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Editor's bit

A big Well Done to the organisers of the Children of Welney Fayre, which by all accounts was pretty magnificent, it's great to think that out of this small village we live in there are enough community minded people around to bring everyone together in such a lovely way.

A big Thank-you to the Lamb & Flag for agreeing to 'stock' the WN in the absence of a village shop... much appreciated.

Included within this edition is a leaflet from Christopher Fraser, I would like to point out that in no way does this mean we at the Welney News endorse any particular political party / agenda. However Mr Fraser has been pro-active in highlighting the flooding issues faced by all of us in Welney and has promised a donation to WN coffers in return for us including said leaflet.

You may not realise this but each edition of the WN costs more than the cover price to produce so we rely on adverts and donations to keep the cost to you down.

No Crossword this time but there will be a bumper one next time. I must just say that there was a tragic number of entries last time ... All a bit sad really.

Rachel

Subscriptions

Yes, it's fast approaching that time again when your friendly Welney News delivery boy/girl will be banging on your door and demanding money. The good news is the price is still the same, £1.80 for the next six issues.

This issue is the final one covered by last year's subscription so sometime in the next couple of months we will be coming round with our lists clutched firmly in our hands, so to ensure free delivery of your favourite magazine keep an eye out for us. See you soon.

Bishops Land Charity Annual Distribution

will take place on Saturday 1st December, 2007 in ST. MARY'S Church, Welney between 10.30 and 11.30 a.m.

The Charity was founded in 1896 when a parcel of land on the Manea Runs was leased. The current annual income of the land is £800.00 The money is distributed to all females over the age of 60 years & to all males over the age of 65 years. Personal attendance at the Church is required. However, if you are not able to attend in person, the Trustees may be prepared to accept a signed note handed to one of them or brought along to the Church by a friend. However, residents of any private nursing home in the Parish of Welney are not eligible for payment unless they have lived in the Parish of Welney, prior to going into a Home.

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Pat Copeman, Clerk to the Bishops Land Charity Trustees.

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Snail mail is back....

Ok so we still haven't got anyone to become our new postmaster/mistress....but we do have a brand new post box... Hurrah!

The new box is up and running and is situated next to the phone box, opposite the Lamb & Flag.

Big thanks are due to community minded Marlen Moss—Eccardt who approached the relevant authorities and suggested the site, which meant the long process involved in firstly finding a suitable site and then getting permission from whomever owned the land was circumnavigated and Welney is now the proud possessor of a much needed facility. RB

The William Marshall School needs you!

Not only does the school still need a Community Governor, but it now needs a clerk to the Governors.

The Clerk post involves taking minutes at the Governors meetings and circulating them (about 6 meetings a year).

All expenses are paid, full training is given and the Clerk is paid an honorarium of £150 per year.

Anyone interested?

Contact Sue Dobson on 01354 610230

Welney Talent

This photo of a footbridge framed with flowers has won a major award for James Fleming, of Welney. He was one of three award winners in the Welney heat of the Wildfowl and Wetland Trust Nikon Photo of the Year competition.

James won the junior photo of the year award with a low-level shot of Welney's footbridge framed by wild flowers and grass. He received his prize, a pair of Nikon Travelite waterproof binoculars, worth £110, at Welney Country Fair, held at the WWT on September 15th. RB



Want to run a post office?

As we all know the post office in Welney closed after Wendy took her well-earned retirement and sadly despite her best efforts there were no buyers.



What you may not know, is that the Post Office have been looking for a new sub-postmaster for several months but so far no takers.

A spokesman for the Post Office said: "We understand that the people of Welney are concerned about the future of post office services in their area.

"We are committed to maintaining a provision in Welney, but our efforts have so far failed to find a replacement sub-postmaster.

"I would urge any potential partners interested in running the post office branch to come forward as soon as possible. Post Office Ltd apologises for the inconvenience this temporary closure has caused customers."

Anyone interested in the vacancy should contact the Post Office on 0845 6016260.



All New

The long running attempts to boost road safety and reduce the speed of vehicles racing through our little village received a boost in the past few weeks.

After several weeks of meetings and discussions between our Parish Council and the Highways Department we now have 6 much needed new road signs, a vast improvement of what we had before.

Hopefully they are big and bright enough to remind passing drivers this is a village and not just a road.....We live in in hope! RB

RB

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Welney Hospital Car Service

For ten years Ted Dore has been running a Hospital Car Service in Welney. His point of contact was often the village shop and as that is closed he would like to remind and reassure people through the Welney News that he is still running this valuable service.

If anyone needs to attend Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn, North Cambs Hospital in Wisbech or Papworth Hospital, Ted can get you there.

There is a fuel charge but no waiting time or parking charge.

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Upwell Health Centre Patient Participation Group

Rural Transport Study

West Norfolk Voluntary & Community Action, in partnership with Norfolk Rural Communities Council, are conducting a study of transport access problems in the Downham Market, Upwell, Outwell, Nordelph and Welney areas. They are currently undertaking a survey of people in these areas who rely on public transport to establish where there are access problems and how they can be resolved. If you can help with the survey please contact Chris England, WNVCA, Tel. 01553 760568'.

The people that Chris England needs to speak to are those who have difficulty getting to hospital appointments, visiting people in hospital, getting to shops, banks, or social events, because they do not have their own transport. If you have to rely upon kind neighbours when the bus service doesn't go where or when you want, then either ring him, or, if you would rather, ring one of your Patient Participation Group members, who will be pleased to help.

They are Charlotte Cox (638610) or Bernard Wakefield (610513).

CC

Update on ex Welney School pupils.

Following his success last year in achieving his B.A.(Hons) Degree in History and Education Studies, Chris Copeman, 22, of Chestnut Avenue, has now completed his final year at Bishop Grosseteste University College, Lincoln and obtained his Post Graduate Certificate in Education. This gives him the status of Newly Qualified Teacher, and he has been successful in obtaining a position of Year 4 Teacher at Long Sutton Primary School in Lincolnshire. The school has approximately 425 pupils and Chris has a class of 26 Year 4 boys and girls. He started at the school on 6th September. He is currently sharing a very nice house in Quadring between Gosberton and Donnington, with two friends who are also newly qualified teachers. He has finally reached the goal he set himself, at the age of 11, when he decided he wanted to be a primary school teacher.

His brother Matthew 16, has just completed his GCSE exams and obtained 3 A grades and 8 B grades. He is now attending Downham Market Sixth Form College where he is studying Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Engineering, at the end of which he is hoping to attend University to study Robotics and Cybernetics.

