

HAIL WESTON COMMUNITY DIRECTORY



THE 'ROYAL OAK' a thatched 18th Century pub, sits at the heart of our village. Having served as the social centre of Hail Weston for many generations the Royal Oak was sold by Charles Wells in November 2011, and closed as a pub on January 1st 2012.

Following a long campaign by the Hail Weston Community Pub Society to save The Royal Oak from redevelopment, the pub was bought by a group of eight local villagers in January 2017. With the help of over 100 community volunteers the building has been refurbished and reopened as an independent village pub on May 19th 2017.

The Royal Oak now offers lunches, evening meals, teas, coffees and cakes plus catering for private events. The beautifully restored interior offers a main bar, corner room, snug and garden room, plus a beautiful beer garden with plenty of seating and a sandpit where children can play. Dogs are welcome both in the main bar and on a lead in the garden.

St NICOLAS' CHURCH has been a focal point in the village of Hail Weston for over 800 years and continues today warmly welcoming both worshippers and visitors alike. A couple of years ago the church's Mission Action Plan listed 4 objectives, briefly these are:-

1. Hospitality: To encourage and engage with other churches in the Benefice (The Staughtons with Hail Weston) and local community groups;
2. Church Open: To date we manage to open the church all day on Sundays and Wednesdays;
3. Raise Awareness: We hold special services such as Plough Sunday, Harvest, Pre-school Easter and Christmas services, and Christingle;
4. Re-Ordering: Hoping to make the church building more user-friendly a re-ordering committee has been established, an architect engaged and a survey recently carried out at the Village Fete where initial plans were available.

All the above is a 'work in progress' and is only possible thanks to the dedication of the Parochial Church Council continually working to keep the church alive and relevant in this 21st century. Continuing the hospitality theme it is with great excitement and enthusiasm that we introduce our new Rector, Revd Nicki Bland, who is very much looking forward to meeting everyone in the course of time.

The future of the church in Hail Weston is indeed looking good.



THE VILLAGE HALL is a centre for group activities in Hail Weston from daily pre-school classes and neighbourhood cafes to gardening and bridge groups. It is also a popular venue for birthday parties, village social events and fund raising activities including race nights and quizzes. The hall has a well equipped kitchen with fridge, cooker, microwave, tea crockery, teapots and urn as well as a hatch through to the main room. There are tables and chairs available to hirers of the hall and the venue has accessible toilets and wheelchair access.

Hire costs are £10/hour (£8 to village residents) with a minimum 2 hour hire for Sunday-Thursday evenings and weekend mornings and afternoons. There is a minimum 5 hour hire for Friday and Saturday evenings.

For bookings please contact Dawn: dawn@dawn-isaac.com



A PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITY GROUP is based in Hail Weston Village Hall and runs in term time from 9.15am-12.15pm with a lunch club until 1.15pm and an activity hour until 2.15pm. It accepts children from 2-4 years old and one of the key features of the pre-school is its relatively small size with a maximum of 26 children for each session. This creates a friendly and intimate family atmosphere enabling children to settle in well, quickly getting to know the staff and other pre-schoolers. The pre-school is managed and supported by a voluntary committee elected annually from the parents of attending children. This ensures those closest to the pre-school experience are those setting the priorities. On a day-to-day basis the pre-school is run by our incredibly dedicated and experienced pre-school leaders and staff.

We have a very high ratio of staff to children (our aim is 1 adult to 5 children) which makes it possible to offer a great deal of individual care and attention. In particular, each child has the support of a personal key worker who acts as the main link between yourselves and the pre-school as well as tailoring the curriculum to your individual child's needs.

We are self-financing and are registered for the Nursery Education Funding Scheme (NEFS) for 3-4 year olds.

OUR VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR

There is a defibrillator located on the outside wall of the village hall. This potentially life-saving device is available to any member of the public 24 hours of the day.

If somebody appears to be in need of resuscitation, any member of the public can call 999 and will be given all the information and guidance necessary to fetch the machine and apply it.

These machines have been instrumental in saving many lives in St Neots and the surrounding villages over the past year, and we are delighted that the **Hail Weston Community** was able to acquire one.

Following the successful fundraising effort by the village for the defibrillator, the **Crime and Safety Group** has agreed to raise a similar sum of money to purchase another defibrillator which, it is hoped, will be located near the West side of the village, outside the telephone box/mini library.

