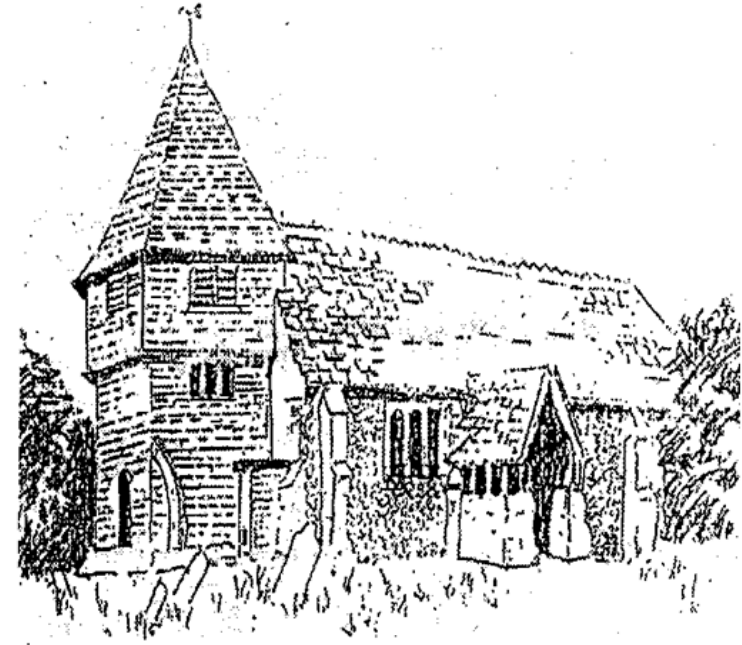
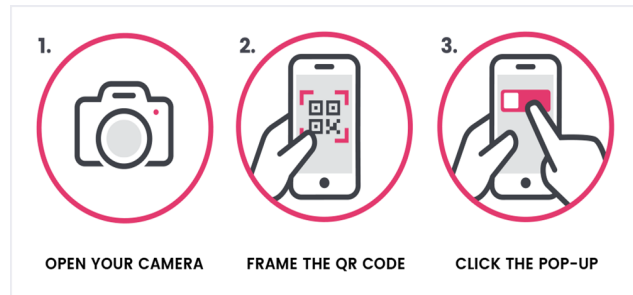


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June 2023

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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THE VILLAGE HALL
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www.hailwestonvillagehall.co.uk

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Hire Rates: £10 ph Hail Weston Residents
£12 ph Non-Village Residents

Deposit: £20

Regular weekly bookings - 1 hour minimum

Friday and Saturday evening bookings - 5 hours minimum

All other bookings - 2 hours minimum

If you have news, articles or events for inclusion in the next issue, please contact Ruth.
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A message from the Rev'd Nicki Bland

Dear Friends,

As we look towards the summer months and hopefully better weather, I am sure many of you are out in your gardens mowing your lawns and fighting the ever growing weeds.

Many of you will be looking at some sort of break in the next few months. I just hope your holidays go more smoothly than mine did.

A friend and I were bound for the Galapagos islands and Costa Rica. It was to be the holiday of a lifetime with a stay on a luxury yacht whilst in the Galapagos islands.

We set off from Heathrow an hour late and when we arrived at Miami the pilot circled round and round but was unable to land because of a huge storm, he tried again and eventually flew us to Orlando to fuel. We stayed on the runway for a while and then when it was safe, we returned to Miami. We had been in the plane for fourteen hours. We had missed our connecting flight and so were put up by British Airways in a hotel we were told would provide us with all meals for the next day.

On arriving at the hotel and seeing the sign outside 'no soliciting' we realised that the hotel had no dining room and we had no cases. We spent the next day in Miami airport and when we were about to get on the plane to Guayaquil we were taken aside and told our tickets had been cancelled. That sorted out we flew to Guayaquil a day late, and on arrival saw our hotel in the distance so decided to walk.

In the morning, we decided to look at what we could do at Guayaquil as we were not going to Galapagos that day. We had sorted a few things out when my son rang up and said that we were to take off our jewellery and not go out as it was dangerous. An escort by the police was needed if anyone wanted to get money out and even taxis were dangerous.

We stayed in and waited for news of when we would get to the Galapagos but it was not forthcoming. After two days of incarceration in the hotel we decided we would be better going back to Miami, so that is what we did. Our Galapagos trip was not to be! WE were told by someone on the plane who lived in a gated community that if we had gone out to the park, we would have been 80% safe at the park because of the police presence but our taxi would have been ambushed on the way. There was a curfew from 9.00pm at night until 5.00am in the morning, that is how we stayed safe when walking to the hotel.

We did have a lovely week in Costa Rica but on my return home I realised I had the wrong case, it belonged to someone from Bogotá! So next day I was back in Heathrow doing a swap!

Life is a journey with both ups and downs and sometimes there are more downs than ups, it is then that we need to remember that God is with us wherever we are and however we may feel.

