : 7.30pm The Pete Allen Jazz Band
Tickets. £9.50 to £13.50

Wed 13th – Fri 15th : 7.30pm, Thurs Matinee 2.30pm Film: Becoming Jane (PG) Romantic drama .Call box office for prices

Sun 17th : 7.30pm Susan McCann. Tickets. £9.50 to £13

Tues 19th- Wed 20th : 7.30pm College Of West Anglia Dance Impact. From classical ballet through contemporary to Street jazz, Irish and tap. Tickets £6.50

Thurs 21st : 7.30pm Independent Ballet Wales present Coppelia Tickets £9.50 - £14.50 under 16's £8.50

Sun 24th – Tues 26th : 7.30pm, Sun Matinee 2.30pm Film : Amazing Grace (PG) The true story of the campaign to abolish slavery in Britain. Call box office for prices.

Fri 29th – Sun 1st July 7.30pm ART By Yasmina Reza
A comic study of friendship. Tickets £14.50, £12.50

Whats on at :



Box Office
01553 764864

Fri 1st: 8pm King Pleasure & the Biscuit Boys
Tickets: £12

Sat 2nd: 8pm Nightfall A tense thriller. Tickets: £11.50

Thurs 7th - Sat 9th: 7.30pm Film: Becoming Jane (PG)
Tickets: £4.50

Thurs 14th & Fri 15th : 7.30pm Film : Iraq In Fragments
Tickets: £4.50

Sat 16th: 8pm Katzenjammer Piano & Comedy Duo
Tickets: £13.50

Thurs 21st & Fri 22nd 7.30pm Film: Inland Empire (15)
Complex mystery from David Lynch starring Jeremy Irons.
Tickets: £4.50

Sat 23rd: 8pm Carry On Coward
Noel Coward's most popular songs. Tickets: £9.50

Thurs 28th – Fri 29th 7.30pm Film: Freedom Writers (12A)
Stars Hilary Swank as a fresh faced teacher. Tickets: £4.50

Sat 30th: 11am Jewel In The Lotus
Stories from the roof of the world. Most suitable for 5-8 year olds.
Tickets: £4.50, Family (4) £16, Family (3) £12

Sat 30th: 8pm Royal Geographical Society : The Wild West Of Siberia
Explorer Mikael Strandberg will give an insight into this inhospitable yet fascinating place. Tickets: £11

July listings

**Whats
on at :**



**Box Office
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Sun 1st : 8pm - Mary Duff Tickets: £15.50

Wed 4th : 7pm - Gordon Smith. Psychic Medium Tickets: £20

Sat 7th: 9am - 4pm - Original King's Lynn Fleamarket
Entrance: 80p, Under 16's Free

Sun 8th & Sat 14th: 7.30pm Footlights "Get Moving!"
Dynamic dance, spectacular costumes and songs that will stir your heart.
Tickets: £12 available on 01553 881256

Thurs 12th : 8.45pm - Comedy Club
Adults Only! Tickets: £8.50

Sun 15th: 7.30pm - European Union Chamber Orchestra & King's Lynn Festival Chorus
Monteverdi's Beatus Vir and Cantate Domino provides variation to a largely Mozart programme. Tickets: £22.50, £19.50 (inc. wheelchairs), £17.50, Side Balconies £16.50, Standby £5

Mon 23rd : 7.30pm - Dame Kiri Te Kanawa
One of the most famous sopranos in the world. Tickets: £35 - £40

Thurs 26th : 7.30pm - Freddy Kempf
A former BBC Young Musician of the Year. Tickets: £18.50

Sat 28th : 7.30pm - Philharmonia Orchestra
Rossini: Overture Barber of Seville. Beethoven: Violin Concerto
Tchaikovsky: Symphony No.6 Pathétique
Tickets: £32, £25.50 (inc. wheelchairs), £20.50,
Side balconies: £18.50, Standby £5

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at:**



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Thurs 5th - Fri 6th 7.30pm FILM: Factory Girl (15)
Rise and fall of 60s "it girl" Edie Sedgwick, starring Sienna Miller.
Call box office for prices

