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Editors bit

Not much room for my wittering this time!

Below is a picture from the presentation to the Wendy & Carol of a selection of gifts bought with monies donated by the grateful villagers of Welney as a gesture of thanks for over 30 years of service, and my goodness how I miss that Rachel



CHURCH EVENTS

The planned Church Fete on August 11th has been cancelled

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From Westminster to Welney

I was very pleased to bring my mobile office to Welney recently, as part of my ongoing programme to meet local people in the 45 villages and 5 towns that make up the constituency of South West Norfolk. It is very important for me to hear your concerns, but with one of the largest constituencies in England, I cannot have a base everywhere. I have therefore converted a horse trailer, which I have equipped with a desk, chairs, wood panelling and a carpet for insulation and parliamentary memorabilia.

I am very grateful to your Parish Council for making the arrangements and to the Lamb & Flag for allowing me to park in the pub car park. I was joined by your Borough Councillors, Vivienne Spikings and David Pope, who came to ensure that they were aware of the problems on which you are seeking our help.



A number of concerns were raised with me, including the closure of the Post Office and the lack of a post box, progress on my work with the Environment Agency to find a long-term solution to the flooding of the road across the Washes, the somewhat arbitrary Environment Agency "flood maps" that indicate the flood risk of an area, as well as specific personal problems with the Government and its agencies. Others came along to pass the time of day.

If you were unable to meet me because of work or other commitments but have an issue that you would like me to take up, I would be pleased to hear from you by letter, email or telephone. My contact details are below, including a local telephone number which will cut the cost of your call.

Christopher Fraser MP House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

Telephone: 01760 336633 Email: fraserc@parliament.uk

Use it or lose it!

Do you fancy a trip to King's Lynn on a Wednesday?

We have a Dial-a-Bus that starts in the village and was originally intended for Lakes End and Welney people who couldn't use public transport. As we had no buses then at all it was for everyone to use if you registered with the charity that runs it.

Obviously, you need to book and reserve your seat as the bus only takes 13/14

people (less if you have a wheelchair or large trolley). Because only 5 regulars use the bus, villagers from Outwell and Upwell are being allowed to use it if their Tuesday bus is full.

Two weeks ago it was so full of other villagers that one of the regulars was denied a seat. If we don't use it more often then we may find that Upwell and Outwell residents will have claimed it. Don't wait until it's too late, use it NOW. Book a seat from Monday to Wednesday the week before you want to travel to be sure of a seat.

If you have not registered, book your seat and the driver will give you a registration form. If you have a bus pass the fare is £1, otherwise the fare is £3.50. The bus picks up and drops you at your door, starting at about 10.00 a.m. and leaving King's Lynn at 1.30 p.m allowing you time to do a little shopping and perhaps have a nice lunch.

Pat Rix 01354 610 292



DEADLINE FOR NEXT TIME IS SEPT 17TH. All items gratefully received. WN team contact details on page 23



Support your local school.

The William Marshall School in Welney is looking for a Community Governor to join the governing body at the school. There are seven governors at present who meet about 6 times a year and whose role is to support the school in raising standards so that the pupils achieve their potential. The role is not just about attending meetings but will also involve visiting the school and talking with the children and teachers.

If you would like to be involved with your local community school and live or work in the local community and are committed to the success of the school, then why not contact me and find out more.

Sue Dobson. Chair of Governors Tel: 01354 610230



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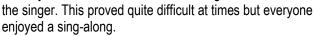
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W.I.

The June meeting began with a musical evening where members listened to various C.Ds. of Country and Western music and had to guess



Sheila Dore was presented with a teaspoon for gaining maximum points in recent competitions.

Following a very welcome cup of tea or coffee and biscuits Bettine Watson organised a card game.

The monthly competition had reached the letter W with ten entries including a watch, whistle and windmills. Amy Markham, Vera Singleterry, Queenie Johnson and Jennifer James gained 5 points, Blanche Markham, Cissie Bedford, Carol Halls, Dawn Stephenson and Sheila Dore 4 points and Bettine Watson 3 points.

Raffle winners were Queenie Johnson and Vera Singleterry.

Speaker for the evening at the July meeting was Margaret Freston who gave a talk on 'Around the Kitchen Table' recalling her early childhood memories of helping her mother with a variety of jobs and craft work. This brought back many memories for everyone, especially Cissie.

Teaspoons or hankies were presented to Vera Singleterry, Carol Halls and Amy Markham for gaining maximum points in competitions.

Raffle winners were Sheila Dore, Amy Markham, Queenie Johnson and Cissie Bedford.

The monthly competition had reached the letter X and was judged by Margaret Freston. Bettine Watson gained 5 points, Queenie Johnson, Carol Halls and Jennifer James 4 points, Sheila Dore and Amy and Blanche Markham 3 points. Amy Markham had organised a game of card Bingo for social time with Bettine Watson and Carol Halls being the lucky winners.

The August meeting will be a Barbecue at the home of Jean Newell and the competition will have reached the letter Y. There will be a talk and slides on Hedgehogs for the September meeting and Z is the competition letter.

