



# Hail Weston Parish Council

## April 2010 Newsletter

### Work starts on new cemetery

At the start of February, after an incredibly long process the Parish Council completed the purchase of part of the spinney adjoining the churchyard at St Nicolas's Church.

You may recall there are only a handful of burial plots remaining in the churchyard and we wished to provide continuity of burial arrangements as far as was possible.

The other consideration was the allotments had originally been earmarked as the site for the new burial ground. However, we did not wish to deprive the village of a much

work on the new cemetery take place at the same time as the installation of the new playing field equipment.

When the work is complete, the perimeter of the entire site will be fenced and a number of trees will also be planted.

The Parish Council expects burials in the new cemetery will commence when the existing churchyard is full. In due course we will consider a fee structure for the new area as well as whether it is desirable for burial plots to be reserved.

The costs of purchasing the land has been financed from our reserves, whilst the clearance, preparation and finishing of the site will be funded by a 15 year loan from the Public Works Board on very favourable terms.



loved facility.

Technically, the new cemetery will be separate from the churchyard and the boundary will be marked by a fence. In addition, it will be under the ownership of the Parish Council as opposed to the Church.

Work on clearing the site started immediately after completion of purchase and we hope to derive some cost savings by virtue of having the

#### **Update: Village Playing Field Improvements**

(Playing Field Committee: Cllr. Nick Farnden, Cllr. Barry Easom, Cllr. Di Salter, Dawn Isaac, Nigel Burdett, Veronica Bolton, Tony Bolton, Paul Williamson)

March has seen the playing field become a hive of activity. Many of the items of equipment decided at the parish consultative events held during

2009 have become reality. The £30,000 grant from Play Pathfinder enabled the construction of a multi-activity unit for 8 to 13 year olds; a zip wire, a shelter; the climbing tree on a sand play area and a willow tunnel. Awards for All provided a grant of £9,367 for the Trim Trail. The Parish Council, due to a local fund raising event, was able to provide the first two picnic tables and by combining works on the new cemetery, work has commenced on developing a large earth mound play feature.

Weather conditions have not been kind to us and have resulted in several weeks delay to the projects. That said our thanks go to the three main contractors: Fenland Leisure, Lattenbury Services and Lappset for the helpful and efficient way their personnel have completed the works so far despite the difficult weather and ground conditions.

The playing field will be available for use by the Easter holiday, however please remember much of the new equipment is for use by older children, 8 to 13 year olds.

Play Pathfinder were very keen that their grant should provide challenges for this age group insisting that the multi-activity unit was half a metre higher than originally planned and therefore it is important that young children are supervised on the playing field. (continued overleaf..!)

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### Village Playing Field Improvements

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During the weekend of **April 10th - 11th** please spare a few hours to join us for a working party to clean the old toddler play equipment, put down a new bark surface and start working and planting some of the proposed garden areas.

Just turn up between 10am and 3pm. Please bring a spade or a rake and a wheel barrow. If you have no tools we will find you a job!

The playing field project still requires several key elements before the proposals developed by the village come to fruition.

However with the first two projects in place a formal launch party will be held in June. Look out for details in the coming weeks and be sure that friends and family can join us in what is planned to be a fun day of activities for all ages.

### Village Litter Pick

The annual Village litter pick is due to take place on **Sunday 25th April**.

Please spare a couple of hours to clear up the litter in the Parish. Gloves, bags and litter picking implements will be provided.

Meet 10 am at the junction of Ford Lane and High Street opposite the village sign.



### Date for the Diary:

#### Hail Weston Parish Assembly

The 2010 Parish Assembly will take place on Tuesday 20th April at 7.30pm. All welcome.

The Parish Assembly is the annual general meeting of the village and is your opportunity to find out what's been going on from the Parish Council, District and County Councillors and other organisations.

The meeting also gives the opportunity for you to have your say as well.

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