

NIGHTINGALE TIMES

The On-line Newsletter for Wellow Parish Council

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Meetings

All meetings of Wellow Parish Council are open to the public.

Planning & General Purposes Meeting

6:45 pm

Wellow Village Hall

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Parish Council Meeting

7:15 pm

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
Members of the public are invited to ask questions or make statements at all Parish Planning and General Purposes Committee meetings and Full Parish Council meetings relating to items included on the agenda.



**Wellow
Parish Council**

Your Council website provides information on everything we do, including Councillor details, dates of meetings, agendas, minutes, finance, Parish Council policies, Burial Ground, local organisations' details, current events and much more. In printed form this Newsletter is intended to complement the website.

Message from the Chair – Councillor Gaye Chesterton-Kay

As I'm writing this I can't believe that Summer is almost at an end and Winter is on its way! It only seems like yesterday that BBQs were being planned, holidays anticipated and our gardens waking up and starting to flourish! However, the Parish Council has been making good use of what weather we've had throughout the summer months to progress two major projects.

Planning for the new Cricket Pavilion is well under way and a container has recently been delivered to site which will house any items that we feel can be re-utilised within the new structure – nothing will be wasted! A final Charity Cricket match (and I say those words loosely!) using the old Pavilion took place on Sunday, 27th August although very few rules were followed. Adults and youth members all in fancy dress (a motley assortment of superheroes, WW2 land girls, a 'bunch of grapes' and various other characters) took part followed by a BBQ which gave the old Pavilion a good send-off. Demolition of the existing building is due to take place in late September and then it's full steam ahead to get the new Pavilion ready for next year's season.

It is also a real pleasure to be able to report that the new Community Garden is now in situ on the Recreation Ground with only the planting to be completed this coming Autumn. This is a real achievement and we would like to thank our sponsors Viridor and TVBC for giving us Grants which have made it possible. Our thanks also go to the local businesses and residents who have agreed to sponsor a bench in the new Garden – we still have one available for sponsorship if anyone is interested – please speak to the Parish Office for further details.

The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing with a lot of hard work being done by those residents and Councillors who have volunteered to be a part of this time consuming and technical project. We are still looking for volunteers – if you feel you could help and would like to be involved in planning for the future of Wellow, please contact Councillor Trevor Grant who is currently heading up this project.



The last match at the old cricket pavilion – a fund raising charity match

Thanks also must go to Councillors and our Parish Office team for working so hard to make sure that the footpaths, bridleways and common land covered by the Council are maintained along with all the regular safety checks that are carried out to the play areas and equipment provided within the village.

Hopefully we can now look forward to some crisp and sunny Autumn days in the run-up to Christmas!

Monday lunch at Wellow Village Hall

Are you at a loose end on Mondays? Would you enjoy a hot home cooked meal? Then why not come along to Wellow Village Hall and meet new friends in our village? As we are a non-profit organisation, all we ask is a contribution of £3 (for a hot 2 course meal + coffee). We can even collect you and take you home again – how great is that! So why not call Lesley Weldon on 323734 and book your place. Lunch is served at 12.30. We look forward to welcoming you.

Litter picking good

Continue to be inspired by our regular litter picking heroes who can be seen keeping areas of the village, including the A36 trunk road, free from litter. Following on from the last village litter pick day on 20th May another one is being organised for 28th October. Please contact the parish council (clerk@wellowparish.org.uk) and volunteer for the morning or afternoon session. Not only will this help in keeping Wellow looking the way we would all want it to be but it is also a great way to explore parts of the parish that perhaps you have not been to before.

Sport in Wellow

Wellow is a great place for participating in and watching a wide variety of sports. The focus this time is on our great Cricket and Tennis clubs.

Cricket - 2017 Season round-up

Wellow and Plaitford Cricket Club is proud that the Adult team were unbeaten in the Regional Division 2 North West Hampshire League and won all nine of their fixtures, another successful top of the table finish for 2017, making it the second season in a row that Wellow have finished in top place since the Club's resurrection in 2016.

Batting wise, Harry Draycott scored 325 runs in 4 innings averaging 108.3, also scoring two hundreds, 133 versus Whiteparish 2nds and 104 versus Littleton and West Hill. James Sampson scored 229 runs in 4 innings at an average of 76.3. Lee Palmer scored 148 runs in 5 innings at an average of 148. Bowling wise, Ollie White took 14 wickets at an average of 9.21 including 5-27 versus Winterbourne. Harry Draycott took 12 wickets at an average of 9.75 and Mark Weaver took 9 wickets at an average of 12.6. A great season and hopefully even bigger successes to look forward to!

Back row left to right - J Coombes, O Light, J Sampson, L Palmer (Captain), R Light, C Vince, M Rovetto

Front row left to right - S Barcia M. Weaver, T Babic (Red Rover Manager and Sponsor for the 2017 season), O White, T Farr



Meanwhile our Under 9s finished 5th in the Northern U9s division of the New Forest Junior Cricket League whilst the Under 11s came 4th in the Northern U11s League. Our Under 13s came 7th in the same League.