Parents Terry and Pat Copeman are very proud of both their sons, and are grateful for the start they received at William Marshall School, Welney.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT TIME IS NOVEMBER 17TH.
All items gratefully received. WN team contact details on page 27

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No Crossword this time.....never fear there will be a bumper one in our December edition.
Winner last time was Kate Allum.



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welcome back
9000 Whooper
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Children's day
Sunday 21st October

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Super Whoopers Head for Welney

After a wet summer on the Ouse Washes we look to the skies to welcome back the 9,000 wild Whooper and Bewick's swans that spend the winter on the Washes.

You can get close to these amazing migratory birds by visiting the Welney Wetland Centre. Swan feeds start on Saturday October 20th daily at 3.30pm. The floodlit evening feeds run from Thursday 8th November on Thursday to Sunday evenings. All swan feeds are included in your admission price – which means they are FREE if you are a WWT member!

Sunday October 21st is 'Children's day' at Welney. C.A. Chance (author) and Vanessa Champion (illustrator) will be doing book readings from their popular children's series 'The Trepets' with lots of 'Wild Art' fun. We will also be carving pumpkins for Halloween and you can take part in the treasure hunt. Self-led trails and activities will be available throughout half term.

This year the WWT is tracking seven Whooper swans from Iceland to their UK wintering grounds as part of the 'Super Whooper' project. You can follow the swans on the website at www.wwt.org.uk/superwhooper. The project is also being followed by the BBC on this year's Autumnwatch. Whooper swan 'Gudjohnsen' was named by a young Welney visitor after the famous Icelandic footballer. We're all hoping 'Gudjohnsen' will be making an appearance at Welney over the winter.

You can join in the celebrations at the Welney Wetland Centre's 'Festival of Swans' which takes place on the 17th & 18th November. John Abbott will be artist in residence demonstrating his skills in the main observatory. Photographer David Featherbe will be giving a talk on 'Wildlife Photography' and artist Steve Cale will enlighten us on 'How to Draw Birds'. Local folk band 'Eel Pie' will also be giving a performance. Families can follow the 'Super Whooper' trail and help create a giant papier-mache Whooper swan. For details of the Festival programme visit www.wwt.org.uk/welney. In the lead-up to the Festival you can enter the 'Super Whooper' art competition which will be judged over the Festival weekend. Entry forms are available in the centre and from the website.



Dear Readers,

As an avid Newsletter reader, I realised that I really missed the Victor Meldrew column. I found myself getting a little hot under the collar about some things going on around the community and didn't know if there were any like-minded souls who might share my views or who just think I'm a grumpy old woman. As a result I thought I'd put pen to paper (that dates me!) and see what happens.

It's a sad time for any village when one of its main services closes and the closure of the village shop and post office has hit the village hard. I will admit that I did not use the shop as much as I should, and the old adage of "use it or lose it" was probably partly responsible for no new owner stepping forward. If you've got a car, then it's not a problem, but shouldn't we all be a bit more environmentally friendly and consider our "carbon footprints", whatever they are? I was pleased to hear that an enterprising resident, Sylvia Kitching, in Bedford Bank West has set up a newspaper delivery round, which I know has been welcomed by a lot of residents, but I also hear that more people need to use it or it might not be viable – so "use it or lose it" comes to mind again.

And there's another thing....I see from the last newsletter that another village attribute is looking for a governor – namely our village school. I understand that there have been no names forthcoming for this position. Surely not! Does nobody in the village and surrounding community want to help our local school? It's starting to look that way!!

On a similar theme (use it, re-use it or bin it) what do you all think about the recycling that we do? How are you all getting on with the big recycling wheelie bins – it seems to take weeks to fill mine, so it doesn't go out every fortnight. I have to drag mine a long way for collection – whatever happened to collecting from outside the property? By the time it's near full, I can't remember which week it's due for collection and so I often end up putting it out and then bringing it back full!! Am I just a grumpy old and forgetful woman? How about a calendar for us date-challenged people?

I have to say that I was surprised at how few things can be put in it for recycling when other areas of the country have bigger schemes. I have to wait for darkness to spare my blushes when disposing of glass bottles and the nearest is a car drive away – so again the carbon footprint must be a size 8 by now!!

Posting a letter now involves using a car, so we're already up to a size 9. When are we going to get a post box in the centre of Welney village? The post office closed in June and here we are in September still waiting. The parish council reported in their July meeting that they were awaiting a reply from the Peterborough distribution office, perhaps the carrier pigeon got held up by the bad weather! According to TV programs I've seen you could do a whole house makeover, erect a conservatory and landscape a garden in the time it's taken so far!!!

Talking about foot sizes, I was also reminded of the phrase, putting ones foot in it, when I saw yet another new sign on the west bound bank between the River Delph and Bedford. In fact there are 2 new signs this summer, one asking us to wash our feet due to foot and mouth precautions, but the bucket has long since gone, and the other is from the RSPB. This latter notice asks the walkers to use the lower bank so as not to scare the birds into the path of people legally shooting on private land in the washes. I was a little surprised at this notice, because I haven't seen one like it before and my information is that the RSPB themselves own one of the washes along that bank and that they rent out the shooting rights to a wildfowling association! Perhaps the wildfowling association should be asking for a discount!!

Well, that feels a lot better to get all that off my chest. Have I put my number 9 feet right in it or bored the pants off everyone? Any views?

Yours truly,
A Grumpy Old Woman.



Letter to the Editor

I received this anonymous letter the day after the last edition was sent to the printers, have a read and see what you think. My contact details are on page 27 and I look forward to hearing from you!

Remember the deadline for next time is November 17th.

PLEASE PRINT IN NEXT WELNEY NEWS.

Welney Village,

No Post Office (Now Closed) what's needed is a full size Post Box in a central position in the village with two daily post collections

No Shop (Now Closed) no amenities whatsoever.

No visit from the Thursday Nurse in the village hall.

Old and Run down village hall.

None active Parish Council Plenty of proposals but never any decisions.

No real Bus service and rumoured it is to stop the twice a day to March Town and Downham Market in September, vital now we have no Shop or Post Office. Majority of residents are senior citizens.

Speeding Cars and heavy Lorries through village.

Road verges tall with weeds and hedges obstructing vision, a danger to road users and pedestrians.

