

Hail Weston Parish Council Your Newsletter Summer 2023



From the Chairman

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The past 12 months have seen a lot of changes on the Parish Council. After eight years as a member and the last four years in the Chair, Jill Gooch has stepped down. We will miss her pleasant, approachable manner, good judgement, and sound common sense.

Since the last newsletter, we have been joined by Hannah Morris who has continued the trend of the age profile of the council becoming more representative of that of the village as a whole. Hannah has already been involved in helping organise the celebrations for the Coronation. Veronica Bolton has also returned to the Parish Council and will be taking over from Jill as the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee.

We were pleased to maintain the precept (the part of the Council Tax which funds the Parish Council) at the current level. We did not wish to increase costs for residents in a difficult economic climate unless it was absolutely essential.

Wearing a different hat, I was pleased to see the Community Led Plan through to a successful conclusion. It was a real team effort which became protracted due to the restrictions of the pandemic. We look forward to organisations and individuals within Hail Weston embracing the plan and playing their role in implementing the improvements that it advocates.

Nick Farnden

Coronation Mugs

Cllr Hannah Morris has kindly organised Coronation mugs for the children who came and said hello to the Union Jack canvas at the Coronation event.

Look out for yours soon!

There may be spares so if you are interested, please let her know.



Ways to keep updated

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We have so many ways for you to keep up to date with what's available, much is going on, and as well as the Hail Weston Facebook pages, Hail Weston Mutual Aid WhatsApp group, Hail Weston News Mailchimp email, Church news (monthly), notice boards (Parish Council by Orchard Close entrance by BT Kiosk and post box) and notice board by playing field there is also the website hailweston.org.uk where events are posted. And finally this newsletter. The communication channels are varied and wonderful and people work very hard (volunteering) to try to reach all people whatever their preference to receive information. Please if you are feeling unsure contact us.

The 'events' section on the website is normally up to date.

Upcoming Events



Multiple Dates

Hail Weston Village Gardening Group..
Fri, 09 Jun | Hail Weston



Multiple Dates

Stretch & Relax
Mon, 12 Jun | Hail Weston



Multiple Dates

Neighbourhood Cafe
18 Jun, 15:30 – 19 Jun, 17:00
Hail Weston Village Hall, 109 High St, Hail Weston, Saint Neots PE19 5JS. UK



Hail Weston Newsletter



FREE Get Active Sessions

There's something for everyone!

Being active, meeting other people, and feeling in control of our lives, all contribute to good health.

Activities in Hail Weston Village Hall continue for the coming year aiming to improve health and wellbeing for Hail Westoners. The sessions are all ★FREE★ for you to try no obligation to attend all just try them! Hail Weston Parish Council (HWPC) are delighted to be offering a suite of activities for Hail Weston residents to enjoy on their doorstep.

A qualified coach from One Leisure Active Lifestyles is running a selection of adult activities for all abilities, each activity will run for six weeks.

Pre-booking is essential. To book please email clerk@hailweston.org.uk

FREE

Get Active in 2023!



Stretch & Relax

Mondays 9:00am - 10:00am | 5th June - 10th July inclusive
Hail Weston Village Hall, PE19 5JS



A chance to unwind and replenish your energy, designed to release tension from the body and the mind.



We are delighted to offer Hail Weston adult residents a selection of FREE activities, for all ages and abilities. Each activity will run for 6 weeks, but spaces are limited.

Please contact clerk@hailweston.org.uk to sign up

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FREE Get Active Sessions

**£4.20
PAY AS
YOU GO**

Get Active in 2023!



Strength and Balance

Mondays 2pm - 3pm until 26th June 2023

Hail Weston Village Hall, PE19 5JS



Combining strength, balance and coordination exercises to target and improve mobility, agility and flexibility



Due to the success of the free classes, we are delighted to offer Hail Weston adult residents a pay as you go Strength & Balance class on a trial basis until end of June 2023, with the hope of continuing if enough interest.

Please contact
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Due to the success of the free classes, for six weeks (trial) the Strength & Balance one-hour class is back!

Pay As You Go £4.20, remaining dates are:

- 12 June 2pm
- 19 June 2pm
- 26 June 2pm

All welcome.

A review will take place to understand if this can run for further weeks.

FREE

Get Active in 2023!



Summer Sports

Wednesdays 1:15pm - 2:15pm | 30th August - 4th October inclusive
Hail Weston Village Hall, PE19 5JS



A wide variety of sports, for example - cricket, volleyball, tennis, handball, tri-golf, boccia, athletics and dodgeball.



