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## LETTERS & NOTICES

I was saddened to read in last month's Spectrum the unfounded and unsubstantiated comments made by Hilton Parish Council against myself both as an individual and as the Editor of the Hilton Community Website and Digital Archive. At no time have I published, as claimed, any "incorrect information" and I have only ever sought to keep the villagers of Hilton informed of important issues that potentially affect the village and its residents.

Thanks for all of your support

Andy Bush

Editor Hilton Community Website and Digital archive

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### FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH – OPEN GARDENS

Spring is just around the corner and it will soon be time to think about our gardens. We are having an OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND this year on 23 and 24 June. If you feel you could open your garden, please contact Sylvia on 01480 465295 or Julia on 01480 301252.

We shall also be having a book stall and a plant stall so now is the time to think about those unwanted books and any plants you will have to spare.

### ***Urgent help required with Hilton feast week. See page 49.***

The **Hilton 200 Club** is running and open for entries. Full details/entry forms can be found on our website. Jenny Hartwell, who has kindly been running the club since last year, is leaving the village and so we are also looking for someone to take on this responsibility. ***If you can spare an hour or so each month to administer the 200 Club please get in touch.***

**FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
still "Passionate about learning"

We have had a busy Spring term in Sapphire Zone. In January we were lucky enough to have a visit from Portals to the Past who brought with them a large collection of dinosaur models (some which were as big as the children!) and fossils which sparked our imagination ready for our new topic, Dinosaurs.



After half term we have enjoyed dressing up as our favourite book characters for World Book Day and learning all about non-fiction book features. The weather has also been an unexpected bonus; the children have had a wonderful time playing in the snow



## HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - APRIL

### HILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

1st April at 10am. Easter Sunday service led by Mrs Wendy Beard

8th April at 11.15am. United service at Parish Church

15th April at 10am Local arrangement service

22nd April at 11.15am. OUR CHURCH ANNIVERSARY. UNITED SERVICE LED BY OUR FORMER MINISTER REV HUGH-NIGEL SHEEHAN. (see page 42) All are welcome at this special service to celebrate 150 years since the founding of our church in Hilton. The exhibition about the history of our church will be open after the service and during the afternoon in the church. Refreshments will be served in the church hall.

29th April at 10am. Mr Derek Rutherford

### Dates of future events:

13 May Five Pub Challenge, Over

20th May Fenstanton Village Hall Trust Garage Sale P28

16th June Royal Air Force voluntary band concert at the Free Church in St Ives

23rd June 1<sup>st</sup> Fenstanton & Hilton Scout Group Big Breakfast.

23/24 June Fenstanton Open Gardens P7

7 July Fenstanton Village Sports at Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School from 2pm P20

29th July to 5 August Hilton Feast week P49

27 July Hilton Village Summer Ball P24

29 July Hilton Produce Show P44

30 July Dr Dolittle P47

If you know of any local event not listed - no matter how far ahead - send us a note with the date and we will include it in 'Dates of Future Events'

## HILTON PARISH CHURCH - APRIL

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Easter Day</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter 2</b>	
Hilton	11.15am	United Service at PC with children's activities in church
Hilton	12.30pm	APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) in church
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter 3</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Easter 4</b>	
Hilton	11.15am	United Service (non-communion) in <b>Methodist Church</b> 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. <i>Note change of arrangements to normal schedule.</i>
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter 5</b>	
Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b>		
Hilton	9.30am	Tots' Praise
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Easter 6</b>	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church



## HILTON METHODIST CHURCH FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday, 7th April 10.00am - 12.00 noon.**

We will be pleased to see you for as short or as long a time as you can manage. We always have lovely gifts, cards and groceries from the St Ives Fairtrade shop on sale. We serve coffee and tea and biscuits for £1.50 and the profit goes to EACH. Do come and join us for a drink and a chat.



## HILTON PARISH CHURCH - APRIL

### Jigsaw Exchange – Hilton Parish Church

We have started a jigsaw exchange in the parish church in Hilton and would love to get more local puzzlers involved – you don't have to actually live in Hilton to join in. The puzzles will be stored in the church which is open during the day, or evenings by request. The idea is that you just go in and exchange your puzzle(s) or, if you don't have a puzzle to exchange, then just borrow one and bring it back when you're finished. We can even collect & deliver puzzles for anyone with limited mobility and, of course, would be happy to receive puzzle donations



For more information, please contact Rachel Wood (830866) or Jenny Broom (830413)

### TOTS' PRAISE (0– 4 year olds) - HILTON

Our tots' session in April will be on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April from 9 30 till 10 30am in the Parish Church.

We would love to see some new faces joining us for story, craft, singing and bubbles!

If you would like more details, contact Linda on 830660.

Happy Easter everyone!

### Contact information:

Rev'd David Busk on 01480 436400 or [dwbusk@hotmail.com](mailto:dwbusk@hotmail.com) (for weddings, baptisms, funerals and matters of pastoral concern), Rachel Wood 01480 830866 (general enquiries) or Jenny Broom 01480 830413.

