

NIGHTINGALE NEWS

Meetings

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

Time is provided at each Full Council meeting for public participation where residents can raise any concern or matter relating to the Parish.

Monday - 5th September
- Planning & General purposes Committee
6.45pm, Full council
7.15pm

Monday - 3rd October
- Planning & General purposes Committee
6.45pm, Full council
7.15pm



Wellow Twinning 25 Years

Wellow Twinning Association began their 25 year celebration with a Cheese and Wine Party on Friday 20th May in the Village Hall attended by Twinners and invited guests.

Chairman, Sandra Tutton, reminded everyone how the friendship with the French village Couffe began and how it has developed over the years. The bond with Couffe is strong and everyone agreed with Sandra that Wellow is one of the most successful Twinning in Test Valley and beyond.

The following Friday, Wellow Twinners made their way to Couffe for the weekend. The village council greeted them with a Vin d'Honneur, and their mayor, Madame Coraboeuf, presented the Wellow committee with two boxes of local 'goodies'. They also discovered that 4 representatives from Couffe's Bulgarian twinning had joined them for the weekend too. The first evening was spent with families – a good beginning to a truly wonderful weekend.

Saturday saw an early start for the Twinners and their hosts to travel by coach to Puy du Fou. This is an exceptional entertainments park in the Vendee Region. A few of the Wellow group had visited before but for the rest it was a complete surprise, they were amazed at the various re-enactments and special effects.

Sunday began as a more relaxed day with no official activities arranged until the evening. However some people enjoyed a tour of one of the local primary schools, (there are two in Couffe), some visited families of their hosts and some managed a wine tasting.

Some families joined together for lunch – rumour has it one of them lasted 6 hours!!!

A celebration cake shaped like a cross channel ferry and made with profiteroles followed this. Daniel Pageau (Couffe's twinning president) presented Sandra with wine for the Twinning Association and everyone received an anniversary place-mat. All Couffe families received a French version of The Test Valley Tapestries. It had been a wonderful weekend with so much bonhomie and everyone returned home tired but very happy. The Association would welcome new members – if interested contact Sandra Tutton – 01794 322852.

Wellow Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Sunday

The 2016 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal starts on Saturday 29 October until Saturday 12 November inclusive.

If anyone has some spare time and would like to assist with the appeal, please contact Phil Stenner, Wellow Poppy Appeal organiser on 01794 323846.

Frank Moody, a World War 2 Veteran, who was born in Wellow and has lived in the area all his life, has kindly donated a number of his books Wartime Memories, Frank Moody and Audio Tapes, the books are priced £8, the tapes £5 or a book and tape together for £10, all monies collected will go to the Poppy Appeal, contact Phil Stenner to purchase.

A Remembrance Sunday Service will be held at St Margaret's Church, followed by a parade from the Village Hall to the War Memorial for wreath laying on 13th November.



Wellow Golf Club 25th Anniversary

2016 has been a busy year so far for Wellow Golf Club. It recently celebrated a milestone in its history and it's hard to believe it is 25 years since the course was first opened. The club is still owned and run by the Windell family and they have remained committed to increasing golf participation and promoting the game at grassroots level. As well as improving the course and its facilities year after year, the members of this friendly club now enjoy some of the best-kept greens and fairways in the area.

Celebrations took place at the end of April to mark the 25th anniversary with a dinner dance and on May 1st a golf day was held supported by some 180 members.

It's been another successful year for the growing contingent of Wellow Ladies. Having hosted multiple large events so far this summer, most recently playing host to a Ladies Rally of 18 teams from all over Hampshire, with the eventual winners Bramshot Hill. Wellow has always produced great junior players and is still competing with Hampshire's best. There are now over 25 juniors at the club and Wellow's commitment to its juniors has been evident in their results in recent months, they are still competing in the Hampshire Junior League and are through to the quarter finals of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Golf Tournament. "Wellow Golf Club really is a 'hidden gem' just minutes away from Romsey. With its picturesque views of Embley House, easily walkable course and a friendly clubhouse open to non-members, we hope to spread the word and help Wellow Golf Club continue to improve over the next 25 years".