The Dykes in the village and fields blocked with trees rubbish and weed growth, no maintenance whatsoever, the owners should have a duty to clear them out or be fined.

The recent Flooding should be a wake up call for the owners or organizations responsible to clear them out.

The rivers and banks are a disgrace, the banks and walkways need cutting and the rivers cleaned.

With the amount of road traffic using the Wash Road the level of the road must be raised above the flood level.

A very concerned resident and senior citizen.

Thursday Yoga - Autumn update

The offer of hot chocolate was sufficient to tempt some new faces to our group, which is now looking more sustainable. And like many satisfying physical pursuits, an hour and a half of Yoga seems to lead naturally to a pleasant ten minutes or so of chatting and 'catching up' afterwards; and so the presence of the jar of hot chocolate has simply made this an official part of the session!



Our first meeting of the Autumn term was a welcome return to our Thursday morning routine after the long summer break, and we didn't even need to switch the heating on in the Pavilion, thanks to the lovely golden September we are having (at the time of writing!).

So, remember, if you are interested in:

- getting to know your body better
- warding off winter aches and pains
- finding muscles you never knew you had
- entering the whose-knees-creaked-the-loudest competition
- discovering how many layers of thermals you can get on - and still move all of the above and a good gossip afterwards

then pick up your phone and call 610523, and join us for our autumn and winter Yoga at the Cricket Pavilion, Thursday mornings in term-time, meeting at about 9-30am. (Cost of session £4)

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Karen Fleming

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News from afar:

One of our residents who was brought up in Welney has been kind enough to share a letter she has just received from Reggie Taylor of Massachusetts, USA. His letter includes the following about the former rectory, now Marifa Lodge:

"When I think about the rectory I feel nostalgic. There was the Rev. Johnstone who taught a group of us to play billiards....Then there were Miss Pittmans, two lovely women. Do you remember the Rev Atkins? His daughter was always so nice to me.

I was organist through the Rev Tofts time. All my memories of Welney church and the people who lived at the rectory are happy ones."

Any-one who remembers Reggie is welcome to get in touch with us and through us with him to share memories. He may be visiting here during the winter, and no doubt would be pleased to meet up with old friends from Welney.

Volunteers:

Ann-Louise has now returned to France after going out on a number of trips with residents, helping with activities in the home, and with her English more fluent.

Repeat prescription medicine collection in Welney:

The repeat prescription service now based at Marifa Lodge continues to serve a number of Welney residents. Repeat prescriptions handed in to us by Monday mid-day are taken to the Health Centre and the medicine is available for collection from Marifa Lodge by Friday at 2.00pm. Prescriptions should be left in the box in the entrance hall of Marifa Lodge. Please mark the prescription "**To be collected from Marifa Lodge**". To collect the medicine on Friday or after, please just ask the staff on duty.

Coming events:

Monday 8 October: We will be taking all residents who wish to attend to the Harvest Songs of Praise at St Andrews Church, Outwell.

The service starts at 2.00 so we will be leaving at 1.15 pm. Again friends and relatives of residents who wish to attend are invited to accompany their friend or relative with us. For both of these trips if you are able to accompany your friend or relative from Marifa Lodge please let us know in advance.

Graham Rainbird

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Farming Diary

Well, the rain did eventually stop and it all seems a long time ago now, and at the time of writing we have the opposite; dry hard and dusty. In fact I sprayed the last field of potatoes for the last time a week ago (mid September) and it was the first time I had travelled the field without going through water. At the time of writing the potato harvest has started and we have had one week of harvesting the variety Morene, which have all been delivered to McCains at Whittlesey for processing into chips. Conditions for lifting are very dry and where the sprayer had travelled through the field in all the wet muddy conditions the soil has baked very hard and we are seeing clods the size of water buckets passing up the harvester. These clods or boulders will seriously damage any potatoes that collide with them and on a year like this care has to be taken to minimize damage. This is most important where the potatoes are going into store, as bruising starts to show after 24-48 hours of the damage occurring. These bruises will develop as black marks under the skin, which become evident when peeled. This is an issue for chip-makers and fish shop fryers and can be responsible for those black chips that some fryers will serve you.

To help alleviate some of the damage that can occur on the harvester many growers will fit water tanks that spray fine jets of water to the cleaning rollers of the harvester, helping to prevent the nipping of the potato, which can occur in the dry. Oh what a difference a good rain would make.

Due to the wet weather during the summer and now the dry spell with harsh drying winds we are seeing the potato ridges dry and crack open which is letting the light into the row and causing many potatoes to 'green'. These potatoes have to be rejected when grading either into a lorry or the store, whilst other grade-outs this year are slug holes and in some cases growth cracks. There is a market for these grade-outs this season as they are used to make potato flake or as it was known when I was a lad 'Smash'. Remember the jingle 'For Mash get Smash'?



Of course we could not grow our potato crop without the help of our Greenvale Agronomist Colin, who has visited all the fields on a regular basis during the growing season and will continue to also check the stores and monitor the crop after harvest. Keep up the good work Colin. Greenvale AP is the co-operative through which all our potatoes are marketed.

Friday saw two loads being sent to Heinz of North Walsham, where they process our Maris Piper spuds into the Aunt Bessie range of products.

I must just mention that after talking to Colin the other day I discovered that his dad, Reg Smith, is possibly the only surviving member of the Welney home guard, having joined as a teenager, I believe. All the best Reg, as I know you do read this paper.

The last 2 months have also seen the harvesting of oilseed rape, grain, pulses and onions all pass by. The grain harvest was, I feel, a disaster as far as yields go and many farmers have produced crops of a half to one ton less per acre than previous seasons. This has produced dramatic price rises of cereals and the doubling of farm gate prices for grain on last season. Cereal prices had been very low for some time and to be honest this is the first year in my twenty years of farming on my own account that the price of grain is more



than it was when I first started. It would be nice to see farming stand on its own again without government subsidies and red tape, and let's hope that market forces will at last sort this out.

Government needs to realise that food security for our country is something that needs to be on the agenda! Harvest actually went well for us this year and all the wheat was harvested in a record 8 days, probably helped by the welcome sunshine and low yields which allowed us to travel faster with the combine. The farm grows three varieties of wheat, one for milling into bread, another for speciality milling, like Farleys rusks, and a feed wheat which would be used in animal feed mixes. The oil seed rape that we grew, adjacent to Chestnut Avenue, Hale Drove and Speedwell Farm in Tipsend was cut in mid July and was grown as a seed crop, and not for oil production as many of the oilseed rape crops are.