### **The Particular Baptist Chapel Church Lane, Fenstanton, PE28 9JW**

There has been a witness to the worship of God here over the years since 1643

**Services are on Sundays at 10.30am and 2.30pm**

**and on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm**

We still use the Authorised, King James Bible, believe in Particular Redemption and the traditional manner of worship.

***All are welcome***

Pastor: BE Izzard (01480 830142)



## FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH - APRIL

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Day</b>	
	10.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b> with Canon Jonathan Young (see separate poster)
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (short said service)
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>	
	10.00 am	<b>Worship for All</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (short said service)
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	
	9.30 am	<b>Holy Communion and Sunday Club</b> with Rev Clifford Owen
	11.30 am	<b>Baptism</b>
	6.00 pm	<b>Sung Evensong</b> with Geoff Dodgson
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (short said service)
	3.20 pm	<b>Jaffa Club</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	7.30-8.45 pm	<b>Teenage Christians (TC)</b> at the Church Centre
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	
	9.30 am	<b>Family Communion</b> by extension with Harvey Marshall
	11.30 am	<b>Baptism</b>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	8.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (short said service)
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	
	9.30 am	<b>Holy Communion and Sunday Club</b> with Rev Canon Brian Atling. The British Legion will be commemorating Albert Robert SMITH and John Willie CLIFF of the village who fell 100 years ago in WW1 under the 'Every Man Remembered' programme.
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	8.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> (short said service)
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.30-8.45 pm	<b>Teenage Christians (TC)</b> at the Church Centre

**Contact information:**

For **Fenstanton**: The Rural Dean (Rev Canon Brian Atling) is acting as priest-in-charge while the parish is in interregnum. He may be contacted for any pastoral matters on 01480 493975.

Please direct all other enquires to someone in the leadership team who will be happy to try and help.

Harvey Marshall as Licensed Lay Minister on 01480 395936 is also a first contact point for funerals, and is also available for any pastoral conversations.

Churchwardens Philip Blunt 01480 461751, Ray Whitby 01480 370973 or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211 for baptism enquiries and general church matters.

Other points of contact: for Community Fund

[FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com](mailto:FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com)

Lisa Jablonska is our contact for couples looking to be married here, or for their banns read; [chrislisa@jablonski.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:chrislisa@jablonski.fsnet.co.uk), 01480 496138.

Web <http://www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk/>, and on Facebook



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# Fenstanton Parish Church

## Holy Week and Easter



### **Palm Sunday (25<sup>th</sup> March)**

9.15am Procession from Ron's Farm Shop;  
followed by  
9.30am Family Communion service and  
refreshments served afterwards

### **Maundy Thursday (29<sup>th</sup> March)**

8.30am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Holy Communion, with foot-washing;  
followed by vigil to midnight



### **Good Friday (30<sup>th</sup> March)**

10.00am to noon Children's Workshop

12.15pm Devotional Service at St Mary's  
Fen Drayton followed by walk with the  
cross and picnic back to Fenstanton for  
2.45pm service at Fenstanton church

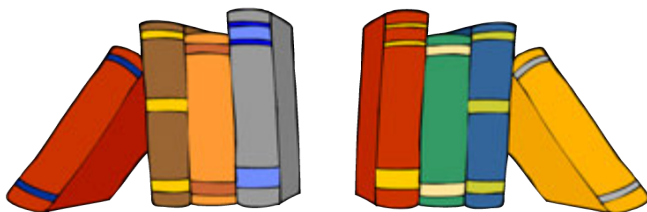
### **Easter Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> April)**

10.00am Holy Communion, with  
blessing of the Easter garden.  
Bring a small flower to place in the  
garden. Refreshments afterwards



**Come and join us, all welcome**

BOOK



AND  
PLANT SALE



SATURDAY APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>  
9-30AM -12 NOON

If you have any spare plants please donate them to us,  
can be left at 28 Bell Lane, thank you.

## FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH - APRIL

### Services:

#### APRIL

- 1<sup>ST</sup> 9.30am Rev Dr Catherine Ball Easter Sunday  
8<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Mrs Pauline Zahmer  
15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Rev Dr Catherine Ball  
6.00pm Mr and Mrs Cakebread  
29<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Mr Josh Thomas

We are looking for a **Keyboard organist** or **piano player** for our Sunday morning services.

This is not for every Sunday, dates to be arranged.

There is a small remuneration for this.

For more details please ring Jean on 01480 498221

### EVENTS

- 3<sup>RD</sup> April Tuesday Lunch 12 for 12-30pm  
10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> 10-00am Knitters and Natters  
17<sup>th</sup> 10-00am Coffee Morning  
28<sup>th</sup> 9-30am -12 noon Book and Plant Sale

Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.

Fenstanton United Reformed Church is part of the St Ives Group of Churches.