Sat 7th : 8pm Lazy Jumpers A top swinging blues act
Tickets: £11

Wed 25th: 7.30pm John Tams & Barry Coope
Folk singer/songwriters. Tickets: £10.50

Fri 27th : 7.30pm David Starkey . Dr Starkey talks about
Church, State and Crown: 1500-1700.
Tickets: £10.50, concessions £9.50, Under 18s £5, Family £25
(2 adults & 2 under 18s)

Whats on at:



**Box Office
01485 532252**

Fri 6th – Sun 8th 7.30pm, Sat & Sun Matinee 2.30pm : Drama Festival. Dramatic Societies from around the region compete against each other in friendly competition for a variety of awards. Tickets £5, senior citizens and under 16's £3.

Wed 11th – Fri 13th 7.30pm, Thurs Matinee 2.30pm
Film : Wild Hogs (12a)
Comedy-adventure starring John Travolta.
Call box office for ticket prices.

Sat 14th 8pm: Voice Of The Heart Karen Carpenter
Featuring the stunning voice of Carole Gordon.
Tickets £9.50-£14

Sun 15th 9.30am – 5.30pm: Open dance auditions for Christmas panto Sleeping Beauty We need talented dancers aged 8 – 22 to perform in Sleeping Beauty, from 6th Dec until 2nd Jan 2008. Call box office for more details.

Wed 18th -Fri 20th 7.30pm, Thurs Matinee 2.30pm
Film: 300 (15) Based on the epic graphic novel by Frank Miller.
Check with box office for ticket prices.

Sat 21st - 7.30pm: 30 years of Saturday Night Fever starring Bee Gees Magic
Tickets: £9.50 - £14.50, under 16's £8.50

Sun 22nd 7.30pm: Vivaldi By Candlelight - The Locrian Ensemble
Tickets: £14.50, £13.50, £12.50, £9.50

Tues 24th & Tues 31st 7.30pm: Search for a Star Heats Part of The British Resorts Association National Talent Contest. Across six heats, entrants battle it out to win a place in the September regional final, hoping they will win and go on to compete in the prestigious National Final later in the year.
CALL FOR ENTRANTS! If you are aged 16 or over on 24th Nov 2007, why not enter this year's contest. For details call 01485 535937.
Tickets £2.50

Wed 25th 7.30pm: Treadwell present The Drifters in Concert
Tickets: £9.50 - £14.50 under 16's £7.50

Fri 27th 2.30pm: Dave's Get Up And Go! Show
A perfect show for young children but the grown ups will love it too! Suitable for 3 – 6 year olds. Tickets £7.50. Family (3) £21
Family (4) £28

Sat 28th 7.30pm: Buddy Holly And The Cricketers Summer Hollyday Tickets £9.50 - £13.50 under 16's £8.50

Sun 29th 7.30pm: Hooked On Country Sold On Sixties.
The best of sixties & country music. Tickets £9.50 - £13.50

St Mary's Welney – Food & Drink Quiz THE ANSWERS!