As our farm traditionally has not grown rape in the past it is suitable for seed production, for which there is added value, and the new season rape has already been drilled (first week of September). Unfortunately it is struggling to emerge due to the current dry spell, but hopefully when the rain comes it will be enough to chit the seed and maintain growth until establishment.

The onion harvest has also been completed and these are now being dried and cured before hopefully being pre-packed for Morrisons. The weather was great for harvesting the onions with the warm sunshine and high winds helping to produce good skin finish. Once the onions start to senesce naturally and at around 75% to 100% fallover (when the tops fall over) we mechanically remove the tops using a machine much like a giant rotary lawn mower, which sucks or lifts the top and cuts them, leaving a 2 -3 inch neck above the bulb onion. The onions are then lifted out of the ground with a machine that actually has a rotating square bar just beneath the soil. This flips the onions out of the ground and, with the aid of a paddle, onto a cleaning web that allows soil and any bits of tops or weeds etc to fall through. The onions are then 'windrowed' back onto the land where, weather permitting, they dry for a few days before being swept up with a converted potato harvester and elevated into a trailer. They are then taken to the farm yard before grading and putting into store, where they are dried with the addition of heat at a temperature of 28 to 30 degrees C. This heat helps to give the onions the golden colour during the second phase of the drying and curing process.

I hope that by the time the next edition of the WN comes out drilling of wheat will be complete and ploughing of the land for winter will be well under way. I am sure the landscape will have changed somewhat by then.

Ken Goodger

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Children of Welney Fayre

Saturday 22nd September 2007

I guess I should start with what is, or should I say was the Children of Welney Fayre, for those of you that attended on the day (and thank you for doing so), they'll be no need for an explanation and I hope you had a really great time, but for those of you who missed out on the day (shame on you), here's our story:

The 'Children of Welney Fayre', was the brainchild of three parents from the village, Heidi Cowles, Julie Perkin-Jones and myself. We all have children that attend William Marshall School and are all actively involved in either the Friends of Welney School or the Welney Youth Club.

The children had been saying to us for some time, how they'd like to go to a Christmas pantomime or outings together as a group, we all felt that this would be a great idea for ALL of the children of the village and not just those that attend the School as it would bring the children closer together as a community and be fun!

However, as we all know, trips like this can be very expensive by the time you've bought tickets for 30+ children and arranged a coach, so we decided the best thing to do was to arrange an event to raise funds, thus the 'Children of Welney Fayre' was born.

We decided early on that any funds raised would be split in two, half for the Friends of Welney School and half for the Welney Youth Club, with the agreement that any donations made would be used for activities, outings or trips and not for equipment.

The planning of the Fayre started in June of this year, with a date booked for the pavilion and playing field in September, which gave us 3 months to plan for the Fayre.

This VERY quickly came around and on the Friday afternoon prior to the Fayre as I was frantically running around trying to whittle down my never ending 'to do' lists, I felt that we'd only been planning for a day.

Up until the Friday evening the nerves hadn't kicked in, it was only once we started marking out the arena on the playing field that I realised what we'd taken on and what lay ahead of us if we were going to be ready for the 11am opening of the Fayre on the Saturday morning.

My heart sank at about 11pm on the Friday evening whilst I sat in the conservatory laminating signs for all of the stalls, when all of a sudden the skies opened and all I could hear was the steady patter of rain on the conservatory roof, but my husband Mark reassured me that it'd all be 'fine on the day'...

We awoke early on the Saturday morning to pea thick fog, so much for it being 'fine on the day'!, but once we were at the playing fields the fog quickly burnt off to reveal a glorious day.

The earlier butterflies of 'what if no one comes' quickly vanished as at 7:30am when the 13th Alabama American Civil War Society arrived and started building their camp, from then on the morning snowballed with the first classic car exhibitor arriving at 9am followed by a steady stream of classic cars, car booters, and exhibitors.

Continues overleaf...



In between all of this there was a small group of volunteers running around everywhere setting up stalls, building marquees, getting the food stalls up and running, erecting bunting & signs, before I knew it, it was 11am and the public were arriving.

I have to say that without all the hard work of the children from the youth club and the small group of volunteers, then the Fayre would not have been the success it was.

We had a great variety of stalls around the field that were being run solely to raise funds for the children, these included a tombola, face painting, cake stall, coconut shy, crockery smash, bouncy castle, stocks, wellie and horseshoe throwing, B-B-Q, jacket potato stall, candy floss & popcorn stall, refreshments and a load more...



We were really chuffed that the 13th Alabama's were able to come, as they'd already finished for the season, but kindly agreed to put a display together for us. They erected a display camp and did two shows in the main arena for us their first display involved showing how to load and fire authentic muskets and although everyone was closely watching them in the arena load the muskets and we all knew they were going to fire them, we all still jumped 10 foot in the air when they actually did. During the day they let the children and public into their authentic civil war camp to show them how an American confederate soldier would have lived in the 1860's. They even had copies of confederate dollar bills that they gave to the children, which the children loved, although a few were a bit disappointed to find that they couldn't swap them on the sweet stall for candy floss!

The Evenstar dog display team from Upwell kindly came along and did a really great display of dog obedience to music and then were allowing the children to stroke the dogs and ask questions as they



brought a lovely mix of breeds with them.

We were also very lucky to have the Medieval Re-enactment Society join us for the day, they brought along an amazing display of shields, swords and equipment as used by a medieval knight. They also put on two highly entertaining displays which had the crowd cheering although at one point they were cheering for the bad knight and not the good one! Later in the day they even dragged one of the knights into

the stocks and let the children throw sponges at him, much to the amusement of the crowd.

Fenland Bird Rescue from Leverington, kindly came to support the Fayre and brought with them six birds for the children to see ranging from an Eagle Owl to a Hawk and an Eagle, all of which were truly lovely to see close up, they also

helped us hold a competition.

They weighted the Eagle Owl in the morning before they left and whoever guessed closest to the correct weight won a big cuddly owl, the winner was Carole Halls with a guess of 2,700 grammes, the owl actually weighed 2,700.9 grammes, WELL DONE Carole.

We had a great turn out of Classic cars, American Cars and Hot Rods, we even had an American Police Car with driver and passenger dressed in authentic Highway Police outfits, in total we had 49 cars attend ranging from MG's, Morris Minors, Corvette's both old and new, an Austin A35 with matching vintage caravan, American '60's muscle cars and a classic fire engine.

