Repairs to Ford End Footbridge due to start in August

The following works are scheduled to commence on Monday 3 August 2009:

- Modification/extension of north abutment to Ford End Footbridge & Repair to area of undermining below carriageway slab.

The works are programmed to be completed on Friday 14 August 2009.

A traffic diversion route will be in place for the duration of the works, taking south-bound traffic east onto the Great North Road/A1 towards the south then west onto the B645 Kimbolton Road and finally northwards onto the High Street and Ford End.

Cambridgeshire Highways have told us any inconvenience caused to road users was regretted, but they emphasised the proposed remedial works were essential if further deterioration of the bridge substructure and adjacent road are to be prevented.

The Cambridgeshire Highways Bridges Team can be contacted on 0845 045 5212 if you have any questions about the works.
Hail Weston Garden Competition 2009

The fourth Hail Weston Garden Competition took place during July this year.

Front gardens were judged on their design, layout & tidiness. Window boxes, pots & hanging baskets were also judged on their colour & flair.

Our Judge once again was fellow villager Dawn Isaac who is a talented garden designer and a RHS Chelsea award winner.

This year, our generous sponsors are:

DAB Building and Construction Services Ltd., AJB Homes Ltd., the Royal Oak and Waitrose.

Many thanks to our sponsors for supporting this year’s competition.

The PRIZES donated by our generous sponsors were awarded as follows:

1st Prize: £60
25 Orchard Close

2nd Prize: A Meal at the Royal Oak
53 Orchard Close

Special Category Prize: £10
51 Orchard Close

Congratulations to all the winners!

Dog Fouling in the village...

Recently we have seen an increase in dog poop in the village that has not been scooped.

If you have a dog, please make sure whoever walks them (whether it’s you or someone else on your behalf) cleans up after them.

Many dog owners are vigilant in doing this but others are less careful.

It is unhygienic and anti-social not to clean up after your four-legged friend. Please consider others…or perhaps get a Goldfish instead!

Time for another Litter Pick?

Litter is appearing once again in the village, on the High Street and in Ford End.

We think it is time for another litter pick after the success of previous litter picks.

What do you think?

Why not email us at contactus@hailweston.org and tell us what you think.

Details of a proposed date for another village litter pick will be published later this year.
The last 12 months have been one of the busiest periods ever for Hail Weston Parish Council. In the last year we have been working on two major projects, welcomed three new councillors and dealt with a range of complex planning issues and that’s before we deal with the everyday maintenance that the village requires.

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We have submitted an application for Planning Permission to turn the spinney, which adjoins the current churchyard, into a new cemetery. If this application is successful we will then be in a position to make a formal offer for the land.

In the last six months we have welcomed Sheila Buchanan, Di Salter and Matt Frank to the council. Earlier in the year we were sorry to see Cindy Couzens and Liz Bacon leave. Last month Martin Baughan stood down after six years. In that time Martin carried out an immense amount of work behind the scenes. In particular, he set up the Parish Council website, took over this newsletter and developed a widely admired budget for the Parish Council.

During the course of the year we introduced a contract for the allotments, which protects the position of the council and the tenants. We have campaigned for improvements to the footbridge over the Ford, dealt with a range of complex and often controversial planning measures, arranged repairs to the road and worked with the police to ensure that Hail Weston’s needs are taken into account when their priorities are set.

This is the 3rd Annual report we have produced. We are always striving to improve our communications.

Communication is a two way process and we need to hear your views in order to work effectively for the village.

Nick Farnden
Chairman
What is the Parish Council?

Hail Weston has seven voluntary Councillors who give their time freely and represent an electorate of 490. Each Councillor serves for a term of 4 years. The Parish Clerk is the only employee and is part-time.

Meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the Village Hall with no meetings in August or December. There is also a Planning Sub-committee that meets when required.

Members of the public are welcome to attend. There is an opportunity for public participation at every meeting where anyone can air their views or ask questions.

The notices for these meetings are posted on the village notice board and can also be found on the web site at: www.hailweston.org.uk

The dates for the meetings for the remainder of 2009 are listed below.

What we did in 2008/09

Continued work towards the provision of a new cemetery.

Continued work towards applying for funding/grant to update play area on village playing field.

Continued to lobby Cambs CC for an improved crossing over the Ford.

Introduced an Allotment Policy & Tenancy.

Continued to campaign for increased safety measures on the B645.

Reapplied pressure to BT to re-paint Phone Box.

Renewed our efforts to reduce speeding motorcyclists on the B645.

Dates for the diary...

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2009

15th SEPTEMBER
20th OCTOBER
17th NOVEMBER

(There are no meetings in August or in December)
Summary of Income & Expenditure for 2008/09

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6,614 Excess of Income/expenditure 2,534

“The main source of income is the precept (council tax). In 2008/09 it was £14,800 which represented 58p per elector per week”
Hail Weston Parish Council Contact Details

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We’re on the Web!  
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We welcome your views...

If you have any comments or would like to discuss anything mentioned in the newsletter or in the annual report, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Clerk, Sheila Penton or alternatively a member of the Parish Council.