At the last defibrillator demonstration in the village hall it became clear that in the event of the need arising for one of these incredible life-saving devices at the other end of the village, by the time the defibrillator from the village hall was taken to the scene the carrier himself or herself would likely be in need of the device themselves!

Following fund raising efforts throughout 2017 we anticipate being in a position to order the second defibrillator early 2018.



'THE MONDAYS' SINGING GROUP

Anyone from Hail Weston and beyond who'd like to have a go at singing is welcome to join 'The Mondays' who meet (you guessed it) on Mondays. It's a fun, friendly group and joining is a great way to get to know other people from the village. We sing a variety of songs – mostly in 2 parts, sometimes more – from medieval carols to show tunes, pop songs to short classical pieces. With no auditions and no requirement to read music, enthusiasm is the only thing you'll need. To be honest we're currently an all-female group but a few brave men have joined us from time to time and are just as welcome! You might see us out and about leading the carol-singing and charity collection before Christmas or at occasional concerts, usually in the church, in aid of one or other Hail Weston fund-raising efforts.

Why not come along from 7.30pm – 9pm on Monday evenings. We meet in St Nicholas' church (although many of us are not members of the church) and we'd love to see you there! No practice on bank holidays - check the parish newsletter for any other no-meeting dates.

For more information call Elaine on 01480 474542 or e-mail elaine.mccarthy1@aim.com .

NEIGHBOURHOOD CAFÉ

The café opens in the village hall approximately twice a month, alternating between Wednesday and Sunday afternoons but always from 3.30 – 5.30pm. Dates are advertised in the monthly Hail Weston newsletter, Hail Weston 'MailChimp' email newsletter and (when we remember) on the website. You can also ask to be put onto an email list to receive reminders before each café date.

Warm drinks, juice for children, and cakes (many home made) are available. We accept donations to cover our incidental costs (cups/tea etc), towards Hail Weston projects currently raising funds and sometimes in aid of external charities or causes (as advertised). The café sometimes hosts a 'special interest table' (e.g. past tables have been set up to share information on beekeeping, Women's Institute, Alzheimer Society, Motor Neurone Disease Association and the history of Hail Weston).

The purpose of the neighbourhood café is simple - to provide an opportunity for Hail Westoners to meet old friends, make new friends, relax, share a chat and enjoy some cake.

Please do come along, whether you're popping in on your own or coming with a group of friends. We love to see new faces and everyone is very welcome, including family, friends and neighbours from outside Hail Weston. If you'd like to know more, want to help or would like to go on the email reminder list, please contact Maurice and Sue on 01480 212920 or e-mail mauriceandsue1@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF THE PLAYING FIELD

'Friends of the Playing Field' is a group of people interested in helping maintain our excellent play equipment, benches and other facilities at the playing field (end of Newtown), as well as considering possible development of the facilities in line with views expressed in the Community led plan.

If you might be interested, please get in touch with Jane (janesugars1@gmail.com), or just join an advertised working party (see the village newsletter, website and notice boards).

WILDLIFE & GARDENING GROUP

The Hail Weston Wildlife and Gardening Group (HWWGG) meet in the Village Hall on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm.

The group offers a varied programme including presentations on gardening and wildlife related topics, as well as visits to places of gardening, horticultural, wildlife and conservation interest.

The group is always looking to welcome new people. Membership is available but non-members are also welcome to attend at anytime.

If you wish to become a member or be added to our email list, or have any queries, please contact Dawn on dawn@dawn-isaac.com or call her on 01480 477003.

HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL is the lowest tier of local authority. What the PC may, or may not, do is strictly controlled by Powers and Duties and a small group of elected or co-opted residents who represent all parishioners and have responsibility for certain public open spaces including the playing field, the garden of rest, the new cemetery and the allotments. The Council represents Hail Weston on matters of planning and in procuring resources. In addition, Councillors are allocated specific areas of responsibility to cover areas where we'd like to make a positive difference to life in Hail Weston.

Up to 7 Councillors are supported by a part-time Parish Clerk who is also a first point of contact for residents wishing to get in touch with the Parish Council. Contact Jen Abell (5 Orchard Close) on 01480 215880 or at hailwestonpc@outlook.com to raise an issue, ask a question or if you're not sure whether a matter comes under the umbrella of the Parish Council. Find details for current Parish Councillors at <http://hailweston.org.uk/parish-council/>

Meetings are held monthly (usually no meeting in December) on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the village hall. Residents or other interested members of the public are always welcome to attend meetings, and are invited to express views and ask questions during the earlier part of the meeting within the open forum item. The agenda is advertised at least 3 days in advance of each meeting on the Hail Weston Website and on the parish notice board by the old post office. Where an item is raised for discussion and decisions need to be made, the discussion is always advertised in advance to give residents a chance to put forward their views, either to the Clerk or Councillors or in public at the meeting. Councillors will take all views expressed into account when taking any decisions. Minutes from Parish Council meetings are also made available on the Hail Weston website, usually in draft the week following the meeting before approval at the following meeting.