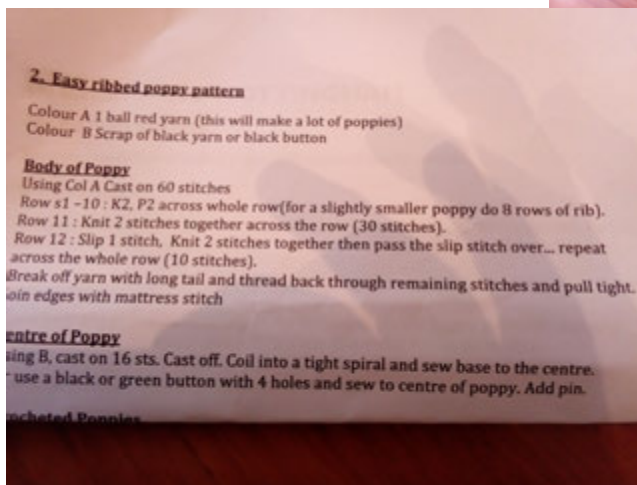
Contact Rev Dr Catherine Ball on 01480 352058

or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535

Fenstanton Knitters and Natters are making these poppies for the British Legion Appeal in St Ives, if anyone would like to knit some for us please see the pattern.

Can be delivered to [28 Bell Lane](#).

Thank you Jean





# JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY MORNINGS FROM 10AM

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FENSTANTON CAMBS. PE28 9RB

Regular church services every Sunday from 10am.

God bless you richly.

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*Pastor Simeon & Pastor Joyce*

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**St Ives**, Church of the Sacred Heart, 19 Needingworth Rd.

Parish Priest: Fr. Karol Porczak M.S.

Tel 01480 462192, [www.sacredheart-stives.org](http://www.sacredheart-stives.org)

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00, Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

**Papworth Everard**, at the **Parish Church**, Saturday Mass 18.00

## The Bridge Church

### Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities.

**Sunday Services** start at 10.30am at 2, Burrell Road, (off Marley Road and near to the Co-op Store) St. Ives, PE27 3LE.

Come along to our lovely church building for some lively worship; hear about God's love for us and how we can put it into practice in our lives.



We also meet together in **Small Groups** during the week, where we build friendships and grow together as a family in our faith. We hold a monthly church **Prayer Meeting**, bi-monthly **Men's Breakfast Fellowship** and also a bi-monthly **Woman's Breakfast Fellowship**. We also hold a bi-monthly **Men's' Curry Night** at a local restaurant.

There is a **Youth Group** for 11 to 18 year olds which meet on Friday nights in term-time between 7 to 9 pm. The **Babies and Toddlers Group** meet at 9.30am on Thursdays in term-time. A **Craft Club** meets at 2pm on alternate Thursday afternoons. A **Woman's Weekly Bible Study** group meets each Tuesday at 10am. We would love to welcome you to any of these events.

**The Separate Children's church** at the Bridge is a fun, exciting and safe place where children can learn about God in a meeting especially designed for them. The mornings are jam-packed with activities in a contemporary style, relevant to the culture in which today's children are growing up. Why not encourage your children to come along from 10.15 am on a Sunday morning.

For further details of the above and other events please see the website or ring the Church Office on 01480 498801. [www.thebridgechurch.co.uk](http://www.thebridgechurch.co.uk)



## Fenstanton Village Sports Day,

7th July at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School, from 2pm.

Now the snow has gone it is time to start thinking about the summer and what you have created, grown or baked that could be entered in the produce show. This year we will have a world cup theme, including; Lego models, cakes etc. Look out for the full list of the produce categories which will be in the May edition of Spectrum and on our Facebook page.

We will have our usual array of stalls, bar, BBQ/Hog roast and a range of races for all ages. If you won a trophy last year, please don't forget it to return to Ron's Farm Shop by early June.

If you would like to run a stall or are able to volunteer to help with set up, activities on the day or with clearing up on the Sunday please contact Janet Way [jan.way26@gmail.com](mailto:jan.way26@gmail.com)

# FENSTANTON VILLAGE SPORTS DAY at

FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Saturday, 7th July, from 2.00pm**

**with activities for all the family**



**BAR**

*Stalls*



**RACES FOR ALL AGES  
from 3.00pm**



**Produce  
Show**



# The Hilton Summer Ball

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

Dinner, drinks & dancing at the marquee on the green, Hilton  
**Curtain-up 6.30pm (fizz reception)**

Inspired by

*Arabiān nights*

Black tie. Tickets **£55** per person

Fine dining by the Cambridge dining company

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For tickets call Sharon **07984 232 424** or Pam **07920 160 439**

Email [hiltonball@outlook.com](mailto:hiltonball@outlook.com)

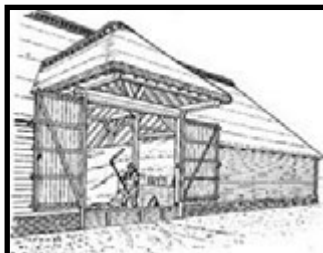
Charity raffle in aid of

  
**blue smile**  
Happier children  
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## Fenstanton of Old: By John Deeks

In early Fenstanton, before the advent of steam engines for threshing, the corn was knocked out on the barn floors using flails. Above the doors of the barns the workers would have nailed the moles and rats they had killed. This was a very old custom and it was done to frighten away other vermin. Game keepers also carried out this practice with Crows and Rooks.



