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Hilton Neighbourhood Watch 01480831658

Fenstanton Church Centre 01954230471

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Primary School 01480375055

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Fenst. Baby & Toddler Group 01480830658

Swavesey VC 01954230366

Hilton Day Nursery Hilton 01767688715

Hilton Baby & Toddler Group 07749682229

If you run a club or are involved in a village activity and think your telephone number would be useful on this page, please let us know. Please advise us of any errors or amendments needed to any of the above.

Grant Funding for Small and Medium Businesses

Small and medium businesses in Cambridgeshire can access Grant Funding and Free Energy Efficiency reviews, thanks to ERDF funding.

The Business Energy Efficiency programme can potentially provide grant funding up to a maximum of £20,000, or 25% of project costs, to eligible businesses for energy efficiency improvement measures such as LED lighting, heating, insulation and solar PV.

The pot of grant funding is limited and businesses are urged to register their interest by 30th June 2019 at www.beecp.org/sign-up or call 01733 882549 or email info@beecp.co.uk



Fenstanton and Hilton Residents—Help

As we come up to the end of our publishing year we would like to thank the advertisers who are moving on and the new advertisers who are joining us, for their support over the last year and the coming year.

Also thanks to everyone who contributes interesting and informational articles. Also we would like to thank all the volunteers who deliver spectrum.

As we enter a new year we find the Spectrum team down to what is basically a skeleton team. Can we ask for help with the preparation, distribution and delivery of the magazine.

The village is growing and the tasks become increasingly demanding. We all need holidays and these are hard to arrange without any cover to prepare Spectrum. Anything may happen and it would be better practice to have some backup.

Please consider this request so that we can be sure of continuous publication.

Thank you

Mickey Pallett spectrumparishnews@gmail.com

CAMBS AND BEDS HARDY PLANT SOCIETY GRAND PLANT SALE

We are having a plant sale on

SUNDAY 12th MAY from 10am until 2pm at

THE WEATHERLEY CENTRE (next to Stratton School)

Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade, SG18 8JH

We will have a great selection of hardy plants, many of them unusual, some shrubs, annuals, veg plants, herbs etc. Refreshments will be served during the day. This is a good time of year to stock the garden! Much advice on the day. There is plenty of parking adjacent to the centre.

Hardy Plant Society has charitable status and the plants we are selling are grown by our members and it's to raise money to pay towards speakers at our meetings.

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH - April

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

7th April at 10am Mrs Pauline Zahner

14th April at 11.15am United service at Parish Church. Rev D Busk and Mr D. Moorman

21st April at 10am Easter Sunday service led by Mrs Wendy Beard

28th April at 10am. Mr John Bridge.



HILTON METHODIST CHURCH FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING **Saturday, 6th April 10.00am - 12.00 noon.** **in the Church Hall**

Come and join us for a drink, biscuit and lots of chat!

There will be Fair Trade goods on sale from Just Sharing in St Ives and monies go back to them.

Our refreshment money is sent to EACH - Children's Hospices.

HILTON CHURCHES' LENT LUNCHES.

All are on Wednesdays from 12.30 – 2p.m. and the charity we are supporting is JIMMY'S, who struggle to meet the needs of homeless people, especially at this time of year.

DATES ARE:

3rd April - Jenny Broom Tanglewood The Green

10th April - Linda Stott Abbotsmede Chapel Close

Donations of a minimum of £5 are welcome, for a tasty lunch of bread and cheese.

ORGANIST NEEDED

Hilton Methodist Church is looking for a pianist, organist or keyboard player to join the organists' rota for 1 Sunday per month on average.

The instrument is a Viscount electronic organ. If you are interested, please ring Malcolm Lynn on 831629 or Ian Woods on 830686

SUMMER CONCERT

The SEDICI CHOIR will be performing an evening of light music on Saturday JUNE 8th in the Methodist Church

Tickets are £10 and will be available from Heather Woods 830686, Linda Stott 830660 or Sandy Monk 830273

Refreshments included in the ticket price and will be served in the interval in the hall.

