



# NIGHTINGALE TIMES

*The On-line Newsletter for Wellow Parish Council*

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## New Community Pavilion Up-date

Although we submitted plans to TVBC back in March the process was held up because a "Bat Report" was needed. It would have been helpful if TVBC had pointed this out at the pre-planning stage! As a result, our application was only approved on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2013! Unfortunately, this delay means that it will no longer be possible to complete the tendering process and the new build before the start of the next cricket season. Hopefully the existing building will scrape through for another year. Fingers crossed!

On the plus side we will once again be able to look at the possibility of securing a grant to help with the costs of this project. If anyone has any ideas/experience in this regard please contact the Clerk. We also need to hear from anyone interested in forming a Woman's cricket team who will be able to take advantage of the planned extended facilities of the new building. Also any other local sports or groups who could make use of the new facility should also come forward to discuss their needs.

## Wellow Common

The annual bracken spraying has just been completed in area 4 as required by our SSSI management plan. A chemical has been licensed for this purpose and so should be available for future years. For this year and we are currently working on arrangements for gorse cutting in areas 8a and 8b.



*Work areas as defined in the Wellow Common Management Plan*

## The Blackwater's Himalayan Balsam Problem



*Pulling Himalayan Balsam at Cadnam*  
[www.newforestnpa.gov.uk](http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk)

Wellow's Environmental Group has started work to map, access river banks and remove the Himalayan Balsam from the River Blackwater. They need to contact owners of land along the river and also ask anybody willing to help map this invasive weed to contact them. In the first instance please contact Angela Peters on 01590 646652. When the main sites have been identified a team of volunteers will be organised to join with the environmental group to remove it during May 2014.

## Wellow Community First Responders

The Wellow Community First Responder group is about to reach its first anniversary following its inauguration in September 2012 by Andy Rossdale and Ian Taylor. The group has since grown to six members with the addition of Joanna Maher, James Tapp, Lorna Thaxter and Helena Renwick but is looking to expand further in order to be able to provide a more extended coverage for the residents of Wellow.

First Responders undergo a two-day, specially designed training course provided by South Central Ambulance Service NHS Trust in the essential skills they need to save lives whilst the ambulance is on its way. Amongst other things, training covers life support, oxygen therapy and the use of a defibrillator as well as the care of an unconscious patient and paediatrics. There are no minimum number of hours that CFRs need to make themselves available for and they are not despatched to certain types of incident such as road traffic accidents or births, with the training emphasising the safety of the Responder as well as care of the patient.

If you are over 18 years of age, have a full driving licence and can pass an enhanced criminal records check then you could be just the kind of person who can contribute to helping saving lives in the community. If you are interested in becoming a CFR please contact Ian Taylor on 01794 323020 who will be pleased to give you more information and answer any questions you may have.

## Litter Problems

Residents who regularly walk the lanes of Wellow will be aware of the serious litter problem in the village. Highway verges seem to be a favoured dumping ground for beer cans, plastic drink bottles and fast food bags. It's not an issue unique to Wellow but nevertheless is a blight on the environment and can also have health risks.

It's an unfortunate fact that McDonald's packaging features high on the list of dumped items. Of course, McDonalds are not responsible directly for the litter and they do help in clearing litter in areas surrounding their Ower premises, including Wellow. Following an approach by Councillor Roy Perry, McDonalds have asked the Parish Council to identify sites where there is a particular litter problem and have offered to match a team of volunteers with their own people, including breakfast at the Ower restaurant!

It goes without saying that everyone is responsible for keeping the countryside tidy by using available litter bins or taking litter home with them. Unfortunately, it's a message that goes unheeded in many cases.

## Be a Good Neighbour

If your fir trees are getting too high, or hedges encroaching on neighbours and footpaths then please think of the poor neighbours and users and get them trimmed. A reminder to parishioners with ditches - get them cleared out in anticipation of the rainy season!!