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Walking Sports

Fridays 3pm - 4pm | 13th October - 17th November inclusive
Hail Weston Village Hall, PE19 5JS



Modified versions of the football or netball suitable for adults aged 35+, regardless of ability or fitness.



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Older Adult Circuits

Mondays 11am - 12pm | 17th July - 21st August inclusive
Hail Weston Village Hall, PE19 5JS



A fun, social class with light - moderate exercise based around circuit stations to improve flexibility, strength and stamina.



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HAIL WESTON SPORTS SESSION



Hail Weston Village Hall



10am - 12pm



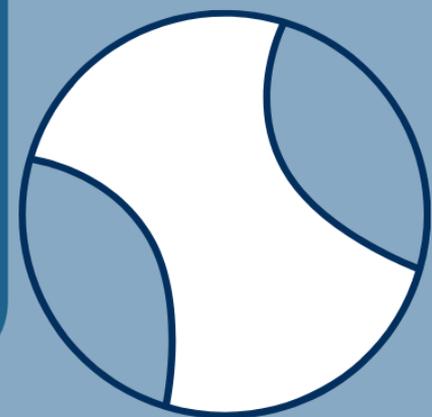
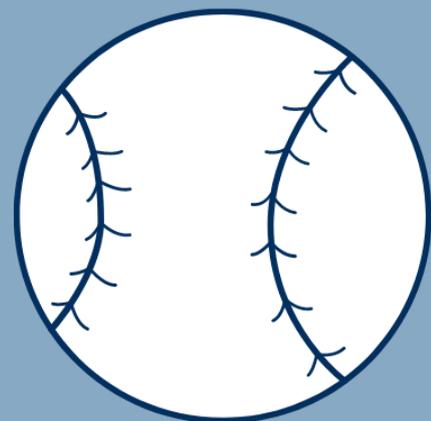
Thursdays

27th July - 31st August 2023

Join us for some **FREE** fun & active sessions for 5-11 year olds, with a range of sports on offer.

Pre-booking is essential
To book please email
clerk@hailweston.org.uk

- 2 qualified coaches
- Equipment cleaned before session
- A chance to try new sports



What's been happening

Thank you to our brilliant village volunteers!

There are far too many to mention who all selflessly give their time to make our village a great place to live. The following pages are just some photos of residents snapped as they volunteer in Hail Weston!

Below and right: Garden of Rest supported by Hail Weston Wildlife and Gardening Group.



Right: And the willow tunnel at the playing field getting some overdue TLC.

Below: The fabulous display of handmade crochet and knitted poppies for Remembrance will be hung annually in the church.



Below: Volunteers sprucing up and making the entrance to the new cemetery attractive.



What's been happening



Left: Beautiful cakes decorated to celebrate King Charles III's Coronation.

Right: The Coronation Group organised a wonderful event and collaborated with the Neighbourhood Café Team, cake bakers, Penny, and the village sewing group. The fun event was supported by residents and raised a fantastic £560!

With grateful thanks to both The Royal Oak Pub and the landowners (Mr and Mrs Taylor) of the land behind the Pub for allowing the use of all the areas.



Hail Weston Community Plan 2023-2027



The Volunteer Resident Group has completed and now published the 'Hail Weston Community Plan'. If you are interested in being involved with any of the 'actions' please contact Parish Council.

What's been happening

East West Rail

As part of the Chancellor's Spring Budget 2023, the Government announced that they expected a route update in May 2023.

The Bedford to Cambridge proposal by East West Rail (EWR), will see new train services connecting Oxford, Milton Keynes and Cambridge - unlocking the area's potential to create jobs, grow the economy and attract investment for the entire country. Please see updated map below following consultations.



Connecting Cambridgeshire

Many residents signed up to County Broadband some months back. The latest update is that the pre-order threshold was met; infrastructure is in design and they are apparently aiming to begin building soon. Residents can reach out to the customer service department at service@countybroadband.co.uk

Connecting Cambridgeshire is improving Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's digital infrastructure - including broadband, mobile and public access Wi-Fi coverage - to drive economic growth, help businesses and communities to thrive and make it easier to access public services.

If you have any queries or questions about broadband or mobile coverage in your area, or want more information about [Project Gigabit](#) or the [Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme](#), please email contact@connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk. Please include details of the location and postcode to help the team investigate and respond as soon as possible.