HILTON PARISH CHURCH - April

Wednesday 3rd		
Hilton	12.30 – 2	Lent Lunch – see poster for details
Sunday 7th	Passion Sunday	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Wednesday 10th		
Hilton	12.30 – 2	Lent Lunch – see poster for details
Saturday 13th		
Hilton	Evening	Roving Supper
Sunday 14th	Palm Sunday	
Hilton	11.15am	United Service at PC with children's activities in church
Friday 19th	Good Friday	
Hilton	11.45am	Good Friday service
		No Friday Feast this month, join us instead on May 17 th ☺
Sunday 21st	Easter Day	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 28th	Easter 2	
Hilton	11.15am	Family service with coffee served beforehand at 11.00am.
Sunday 5th May	Easter 3	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton		No Children's Church in May

Contact information:

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

Fenstanton Parish Church

Holy Week and Easter



Palm Sunday (14th April)

10.15am Procession from Ron's Farm Shop; followed by

10.30am Worship For All service with refreshments served afterwards

Maundy Thursday (18th April)

8.30am Morning Prayer

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



Good Friday (19th April)

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 (21st April)

10.00am Holy Communion, with blessing of the Easter garden.

Bring a small flower to place in the garden. Refreshments afterwards

6.00pm Evensong



Come and join us, all welcome

FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH - April

Monday 1st	7.30 pm	Lent Course (4) at the URC (see separate poster)
Thursday 4th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
	3.20 pm	Jaffa Club
Friday 5th	7.30 pm	Teenage Christians (TC) at the Church Centre
Sunday 7th	Fifth of Lent	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club
Monday 8th	7.30 pm	Lent Course (5) at the URC (see separate poster)
Thursday 11th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Sunday 14th	Palm Sunday	
	10.30 am	Worship for All preceded by procession from Ron's Farm Shop starting at 10.15 am
Thursday 18th	Maundy Thursday	
	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
	7.30 pm	Holy Communion followed by a vigil to midnight
Good Friday 19th	Good Friday	
	10.00 to noon	Children's workshop (see separate poster)
	12.15pm	Devotional service at St Mary's Fen Drayton followed by walk with the cross to Fenstanton and then at
	2.45 pm	Devotional service at Fenstanton parish church
Sunday 21st	Easter Day	
	10.00 am	Holy Communion with blessing of the Easter garden
	6.00 pm	Sung Evensong
Thursday 24th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Sunday 28th	Second Sunday of Easter 10.30 am Family Communion	

FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH - May

May		
Thursday 2nd	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
	3.20 pm	Jaffa Club
Friday 3rd	7.30 pm	Teenage Christians (TC) at the Church Centre
Sunday 5th	Third Sunday of Easter	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club

Contact information:

For **Fen Drayton with Fenstanton**: The Rural Dean (Rev Canon Brian Atling) is our vicar 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 533301 is also a first contact point for funerals, and is also available for any pastoral conversations as is Niki Whitby on 07841 599492.

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

Other points of contact: for Community Fund FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com

Lisa Jablonska is our contact for couples looking to be married here or for their banns to be read at chrislisa211@gmail.com, 01480 496138.

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

Lent Lunches

As usual we shall be holding our Soup Lunches during Lent.

Please note the change of day this year!

We start on Friday March 8th, between 12 - 3p.m.
and then every week until and including Friday April 12th.

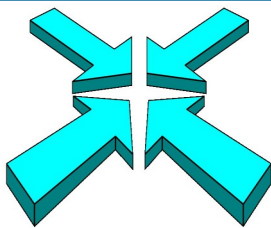
56 Church Leys, Fenstanton, PE289QD
(opposite St Peter and St Paul church car park)
Tel: 01480 464672

Everyone is welcome to come and share a simple, sociable snack and a chat!

Please feel free to join us if you can for a bowl of soup and a roll any or every week.

We ask only for a donation to cover the cost of a normal meal.

The proceeds this year will go to support refugee families from Syria, currently being settled in Cambridgeshire.