Carpet Bowls



Carpet bowls is still being played in the Pavilion on Friday nights from 7.15 to 9.00 p.m.

We have joined the Winter League in order to get some outside competition but as there are only six of us we can't compete in the Summer League.

It's an enjoyable evening playing against each other, and of course 'putting the world to rights', so if you fancy having a go, drop in on a Friday night. We'll be pleased to see you. Pat Rix 01345 610292

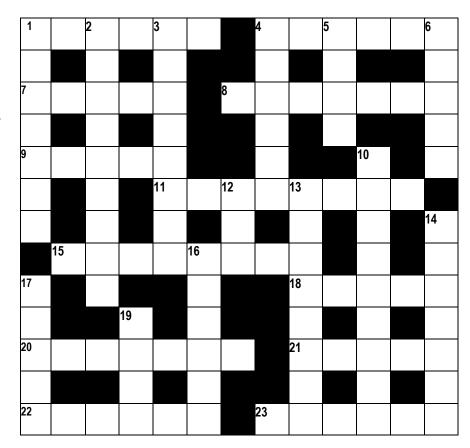
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD COMPETITION BY MARK BROWN

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

Name:	 •••••	••••••
Telephone:.	 	



The lucky winner last time was:
Michael Dickinson



ACROSS

- 1. Let Nan kip to stop her getting covered in crumbs (6)
- 4. Gave serious thought to the spiced wine (6)
- 7. Ponder morbidly on the young (5)
- 8. Leave inhibitions behind and give up completely (7)
- 9. Reason to draw a conclusion from the facts (5)
- 11. He can store much personal information, relatively speaking (8)
- 15. Even lard can be a source of fragrant oil (8)
- 18. Harvested by wildlife on foot ? (5)
- 20. Is a name given to this condition? I can't remember (7)
- 21. Gullible conservationist (5)
- 22. Dessert is of little or no value (6)
- 23. US dames found in the heart of Norfolk (6)

DOWN

- 1. Took small, repeated bites as tip of pen leaked (7)
- 2. Farm labourer famed for his lunch (9)
- 3. Suggest that one goes to the left, or right? (8)
- 4. Sculpture on the move to Alabama port (6)
- 5&6. Rows of men and women can end in lace when set to music (4.5)
- 6. See 5 down
- 10. Popular TV culture for the unwashed (4,5)
- 12. Mock fish ? (3)
- 13. Unknown person more odd than most (8)
- 14. Crazy fruit (7)
- 16. Beginner found to be free from sin (6)
- 17. Pay tribute to breakfast favourite (5)
- 19. Meaty complaint (4)

SOLUTION TO LAST EDITION'S X-WORD

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Delph House news— Marifa Lodge Care Home

<u>Volunteer:</u> We welcome Ann-Louise from France who is here as a volunteer for two months. She is helping with meals and activities for the residents and will be accompanying them on trips. Ann-Louise is hoping to improve her English over this period. We are expecting one or two other volunteers to also be helping out occasionally during the coming school holidays

Activities: The latest trips out by our residents have included a trip to Wells-next-the-Sea on the North Norfolk coast to visit the quay and the beach and to have fish and chips. One resident returned armed with sticks of rock for those who could not come on the trip. The last trip was to Wisbech for the flower festival, unfortunately slightly dampened by the rain. In future we hope to involve more friends and relatives of residents on some trips out. In the main lounge bingo is also a popular activity for some of the residents.

<u>Repeat prescription medicine collection in Welney:</u> The repeat prescription service has now transferred from the former village shop to Marifa Lodge.

A number of Welney residents are using this service and it is generally going smoothly.

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:

Garden party: It is hoped to hold a garden party during August, but the date has not yet been set due to the weather. **Chiropodist:** Our chiropodist will be visiting on Thursday 16 August at 10:00 am.

Graham Rainbird

Friendship Club

The Club has enjoyed two outings since the last Welney News. In June we went to Blenheim Palace and the intention was to visit Oxford but the journey was quite long and there just wasn't enough time to do both so Oxford will have to wait till another year. The weather wasn't quite so kind in July when we visited Southwold and Lowestoft but we all enjoyed it. As the holiday season progresses we don't have quite so many members at our meetings, but they are still full of news and jollity. If any villagers over 60 would like to come along to our meetings on alternate Tuesdays they will be made most welcome. Our next trip in August will be to Spalding and Grimsthorpe Castle.

Enquiries to Pat Rix on 01354 610292

Sign your name

The annual canvass for the Register of Electors begins at the end of August, when a form and reply paid return envelope will be personally delivered to every property in the area. Completion and return of the form is both obligatory & important because the register is used not just for electoral purposes but also by many financial service providers dealing with, for example, mortgages, loans or new accounts.

Anyone whose name is not on the register will be unable to vote at any elections that may be called in 2008 and also likely to have problems using any service which involves a check of the register.

The form is intended for the present occupiers of an address. The name of anyone expected to be resident at the address on 15th October and who is already 18, or will reach that age by 30th November 2008, needs to be on the form and the names of anyone no longer at the address deleted.

Forms received by owners of properties which are either already empty or are expected to be so on 15th October simply need noting "Empty property on 15th October" and returning. This will avoid the issue of reminders.

In the event of any queries when the form arrives, householders can telephone 01553 616773 (West Norfolk Borough Council area) or 01354 622323 (Fenland District Council) and any of the electoral staff will be glad to help.



Dip into our Ponds this summer!

A little bit of history.....

The Welney Wetland Centre is part of the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, a conservation charity established by the late Sir Peter Scott. The site was opened in 1970 and was only the second WWT reserve to be established, and was selected by Sir Peter himself. Along with being an Internationally important wetland reserve and providing an ideal habitat for a wide variety of wildlife, WWT Welney is the only WWT centre in the East of England. The new centre offers many visitor facilities including the Fenland Worlds discovery area telling the story of life in the Fens, the stunning, educational Pond Room, the Wigeon Café and Gift shop, specialising in local produce and products, and most importantly, providing access to the beautiful and tranquil wetland reserve.

Calling all horticulturalists

WWT Welney is holding the first "Welney Country Fair" on 15th & 16th September. Come and visit the local stall holders and craftsmen, take part in the fun and games, learn how to live a greener ifestyle or even enter the produce competition. There are categories for all ages and horticultural abilities! And there is plenty of opportunity to have fun and dance the night away at the Country Ceilidh on Saturday 15th at 7pm. For more information about this event, or if you would like to be a stall holder at the fair, please call the centre on 01353 860711 or email info.welney@wwt.org.uk.

Forthcoming Events

Throughout the summer the centre will be celebrating Ponds many with special events, pond dipping (for all ages), fun and games for families to workshops and talks for wildlife enthusiasts. And not forgetting the stunning spectacle of Summer wildlife which can be discovered on the wetland reserve everyday.

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EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

"Fun and fitness for local dog owners!"

I have always enjoyed living in Welney; and for me, this enjoyment has definitely matured over the years. I have come to love the natural beauty and peace of the physical landscape, so different from my native North; and outside of family, I don't think anything means more to me than the network of friends and friendly faces that has grown with time.

Of course there is always change of some kind, and what I want to write about is a relatively recent addition to the many 'dimensions' Welney seems to have!

When we acquired Shade, our lively young Labrador puppy, I was determined that we as a family would do lots of fun things with him, so we were delighted when we heard that neighbour Sue Dobson was starting up a beginners' dog agility group. The children and I went along to the first session not really knowing what to expect, as did all the other dog-owners who turned up!

Thankfully we were all immediately reassured by Sue, who from the start ensured that the group was relaxed and informal; though there was a certain amount of necessary structure so that the session worked well, and was safe and effective. For instance the dogs were first walked and trotted around the paddock to warm up their muscles just as people would warm up before a sport. We were all encouraged to keep the pace slow and steady as we introduced our dogs to things like the tunnel or the jumps, so that the dogs - and their handlers! - could learn what to do without pressure.

At the end of the first session all of the dogs had begun to get an idea of what to do, and some couldn't wait to have another go! Both dogs and owners had enjoyed the get-together; we could all have a laugh and compare notes, and crucial for the dogs was the experience of learning to do something new while in the company of other dogs, helping each dog to become steadier and easier to control in the presence of distractions.

For me, the best thing was the way my children were inspired to get more involved with Shade. They really enjoy the

agility, and are busy thinking up ways to practice at home; so caring for him and exercising him is less likely to become just a chore for them in the future, and hopefully will be an integral part of their leisure time!

The numbers in the group are already growing rapidly, so I hope Sue won't mind me writing this article! It's just that it is such a positive thing to do as a dog-owning family, and that's without any thought given to how good - or not! - we and Shade might become as agility participants. And agility is something almost any dog of any age can have a go at; it can be adapted for more elderly dogs, or those with some joint problems for instance, and still give them lots of fun and mental stimulation. (At a country show recently, we watched an agility display, and the dog who got the biggest round of applause was the lovely old abrador-cross who did the course at a slow trot, his tail wagging furiously and his eyes bright - a truly happy dog!)

So if any reader is interested, I would recommend they give Sue a ring and find out more. (Sorry, Sue - you will just have to discover an eighth day in your week! But you have just helped make Welney an even more fun and interesting place to live in!)

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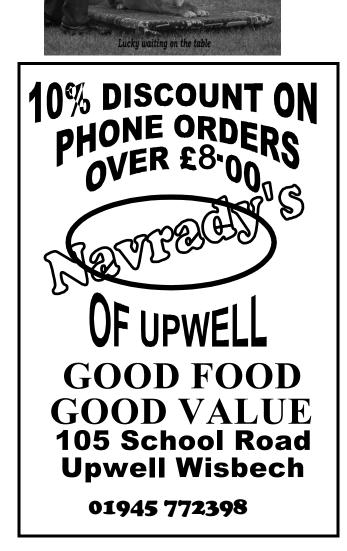
Despite being rained off several times, the dogs and handlers at the agility classes have been having a good time! It's been so popular that two classes are now being held on a Wednesday evening. The 14 dogs signed up range in ages from 14 months to over 8 years old and come in all shapes and sizes and I think everyone (handlers included) have been having fun.

Sue Dobson









Farming Diary

What a summer!! Last year it was baking hot with droughtlike conditions, while this season the complete opposite; wet, wet, wet. As always farmers are never satisfied with what Mother Nature throws at us, and the past month has been no exception. The large amount of rain has certainly brought its fair share of problems, but I must say we have certainly fared much better than large swathes of the country, where we have all witnessed mopping up on an almost nightly basis. Thanks to the old Dutch engineer and his mates digging the rivers back in the 1700's, plus the infrastructure of farm dykes, ditches and local IDB pumps we have so far avoided catastrophe. Admittedly we have probably not had such high rainfall levels as some parts, but we have had more than normal for this time of year. The local IDB pumps have been running at their winter levels for the last two months to keep on top of the drainage. Normally the pumps are put at a higher 'summer level' from Easter to mid-autumn to help to maintain water in the ditches, but we took the decision - quite rightly I think - to run at lower levels when the rains started. This will add extra cost to our already high levels of drainage rates due to the extra electricity and diesel required to run these important pumps. Hopefully summer will start soon and we can ease off.

The continual rain and humid weather of mid June/July has brought high disease pressure on many crops, in particular potato blight. This has struck the potato crop with a vengeance in the last six weeks and is continuing to put pressure on growers who are currently trying to prevent the spread of this serious disease. Blight is a fungal disease which can, if not treated, strip a potato plant of its leaves and will also infect any potatoes below ground via the disease moving down the stems, or spores dropping onto the soil and being washed by rainfall down to the tubers, eventually rotting them away and making them unsuitable for storage. Many garden potatoes became the first to be infected and soon lost all their leaves. Fast growth of the potatoes and the inability of growers to travel on fields and apply fungicides allowed the crop to get a hold of some fields guite early and travelling locally one or two large fields can be seen that are quite badly affected. The conditions that allow blight to develop are known as a Smith period and this is described below

A full Smith Period has occurred when:

On each of two consecutive days the minimum air temperature has been 10°C or above and on each day there has been at lease 11 hours when the relative humidity was greater than 90%.

A 'near miss' occurs when one or both of the above two

consecutive days has only 10 hours when the relative humidity is greater than 90% and the temperature is 10°C or above.

Smith Period conditions are conducive for sporulation of the potato blight pathogen on lesions. Leaf wetness is also necessary for infection to occur. If Smith Periods occur at frequent and regular (7-10 day) intervals there is a greater chance of blight development. This is because the generation time, i.e. from original infection through to lesion development to subsequent sporulation, is around 7-10 days. Smith Periods at these intervals would prove ideal for the blight pathogen.

The main objective for the grower is to maintain a preventative spray programme, but with continued rain, which washes fungicide from the potato plant and fast growth, which produces unprotected leaves, blight can develop quickly. On a normal season spray intervals would be 10 to 14 days, with 7-day intervals during conditions likely to develop blight. In order for control this season intervals have been slashed to 5 days using alternative products and large ruts are appearing in many fields, some growers using towing tractors to get sprayers through the fields. Helicopter spraying has occurred in Lancashire where tractors cannot travel. We need to keep the potato crop growing until at least the end of August for a reasonable harvest yield. It is inevitable that the situation this season will have a knock-on effect to supply and thus again increased prices.

The essential oil harvest has also been affected. The ideal time to cut these crops is on a warm, sunny day when the oil is expected to be at its highest level in the plant.

Unfortunately we have not had many of these days over the last month and the German chamomile harvest was a disaster, with yields being halved plus the loss of a few acres due to us not being able to harvest on time and the crop losing its flowers before it could be cut.

On an upbeat note the peppermint had fared quite well and luckily a window of fine weather allowed us to wilt this crop in the field for about 4 days and a good yield of around 12 litres of oil per acre was achieved on the first cut.

We have almost completed the Melissa harvest and expect to start chamomile harvest during the last week of July. We do not expect the yield to be that great as the sun has not allowed the flowers to develop and unfortunately the weeds keep growing in the wet and compete with the crop.

The distillery has had a few visits this season including some local interest groups as well as a delegation of Northern Ireland Agriculture Department Officials with a party of around 18 farmers on a study tour. We also had the pleasure of one of our American customers staying with us for three days, also on a fact-finding visit. Trygve Harris is the founder and President of 'Enfleurage' an aromatherapy store located on Blecker Street, Manhattan, New York. Trygve has been a customer for our chamomile and other oils for around 5

years now and regularly visits her suppliers. It was interesting to compare how she lives and runs her New York business against our own rural farm and distillery business here in Tipsend. If you ever travel to New York pop down Blecker Street to Trygve's store and mention Tipsend. I am sure you will be made most welcome. She certainly enjoyed her evening at the Lamb and Flag!!

If the sun would only shine now the combines would soon start rolling and the harvest would be here again to once more change the landscape of the fields around us. One or two have made a start in the oil seed rape crops only to be stopped by this yet more rain. Wheat will not be far behind, with one or two early-ripening fields probably being cut by the end of July. August is the traditional grain harvest month and I am sure if the weather cycle does not change it will be most interesting.

The EU have just announced the withdrawal of set-aside land due to falling global and EU stocks of wheat, while increases in biofuel demand and various climatic extremes around the world are seeing increasing shortages in many products which have brought about this decision.

The 10th of June was of course Farm Sunday and how lucky we were with the weather. It was a glorious day during which Pates Farm, along with around 400 other farms around the

country, opened its gates to the public. A big thanks must go to all the friends, neighbours and fellow farmers that helped on the day, and also all our local neighbours who visited and helped to make farm Sunday a success. Around 300 people visited between 10 and 4pm. One of the big attractions of the day was the children's pedal tractors, which entertained many of the little folk for most of the day. Next year will hopefully see even more attractions to help make Farm Sunday a popular date.

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Some Great Family Days Out This Summer!

By Karen Fleming



There's a new addition to the list of places to take your children, or to treat yourself to a home-made cake or a light lunch in pleasant surroundings.

Woodhouse Farm Park opened for business in April this year, and is gaining a reputation for scrummy cakes of all kinds!

Even on a wet day, the Farm provides somewhere to go, as there is an indoor play area www; with childrens' activities, with a large sandpit including diggers and cranes, an excellent tractor driving area and a discovery trails and pond-model cow you can actually milk! Outside there is an area for ball games, a giant swing, dipping during the summer climbing frames, and a picnic area if you wish to bring your own food. Animals include holidays. There is the 'Wet at rabbits, guinea pigs, goats, sheep, pigs, turkeys, chickens and donkeys. Peacocks are on patrol at all times and the males regularly display their magnificent tails. Many of the about creating your own pond, about creating your own pond,

In the tea-room, hot and cold lunches are available, the emphasis being on homemade take part in craft sessions, go items and local produce. The tea room seating area is light and pleasant, and there are outdoor tables too. The gift shop has a range of gifts, toys and souvenirs and some Pond Creature Fancy Dress particularly good greetings cards.

Birthday parties can be held at the Farm, and there are some special seasonal events a Pond Life workshop on the during the year too. In the autumn there are plans for a Halloween Trail, and of course in 21st August with games, and December there will be an appropriate special guest in a red suit... art and craft activities for 4-11

Woodhouse Farm Park is in Friday Bridge; from the centre of the village, take the B1101 year olds; and 'It's a Frog's March Road, turning off at Jewhouse Drove. There are signposts as you approach the Life' on 28th August, another Park, and there is a good-sized car park. For more information, call 01945 860309 or visit family activity afternoon for 4-www.woodhousefarmpark.co.uk; NB the Park is closed on Mondays.



Downham Market Water Festival will be held on the 12th August on the Great Ouse Relief Channel - just near Heygates Mill. This promises to be a spectacular event, the main feature being a Dragon Boat race on the Channel itself. There will

be displays by the West Norfolk Rowing Club, Denver Sailing Club, and the Newfoundland Rescue Dogs team. Also on dry land will be amusements, live music, childrens' activities, arena displays, refreshments, and much more! To find out more call the Town Council on 01366 387770 or email emma@downhammarkettc.co.uk



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where you can also chat about having an introductory lesson or a session on the driving range and putting green. Introductory lessons are given at special rates. You don't need to pay a membership fee, and there are golf clubs available for hire.

The Golf Centre is very family-oriented; there is a junior golf group which runs on Sundays (11am - 12pm, £4.50), and in the school holidays there are 'Tigers' day camps (£24 for the day, running on the 10th and the 24th August) and four-day summer schools costing £70; dates for these are 6-9th & 20-23rd August. Prices include all fees and lunch; booking essential. Finally there is a Junior Open Tournament, open to all abilities, on the 31st August, 9.30 - 4pm. Entry fee £20; includes two rounds of golf and lunch. The Centre is just outside Denver, on the road to the sluices, just opposite Denver Windmill. For more details call 01366 385716



And don't forget our very own dipping during the summer 12th August - get some advice about creating your own pond, pond dipping, and make a Pond Creature Fancy Dress costume. More watery fun with art and craft activities for 4-11 11s. For the adventurous, there is a night-time visit to the reserve on the 25th August, 'Bats and Barn Owls'; led by a Warden. This event finishes at Midnight, so is not appropriate for young children. Please note that booking is required for the last three events mentioned! Call the Centre on 01353 860711 for more details. And: look out for the Welney Country Fair at the WWT, on the weekend of 15th and 16th September! Activities and games for all the family, opportunities to learn traditional crafts, and information on how to get greener! And get busy in your kitchen or garden, ready to enter the Produce Competition too! 'Wet at Welney' and the Country Fair are at normal Reserve admission prices.