For more information about the programme or to find out if gigabit broadband is already available for your postcode, visit the Connecting Cambridgeshire website connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk



Ting Bus Roadshow

CCC Ward Cllr. Ian Gardener organised for Vectare, the new operator of the Ting Bus Service, to visit Hail Weston recently.

If you missed it as a reminder. This innovative bus service currently serves western Huntingdonshire. The Ting bus will collect you from any address within the service area. A bus stop is not required.



Journeys must be pre-booked, but this can be done on the day of travel. Bookings are made by calling 0115 777 3187 or by downloading the Vectare DRT app.

Buses operate every Monday-Saturday except bank holiday Mondays. First pick-ups are available from 06:00 each day with last drop-offs by 20:00.

The fare is £2 each way (£1 for riders under age 19). Concessionary passes are accepted on the service between 09:30 and 23:00 Monday-Friday and at all times on Saturdays. If you plan to travel with a wheelchair, pushchair, suitcases or a shopping trolley, then book via telephone so that a larger Ting vehicle is assigned to you.

There are a limited number of buses operating, so book one week in advance to avoid disappointment. If more riders use the service, we can make a better case to expand the service.

View the Ting service map and read more details on the Vectare website localbus.vectare.co.uk/ting

Photo ID required at Polling Stations

Residents are reminded that voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at Polling Stations. From October 2023 this will also apply to UK General Elections.

The accepted forms of photo ID are available at electoralcommission.org.uk

You will still be able to use your accepted form of photo ID even if it's out of date, as long as it looks like you. The name on your ID should be the same name you use to register to vote.



Other news

National Highways Update: A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Road Improvement Scheme

As you may already know “the court of appeal refused TAN’s application to appeal the refusal of permission for a judicial review. This means that the legal process is now over, and we can start working towards construction.

“Unfortunately, the legal challenge has disrupted our construction timetable and the start of work has been delayed. We are keen to get started as soon as possible, so you will see us continue preparatory works including archaeology, environmental surveys and diverting utilities as we get ready for full construction.

“We plan to move into full construction by the end of the year and expect the road to open in 2027.”

Have any questions about this newsletter?

Please contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@hailweston.org.uk with any questions regarding the content of this newsletter, or speak to members of Hail Weston Parish Council.

If you would like to submit any articles or photos for inclusion, please send them to the Parish Clerk.



Volunteering opportunities

Hinchingbrooke Hospital are looking for volunteers to give a small amount of their time in order to make a big difference to the wellbeing of their patients, families and their staff

Volunteering provides a sense of achievement whilst doing something positive for your local community and whatever your background, experience or interests, they are sure to have a role to suit you.

To find out more

Visit <https://www.nwangliaft.nhs.uk/join-our-team/nwangliaft-careers-hub/other-opportunities/volunteering/>

Email hch-tr.volunteering@nhs.net

VOLUNTEER



New Strategic Framework outlines the vision for Cambridgeshire

Councillors and colleagues across Cambridgeshire County Council are committed to "Creating a greener, fairer and more caring Cambridgeshire".



To achieve this vision, the Council has seven new ambitions which will be delivered through working with all its partners including the voluntary sector, businesses and communities to tailor services around people, families, and the communities they live in.

Further information about each of these ambitions and how progress will be tracked can be found in the Strategic Framework at <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asset-library/Business-Plan-Section-1-Strategic-Framework-2023-28.pdf>

Parish Council vacancy

As you may know Jill Gooch, Parish Chair has decided to step down from the Hail Weston Parish Council. Jill has been active during her eight years and her knowledge and great service to the village will be missed.

A vote for the co-option will take place at the next Parish Council meeting. Co-option of this vacancy will feature thereafter on Parish Meeting Agendas until filled.

As a Councillor representing your community, you will help to keep it a great place to live. You will be supported in your role and will be expected to undertake training. You should be comfortable working electronically. You should have a positive outlook, a can-do attitude, and be willing to work as part of a team.

To qualify a person must, on the day of co-option, be a British citizen and attained the age of 18 years AND

- On that day and thereafter continue to be a local government elector for the area of the authority, OR
- Has during the whole 12 months preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or any other premises in the area; OR
- Has their principal or only place of work during that 12 months in the area; OR
- Has during the 12 months resided in that area; OR
- During the whole 12 months has resided within the parish or within three miles of it.

Please speak with any Parish Council member for further information.

Keeping updated on crime matters

If you would like to join our village Neighbourhood Watch group, please visit <https://members.ourwatchmember.org.uk/join>. Once joined you will receive regular updates on news and activities.



