

From the Archives

From the pages of the Welton NEWS in November 2000....

The Wolfson Building was officially opened at the William Farr School by Professor Nigel Payne, the Chief Executive of the Technology Colleges Trust. Mr Payne stressed that “now is the best time to be a pupil at the school.” The vision of the headteacher, Paul Strong, was to strive to be the best school in the United Kingdom, or at least be as high as possible while maintaining the intimacy of a small to medium-sized school.

The police were looking for witnesses to an incident where a female assaulted the driver of a bus on its return journey to Lincoln. The police also reported that over 70% of burglaries in the area were carried out to obtain funds for illegal drug use.

The parish council reported that there were further incidents of vandalism at Manor Park and letters were sent to those whom the council had reason to believe were there when the damage had taken place. The council had been approached by a developer wishing to provide details of a potential planning application for an additional 400 houses in the village.

With the completion of the new fire station on Nettleham Road, Lincoln, it was estimated that the response time for the fire service to Welton had been halved.

A National Women’s Register’s meeting had to be cancelled due to “the petrol crisis” and a subsequent meeting was held by candlelight due to a power cut.



And from the November 2010 issue....

In his monthly letter from the Methodist chapel, Revd Andy Burrows compared city to rural living and suggested that, regardless of location, humans are all about social networking. “We’re individuals,” he wrote, “but we’re not hermits. We need others with whom we can share the experiences life has to offer us.” (*Thoughts pertinent to our current strange times. Ed*)

A public meeting had taken place at the William Farr School where a presentation was given on the concept for providing a public swimming pool at the school. A guess-estimate for the project was in the region of £2 million plus and there were questions from the floor of some 40 attendees as to how the running costs could be afforded when other local pools were struggling. The preparation of a business plan was the next step in the project.



Nigel Tindell had returned to the village after climbing the magnificent mountain of Kilimanjaro in Kenya. Sponsorship for the climb would be donated to the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen.

Welton had progressed to the second round of the best-kept-village competition with a score of 108 out of a possible 120 but went out on the second round.

Peter Everett had ventured onto the top of St Mary's Church tower and reported: "The tower is made up of various types and sizes of stone and what we have today is a result of a major rebuild in 1768 after it had literally fallen into disrepair over the preceding years. Actually some of the stones, experts claim, date back to the original Norman building which stood before the church was remodelled. It must have taken years to persuade the good folk of Welton and Ryland to raise sufficient money so that the tower could be rebuilt along with the ring of six bells in the belfry. Those bells, all original and dated 1768, still ring out once a month to invite the parishioners of Welton and Ryland to attend worship. So I guess that Welton must have been also a really nice place to live in during the 18th century, with the parishioners supporting and caring for their church, not just for themselves but also for future generations. And so it continues to this day, with repairs and changes being made that make it even more suitable for this modern day and age."