Well into the second half of the 19th century threshing the corn crop by hand in this way continued to be the predominant way of processing the crop. The grain and chaff (the husks) were then 'winnowed' (blowing a current of air through the grain) in order to remove the chaff and to separate them by throwing the grain into the air, the through-draft from the opposing doors blowing the chaff away from the grain. The introduction of the portable threshing gear and steam engines in the 1850s lowered the cost of machine threshing and enabled its more widespread introduction.

This extract is from the Fenstanton parish church warden's accounts; 20th March 1739. "Be it remembered the day and year above written was bargained and agreed between the parish church of Fenstanton on one part, and Nicholas Mead of Godmanchester in the other part, that the said Nicholas Mead is to kill the moles in all the bounds of the said parish for the sum of twelve years at the price of fifteen shillings a year. The first payment to be paid at Lady Day 1741: Witnessed by hand Nicholas Mead, X his mark".

An ancient custom in this village is a right that belongs to anyone in the village to this day. "Any person in the village of Fenstanton had and still has the free right to dig and fetch away, or cart away clay from "Clay Fields" (these stretched from south of Oaklands to the Hilton road) without payment". Years ago the clay was used to make the level clay floors for threshing. The clay dried hard, equal to our present cement floors. The people also used the clay to Stucco the outside and inside of houses and partly to build the walls with.

In the 18th and into the second half of the 19th centuries, there were no railways; all journeys about the country were by coaches or on horseback, along what passed for roads. The outside coach fare from St Ives to London cost 6/6 (£32), inside the coach the fares was 13/- (£64), children on the lap, half price and 14lb of luggage was allowed. The waterways, rivers and canals were used for conveying most commercial goods. Our river would have been a lively spot then, with large numbers of barges towed by horses, walking along the tow paths that went up and down the river.

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## Fenstanton of Old: By John Deeks

Perambulators (prams) were not used by working class people so a small child would be carried in its mother's arms. Outdoors a woman would wear a bonnet and underneath the bonnet and, kept on at all times, was her white nurse-cap that all women wore, as soon as they got married and had become 'matrons'. A shawl or perhaps a little white 'Kerchief' with lace around the edge would be worn on the shoulders. To make extra money many people in Fenstanton made bobbins of pillow lace.

In those days all clothing was handmade; sewing machines were not yet invented. Many farmworkers in Fenstanton wore washed smocks that the women made. The yokes at the top were smocked and ornamented with stitches. These were still worn by some farm workers in the early 20th century. An old man would often keep to wearing smocks after younger men took to wearing coats. A man would have a clean smock every Sunday and knee breeches that buttoned below the knee. These would have a set of breeches buttons, three for each leg, some used bone others pearl buttons.



There were smocks for Sunday best and weddings, usually white. Working smocks were normally brown or grey. Most were made of cotton or linen. The pattern of smocking on the breast often denoted his job. Smocking patterns were also peculiar to local areas.

Smocks were eventually replaced by wide cut shirts, waistcoats, breeches, jackets and hats. Later working men wore fustian jackets (Thick, hard-wearing twilled cloth with a short nap, usually dyed in dark colours), and corduroy trousers. Many men fastened their trouser legs with binder twine to keep out dust,

dirt, mice and snakes!

John.deeks@ntlworld.com



### THE FEN SHANTY FOLK

We are a mixed group of all ages singing shanties, folk and popular songs for pleasure. A relaxed and informal group we sing by ear and mostly unaccompanied but we are on the lookout for any musicians who would like to join us.

We meet every Thursday night 7.30pm-9.30pm. The first Thursday of the month we meet in our homes the rest of the month in Fenstanton Church Centre.

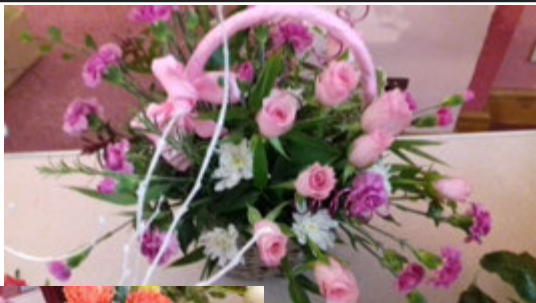
If you enjoy singing in good company why not come along? We would love to see you.

**Available for bookings**

For details call Ray on 01480 370973 or email [raywhitby@gmail.com](mailto:raywhitby@gmail.com)

## THE FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

14th February  
Beverly Tack  
demonstrated six  
beautiful displays of  
spring flowers which we  
then raffled. Wonderful  
display.  
28th February



Unfortunately, we were beaten by the weather. Wood Green cancelled because the roads were so bad and really too unsafe also for our members to venture out. The talk will now take place on 9th May.

11th April

A talk by John Deeks who has a wealth of knowledge about the history of the area.

25th April

We will be entertained by Steve the Juggler with a talk about the history of the circus and a demonstration of juggling. If you would like to "spin some plates" please join us.

We meet every other Wednesday from 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm in the building of the United Reformed Church in Chequer Street. New members will be made very welcome.