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

There are lots of ways to keep in touch with what's happening in Hail Weston, hopefully a way to suit every preference!

The Hail Weston website can be found at <http://hailweston.org.uk> Get in touch with Jen Abell, Jane Sugars or Tony Baker if you want to add or amend something - see contact details at <http://hailweston.org.uk/parish-council/>

The Parish notice board is located on the High Street closer to the Western end of the village and a community notice board is at the entrance to the playing field in NewTown

A 'Mailchimp' email newsletter (circulated as and when there is news) is operated by Dawn. Get in touch to ask for your name to be added or to ask if she can circulate information for you in the next newsletter: dawn@dawn-isaac.com

A monthly Hail Weston newsletter is distributed by volunteers to all homes in Hail Weston each month. It includes all sorts of interesting information, useful contacts, updates on fundraising projects and forthcoming events such as gardening club meetings, church services and neighbourhood café dates. To request that an item is included, please contact Ruth: 01480 217034: ruth@beasom.plus.com (by 15th of the month for the following month's edition).

The Royal Oak website is at www.royaloakhailweston.com - that's the place to check for updates on forthcoming events etc.

The Hail Weston Preschool Activity group, which is based in the Village Hall on weekdays, also has a website: <http://www.hwpag.co.uk/>

Follow and contact Hail Weston groups via social media:

Facebook – Parish Council: <https://www.facebook.com/HailWestonCambs/> Pub: www.facebook.com/RoyalOakHailWeston

Twitter – @HailWestonCAMBS (Parish Council account); @RoyalOakHW (Pub); @HWPreSchool (pre-school)

Instagram (share photos) – Parish Council: <https://www.instagram.com/HailWestonCAMBS/>

Pub: <https://www.instagram.com/royaloakhailweston/>

Use this directory! To suggest an addition to the directory, please get in touch with Jane: janesugars1@gmail.com

READING GROUP

Have you ever got in a rut reading the same old books and not sure what to read next? I felt I had exhausted my repertoire always reading the same authors. I needed to be challenged with trying something different and this is how our book group started.

We are a small group of villagers who meet monthly to share our enjoyment of reading. The group currently has 9 members but we could take up to 12.

The aim of the group is not only to share authors and books that we can personally recommend to each other, but also to diversify and extend the breadth of our reading. Over the last 2 years the group has certainly challenged and extended my range and I have read books that I would not personally have chosen but then thoroughly enjoyed the read.

More importantly it has been fun.

We usually meet monthly from 7.30pm to 9pm.

If you are interested in finding out more please contact:

Carol Clapham via email: carolclapham0@gmail.com

BRIDGE CLUB

The famous investor Warren Buffett once said: "Bridge is such a sensational game that I wouldn't mind being in jail if I had three cellmates who were decent players and who were willing to keep the game going 24 hours a day."

Mr Buffett certainly knows how entertaining bridge can be and if he were lucky enough to live in Hail Weston he wouldn't need to go to jail to get his fill of bridge: the village bridge club could keep him amused if not 24/7 at least once a week.

Forget everything you might have heard about bridge being difficult or fractious. It is a game that can be played on many levels and our little club welcomes all abilities, all ages, experienced players and those new to the game. Most of us fall into the learner category. Indeed one of the club's ambitions is to arrange some tuition. We have some fun, and we don't take ourselves too seriously.

Interested? Just come along any Thursday at around 8pm and we'll deal you in.

The club meets on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at the village hall and all other Thursdays at the pub.

COMMUNITY SERVICES in Hail Weston

COMPUTER/LAPTOP SERVICES

Stephen P Parker

Do you need help setting up your new laptop or pc?

Are you having trouble with a virus or malware?

I can advise on the problem and help you solve it.

I can also help you to create a website, as well as physical book publishing.

My experience in computing covers a 20 year period and I have taught Internet Technology (IT) in school for almost 10 years.