Hearing Aid Service User Feedback

West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group would welcome feedback from people using Hearing Aid services and in particular on changes to the current high street providers. If you have access to the internet please can you complete an online questionnaire. The survey will take 5-10 minutes to complete.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Hearing2016>

If you do not have access West Hampshire CCG would still like to hear your views, therefore if you are interested in attending a focus group/telephone discussion/face to face feedback, please call on 023 80627673.

Ashley Browning Tree Warden (update)

Many of you will know that the oak trees at Lower Common Road Recreation Ground have been a cause of concern for some time. The Council has tried to save these trees as they are an important part of our village landscape. Unfortunately one of the oaks on the road boundary is beyond saving. The tree has become a danger to the public and must be felled. The other oaks on the recreation ground need some attention to prevent them becoming a hazard. The Council will plant a replacement tree; however HCC Highways are not happy with a new tree being planted so close to the road. The Council will therefore choose an alternative site on the Recreation Ground.

The Council is also proposing to replace the hedges at Hatches Farm Sports Ground and at Lower Common Road. These hedges have reached a stage in their lives when having been heavily cut for many years, they are now in poor health. This has resulted in them having thick, old stems supporting short weak growth. In this condition they can only weaken and degenerate. It was the intention to remove the old hedges and plant new. However, this plan has been modified to maintain continuity while the new hedges establish. It has been suggested that the inside of both hedges be cut back to their stems and new hedges planted behind. The benefit of doing this is that the old hedge will remain until the new one is established. The new hedges will be of mixed native species with honeysuckle, gelda rose and wild rose to add colour and wildlife habitat. The current hedges are very poor homes for birds and small mammals and it is hoped that new, vigorous, diverse hedges will not only enhance the look of our beautiful village but also create a valuable wildlife resource.

Parish Councillor Alan Clark has put together some thoughts on why Wellow is a great place to live, who would disagree?

Situated alongside the New Forest National Park, one of Europe's most sensitive environments, Canada Common having SSSI status.

Also situated in the beautiful Test Valley, yet only 3 miles from the M27 motorway and 15 minutes to the rail station and airport giving access to London, the UK and Europe.

Wellow offers youngsters and local people a Cricket Club, Football Club and Tennis Club. We have local horse riding facilities and fishing lakes and the area has numerous bridleways to explore the quiet parts of the village.

The River Blackwater/Blackwater wildlife corridor has otters, crayfish, kingfishers and 5 types of bats; it is a river which has been classified as one of the most important spawning rivers in the South for sea trout and it feeds into the world famous River Test which also has SSI status.

Wellow is situated close to Romsey, Salisbury, Winchester and Southampton offering a complete range of shopping facilities, plus we have our own village shops and excellent local pubs.

A village with a Grade 1 listed Church, a top class local school and a village hall, which offers many facilities for all age groups.

Wellow your village, but close to everything a person needs.

African Adventures would like to thank Wellow Tennis Club for their donation

We would like to thank Wellow Tennis Club for their generous donation of tennis balls, which were taken out on a charity challenge trip in May, with representatives from Derby County Community Trust, to Nakuru in Kenya with African Adventures.



Partnered with 21 community projects in deprived areas of Ghana, Kenya and Zanzibar, African Adventures is a volunteer travel organisation, dedicated to impacting lives in the UK and Africa. The company provides volunteer trips for people from all over the UK with the opportunity to get involved in building and construction work, teaching and sports coaching.

The tennis balls were given out at Jubilee Academy, a community run primary school, in the Kaptembwa slum area of Nakuru during the volunteers' visit and have been most gratefully received by the children and staff at the school. The children were delighted to be able to play throwing and catching games during break time with the group and the balls are also being put to good use in their physical education lessons.

Like many of the school projects African Adventures is partnered with across Ghana, Kenya and Zanzibar, Jubilee Academy is a non-government funded, community-led primary school, which provides an education, daily safe haven and food security for children in the local area of Katembwa. With no government support for school resources, classroom and games equipment is limited at schools like Jubilee and therefore donations are always appreciated.



To find out more about volunteering in Africa, please visit: www.african-adventures.co.uk