Enquiries to Marie Newns 01480 350677

## FENSTANTON WI

### Fenstanton WI - March Report

Unfortunately, due to the exceptionally inclement weather, the March meeting was cancelled. However, on the previous morning, a small group of members braved the cold and joined with other ladies from the local WI Federation for a very enjoyable trip to London to see the musical "42nd Street".

Our Quiz Team managed to reach the Final of the Huntingdon & Peterborough Federation of WIs Centenary Quiz and we came First, beating 11 other teams! Winning the Federation Centenary Quiz in our own Centenary Year is a very special achievement!

### Meetings Programme:

[Please note changes]

April 5th Millinery / Jewellery - Helen Tilley

May 3rd Resolutions followed by "Cook with Amanda" - Amanda Hoskins

June 7th Scam Awareness - Elaine Mountfort

If you are thinking about joining the WI, come along to one of our meetings and you will be made very welcome! We meet in the Church Centre on the first Thursday of the month [except January] at 7:30pm.

For more information, please email Deborah Markl [marklquinn@gmail.com](mailto:marklquinn@gmail.com)

## FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST



Fenstanton Village Hall Trust

# Fenstanton Garage Sale



**Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 from 9am to 1pm**

Please register your garage at  
[fenstantonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:fenstantonvillagehall@gmail.com) or call 007793546841,  
giving your name, address and contact details.

Registration fee £6. Garage location maps for £2 from the  
Clock Tower car park. (by kind permission of Fenstanton Parish Council)



### **UPDATE FROM FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL February 2018 (Full Council meeting took place 8.3.2018)**

#### **\*\* VILLAGE MEETING \*\***

I have had very few responses to this so far. Please get in touch if you have any topics you would like to see discussed at the meeting. Although the date is to be confirmed an indication of interest in attending would also be appreciated. *We also still currently have vacancies on the Parish Council.*

#### **Planning - Huntingdonshire's Local Plan to 2036**

Letters have been sent to the Head of Development at HDC expressing concern over village allotment land, the lack of space for burial ground (in Fenstanton and other villages) the identification of 'Vindis' as being in St Ives and other more general concerns.

#### **Planning Applications**

The Parish Council has recently raised objections to several applications which have involved the removal of trees.

#### **Boundary Change**

Fenstanton is currently split into two wards - Fenstanton North and Fenstanton South. For District Council elections these have been split between St Ives North and St Ives South. Parishioners in Greenfields, Maytrees and Elizabeth Court (Fenstanton North) have received notification that in District Council elections they will be voting for Councillors in the St Ives South Ward with a new polling station - Sacred Heart Church Hall, Needingworth Road, St Ives.

#### **Update from A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme – Highways England**

Two representatives from this team presented at the Full Council meeting on 8 March. A summary of points made will be in the draft minutes of this meeting (see website). The work is on time for the new road to be opened by December 2020. A mobile visitor centre will be at Tesco Bar Hill on May 31 along with an archaeological time truck displaying finds made during the construction works so far.

#### **Village noticeboards**

The new noticeboards which will be put up once received will all be lockable. Please let me know if you use the open board at Headlands currently *and I will be happy to make sure you have access.*



### **Collapsed Gravestone**

A quote has now been accepted for this work and it is hoped this will be started soon.

### **Chequer Street Green**

Cllr Pask and I met with a Highways representative to discuss the erosion of the edges of the green and the pinch point at one end. Further consideration will be given to this. We have put in a request that the yellow lines on Honey Hill green be repainted.

### **World War 1 Centenary**

The Parish Council will be considering how to commemorate this important centenary but I would be very pleased to hear of any ideas or suggestions you have.

### **Police report**

*13 – 19 February*

*Conington Road, Fenstanton* – police received reports of a car on its side in a ditch in this area at 6:15 am on Friday morning, 16 February. The driver had escaped unhurt but the car was a distraction, so police organised for recovery services to tow it away.

*20 – 26 February*

*Pitfield Close, Fenstanton* – an unknown person caused criminal damage to a car whilst it was left parked on the driveway outside its owner's house on Pitfield Close, at some time overnight on Monday 19/ Tuesday 20 February. The car owner found that the windscreen had been smashed. Brake fluid from the car was also discovered underneath it on the driveway.

*West End Road, Fenstanton* – thieves broke into a storage garage on West End Road belonging to the Bowls Club at some time between midday on Saturday 24 and midday on Tuesday 27 February; they stole a lawn mower and a car battery.

### **Next meetings (slight change since previous issue)**

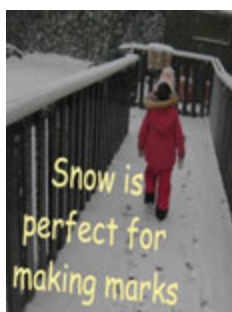
Full Council	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
Finance & Constitution	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April
123 <sup>rd</sup> Assembly of the Parish	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> April

## FENSTANTON PRE-SCHOOL

### Fenstanton Pre-School – Spring Term

Although we have lots of structured activities, we are predominately a free flow setting, and one of the great advantages to this is that the children can decide where they want to play and learn. Recently the children have loved spending time wrapped up warm outside in the snow- it was so much fun, and perfect for practicing mark making and exploring ice and snow!