## Wellow Village Hall - Please support your Village Hall

### *Recycling*

The Village Hall has recently reorganised the recycling area in the car park. The objective was to make more effective use of space, to maximise the car parking area and make it look tidier. You can now recycle the following items at this facility:

- Glass bottles and jars - please sort by colour - clear, green and brown
- Brown bins (same as household wheelie bins) - newspapers, magazines, cardboard, plastic bottles, food and drink cans and aerosol cans
- Salvation Army - clothing and shoes
- British Heart Foundation - books, CDs and DVDs

All other items must be taken to the household recycling facilities at either Bunny Lane Timsbury or Marchwood. Anyone caught fly tipping at the Village Hall may be liable to a fine of up to £50,000 under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Please keep the Village Hall car park tidy.

### *Table Top Sale - Saturday 19 October 2013*

A table top sale is being held at the Village Hall on the above date, the profits from which will go to towards Village Hall improvements. Table hire is £10 per table. To reserve a table please contact either Sandra on 01794 322852 or Karen on 01794 322349. The sale runs from 12 noon until 3 pm - admission charge is 20p. Refreshments will also be available.

## Wellow Poppy Appeal - 26<sup>th</sup> October to 9<sup>th</sup> November 2013

Volunteers are required for house to house collections for this year's Poppy Appeal. If you can assist please contact Phil Stenner, Wellow Poppy Appeal Organiser on 01794 323846 or e-mail: [pandg.stenner@virgin.net](mailto:pandg.stenner@virgin.net)

Thank you for your support!

## Wellow School and St Margaret's Church Village Fete



The Village Fete held at Hatches Farm Recreation Ground on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2013, was a great success, with a combined profit of £4,000. It is hoped to build on this next year. Wellow Parish Council's croquet stall raised £63.00.

**Wellow School Bonfire and Fireworks Display - 9<sup>th</sup> November 2013**  
Wellow School, Romsey Road, Wellow SO51 6BG



Themed Fireworks Display to Music "Super Heroes". BBQ, Refreshments, Sparklers and Glo Sticks also available. Family Ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children) £20 - In Advance, £22 at the Gate. Adult ticket £7 and Child/OAP ticket £4. Tickets available in advance from Wellow School Office on Tel: 01794 322201, Nobles, Country Consumables, Mike the Butcher, at the gate or from

[www.eventelephant.com/wellowfireworks2013](http://www.eventelephant.com/wellowfireworks2013)

Gate opens 5.30pm, Bonfire 6.30pm, Fireworks 7.00pm



**St Margaret's Harvest Supper and Barn Dance - 5<sup>th</sup> October 2013**  
Wellow Village Hall

Featuring 'Corn Rings'. Tickets are £7.00 each. Children under 12 go free. Contact Jane Stephens on 01794 323156. Come and enjoy the fun whilst supporting your local Church. Start time 7.00pm.

**St Margaret's 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

St Margaret's will be celebrating its 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2015 and discussions have already begun on how to commemorate this. If interested please contact Rev Chris Pettet on 01794 323562. [Email: cpettet@btinternet.com](mailto:cpettet@btinternet.com)

**Plaitford Village Fete**

The neighbouring parish of Plaitford held its first village fete for 34 years on 13 July 2013. It was the hottest day of the year and nearly £2,000 was raised to help fund new toilets and kitchen facilities at the Village Hall. The bake off competition was won by Wellow Parish Councillor Angela Ratcliffe with a splendid coffee walnut cake. This was raffled off, with the proceeds of £6 donated to the Plaitford funds!

**Wellow Parish Council**

For more information about the Parish Council and its activities, visit the Parish Council website: [www.wellowparish.org.uk](http://www.wellowparish.org.uk), or contact us by telephone or email. Remember that all meetings of Wellow Parish Council are open to the public. There is a short public participation slot at the start of each meeting when residents can speak on an agenda item or any matter relating to the Parish. The meeting dates for the remainder of the year (all Mondays) are:

- 7 October (Planning 6.45 pm, Full Council 7.15 pm)
- 4 November (Planning 6.45 pm, Full Council 7.15 pm)
- 2 December (Planning 6.45 pm, Full Council 7.15 pm)

All meetings are held in Wellow Village Hall. Dates of all meetings and contact details for the Councillors can be found on the website and on all the noticeboards around the Village and Parish Office.

If you would like comment on and/or to contribute to the newsletter, please let the Clerk, Mrs Lesley Weldon know. You can contact her at the office (10am to 12.00pm Tues, Weds, Thurs), through the website, email or telephone (details below).