- 1 Home for a queen - Windsor Soup
- 2 Dear bird - Guinea Fowl
- 3 Plumbers favourite - Leeks
- 4 Hens resting place - Perch
- 5 Just a small amount - Trifle
- 6 Did Adam have a spare one - Rib
- 7 Any old one in a storm - Port
- 8 Do they come in twos - Pears
- 9 From a Scandinavian country - Swedes
- 10 An Eastern country - Turkey
- 11 Corpulent - Stout
- 12 Richard with measles - Spotted Dick
- 13 A kind of dove - Turtle Soup
- 14 Knighted anatomy - Sirloin
- 15 First day of the week - Sundae
- 16 Mind these as well as the Q's - Peas
- 17 Father cuts - Parsnips
- 18 Fly swatter - Oxtail Soup
- 19 An imaginary illness - Champagne
- 20 Ancient weapon - Pike
- 21 A cricketers nightmare - Duck
- 22 Raleigh's discovery - Potatoes
- 23 A term of endearment - Sherry
- 24 Did Mary have a lot of these - Lamb
- 25 Bit of a mountain range - Partridge
- 26 An old fashioned trap - Gin
- 27 Married women's symbol - Herring
- 28 How to start a race - Sago
- 29 A Scottish island - Rum
- 30 Did Victoria like these - Plums
- 31 Hot & cold all in one - Baked Alaska
- 32 Is this how to make a bed - Apple Pie
- 33 Be shriven to eat this - Pancake
- 34 Was she a dancer - Pavlova
- 35 For the first lady - Eves Pudding
- 36 Could be as red as Rudolph's nose - Tomatoes
- 37 A Paddy in a mess - Irish Stew
- 38 A term for imprisonment - Porridge
- 39 Estate agents lunch - Cottage Pie
- 40 A cow with boots on - Beef Wellington
- 41 William Tell pushed down the Alps - Swiss Roll
- 42 Amphibian in hiding - Toad in the Hole
- 43 Rubber or leather after citrus - Lemon Sole
- 44 A heated canine - Hot Dog
- 45 Is this a favourite of the golfer - Tea
- 46 Coloured ball game - Orange Squash
- 47 Did Granny think these were golden - Apples
- 48 Little crustacean thinks you're mad - Prawn Crackers
- 49 Do we get all churned up for this - Butter
- 50 Does a Frenchman with these make you cry - Onions

WELNEY CROFT CRICKET CLUB 2007 FIXTURE LIST

June

- 3 Wicken (Venue to be confirmed)
10 Narborough (Home)
17 Werrington (Away)
24 Old Wilhads (Home)

July

- 1 Brentwood & Havering (Home)
Peter Bedford Cup
8 Castor and Ailesworth III (Home)
15 Wicken (Venue to be confirmed)
22 Old Wilhads (Away)
29 Gooderstone (Home)
Blows Brothers Cup

August

- 5 Chrishall (Away)
19 Narborough (Away)

September

- 2 Parson Drove (Home)
9 Hampton (Away)
16 Littleport (Away) 1 p.m.

October

- 5 Club Presentation Evening

USEFUL NUMBERS:

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0845 456 4567

March Police :
0845 456 4564

Q E Hospital Kings Lynn:
01553 613613

North Cambs Hospital:
01945 488088

Upwell Health Centre:
01945 773671

NHS Direct: 0845 4647

Welney minister:

Rev. K. Fitzgibbon
01354 - 680969

Welney Churchwardens:

Pauline Aisthorpe
01366 - 384658

Rosina Beckford
01354 - 610385

Winners of the April 100 Club Draw :

- 1st £50.00 No. 64 Rachel Brown
2nd £25.00 No. 91 Rosina Beckford
3rd £15.00 No. 61 Wendy Redman
4th £10.00 No. 63 Derek Loveday.

Winners of the May 100 Club draw :

- 1st £50.00 No. 30 Mrs. Phyllis Edwards
2nd £25.00 No. 25 Carolyn Loveday
3rd £15.00 No. 90 Julie Jones
4th £10.00 No. 50 Steve Kerr

I'm told the Bus timetable has recently changed, Sadly I cannot make head nor tail of the new leaflet, if anyone can please do let me know what the new times are, for inclusion in the next edition !

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Teddy Church:
9.30AM St Mary's



Pauls Fresh Fish Van
1 -1.15 pm in New Road



Carpet Bowls: 7.15pm
Pavillion



Doctor: Monday Noon
Nurse : Thursday 10am
At Village Hall



Yoga at the Pavillion
Thurs: 10am-11.30am



**Parish Council meet-
ing:** Village Hall 7.30pm



Youth Club:
6.30pm—9pm at the Pavil-
lion or Village Hall



Womens Institute:
7pm Village Hall



Friendship Club:
1.30pm Village Hall



Bingo: Doors open 6pm
Game stars 7pm
Village Hall



MP Morning Prayer 9.30am

June 17th
June 24th
July 15th
July 22nd



HC Holy Communion 9.30am

June 3rd
July 1st



**AAW All Age Worship
11am**

June 10th Chocolate Fish Sunday
July 8th inc Baptism



**UBS
United Benefice Service
10am
July 29th**

JUNE 2007

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JULY 2007

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