There has also been great enthusiasm for the newest addition to our outside space- a builder's tool shed. We have had some great building role play, some fabulous structures, and lots of measuring and counting.



PE sessions remain a favourite with everyone and are a great way to help the children prepare for school. We have just added an additional session on Mondays so that more children can benefit. The children love visiting the Primary School Hall for these sessions. This, alongside our weekly visits to the school library, and attending some school assemblies, is really helping our children start to feel familiar with the school surroundings.

We always find that our pupil numbers build as the school year progresses, and we are now close to reaching maximum levels on some days. We always advise parents to get their children registered as soon as possible to help secure a place. For more information please see our website or contact us to arrange a visit. We would love to show prospective parents around.

And finally, a request for help! If anyone would like to come in and talk to the children about their employment or any particular hobbies such as gardening, knitting etc, they would be very welcome. Please just contact us so we can make arrangements.

**Phone:01480496156**

**Email: [contact@fenstantonpreschool.org.uk](mailto:contact@fenstantonpreschool.org.uk)**

## HILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Report from Parish Council meeting dated 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### **Cricket Pavilion**

If you were unable to attend the open meeting on 13 March 2018 regarding the pavilion you will be able to see the plans for the proposed redevelopment on our website [www.hiltonparishcouncil.com](http://www.hiltonparishcouncil.com)

### **A14 Construction traffic through the Village**

Construction traffic seen through the village continues at disappointing levels. The Parish Council have requested a further meeting with Highways England to discuss this matter and their commitment to reduce construction traffic through the village. Please continue to let our Clerk, Mrs Jo Perez, know details of any A14 construction vehicles seen in the village. It will be helpful to let Jo know registration numbers and time the vehicle was seen.

### **Local Buses**

The Parish Council agreed to a letter which the St Ives Town Council will be sending to Cambridgeshire County Council. It is hoped that the next stage of the process will be a meeting with CCC.

### **Paths on the Green**

It was resolved that quotes for work to renovate the footpaths across the Green will be based on widths of 1.0m for the path from the Church to the Village Hall and 0.9m for the rest of the paths. The wooden edging will be removed and the compacted stone foundation will be repaired and then covered with a thin layer of pea gravel.

### **Forthcoming Elections**

Elections across the County for District and Parish Councillors are being held on Thursday 3 May 2018. Full details of the election timetables will be placed on the notice boards and are available on our website.

### **Hilton Community Website**

In the last edition of "Spectrum" the Parish Council entry used the term "under the guise". The term was not intended to cause offence and the Parish Council would like to apologise to the editor of the "Hilton Community Website" for its misuse and the subsequent offence caused.

### **Next Meeting**

Please note that the next full meeting of the Parish Council is taking place on Tuesday 3 April 2018 at 7.30 pm at Hilton Village Hall. We would like to remind parishioners who intend to speak at any Parish Council meeting that it must be related to an item on the published agenda.

Notice of agendas and contact details will be placed on the HPC website; [www.hiltonparishcouncil.com](http://www.hiltonparishcouncil.com) and on the village notice boards. Minutes of meetings are also available on the website.

## HILTON BRITISH LEGION

Ninety years ago, in August 1928, veterans of World War I and war widows made a journey to the battlefields of the Somme, Ypres and the Menin Gate, known then as the Great Pilgrimage.

This year under the title GP90 that pilgrimage is to be organised and re-enacted by the Royal British Legion from the 5th to the 9th of August with visits to various key battlefields and cemeteries, culminating with a poignant parade at the Menin Gate which will be attended by many thousands from all walks of life.

The St Ives and district Royal British Legion and Royal British Legion Women's Section are each pleased and honoured to be represented at this important pilgrimage by a Standard Bearer and Wreath Carrier. Children from local schools are being asked to write a message for these two wreaths, to be chosen by local Mayors after which all the other messages will be exhibited at some time during the summer.

What a centenary year this is - to name but a few - the birth of Nelson Mandela, Women's suffrage (for some), the formation of the Royal Air Force, the establishment of the Papworth Settlement for the support of veterans (later to have a sister village in Knights Enham in Hampshire and renamed Enham Alamein after WW2) and of course the Armistice in 1918 after four years and 428 days of conflict.

Margaret Shardlow, 831186 and Julie Briggs 830580

## Mobile Library



**DON'T FORGET** that the mobile library visits Hilton, stopping outside the Village Hall, once a month on the *second Thursday* in the month between 2.05 and 2.20pm. It has a wide choice of books for you to borrow, with many books for children of all ages. It also carries a range of large print books.

**TRY IT OUT, COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF**

## GOLDEN AGE GAMERS IN HILTON.

Come and join me for an afternoon playing board games.  
All ages are welcome.

The next date will be April 4<sup>th</sup> 2018, 2.30 to 4.30.

Anyone who is interested please phone –  
Jenny on 01480 83151

# **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Hilton Methodist Church Do come and join us to celebrate !**

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2018, we will be celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of church services at Hilton Methodist Church. The first service was on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 1868. Why not come and celebrate with us? We'd be delighted to see you.