Contact: 01480 877173

Or Email stephenparker@stephenpaulparker.co.uk

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE SERVICES

Bernard Sawford

Services: All aspects of property maintenance, internal and external

Internal:

Specialist cleaning to entire property - carpet cleaning;
Plastering (qualified plasterer 30 years + experience) and painting;
Minor woodwork, refitting doors and locks, repairs to kitchen units;
Tiling, mastic repairs to showers and baths, mould treatment.

Many other works - if I cannot do the work with 100% confidence I will not take it on.

External:

Garden works, contract garden maintenance, fencing repairs and replacement, complete reinstatement of overgrown gardens, decking, slabbing and landscaping; specialist cleaning to patios, drives and all UPVC to any property; repairs to rotten woodwork, windows, fascias and doors, gutter repairs and more....

I do not work with gas, water or electrics as I am not qualified, but it's always worth asking me as I might know someone who can!

£2 million public liability insurance held.

References from Hail Weston customers are available on request.

Contact: 01480 714007 or 07970 836213

Or Email bprsawford@sky.com

COMMUNITY SERVICES in Hail Weston contd...

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Miss Anna L Davey

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Contact: 07883004902

Or Email: anna_davey@talk21.com

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Contact: 07516628613

Or Email: spnobles@yahoo.com

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COMMUNITY TRAVEL

H A C T (Huntingdon Association for Community Transport)

Door-to-door service for people who cannot access local bus routes due to age/disability, and for people living in rural locations with limited or no access to local bus routes. Contact before 1.00pm the day *before* travel or on Friday before Monday travel – driver will wait 5 minutes before moving on.

Become a 'Ring & Ride' member: £15 pp registration fee (annual)

More information: 01480 411114 or www.grafham.org.uk

COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

(Huntingdonshire Volunteer Centre Community Car Scheme)

A door-to-door pick up for you (plus friend/companion) to your destination. If visit under an hour the driver will wait and take you home; if a longer trip the volunteer driver will return to pick you up at an agreed time. Advise if you have difficulty getting in/out of a car and if you need to take collapsible wheelchair.

Charge: 40p a mile (including miles from driver's home to yours) to cover expenses – minimum charge £2.

More information: 01480 476047 (10am - 12noon Mon to Thurs)
Or www.huntsvc.org.uk

HIGHWAYMAN Community Car Scheme

Door-to-door transport: medical and social journeys, i.e. surgery/hospital/dental appointments, picking up prescriptions, hospital visits, and for social journeys to clubs, activities, relatives and friends, or shopping. Give as much notice as possible.

Charge: 30p a mile (minimum £3 for all journeys)

More information: 07786 520540 (4pm - 7pm Mon to Friday)

COMMUNITY CARE

AGE UK Cambridgeshire & Peterborough

Your local advice service:

Contact: 0300 666 9860 (9am – 3pm Mon to Friday)
www.ageuk.org.uk/cambridgeshireandpeterborough/
Email: informationservices@ageukcap.org.uk

CARE NETWORK Cambridgeshire

Community Navigators help older people find enjoyable activities and useful services.

Contact: 01480 423065 or hunts.navigators@care-network.org.uk

Help at Home (for adults 18+) Short term practical help arranged by Care Network's Help at Home Coordinator at a time to suit you and the volunteer. The service is free for up to 3 weeks if help needed after hospital stay or illness. Also, help with one-off tasks for short periods not just after illness.

Contact: 01354 694413 (Hunts & Fenland)
hah.north@care-network.org.uk

UNITING CARE (NHS Partnership) is responsible for healthcare services for older people and community services for those over 18 with long-term conditions, living in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

More information: 01223 884427 or www.unitingcare.co.uk

NHS (Cambs) FALLS PREVENTION TEAM

How to prevent falls

More information: 01223 883710

COMMUNITY CARE contd...

HEALTHWATCH Cambridgeshire – your local health & care champion making NHS & social care better for communities. Also providing an Information Service to help you find health and social care services near you, what to do if you have a concern or complaint, and organisations that can give you help or advice.

Contact: 01480 420628 or www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk

CAMBRIDGESHIRE CARER SUPPORT SERVICE

(An Independent organisation working in partnership with Health & Social Services)

Providing care, support and enablement services so people with a range of mental health conditions can gain the freedom to enjoy an everyday life.

Contact: Pauline Mansfield on 01480 211006 or

pauline.mansfield@makingspace.co.uk or email
ccss@makingspace.co.uk

CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

If you are a carer or concerned about someone in your neighbourhood who needs help, support or assistance and you are concerned for their fire safety, please contact:

0800 917 9994 (Freephone) or

E-mail: firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk