

FROM THE ARCHIVES

From the pages of the Welton NEWS in October 2001....

The committee of the Welton Age Concern branch announced that it was going to be disbanded as its appeal for new members had not been successful; “with no new members, enough is enough” its final article reported.

The refusal of the parish council to allow an easement across Manor Park in 2001 (From the Archives, August 2011) was explained by the chairman of the council: “The Manor Park facility was provided to the community as part of granting planning for housing development. The Manor Park Golf Centre is a ‘commercial’ operation and must therefore be subject to the same scrutiny and rules as any other business and the council acted in a commercially responsible way.”

The parish council reported that all the parish footpaths had been reopened as the outbreak of foot and mouth disease was, at last, under control.

An article from William Farr school mentioned that both *The Independent* and *The Guardian* newspapers said that the recent excellent exam results at the school put it in the top 50 schools in the country, including selective schools. In its article, St Mary’s primary school congratulated William Farr school on the results, adding that “It is always a pleasure to hear about pupils from the past”.

The vicar, Stuart Darlison, wrote of the shock of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Centre in New York and on The Pentagon in Washington DC on 9/11 and wrote that he “was fearful that the desire for revenge will spill over into a lashing out at the wider Muslim world”.

And from the October 2011 issue....

Welton came second in the year’s Best Kept Village competition; Woodhall Spa came first.

The new headteacher at William Farr school, Andrew Stones, was interviewed by the editor. Mr Stones was a true ‘yellow belly’ from Louth. Leaving school at 16 he joined the merchant navy but his first Atlantic voyages prompted him to return after a year to take his A levels and then go on to Queen’s College, Cambridge. Prior to coming to William Farr he spent a year teaching in Germany and had teaching posts in Market Deeping and Mablethorpe.

The obituary of Nadia Houcke (1927-2011), who had lived for many years on Stonecliff Park, noted that she had been born into one of the great circus families of Europe. She was at one time, it said, the youngest and most talented dressage rider in her native France and had toured America to great acclaim.