Churches Together in Fenstanton

Invite you to

‘Baggage and Treasures’

An Ecumenical Lent Course in five sessions
for all who desire to see the churches coming together

on
Monday evenings in Lent

March 11th, 18th, 25th
April 1st, 8th

**In the United Reformed Church
FENSTANTON
7.30 to 9 p.m.**

Written originally in 1998 for BBC Radio Stoke
By Revd. Clifford Owen



Children's Workshop

Good Friday 19th April



From 10.00am to
12midday

In Fenstanton Parish Church

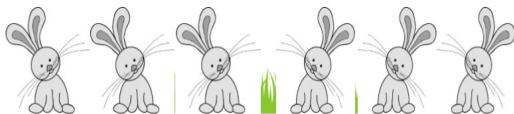


(children aged 3 and under welcome with a carer)

**Come and hear what we remember on Good
Friday and what we celebrate on Easter Day-
crafts and chocolate hunt too.**

To book a free space email ikhuck@virginmedia.com
or phone Katie 465211

Everyone welcome



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

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

Fenstanton Knitters and Natters

An update on the Knitted squares so far we have 279 so only another 521 to go!

If you would like to help please let me know and I'll give you the details.

Or if you have any spare green yarn you would like to donate please let me know and I'll collect it from you.



Jean 01480 498221

**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 UNITED REFORMED CHURCH - April

April 7th	9-30am	Rev Derek Newton
April 14 th	9-30am	Rev Dr Catherine Ball Holy Communion
	6-00pm	Dr Christine Maccloud
April 19 th	2-00pm	Rev Derek Newton Good Friday
April 21st	9-30am	Rev Dr Catherine Ball Holy Communion Easter Sunday
April 28 th	9.30am	Mr Keith Cakebread

Fenstanton United Reformed Church Events

Knitters and Natters 10-00am -12noon Apr 9th and 23rd

New members welcome, if you can knit and natter please come along.

Coffee Morning 10-00 – 11-30am Apr 16th

Tuesday Lunch 12noon for 12-30pm Apr 2nd and 30th

A Meditation group meets once a month at 2-30pm 9th March New members welcome.

For more information of these events please ring Jean 01480 498221



FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHEQUER STREET WILL BE HOLDING A BOOK SALE SATURDAYS



April 13th

9-30AM- 12-NOON

**If you have any jigsaws that you have finished with we have a jigsaw table, please donate them to us.
They can be left at 28 Bell Lane.
Thank you.**

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 History By John Deeks



Fenstanton Market Place & Fair Ground:

On October 26th 1315 the Lord of the manor of Fenstanton (John de Segrave) obtained from the King, Edward II, a market licence, for a weekly market to be held each Thursday. Also the licence allowed for a fair once each year on the feast of St Peter & Paul (29th June) which lasted for 6-days.

Fenstanton straw man Morris dancer late 19th century.

The market place and fair ground of Fenstanton, for that is what the clock tower green really was, is where all buying and selling was done. As the only village on the old Roman road, Fenstanton market and fair ground was ideally situated. The Hilton Road met with the old Roman Road, one of the 'Stane Street' or stone streets of the Romans. My research gives a suggestion that the Romans used this area to sell slaves probably people from Fenstanton and the surrounding villages!

In past times, by law the people could only buy or sell their goods at markets and fairs. The activities at these old fairs and markets were interesting; travellers in their caravans, pedlars, people, rich and poor, from all parts, came to buy and sell and for pleasure and meeting people. So the convenient area was well chosen for the market. No one could make a large financial bargain final except in the presence of a 'witnesses'. An ancient custom mentioned in the Bible.

But hold on, the market place was only moved to this site around 1810, so where was the market and fair held for the five hundred years prior to that?

Before the enclosure of Fenstanton common in 1810 the markets and fair were held on the village common opposite the Chequers Pub. The common ran all the way from the Huntingdon Road to the river and north to what is now the London Road. It would have been partly wooded and had a large lake in the middle. Low Road did not exist but there would no doubt have been a footpath for people to go to and from St Ives.

There was no Chequer Street, the common came right up to the pub. All the houses were built on the high ground on the eastern side as the common flooded in winter. The green outside of the Chequers pub is all that's left of the old common; the remainder is now privately owned fields.