The Best In Show for the cars was voted for by the children, 1st prize which was a trophy and bottle of champagne went to a bright red C5 Corvette, 2nd prize which was a big jar of sweets went to a children's hot rod, (this is a miniature American hot rod, based on a 1934 Ford), complete with flame paint job, which I think quite a few of the children from the village wanted to take home with them.

Other Competitions and Winners throughout the day were:

Adult's Wellie Wanging

Won by Steve Harrison with a throw of 59.0 feet

Children's Wellie Wanging

Won by David Goodwin with a throw of 81.0 feet

Children's Horseshoe Throwing

Won by Nathan Waring with a throw of 114 feet

Number of Sweets in the Jar

Won by Louis Stanhope with a guess of 523 there was 605

Guess the name of the Dog

Won by Katie Williams (dog was called Mitzi)

If you had left prior to the prize giving, please call me on 01354 610323 so I can arrange to get your prize to you.

We had truly glorious weather all day, with clear blue skies and not a gust of wind, the atmosphere at the Fayre was really relaxing, and everyone was commenting on what a great event it was. The stalls did a brisk trade all day, with the BBQ selling out by lunchtime, although the Lamb and Flag then had a good trade all afternoon as people were going to them for lunch and then popping back to us in the afternoon.

The bouncy castle (which was kindly lent to the Fayre by Julie), had children in it all day, the cake stall and refreshments were running non stop, they even had to pop out for more milk as we ran out!

Big and little kids seemed to enjoy the popcorn and candy floss, Melissa spent all day painting children's faces with

There's a long list of people to thank and I apologise now if I miss anyone as I'm sat here typing this article on Sunday night after the Fayre fighting to keep my eyes open, but here goes:

I'd like to thank Giles Landscapes, Manea Timber and Blythe Equipment for sponsoring our advertisement in the Fenland Citizen. Abbotts Estate Agents for their sponsorship.

Pisces Country Park and Norfolk Essential Oils for their financial donations.

The 13th Alabama's, the Medieval Re-enactment, Evenstar Dog Display Team and Fenland Bird Rescue for their fantastic displays.



MAGPAS, Avon, St.John's Ambulance, Wayne & his ferrets for also supporting the Fayre.

All of the classic car owners, including the Corvette

Owners Club, WASP, UkStreetRacers for bringing their vehicles for the children to see.

All the children of the youth club and other children in the village who helped on the day.

The organisers, Heidi Cowles and Julie Perkin-Jones, plus all of the volunteers: Claire Freer, Sally Kerr, Holly Good-

win, Steve Kerr, Ian & Victoria Hand, Mike Jones, Maria, Mary, Sophie, Melissa, Ian & Pam Carnegie.

Ken & Debbie Goodger for the loan of their marquees, Hannah Rowlett for the straw bails, Grant for bringing his own little collection of cars over, Mike & Julie Jones for the loan of the bouncy castle and fire engine and everyone who donated cakes, tombola prizes, bottles, crockery etc...

Lastly a BIG BIG thank you to everyone who attended on the day, we had just over 400 people attend during the day, and it's all those people that made the day what it was.

Michelle Wallington



some great designs including tigers, bunny rabbits and Spiderman. The 'pets corner', was a great hit as the children loved playing with the guinea pigs.

Music and compare for the day Steve Kerr did a great job, we also had stalls from MAGPAS and Avon, plus a stall showing a wonderful collection of vintage petrol cans and a ferret display.

We raised an amazing £1,300:66 on the day, which means that both the Welney Youth Club and Friends of Welney School will each receive £650:33.

W.I.

The August meeting was a lovely evening spent at the home of Jean Newell, it was barbecue time again with lots to eat.

Business was kept short, an invitation from Emneth W.I. to their Harvest Supper and another from the Acorn Club at Three Holes to a Fashion Show.

Jean reported on her visit to the Royal Albert Hall in London. Jean thoroughly enjoyed her day out listening to the wonderful singing in the hall and the various speakers.

The competition letter was Y with members bringing such things as yoghurts, Yo-yo's and yeast. Bettine Watson, Amy Markham & Queenie Johnson gained 5 points, Vera Singleterry, Dawn Stephenson, Jean Newell, Cissie Bedford, Blanche Markham, Sheila Dore & Jennifer James 4 points. Raffle winners were Amy Markham, Sheila Dore & Jean Newell.

The speaker for September was Carol Chittock from Diss, who gave an interesting and informative talk on the subject of Hedgehogs. We learnt that they are brilliant climbers; they can swim and have harmless fighting rituals. The babies are called hoglets and the favoured food is fruit cake and biscuits. Towards the end of her talk Carol brought out her pet hedgehog Lucy. She had been hit by a car when she was a baby and been hand reared by Carol. Lucy is now 5 years old, quite active and enjoyed a few pieces of biscuit.

Blanche Markham and Bettine Watson were presented with pretty handkerchieves for gaining maximum points in recent competitions. Raffle winners were Vera Singleterry, Amy Markham, Dawn Stephenson and Jennifer James.

The competition has reached the letter Z. Carol kindly judged and awarded 5 points to Vera Singleterry, Bettine Watson & Amy Markham, 4 points to Jean Newell & Dawn Stephenson, 3 points to Sheila Dore & Jennifer James and 2 points to Cissie Bedford, Blanche Markham and Queenie Johnson.

The Harbour Master at Wisbech will be guest speaker for October with a photograph being the competition.

November is celebration time with a dinner to commemorate the W.I.'s 81st Birthday. Well done girls for keeping it going.

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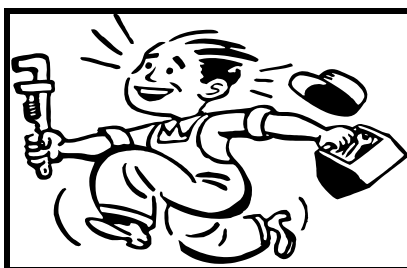
Well, now's your chance! Heelwork to music classes will be starting in September on a Wednesday evening in the Parish Hall (except for the first Wednesday of each month). It'll help to keep you and your dog fit and active and it will open new doors socially as you'll meet other enthusiasts. Both you and the dog will learn a few moves that will impress your friends and family, your dog will start looking at you in a different way – not just the lead holder on a walk and you'll start to gain more confidence around your dog.