Keep up-to-date with Police and Crime Commissioner, Darryl Preston's, news and activities by signing up to receive his monthly newsletter at <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKPCCC/bulletins/35131bd>

In this edition you can read about the latest successful recruitment campaign which will see record officer numbers in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, and also find out which projects supporting young people to make positive choices have received funding from my Youth Fund.

Neighbourhood Policing Community Meetings

Below are links to the forthcoming Community Meetings for 2023 which any resident is welcome to register to attend:

13 June

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/huntingdon-community-engagement-meeting-june-2023-tickets-492260804317>

12 September

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/huntingdon-community-engagement-meeting-september-2023-tickets-492262258667>

12 December

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/huntingdon-community-engagement-meeting-december-2023-tickets-492262409117>



- Meet your Neighbourhood Policing Team
- Find out what the team have been working on in your area
- Share your concerns
- Help shape the local policing priorities



SCAN HERE to find out when your next meeting is.



Creating a safer Cambridgeshire

You can also share your concerns by filling out our short survey. Whether it's anti-social behaviour, suspected drug dealing or speeding, **we want to hear from you.**

We review the responses regularly and use the information you provide to help prioritise the work we do in your neighbourhood.



SCAN HERE to fill out the survey

Call: 101
Visit: www.cambs.police.uk
Follow: @CambsDogs
Subscribe: ecops.org.uk

Planning

Call for Sites Consultation

Huntingdonshire District Council launched a 'Call for Sites' Consultation, as part of the second phase of engagement on a full update to the Local Plan.

The suitability of these sites will be assessed for potential allocation for their proposed use in the Local Plan update and consulted on in the future. Submitted sites will be assessed against the criteria set out in the Land Availability Assessment Methodology and the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.

The Local Plan is an important District Council document that sets the statutory planning framework for the district, shaping development many years into the future. Town and Country Planning Regulations state that the local planning authority must review it every five years starting from the date of adoption. For further information on the full update of the Local Plan, visit www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/localplanupdate

Planning in progress

Solar Farm application: **22/01813/FUL** Installation of the solar farm (generating up to 50MW) Land East and West of Little Staughton, Solar Farm, Kimbolton Road, Hail Weston Huntingdon District Council status is **in progress**.

The **Natural Burial Ground** near to Sacred Stones site has concluded all relevant surveys and continues to monitor six dipwells as requested by the Environment Agency.

H D Planning recently attended a parish meeting to present the Outline Permission plans and drawings relating to Bird Lane development of three properties. Residents and the parish council were able to ask questions directly to the developers, which was helpful. The next stage is that the submission to HDC of a Reserved Matters planning application would be imminent. This application would address appearance and landscaping as the outline had already addressed heights, layout, and highways.

The public are invited to attend any Parish Council meeting

The public may address the council on current matters or issues of concern in Open Forum (usually first item) and any matters raised for decision will become a future agenda item, unless already on the current agenda.

Forthcoming Parish Council meeting dates

2023	20 June	18 July	15 August
	19 September	17 October	21 November
2024	16 January		

Other updates

Playing Fields

Hail Weston Parish Council are waiting for installation of a new gate and cycle racks which are due to be installed in early July. The PC are looking at ways to improve the playing fields and is in the process of receiving quotations for maintaining the mound, BMX Track and wooden fort.



The new climbing wall is being enjoyed and was funded by National Lottery funding.

The bench in the playing field was generously donated from funds raised at last years' Fete and Dog Show.

Solar Lighting B645

The Parish Council have recently bid again for some monies towards improving the cycle path connecting Hail Weston to St Neots. The Parish Council were part of 'complex applications' and against St Neots Town Council for seeking funding from Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC).



Drains

Cambridgeshire County Council have responded to the Parish Council's request to investigate issues with drains, with cameras as several have been unable to have been cleared routinely. Much thanks to Paul and Tony Bakers' efforts to get to the root of the issues, identifying problematic drains and reporting accurately has expedited up this issue, Thank you to both.

Hedges

Several residents have recently contacted the Parish Council to highlight issues they are having whilst walking and driving about the village. Most hedges reported look tidy but are starting to encroach footpaths and visibility so please do check yours. Thanks in advance.

Residents have also reported that due to the open nature of gardens in Orchard Close, dog fouling is a concern. Please be respectful that just because a front garden appears open it is not appropriate to let your dog foul there.



Litter pick

Thank you so much for a great village turnout back in March. It really does make a difference to see our village free of litter as everyone wants it to be a pleasant place to live.