Fenstanton History By John Deeks

In mediaeval times the market was an essential part of the commercial life of the village. Grain, wool, furs, livestock, eggs and butter, cheese and fish would be bought and sold. Hurdles, stalls and booths would be erected and the lord's steward would collect the fees from the traders. The annual fair was the high spot for the entire village and there would be great profit for the lord of the manor

What became Chequer Street was named after the man whose job it was to check everything in the market. He collected all the dues at the market and checked the 'tally' and tally sticks in case of a dispute among the market traders. He most probably lived in or near to the Chequers pub.

So, what was the enclosure act? Traditionally the village peasants were allowed to graze their animals on the common. They also had rights to access wood to mend or build new huts, even cut ferns used for their bedding.

Enclosure of land through the mutual agreement of landowners began during the 16th century. During the 18th century, enclosures were regulated by Parliament; a separate Act of Enclosure was required for each village that wished to enclose its land. In 1801, Parliament passed a General Enclosure Act, which enabled any village, where three-quarters of the landowners agreed, to enclose its land.

In 1810 the local big land owners got together and appointed three commissioners to share out the common land. Land was awarded and John Brown, the lord of the manor, gained the most but this was to compensate for the loss of his common. You can read a more detailed account in Jack Dady's book Beyond Yesterday.

It was on the Chequer's green that the May Day sports were held in front of the old thatched inn that burned down in 1911. Holidays were holidays then and the May Day sports were very important to the village. Games were played such as Robin Hood (I have no idea how this was played). There was Morris dancing, a performing bear, the greasy poll, fortune telling and performing animals. But the dancing around the May queen and May pole was thought the best fun. The Queens garland was called Robin Hood's garland.

Research Sources:

The Gertrude Peet papers held in the Norris Museum

Jack Dady's book Beyond Yesterday

Arthur Dunn's papers held at the Huntingdonshire Archives

The BBC Domesday Reloaded.

John Deeks February 2019

FENSTANTON VILLAGE SPORTS DAY at

FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Saturday, 6th July, from 2.00pm

with activities for all the family

**HOG
ROAST**

BAR

Stalls



**RACES FOR ALL AGES
from 3.00pm**



**Produce
Show**



It is the time of year to start thinking about your entries for the Produce Show. The baking, sweet and savoury were hotly contested last year along with the alcoholic drinks. We will have all the usual categories, with sections for adults and children. Look out next month for the full list of classes. Come along on the 6th for the races, games, stalls food and drink. If you are able to help on the day, with set up on the evening of the 4th or clear up on the 7th. Please let Ron at the Farm Shop know or email jan.way26@gmail.com. We are also looking for new committee members; it is not a big commitment through the year around 6 meetings plus the Sports Day weekend. Do get in touch if you think you might like to join.

FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST



Fenstanton Village Hall Trust

Fenstanton Garage Sale



If you would like to have your garage put
on the Fenstanton map
on **Sunday, 12th May**, please register an interest at

fenstantonvillagehall@gmail.com or call 07793546841,
giving your name, address and contact details.

For a fee of £6 you won't have the bother of transporting your items.
We will sell the maps for £2 from the Clock Tower area from 9am onwards.

Enjoy your garage shopping!

We held our Annual General Meeting on 11th March and were pleased to welcome six members of the public. Following a review of the past year, we can tell you that our solicitors are still negotiating with Morris Homes' solicitors on a form of words for the contract to transfer over the land assigned to us. If you have been to look at the Crown Place development, you will see that the Village Hall site comes into the third phase of the development - at the moment only houses in the first phase are being finished off and sold. On the front page of the Morris Homes' brochure Morris Homes say that *'with plans for a children's play area and a community centre on the horizon'* new residents should soon be able to settle into village life. We hope that horizon is not too far off!



Pam Harper talks about Hearing Dogs

Join a lively and friendly group
of ladies on 4th April at 7.30
in the Church Centre



Fenstanton WI

Join us once a month

1st Thursday of month

At the Fenstanton Church Centre

UP COMING MEETINGS

Thursday 4th April from 7.30pm
'Hearing Dogs for Deaf People' - Pam Harper

Thursday 2nd May from 7.30pm
Quiz and Resolutions

For further information, please contact: Mrs Deborah Markl (Secretary)
Email: marklquinn@gmail.com

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INSPIRING WOMEN



Open day for our 81st season is on Saturday 20th April at 2 30pm. Whether you are an experienced bowler or haven't ever tried bowls before you will be made most welcome at our club. We have everything available at the club to get you

started, just bring a flat-soled pair of shoes.