And so I am ending this letter with an Irish blessing:

HAIL WESTON WILDLIFE AND GARDENING GROUP

Garden Safari



Friday 9th June

6.30pm at the Village Playing Field PE19 5JU

Tickets £10 per person

Tickets should be purchased or reserved before the 5th June (so numbers can be finalised) by contacting:

Maggie Lake via email tel_maggs2@225771mgl.co.uk

or

calling 07918 184986

(please leave a message if not answered).

The tour of village gardens will begin with a Pimms at the Playing Field and end with a Prosecco at the Royal Oak.

4th July 7:30pm Village Hall Our 'Good Life' at Puddle Paddock, Sue Stephenson

An acre of land with animals and plants in abundance. The 'good life' it really is but the reality is a bit more amusing!

Plant Sale Sunday 16th July at the Neighbourhood Café in the Village Hall car park, between 3.30pm and 5pm (plant donations welcome)

An Invitation to the Women of Hail Weston from

Great Staughton Women's Institute

to join them for the following event:

Tuesday 13th June

Ukelele Singers with Catherina Griffiths

Ladies interested in going along to the above event (7.00pm) at the WI hall in Great Staughton or those interested in the coffee mornings, please contact:

Barbara Wallis on 214582

ART Exhibition & Auction

A BIG THANK YOU

to everyone who supported our first ever Art Exhibition!

As a result of the generosity of the visitors and the hard work of all the helpers at the church and the sales team and the café in the Village Hall, a sum in excess of £2000 has been added to the church restoration funds.

It was a great weekend experience and we received lovely comments from visitors and exhibitors alike.

Works have now commenced on the restoration project so the church will be closed for several months but fund raising is still required so be on the lookout for future events!

Anne-Marie Hamilton
Chair of St Nicolas' Restoration Group

Neighbourhood Café



All are very welcome to come along to the Hail Weston neighbourhood cafe which is held monthly at the Village Hall. Enjoy a piece of cake, warm drink and a friendly chat.

We also collect donations for a different charity every month and welcome suggestions for charities from neighbours.

The date of the next café is

Sunday 18th June 3.30 - 5pm

If you don't receive emails about the cafe but would like to, please contact us at: hailwestonneighbourhoodcafe@gmail.com to ask to be put on to the updates list.

The HW Neighbourhood Cafe Team

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
The rains fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

With love and prayers, Nicki

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE 2023

Please visit our website on www.swhw.co.uk to find out more about the services. All 10.30am services can be accessed via Zoom ID 4184055563 Password 022067

Please note that Morning and Evening prayer is held on Zoom at 8.30am and 5.30pm respectively, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Hail Weston St. Nicolas'

All services to be held in the Village Hall

Wed 7th 10.00 am Morning Prayer
Sun 11th 9.00am Parish Communion
Sun 25th 9.00am Parish Communion

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Sun 4th 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.30am All Age Worship
Sun 11th 10.30am Parish Communion
Sun 18th 10.30am Parish Communion
3.00 pm Creative Communion - **moved from Hail Weston**
Sun 25th 10.30pm Parish Communion

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 4th 9.00am Parish Communion
Sun 18th 9.00am Pathfinder Service

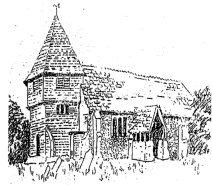
ST. NICOLAS' CHURCH

Reminder:

Currently the Church and Churchyard are Closed, due to the restoration works. We apologise for any inconvenience.

9.00am Services on the second and fourth Sundays will be held in the Hail Weston Village Hall.

3.00pm services for Creative Communion on the third Sunday will be held at St St Andrew's Church, Great Staughton for the time being.



The Mondays



The Mondays Choir will be rehearsing on the following dates:

Monday 29th May NO Meeting - Bank holiday

Monday 5th June 7.30 - 9.00pm Village Hall

Monday 12th June 7.30 - 9.00pm Village Hall

Monday 19th June NO meeting

Monday 26th June 7.30 - 9.00pm 17 High Street

Monday 3rd July 7.30 - 9.00pm 17 High Street

We will be rehearsing some new songs for our next concert -

Looking forward to seeing you - for further details ring Elaine on 474542

Pam Wilkie's

OPEN GARDEN AFTERNOON

with

Strawberries & Cream

Live Music & Raffle

Sunday 25th June 2023
2pm - 4:30pm

Entry £7.50 per person



In aid of the
Motor Neurone Disease Association
Cambridgeshire branch

Pam Wilkie
The Old Post Office, 36 High Street
Hail Weston, St Neots. PE19 5JW

St Nicolas' Church 100 Club 2022/23 Draw Year

The winners of the May draw are:

1 st prize	Ticket no 49	Eve & Reg Weeks	£50
2 nd prize	Ticket no 53	Pat Gillett	£25
3 rd prize	Ticket no 91	Jane Daplyn	£10

Congratulations to all the winners!