The good news is that we are looking at re-starting the U15s next year and are also hoping to start a Ladies Adult Team for the new season. With the prospect of a new Pavilion on the horizon, we are all very much looking forward to another successful and enjoyable season. We would welcome you coming along to watch!

Tennis - Wellow win Sarum league after a twenty year wait.

After a twenty year wait Wellow Tennis Club regained the Sarum league title they last won in 1997 when their 'A' team won their final match against Victoria Park. Knowing their title hopes were dependent on them not losing, Wellow fielded potentially their strongest team. In the event they needn't have worried as the title was secured by the half way point with both Wellow's mixed pairs victorious.

First pair Ben Wallis and Cathy Tarvin had a very tight match eventually winning 6-4, 7-6. Second pair Stuart Martin and Lucy Pratt won a little more easily 6-4, 6-2. In the ladies doubles Tarvin and Pratt were in superb form dropping just one game in winning 6-1, 6-0. The men had a much tougher time with Martin and Wallis eventually halving the match 4-6, 6-3 to give Wellow the match victory 7-1.

During the season Wellow lost just one match and after the match team captain Stuart Martin said "Our success this season has come from the depth in our squad. We interchange partnerships well and have a great team spirit." Apart from the four members of the team on the day the main other squad members were Laurent Watremetz, John Moret, Laura Doddington and Judy Wallis but in the words of Martin "The super-subs – Elaine Pickering, Jeanette Martin and Frances Arnott also won us key sets over the season."

For Wellow winning the Sarum league is a major achievement when one takes into account that amongst their opponents are much larger clubs such as Winchester, Andover and Salisbury. This is just the third time Wellow has won the title since entering the league in 1992 although they have been runners-up on no less than seven occasions.

Photo shows squad members and the only remaining player from Wellow's two previous Sarum League title winning teams John Moret flanked by the four members of the Wellow team that clinched the title this year against Victoria Park. From left to right: Cathy Tarvin, Lucy Pratt, Ben Wallis and Stuart Martin.



Neighbourhood Plan update

Work on the Neighbourhood Plan during the summer period has primarily been focused on preparing and reviewing a 'current situation analysis' document. This has drawn on information and issues raised as part of the parish plan. It has been updated with the latest information from a number of sources including parish profile information available on the Test Valley Borough Council website. The project office team has also done a great job in getting the important document control and admin in place to support the working groups as they start to meet in September. Are you passionate about the environment in Wellow? We are still looking for someone to lead the Environment & Transport working group. Please contact cllgrant@wellowparish.org.uk

Staying safe in Wellow

Cllr Harmeet Brar writes about staying safe in Wellow. There have been a number of scams reported to the police that may affect you. If you come across the following please do not respond but report to the police on 101.

1: the delivery note

A number of people have been left with what looks like a normal 'we tried to call' note from the postman, asking you to call the office to book a delivery time. However this is a scam and the call will cost you £45 per minute. If you get an unexpected delivery note do not call. Instead report it to 101.

2: the roof job

Two men are going around asking if you need any work done because they are working in the local area. They will ask you if you are just going to work? They are trying to work out which houses are empty during the day. Again, say nothing and report to the police on 101.

3: is your pc working?

Many of us will have received this sort of call. You get a phone call on your landline asking to speak to the Microsoft license holder as they need to do an update on your PC or Laptop. They will ask you to go to a website and ask you to put your card details in as proof of ID. However in fact they will charge you up to £500 for no reason. Remember Microsoft will NEVER CALL your landline and if there was a mass update it would be in the newspapers and on TV news.

4: it's your bank calling

You will get a call saying "hi we are calling from your bank, there is a problem with your card. To save you any upset we are going to send a driver right round to you to collect your card and we will send you a new one in the post. Simply put your name, address and pin number with the card." Your bank will NEVER ask for your pin or ask you to send back the card. If your bank was to call they would ask you to cut the card up and they would send a new one without asking for your address.

5: missed call

On your mobile you may get a missed call from a very strange looking number, so you call back to find out who it is. Just by doing that you may be charged £100 and will only find this out on your next phone bill at which point it's too late. Simply, if it's important they will call back or leave you a voice mail.

6: fake and phishing emails

If you get an email offering you something too good to be true simply delete it. You should not reply to an email asking you for your date-of-birth, address and telephone number.

Hedges and ditches

Sunny days in Autumn - the perfect time to trim back hedges and clear ditches. Really important this is done, particularly where they are adjacent to roads, pavements and the public footpaths through the parish.

Social media in Wellow

Wake up in the morning, have a cup of coffee and check Facebook. Whilst perhaps not recommended as the ideal way to start the day, it can be a great way to catch up on what is happening in the parish! Wellow Facebook page – Wellow Parish Council @wellowmatters Facebook.

Newsletter

If you would like to comment on and/or contribute to the newsletter, please let the Clerk, Mrs Sharon Whitehouse know. You can contact her at the office (10am to 12.00pm Tues, Weds, Thurs), through the website, email or telephone (details below). Let the Clerk have your email address and receive the newsletters by email!! Distribution of paper copies of the newsletter has been arranged but if you do not receive a paper copy and would like one please let the Parish Clerk know.

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