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Days Out For the Family

by Karen Fleming

Curiosity finally got the better of us one day and we ventured into 'Collectors' World', tucked away in the trees by the A1122 just outside Downham Market. Some years ago there had been a childrens' farm on the same site so we wanted to see what had taken its place.

The magnificent avenue of trees set the scene for us, as we drove in on a sunny day at the very end of the school holidays. There were paddocks and animal enclosures in the distance, and ahead of us a collection of carefully-restored barns and outbuildings where we found the reception area and a very welcoming tea room.

In the tea room there were shelves housing a collection of old teapots of all shapes and sizes. Many other domestic or decorative 'collectables', perched on shelves and tables or hanging from the walls, hinted at what was to come. The tea room itself was sunny and comfortable, and in a warm sheltered courtyard were outdoor tables too.

After buying our ticket we were off to explore. The first room we came to housed rugs, ancient tapestries, paintings, antique weaponry, musical instruments and much more, from different ages and cultures but somehow all belonging together in a strange mixture that worked. In a big old barn that came next were beautiful old cars with sleek curving bodywork, gleaming chrome, huge round headlamps, and ancient, luxurious leather seats; some of the most magnificent creations of their time. Alongside them, and not looking at all out of place, was the massive and intricate form of a real Concord jet engine.

After that, room followed room in a dizzying succession; horse-drawn carts, gardening tools, clothes, old books and magazines, newspapers from memorable days in history, a replica of an old tobacconist's shop, an old corner shop with brands of sweets, biscuits, tins and jars that woke echoes and dusty memories in my head of Grandparents' kitchens long ago. Then a collection of domestic, homely things - washboards, the oldest Hoovers, tin baths, irons, telephones, typewriters, radios, and many more. I lost count of the number of times I was brought up short at the sight of some object or other that took me straight back to being four years old, like a direct line to the past. The same thing happened when we found the old toys - not just those dating from a more distant past, but from my own, as if I was exploring my parents' attic and nothing had ever been thrown away.

There was simply one treasure trove after another; both individual items, and collections lovingly built up by individuals, had found safe haven here; like the 300 or so tiny ornamental cats donated by one lady. Many things were labelled with their previous owner's name and address and we saw several items - including the tin bath - which had come from Welney residents. Everywhere we looked, more was crammed in; filling shelves, stacked on tables and worktops, spilling out of drawers or piled in huge baskets; haphazard, crazy, but cared for all the same. The children loved it all, and never noticed how I kept drifting into daydreams, and we spent so much time wandering and looking that we never actually found the replica Victorian street which is somewhere in there!

We came away replete and happy, knowing that there was lots left to see another day. We will be back there soon - and will be taking the grandparents!

Collectors' World was explored for this article by Karen, James and Ella Fleming.

It is open from 11am-5pm every day. Admission is £5-50 for adults and £4-50 for children, with other rates for families, groups, and concessions. The staff can be contacted on 01366 383185.

At the time of writing a separate 'Animal Encounters' park on the same site was in the process of being established, and should be open soon. Residents will include ferrets, prairie dogs, meerkats, parrots, ponies, pheasants, pigs, goats, and others.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The August meeting of the Welney Parish Council was held on 21st at the Parish Hall.



Meadow Lane - A request for further information had been received from Mr. Smith. It was agreed that we ask if he could be more specific on his requirements, but that of course we would endeavour to supply the information he requested.

Village Post Box - Following the closure of the Post Box in New Road a letter was received from the Royal Mail office at Peterborough confirming that they had surveyed the village and considered that the most suitable site for the box to be reinstated, as alongside the telephone kiosk near the entrance to the School. Arrangements were in hand for the box to be resited as soon as all the necessary permissions were received.

First Time Sewage for Welney - Contact had been made with Savilles (the Agents for Anglian Water) and their representative confirmed that the scheme is well progressed and it is hoped that it will be started next Spring. He is hopeful that it will be in April. Anglian Water are in the process of purchasing an area of land in Christchurch and an area of land in the field off Chestnut Avenue, Welney for the installation of vacuum pumping stations, and these negotiations are well advanced. The pumping stations will consist of brick buildings, little larger than a garden shed containing a vacuum pump which will take the waste material into a well and pump it off to the treatment works,. The buildings will be fenced to make them safe and surrounded by trees. He emphasised that there will be no smell. They also hope to purchase an area of land between Christchurch and Welney for the installation of the Treatment Works and he promised to keep us fully informed of developments and a possible start date, in due course.

Parish Hall Insurance - For some time the insurance premium for the Parish Hall has been giving cause for concern and on closer inspection of the paperwork, Council discovered that the Parish hall was insured for £247,000. This was considered to be excessive and an up to date valuation for insurance purposes was obtained. A revised cover of £60,000 was agreed, effectively cutting the cost of the insurance in half.

Certificate in Local Council Administration - The Clerk has been busy working on the Portfolio required for this qualification. She duly submitted it and at the beginning of August she received confirmation that of the 26 sections (all of which have to be passed) she received a pass mark in 21, a distinction in 1 and a failure in four sections. The four sections can be retaken, and she is now working on redoing these in the hope that when resubmitted they will be successful.

Elgoods Development / New Community Centre - A meeting arranged with Elgoods at the begining of August was cancelled by them and we are awaiting a new date. It appears that Elgoods are now proposing to repair the Lamb and Flag rather than build a new Public House but no doubt more information will be available in due course. Negotiations are still on going with the Carter Family but we are awaiting details of how their plans are progressing.

Planning Matters - Council had recommended approval to an application relating to Cambria, March Road, Welney and planning permission had been received from the Borough Council relating to the construction of a stable block on land at The rear of Copes Hill Barn, Wisbech Road, Welney.

Highway Matters - A letter had been received from a resident in Main Street raising various concerns about the traffic speeding through the village, and also the lack of play equipment on the Playing Field. It was agreed to advise that we had been running a campaign for several years to try and get traffic calming. Signs had been erected including the 30 mph flashing sign, but in view of the Parish funding which we receive, there is very little else we can do,. With regard to the play equipment we confirmed that this will be included in the development of the proposed new Community Centre. Several points including a broken 50 mph sign on the Wisbech side of Lakesend, large pothole in Chestnut Avenue, and a badly overgrown hedge at Tipps End were reported to Highways.