There is an exhibition in the church on Saturday and Sunday with tea, coffee and squash with delicious cakes in the schoolroom.

After the exhibition on Saturday, the Sedici Choir will be giving a concert in the church at 6.30 p.m.

There is no charge for admission to either the exhibition or the concert but donations will be gratefully received.

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April there will be a joint Anglican and Methodist service at 11.15 a.m. We've invited Rev. Hugh-Nigel Sheehan to preach and there will be a celebration fruit cake and tea, coffee and squash after the service.

The exhibition will be open:-

Saturday 10 a.m. – 12 noon and then from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Sunday after the morning service and from 2 – 4 p.m.

*Finally, if you attended Sunday School at Hilton Methodist Church, were a member at Hilton Methodist Church or know anything at all about the Methodist Church at Hilton, we'd love you to share this with us if you haven't done so already.*

**Please put Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April in your diary now.**

## **The Poppy Project**

This is a community project with so far over 40 individual ladies and groups in St Ives, Hilton, Fenstanton, Papworth and other villages all knitting Poppies which will be mounted and displayed, probably on St Ives Town Hall, during the November Poppy Appeal (possibly a little longer) both this year and major events beyond.

Over 60 ladies in the district (still no gentlemen!) are now knitting poppies for this community project and the total in the ever-growing box is now 1.100! New volunteers are still contacting us, so we have ordered more wool and we are sure that over 2.000 will be displayed in St Ives in November.

The enthusiasm for the project is both exciting and humbling, so thank you everyone.

We can collect finished poppies, however few at any time as we will very shortly begin the task of mounting them together.

This is a big thank you to everyone who is already clicking away like the ladies in the French Revolution (without the unpleasantness!) but is not in any way exclusive so anyone who would like to contribute can contact us below for wool, needles and a very simple pattern. One 100g ball at £1 can create up to 15 poppies and take as little as 45 minutes - but that's not a target!

Monica Thompson 01480 395552 or [mimar.tygwyn@ntlworld.com](mailto:mimar.tygwyn@ntlworld.com) and Margaret Shardlow 01480 831186 or [marshar17@btinternet.com](mailto:marshar17@btinternet.com)

## **HILTON ART CLUB**

Our drawing from life workshop with tutor Rachel Haynes was brilliant. Rachel told us how to start our drawing of a basic figure, using the size of the head to get the proportions right with the body and talking about angles of the head and how it affects the stance of the figure. She advised us to use charcoal pencil to start, using the largest paper we had, at least A3 and after her thorough demonstration she showed us her artwork and talked about painting groups and people in movement. We were split into two groups. Each group had a model, who posed for a short time, before changing positions. Eventually, the volunteer models, Sean and Lydgia, changed groups so we could practise another figure. Rachel came around whilst we were working and was very helpful with her suggestions, especially those of us who were struggling at the time! Although it was a challenging morning, it was agreed it was one of the best tutorials we had had and very enjoyable.

**20<sup>th</sup> April    9.30 am – 12.30 pm    Hilton Village Hall**  
**Subject: Up The Garden Path: Greenhouses and Potting Sheds.**  
Please bring your own pictures/props

### HILTON PRODUCE SHOW 29<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018 SOW, GROW & SHOW!

DEAR EXHIBITORS,

We are launching some ADDITIONS to this year's schedule!

For our marvellous young contributors our NEW challenges for 2018 are:

1. Design a **MINI SCARECROW**, be as original, wacky and **SCARY** as you like...

Use a wooden spoon (face on the bowl) and pegs for arms ...

2. Make a model of your **FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER** using fruit or vegetable.

3. Design and make a **MINI-PIZZA** any flavour: sweet or savoury.

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*BACK TO SCHOOL!* For our talented FLOWER ARRANGERS, a chance to use.....old school caps, slates, books, or ties, slates to make a fabulous arrangement on a school theme

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### FOR OUR WONDERFUL FROG PRINCES, a NEW MANBAKE

#### A SHOWSTOPPER CAKE

Any size

*Any flavour*

BUT *DECORATED* with a BACK  
TO SCHOOL theme

All the traditional classes will remain, of course, and the schedule will be printed in the June and July editions of Spectrum and the Feast Week Programme





## HILTON FLOWER CLUB

The March meeting was most enjoyable, Ann Purt came and did 6 wonderful arrangements all with different colours which looked stunning, each arrangement was in the raffle so 6 ladies were lucky to be able to take an arrangement home.

**APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>**s meeting Tim Meekin will be our demonstrator, we always look forward to seeing Tim, we know he will do some wonderful creations, so not to be missed.

HILTON VILLAGE HALL      2pm---4pm  
Entrance      £4.00 (includes tea/biscuits)  
Raffle      £1.00

We Look forward to seeing you.

**AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY 25th /26th/27th** we are planning another Flower Festival in Hilton Church.

The theme is **IMAGINATION IN COLOUR**. it is in the planning stage at the moment and all our ladies are busy planning their creations, so not to be missed. we will keep you posted on the progress nearer the time.