Also just up the road is Peckover House, which is this year taking part in Wisbech's celebrations to mark the bicentenary of the abolition of slavery, by hosting an exhibition of costumes from the film "Amazing Grace". Peckover House is open from Saturday to Wednesday each week, and a family ticket for the house and garden is £12.50. NT members get in free. Also, on the 19th August at Peckover there is a special 'What's in there?" day, where many doors, cupboards and rooms not usually open to the public will reveal their secrets - for one day only!! Normal admission prices apply for this event.

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TRADE & RETAIL ENQUIRIES WELCOME

Wednesday 13th June, 2007 at 7.30 p.m. at the Parish Hall

The first business at the June Meeting was the co-option of two persons to fill the **vacancies** on the **Parish Council**. Five parishioners had expressed an interest and following a secret ballot amongst Councillors, Mrs Claire Freer and Mr Mark Wallington were appointed to the Council

Closure of Village Shop and Post Office - It was reported that significant sum of money had been collected and it was agreed to purchase gifts and make the presentation on 16th June (the day the shop closes)

Meadow Lane - A further request for information had been received from Mr. Smith and the Clerk agreed that she would deal with this by searching the records.

No Smoking in Public Places - The required no smoking signs had been installed in the Parish Hall and the Pavilion. A suitable outdoor receptacle/ashtray would be supplied and would be fixed to the outside of the Hall.

New Welney signs - A call had been received from the highways department stating that their representative would be visiting the village on 14th June. Cllr.Brown and the Clerk would meet him.

Cllr.Brown gave a report on the meeting at King's Lynn in connection with the Ely Ouse Essex Water Authority and **Abberton Reservoir Scheme**, which he and Cllr.Bennett had attended.

Insurances: Following the last meeting, contact had been made with Zurich to find out the share of the Insurance Policies which was allocated to the buildings - Parish Council: Pavilion, and Parish Hall Insurance - Parish Hall. The figures supplied in respect of the Parish Council and the insurance of the Pavilion were accepted and the insurance premium was paid. However it was agreed that the figure of £214,000 placed on the Parish Hall was far too high. It was agreed to contact Cheffins to ask for a valuation of the premises for insurance. In the meantime the Insurance Company were instructed to cover the building for £50,000.

Annual Audit - The paperwork had been received from the Audit Commission for the audit on 17th September. The form was completed and signed and the Clerk would ask Mr. Ian Shirley if he would carry out the required Internal Audit.

100 Club Draw - The result of the June draw will appear in the Welney News. It was agreed that in view of the decreasing numbers wishing to take part, that the 100 Club draw would finish with the final draw in July.

Elgoods Proposed Development/ New Community Centre - Nothing had been heard from Elgoods since the last

meeting, and a letter had been sent to the Carter Family advising them that the Council would give their support for social housing on the frontage land, and advising that a social housing needs survey will need to be carried out.

Plans and Planning - The following planning permissions were received from the Borough Council:

Mr.D.Stuart, Croft Farm House, Wisbech Road, Tipps Endchange of use of garden and erection of detached building for use for refurbishment and resale of classic agricultural tractors

Mr,A.W.Scott, West View, New Road, Welney - Construction of an extension to side of dwelling.

The following application was considered by the meeting and recommended for approval:

Mr. & Mrs. Purlland, Copes Hill Barn, Wisbech Road, Welney - erection of equestrian stable block on land to the rear of Copes Hill Barn

Highway Matters - One or two items were discussed and these will be put to the Highways representative.

The meeting was advised that Christopher Fraser M.P. is hoping to hold a surgery in Welney on 13th July.

The next meeting would be held on 11th July.

Pat Copeman, Parish Clerk.

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Monday 9th July, 2007 at 7.30 p.m. at The Parish Hall. The date of the July Meeting had been changed from Wednesday 11th to Monday 9th.

Closure of Shop and Post Office - A presentation had been made to Wendy and Pete Redman and Carol Connor on 16th June. Approximately 50 Parishioners attended and Wendy was given a selection of garden furniture together with smaller items, Carol was given a pot plant and cash, and Pete was given a ceramic figure.

Meadow Lane - The Clerk confirmed that a package of information had been sent to Mr.Smith, and he had written back again asking for further information dating back to 1980. The Clerk agreed to seek advice from County Office and to reply to Mr. Smith accordingly.

Change of Date for Meetings - The date of the next meeting was changed to 21st August. From September, the Parish Council Meetings would be held on the 1st Tuesday in each Month until further notice

Post Box - Following the closure of the Post Office the post box had been sealed and had so far not been re-sited. The Clerk confirmed she had written to the Post Office and was awaiting a reply from the Peterborough Distribution Office.

M.P.'s Surgery - The Chairman confirmed that Christopher Fraser would be attending Welney on Friday 13th July from 3.30. to 4.30 pm on the Lamb and Flag Car park. Fliers were handed out for Councillors to deliver around the village.

Parish Hall Insurance - A letter had been received from Cheffins with a valuation of the Parish Hall, and the Clerk was instructed to arrange cover in the sum of £60,000.

The last draw of the **100 Club** for July was drawn and the results appear in the Welney News.