Environmental Issues - Several items were mentioned as follows: The state of the old cottage at the Back of the Old Chapel in main street is giving cause for concern; field adjacent to Chestnut Avenue - agreed to write to the Borough Council to ask what their future plans are for the field; Croft River - it was reported that a car had been in the river for a few days and the matter would be reported to the Borough for removal; fly tipping had occurred again at Suspension Bridge and the clean-up team would be asked to remove this. There was also a discussion regarding the Ouse Washes, and more details would be available at a future meeting.

Pat Copeman, Parish Clerk.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The September meeting of the Welney Parish Council was held on 4th at the Parish Hall



Future Parish Council meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month.

Speed Awareness Message - The Office responsible for operating the SAM system had confirmed that they will include Welney in their programme and advise us when they will be attending. It is a system that makes drivers aware of the speed by showing a smiley face when they are within the speed limit, and a sad face when they are exceeding it.

Back Drove - A letter had been received from Giles Landscapes regarding the state of Back Drove. Council had made enquiries and Back Drove is classified as a restricted byway and the public right of way is in no way affected by the current state and width of the Drove. Apparently this is an ongoing problem but is one that has to be sorted out by the residents.

Public Participation - A resident raised the question of the Norfolk Green Bus Service which the parish have to use or lose. It was agreed to obtain an up to date copy of the timetable and then this would be included in the next available issue of the Welney News.

Elgoods Development / Proposed New Community Centre - No response had been received from either Elgoods or the Carter Family and a further contact would be made asking whether or not they intend proceeding as originally discussed. It was confirmed and agreed that the Village can only support one building and that something small and compact that would be sufficient for the needs of the Village. Everyone agreed that matters have dragged on for too long and must now move forward. Funding was discussed and it was agreed to get as much information as possible relating to further funding before the next meeting. Some plans had been viewed previously but it was also agreed to get further plans of possible buildings and to visit some recently built Halls and speak to their representatives and obtain information that would be helpful and useful for us. Costings could then be formulated so that by the next meeting we are in a position to move forward.

Playing Field - Broken windows in the pavilion had been repaired, and mouse traps installed. A dripping tap in the kitchen will also be repaired shortly and the Pest control gentleman would be asked to look at what is thought to be a wasps nest in the roof space. Details were given of the Children of Welney Fayre which will be taking place on 22nd September at the Playing Field and a request would be made to the Cricket Club to fence off the Cricket square so that it was not damaged.

New Village Signs - It was confirmed that six new signs are on order and as soon as they are received by Highways they will be erected on the A1101 at both ends of the village and on the March Road entering the village.

Potholes in Hurn Drove - This work had not yet been carried out because of the recent poor weather and the fact that the person who was going to help had been very busy. It was hoped that at least some improvement would be made to the roadway before 22nd September.

*Pat Copeman
Parish Clerk.*

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The Bourne Ultimatum (12A)

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Sunday 14: 7.30pm

Transformers (12A)

Starring: Tyrese Gibson, Jon Voight, John Turturro.

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Thursday 18: 7.30pm

Tell No One (15)

Starring: Kristin Thomas

French with English subtitles.

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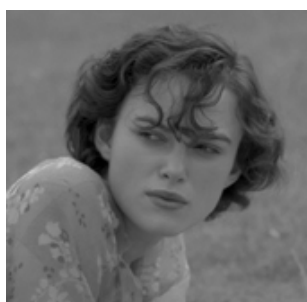


Sun 21: 7.30pm

Wed 24 & Thurs 25 : 3pm

Harry Potter (12A)

Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Harry (Radcliffe) returns for his fifth year of study at Hogwarts.



Sunday 21: 3pm,

Wed 24 & Thurs 25: 7.30pm

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10th - 13th : Thoroughly Modern Millie 7.30PM. Presented by The King's Lynn Players Tickets: £9 -£14.50,

14th : Sean Lock 8PM
 Stand up comedian. Tickets: £15

16th : Ellen Kent Productions: Carmen 7.30PM Sung in French with English subtitles. Tickets: £33, £29

17th : Charlie Landsborough 7.30PM
 Charlie and his band. Tickets: £17

18th : City Of London Sinfonia 7.30PM
 Tickets £9.50—£18.50

19th : Comedy Club - Adults Only! 8.45PM Tickets: £8.50

21st - 23rd: The Gruffalo's Child
 Various show times
 Our favourite monster returns for another adventure. Tickets: £9.50

25th: Ardal O'Hanlon 8PM
 Stand up comedian Tickets: £17.50

26th: 12 Irish Tenors Live In Concert 8PM Tickets: £21

27th: Rockman Music Present Vampire's Rock 8PM
 Come and lose your soul to Rock n Roll. Tickets: £18.50, £9.50

28th: Everything Bad & Beautiful: Sandra Bernhard 7.30PM
 Acclaimed actress, author and vocalist. Tickets: £19.50

29th & 30th : The Naked Truth Real Women, Real Lives 7.30PM
 Brilliantly funny play about sisterhood. Tickets: £17.50

7th The Nick Ross Orchestra 7.30PM
 Big Band Sound of the 40s.
 Tickets: £9.50 – £15.50

11th Isla Grant 7.30PM
 Scottish singer Tickets: £9.50 – £15.50

12th Good Rockin' Tonight 8PM
 50 years of rock 'n' roll hits.
 Tickets £9.50 – £14.50

13th FILM - The Hoax (15) 7.30PM
 Stars Richard Gere & Alfred Molina

14th Ballet Russe Giselle 7.30PM
 Classical Ballet Co. of Wales
 Tickets £9.50 – £15.50

17th - 19th FILM
The Bourne Ultimatum (12a)
 Nightly 7.30PM, Thurs Matinee 2.30PM

20th Rumpelstiltskin 2.30PM
 A childrens' musical.
 Suitable for 5-12 year olds.
 Tickets: £6 / family tickets available

21st Nashville Nights & Dixie Days 7.30PM Country hits show.
 Tickets £9.50 – £14.50

22nd - 26th FILM - Shrek The Third (U)
 Daily 2.30PM

24th - 26th FILM- No Reservations (PG) 7.30PM
 Stars: Catherine Zeta-Jones

27th Local Production
LEST WE FORGET 7PM
 The North West Norfolk Group of Royal British Legion Branches presents its Annual Festival of Entertainment and Remembrance. Tickets: £7 – £8.50

28th Linda Gayle Lewis 7.30PM
 Sister of Jerry Lee Lewis. Tickets: £9.50 – £14.50

4th - 6th FILM - Sparkle (15) 7.30PM, Thursday Matinee 2.30PM
 Comedy starring Anthony Head