Beverley

## HILTON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We are a friendly group with babies and toddlers of all ages. We have a great range of toys and a well stocked biscuit tin so feel free to come along and have a chat while the little ones burn off some energy!

Sessions cost £2.50 and run from 10.00am -11.30am every Tuesday, excluding school holidays.

Contact Nicola Webster on [nic.webster@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nic.webster@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.  
Find Us on Facebook

## HILTON VILLAGE HALL

### Hilton Village Hall Committee

Invites you to celebrate with us  
the Centenary of the end of the First World War  
and  
the Centenary of the Royal Air Force  
on **Saturday 30th June 2018**  
with an amazing Open-Air Theatre production of



HILTON VILLAGE GREEN, PE28 9NA

Tickets: [illyria.co.uk](http://illyria.co.uk) (+5% fee), [www.hilton-village.com](http://www.hilton-village.com)

01480 830202, [tickets@hilton-village.com](mailto:tickets@hilton-village.com)

Adult: £12, Child (3-14 years): £8, 0-3 years: Free

I am sure many of you will remember the spectacular production of *The Twits* performed in 2012 by Illyria on our Village Green, so you know how much family fun this is going to be. Don't delay and miss out on this special event, book your tickets now and let the storybook adventures unfold.

We look forward to welcoming you all on the 30<sup>th</sup> June to a fun-filled afternoon.

## Hilton Feast Week

### AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM THE FEAST WEEK COMMITTEE - YOUR 2018 FEAST WEEK IS AT RISK!

Due to low ticket sales the first full fundraiser of the year the **Burns Night Supper** was cancelled. This, along with the other events held in the run up to Feast Week forms a vital part of the funding and without this, and an army of willing volunteers, it is just not viable to run the event.

This year, the size of the Feast Week Committee is also vastly reduced and with our current number, we just do not have the capacity to run the usual full week programme of events. As a result, we are proposing to hold a "**Feast Week Light**" in 2018.

Hopefully it will still feature your usual favourites, including the Produce Show, Parade of Floats, Friday and Saturday night entertainment, the Village Sport Day and Village Tea but without more funding and volunteers we unable to have an open bar on the weekday evenings, the full week art show and full programme of children's weekday activities.

The proposed schedule for **Feast Week Light 2018** is:

**27 July** Hilton Village Ball tickets available from Sharon Walker (07984 232424)

**29 July** Produce Show Parade of Floats Classic Car Show Bar and street food trucks and children's bouncy castle

**3 August** Children's daytime entertainment (Mad science) Topsy Turvy Bingo and School Disco Party Night Bar and street food trucks

**4 August** Village Sports Day Village Tea Abba's Angel's Tribute Party Night Bar and street food trucks

The next event is the **Quiz Night** on **Saturday 21 April 2018** so get your teams together and buy your tickets now via the website or by contacting the Committee.

We are also looking for willing volunteers to either join the Committee fully or offer their support to help organise, set up and run Feast Week. Even if you can only spare a few hours in the run up to or during Feast Week, your help would still be greatly appreciated. Equally, we will have the marquee on the Green all week so if you want to run a daytime/evening event, **please contact the Committee to get involved.**

***Hilton is very lucky to have such a wonderful event, which brings together the whole community for a week of free fun. We are sure that many of you would agree that you don't want this tradition, which has been running for over 40 years, to end. However, if we don't have the full support of this village there is a real possibility that there won't be a Feast Week in 2018.***

### 2018 COMMITTEE AND CONTACT DETAILS

**Co-Chairs** – Hannah Hinton (07812 335768) and Guy Martin

**Secretary** – Lynne Radbone

**Treasurer** – Joe Holmes

**Committee members** – Craig Sutherland, Judy Ward, Emma Northwood, John Hutchinson, Emma Stubbs

**Email us** – [feastweekcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:feastweekcommittee@gmail.com)

**Website** – [www.feastweek.co.uk](http://www.feastweek.co.uk)

## WHAT'S on in March

3rd	Hilton Parish Council	Hilton Village Hall	7:30 pm	P35
4th	Golden Gamers Hilton		2:30 pm	P28
5th	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7:30 pm	P28
7th	Hilton Faire Trade Coffee Morning	Hilton Methodist Church	10:00 am	P12
9th	Hilton Flower Club	Hilton Village Hall	2:00 am	P46
12th	Fenstanton Parish Council	Primary School	7:30 pm	P30
20th	Hilton Art Club	Hilton Village Hall	9:30 am	P43
28th	Book Sale	Fenstanton URC	12:30	P18
11th/ 25th	Fenstanton Friendship Club	Church Centre	3:00 pm	P27
21st	Hilton Methodist Church 150th adversary			P42

### Regular Weekly Meetings:

Fenstanton Fireflies (p33)  
Hilton Baby & Toddler (p46)  
Shanty Folk (p26)

### Regular Fortnightly Meetings:

Knitters & Natters (p19)  
Coffee & chat (p19)  
Tuesday Lunch (p19)

**For For Church  
services etc. see  
pages 10 to 21**