Elgoods Development/New Community Centre - No reply had been received from the Carter Family. It was agreed that if nothing was heard by the next meeting, then the Parish Council would discuss an alternative siting for the building of the New Community Centre. It was now considered imperative that this matter be moved on as quickly as possible to cut out the cost of maintaining two buildings. A letter had been received from Elgoods setting out their position regarding the Lamb and Flag Public House and it was agreed to arrange a meeting with them.

Highway Matters - Cllr.Brown reported on the meeting with Martin Edmunds from Highways. They had identified a problem drain at Tipps End which would be attended to. The grass outside the school had been cut, and Cllr.Brown had drawn up some designs for new Welney Signs. Signs are provided free of charge, but if extra details, information or wording is required, then the Parish Council has to meet the cost. It was agreed that Cllr.Brown would deal with this.

The following points were raised to be passed to Highways:

1. Wisbech Road, outside the Old Garden Centre - there is

2. A request would be made for a 40mph Repeater Sign to be installed on Wisbech Road near Mr.Goodger's House.

still a problem with water lying on the footpath.

- 3. Consideration to be given to extending the 50 mph speed limit to include the A.1101 on the Littleport side of the Suspension Bridge (in the residential section) possible road markings and signs to show that the A.1101 narrows when approaching the bridge
- 4. Whether a request could be made to Cambridgeshire to ask them to provide better advance Warning signs when the Wash is flooded near the Littleport roundabout to prevent lorries coming right to the Bridge and then having nowhere to turn round.

Items for Agenda next time: Consideration to be given to ensuring that properties within the village are not neglected, and allowed to become eyesores, Environmental issues should be discussed, An update be requested on the Mains Sewage situation.

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 21st August, 2007

Pat Copeman, Parish Clerk.

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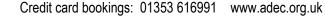
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Whats on at **Ely Cinema in August**





Thurs 2nd: 3pm & 7.30pm - Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (12A)

Stars: Geoffrey Rush, Orlando Bloom, Johnny Depp, Keira Knightley.

In the final entry of the Pirates series, we find our heroes Will Turner and Elizabeth Swann allied with Captain Barbossa in a guest to free Captain Jack Sparrow from Davy Jones's locker.



Thurs 9th: 3pm - Bridge to Terabithia (PG)

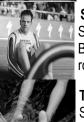
A fantasy adventure about family, friendship and the wondrous power of the imagination when two children strike up a friendship, together they create a secret kingdom, Terabithia



Thurs 9th: 7.30pm -Tell No One (15)

Stars: Kristin Thomas, François Cluzet, Marie-Josee Croze. English subtitles.

Paediatrician Alex Beck, still devastated by the murder of his wife Margot eight years ago, receives an anonymous email. Is she really still alive? And why does she instruct him to tell no one?



Sun 12th: 7.30pm -The Flying Scotsman (15)

Stars: Brian Cox, Laura Fraser, Billy Boyd, Jonny Lee Miller.

Based on the true story of cyclist Graeme Obree, who built his own bike out of washing-machine parts and rode it to gold at the world championships. Contains strong language.

Thurs 16th: 7.30pm - Jindabyne (15)

Stars: Gabriel Byrne, Laura Linney.

A group of men discover a girl's body in the water and to delay reporting their find until the end of their trip. Contains strong language and disturbing images.



Tues 21st & Wed 22nd: 3pm Fantastic Four:

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Rise of the Silver Surfer (PG)

The Fantastic Four learn that they aren't the only super-powered beings in the universe.



Tues 21st & Wed 22nd: 7.30pm La Vie En Rose (12A) English subtitles. Piaf's magical voice, and her passionate romances and friendships.

Advance booking recommended



Weds 29 & Thurs 30 August: 3pm Shrek the Third (U)

Shrek and Fiona never intended to inherit the throne of Far, Far Away but Fiona's father falls ill with a fatal illness.



Wed 29 & Thurs 30 :7.30pm The Hoax (15)

Stars: Alfred Molina, Richard Gere, Enthralling account of the scam that shook the American literary community in 1971. Ambitious author Clifford Irving convinces

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August listings

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Fri 10th: Comedy Club - Adults Only! 8.45pm Tickets: £8.50

Thur 16th - Sat 18th: Dancing Queen Thur & Fri 7.30pm Sat 5pm & 8pm Celebrating pop phenomenon Abba. Tickets: £20.50, £18.50, Under 16's and OAP's £14.50 5pm performance only, Family (4) £64

Sun 19th: BRUM 1.30pm

Everyone's favourite supercar. Suitable for children aged 3-7 years old and their families. Tickets: £7, Family (4) £26, Family (3) £20.50

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2nd - 3rd: Film - The Lives Of Others (15) 7.30pm. Language: German. Its twists and turns will keep you on the edge of your seat. Call box office for prices

9th -10th : Film - Goya's Ghosts (15) 7.30pm. Spain 1792 - the Spanish church decides to bring back the dreaded Inquisition. Call box office for prices

16th -17th: Film - Grow Your Own (PG) 7.30pm. Allotment life. Call box office for prices

23rd -24th: Film - La Vie En Rose (12a) 7.30pm Language: French.
Biopic of Edith Piaf. Call box office for prices

30th **-31**st : Film - Moliere (12a) 7.30pm Language: French.