9th Stewart Lee 41st Best Stand-up 8PM
 Stand up comedy. Tickets: £12.50

11th - 12th FILM - 1408 (15) 7.30PM, Thursday Matinee 2.30PM
 Horror starring John Cusack & Samuel L. Jackson

13th: Comedy Tonite 7.30PM
 Hilarious songs from around the world. Tickets: £12

17th: Russell Howard 8PM
 Stand up comedian. Tickets: £15

18th A Portrait Of Victorian Lynn & The Regeneration Of A Town Called Lynn 7PM Social history film evening. Tickets: £4

19th The Tempest By William Shakespeare 10.30AM
 Presented by Love & Madness Ensemble . Tickets: £11, concessions £10, student £7

19th Frankenstein by Mary Shelley 7.30PM
 Presented by Love & Madness Ensemble . Tickets: £11, concessions £10, student £7

20th Rumpus Theatre Present: The Ripper Files 8PM
 A spine-tingling new whodunit . Tickets: £9.50

22nd – 27th FILM: Shrek the Third 2.30PM

25th- 17th FILM Michael Clayton (15) 7.30PM
 Starring: George Clooney, Tilda Swinton & Tom Wilkinson

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1st : Joe Brown with Dave Edmunds 7.30PM Tickets: £21

2nd : Legends Of Folk Rock - The Gathering 8PM
Tickets: £16.50, £9.50

3rd : The Motown Show 8PM Tribute show Tickets: £16.50

4th: Christmas Gift Fair 10.30AM — 4PM
Tickets: Adults £1.50, under 16's Free

7th: The Commitments 7.30PM Tickets: £16.50, £9.50

8th: Pasadena Roof Orchestra 7.30PM Tickets: £15.50

10th : Lenny Henry 8PM Tickets: £22.50

11th: The Magic Of The Musicals 7.30PM
Starring Wayne Sleep Tickets: £22.50

13th: Jethro 7.30PM Adults Only! Tickets: £17.50

14th: Jim Davidson 7.30PM Adults Only! Tickets: £19.50

15th: Comedy Club - Adults Only! 8.45PM Tickets: £8.50

16th: An Evening Of Ballroom Dancing 7.30PM
With Peggy Spencer. Tickets: £12.50, non-dancing £5.50

17th: The Original King's Lynn Fleamarket 9AM - 4PM
Tickets: 80p, under 16's Free

18th: Norfolk Symphony Orchestra 3.30PM
NSO concerts sell fast - book early! Tickets: £12, £8

19th: Shakespeare4kidz - Hamlet 10.30PM & 1.30PM
Students £8.50, Adults £13.50

21st & 22nd: Derek Acorah 7.30PM Tickets: £17.50

23rd: The Counterfeit Stones 8PM. Tickets: £15.50, £9.50

24th: Circus Of Horrors 8PM
Not suitable for under 14's Tickets: £20 Students £14

25th: The Magic Flute by Swansea City Opera 7.30PM
Tickets: £23.50, £20.50, £9.50

28th: Marmalade & Dave Berry 7.30PM
A wonderful night of 60's hits. Tickets: £16.50

29th: Humphrey Lyttleton And Band 7.30PM
Tickets: £16.50

30th : Smokie In Concert 8PM Tickets: £18.50, £9.50

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2nd The Black Umfolosi 5 7.30PM

A world famous a-cappella and dance group from Zimbabwe. Tickets: £12.50 7.30pm

3rd Psychovertical Andy Kirkpatrick, one of the UK's most famous mountaineers, re-invents the climbing lecture. Tickets: £12.

7th Winston The Singing Farmer 7.30PM
packed with comedy, gags and humorous songs. Tickets: £10, 7.30PM

10th Pinocchio 2PM
Presented by the Full House Theatre Company
Tickets: £7.50, family (4) £28 (3) £21

11th LÚNASA 7.30PM
Ireland's all-star quintet
Tickets: £12.50

17th Jez Rose — Do I Look Stupid? 7.30PM
One man. Two hands. Eight personalities. And the only comedy act of its kind. Tickets: £11

24th Abigail's Party 8PM
London Classic Theatre present Mike Leighs ferocious black comedy . Tickets: £11.50

30th A Kipper Country Christmas 7.30PM
For your delight Sid Kipper, icon and iconoclast, pulls out the plums of his Yuletide repertoire. **Tickets: £10.50**

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3rd Blue Bayou Roy Orbison The Legend & The Everly Brothers 7.30PM Tickets £9.50 – £13.50

4th Brendan Shine 7.30PM Tickets £9.50 – £14.50

10th Christmas Crooners 7.30PM
Guaranteed to get you in the festive mood.
Tickets £9.50 – £13.50

11th Andy Cooper's Euro Top 8 7.30PM
For all lovers of traditional swing. Tickets £9.50 – £13.50

15th - 17th Something To Hide 7.30PM
A thriller by Leslie Sands A road accident and the subsequent disposal of a body are early ingredients of this ingenious story. Tickets £8.50

18th Charlie Gracie Tickets £9.50 – £14.50 7.30PM

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP
OF UPWELL HEALTH CENTRE

HEALTH FAIR

Saturday, 3rd November, 2007
10 am - 2 pm

Upwell Village Hall

* Flu Vaccinations *

for eligible patients of Upwell Health Centre

Doctors and Nurses will be there 10 am onward

Free Advice and Information:

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ST. MARY's church

CHRISTMAS DRAW COFFEE MORNING

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BUILDING

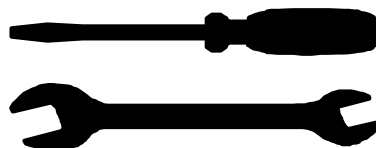
DECEMBER 1st
10am – 12 noon

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Mobile Library:
10.20 in pub car park



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
At Village Hall



Yoga at the Pavillion
Thurs: 10am-11.30am



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



YC Youth Club: 6.30pm -
9pm at the Village Hall



Womens Institute:
7pm Village Hall



Friendship Club:
1.30pm Village Hall



Dancing for dogs
Village Hall call Sue on
610230 for more details



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

MP Morning Prayer 9.30AM

October 21st
October 28th
November 18th
November 25th



HC Holy Communion 9.30AM

October 7th
November 4th



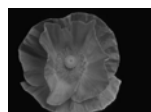
AAW All Age Worship 11AM

October 14th



Remembrance Service 11am

November 11th



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