Paris 1644 - Jean-Baptiste Poquelin, also known as Molière, is not yet the writer that history recognizes as the true master of comic satire. Call box office for prices Wed 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th: The Drifters In Concert 7.30pm.
The Treadwell Drifters are back .Tickets: £9.50 - £14.50. Under 16's £7.50

Thu 2nd, 16th and 30th: Holiday Showtime 3pm

A seaside variety show with a host of seasoned entertainers and variety acts. Acts include Norfolk's own Olly Day. Tickets: £9.50

Thu 2nd -Fri 3rd: Film-Blades of Glory (12a) 7.30pm Call box office for prices

Fri 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st: Dave's Get Up And Go! Show 2.30pm with Dave Benson Phillips and Big Bear

Join in as they sing songs like Looby Loo, The Hokey Kokey and many others. Suitable for 3 – 6 year olds. Tickets: £7.50 Family ticket (3) £21

Sat 4th: Abba The Show 7.30pm

Tribute show. Tickets: £9.50 - £13.50. Under 16's £8.50

Sun 5th: The Country Legends Solid Gold Show 7.30pmMusic provided by Randy Ryman and the Outlaw Country Band.

Tickets: £9.50 - £14.50

Mon 6th: Film-Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG) 2.30pm Call box office for prices

Tue 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th : Search For A Star Heats 2007 The British Resorts Association National Talent Contest 7.30pm.

Across six heats, entrants battle it out to win a place in the regional final. For details call 01485 535937. Tickets: £2.50

Thur 9th – Fri 10th: Film -Wedding Daze (15) 7.30pm. Call box office for prices

Sat 11th: Marty Wilde and the Wildcats 8pm Tickets: £9.50 - £15.50

Sun 12th: Glenn Miller Orchestra 7.30pm Tickets: £9.50 - £14.50

Mon 13th : Film - The Reef (U) 2.30pm Call box office for prices

Sat 18th: The NO 1'S Show– 50's and 60's Special 7.30pm A nostalgic two hour trip. Tickets - £9.50 - £13.50. Under 16's £7.50

Sun 19th: Aidy Quinn 7.30pm

The latest name to emerge on the country music scene in Ireland.

Tickets: £9.50 - £13.00

Mon 20th: Film - Meet The Robinsons (U) 2.30pm Call box office for prices

Thur 23rd – Fri 24th: Film - Oceans 13 7.30pm Call box office for prices

Sat 25th: Phantom And The Musicals 7.30pm Tickets - £9.50 - £13.50

Sun 26th: The Indians 7.30pm

Country, Pop, Irish and show stopping ballads. Tickets - £9.50 - £13.50

Mon 27th: Film -Flushed Away (U) 2.30pm Call box office for prices

Thurs 30th- Fri 31st: Film - Pirates Of The Caribbean At Worlds End (12a) 7.30pm Call box office for prices

September listings

Whats on at:



Mon 17th - Sat 22nd:
Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
Mon 7.30pm.
Tues, Wed & Thurs 2.30pm & 7.30pm
Friday 5pm & 8pm
Sat 2pm, 5pm & 8pm



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Wed 26th: Spirit Of The Dance 8pm

Irish Dance sensation Tickets: £18.50, £16.50

Thurs 27th: Kate Rusby 8pm Tickets: £19.50

Sat 29th: Rumours Of Fleetwood Mac 7.30pm

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Sat 15th: Mike Salisbury - Life In The Undergrowth 8pm Go behind the scenes with the producer of the BBC series and discover that for every one of us, there are 200 million bugs living beneath our feet. The latest series of fascinating evenings courtesy of the Royal Geographical Society. Tickets £11

Tue 25th: Jenny Eclair's 'Because I Forgot To Get A Pension' Tour 8pm

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Sat 1st: Red Hot Flashback 7.30pm

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Sat 8th: Search For A Star Regional Final 7.30pm

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Sun 9th: Pete Donnegan Band 7.30pm

Tickets - £9.50 - £13.50

Sat 22nd: One Night In Vegas 7.30pm

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Sun 23rd:George Hamilton IV & Tony Goodacre 7.30pm Tickets £9.50 – £13.50

Sun 30th: Tommy Fleming 7.30pm

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Winners of the July 100 Club draw:

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August

5 Chrishall (Away)

19 Narborough (Away)

September

Parson Drove (Home)

Hampton (Away)

16 Littleport (Away) 1 p.m.

October

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Parish Council meeting: Village Hall 7.30pm



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Womens Institute: 7pm Village Hall



Friendship Club: 1.30pm Village Hall



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MP Morning Prayer 9.30am

August 19th August 26th September 16th



HC Holy Communion 9.30am

August 5th September 2nd



AAW All Age Worship 11am

August 12th September 9th



USM United Service Manea September 30th

Time not yet confirmed



HT Harvest Thanksgiving September 23rd 11 am

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