There is a full programme of games throughout the season at all bowling levels – friendly games at weekends, over 60s on a Wednesday afternoon and men's, ladies' and mixed league games in the evenings – play as often or as little as you like, the choice is yours.

Every Thursday morning after the 20th April we have a club morning for full members and social members starting at 10am. If you are unable to make any of these days and you would like to know how to play the game, we can arrange for new bowlers to have coaching at any time from our two qualified coaches. For information and appointment please ring Barry Ward on 01480 382105

Bowls is a sport for all ages and all abilities and it's a good way to make new friends, particularly if you have just moved into the village. Please come and join us for the new season.

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



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

FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

27th February

Over 20 members of the U3A "Singing for Pleasure" group in St Ives came to sing for us. They sang songs from shows and it was a very enjoyable afternoon. Their pianist gave us a great rendition of the "Dambusters March". Good afternoon.



13th March

We held our AGM where we went over what had gone on in 2018 and gave suggestions for the coming year. Since it is our 70th year, being founded in 1949, we had a special cake to celebrate. This was cut by Jean Marks and Mollie Gildersleve who are the longest standing members of the club. The cake



was delicious and enjoyed by all of us. Here's to many more years of activity. Upcoming events.

10th April

Flower arranging by Beverly Tack.

24th April

A talk by a representative of the Sue Ryder Foundation.

We meet every other Wednesday from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm in the building of the United Reformed Church in Chequer Street.

2019 is our 70th anniversary year and we would like to make it special by having more new members and fresh ideas.

Enquiries to Marie News 01480 350677

Now here is an idea

Your Parish Council carried out some focus group research at the beginning of this month with people in the village. One of the common themes of concern that came out of these sessions was the lack of facilities for teenage children. We believe there may be the opportunity to build an all-weather playing surface on the school grounds that could be used both by the school and residents alike. This would be located near the all-weather gym with access from the junior football pitch out of school hours and used by the pupils during the school day. So a real community asset.

We would like to hear your views.

Do you think the all-weather play area would be an asset to the village?

What type of games do you think the pitch should be marked out for?

Basketball? Five a side football? Tennis?

Simply go to the survey monkey link that we have established to express your views at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DL9DJSD or scan the QR code on the right to link directly to the survey.



We believe this is a great opportunity for the village and as your Parish Council we are really keen to make this happen, but only if you want us to.

Contractors on the Fen

You may have noticed some contractors on the Fen drilling holes. This is part of a feasibility study in connection with the proposed cycleway linking Fenstanton to the guided bus cycle path. If the project goes ahead and it is a very big if, as it is still in its very early stages. If built the cycle path would provide a safe cycle route to St Ives and beyond to Cambridge if you're really fit.

Before any decisions are made about the proposed cycleway your Parish Council will be in detailed consultation with residents and land owners effected by the project. If you have a view on the provision of a cycle way from the village to the bus way we would love to hear your views. Please email Annette at clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk if you have any views, comments or suggestions. We are really keen to have the whole village involved in this project

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Kerbs, ponds and swings

Your Parish Council have been hard at work delivering a number of improvements to our village. You may have already noticed the upgrades to both play parks. There is still some more equipment to be installed at the Chequer Street playground. This should be completed shortly along with some further landscaping and the installation of a gate to the park.

The work on the installation of kerb stones alongside the Chequer Street green should start next month all being well. This will really tidy up and protect this area of green within the village.

The village pond renovation has hit a weedy delay. We have some form of invasive weed in the pond which needs to be eradicated before we can restore the pond to its former glory. We are having to call in the pond equivalent of ghost busters to sort out this alien invasion. More on this next month.

Up date on the King Bill

Following on from last month's report Hunstanton District Council will apply for the King Bill to be registered as an asset of community value. There is a process to go through before its approved

Increasing anti-social behavior in the village

PS Alice Draper attended the last Full Council meeting to update on work being done in the village. What was particularly stressed that you must please report any behavior you consider to be suspicious through to the police. This is the only way they can build up a picture of the issues and continue with their intelligence gathering. Please report either by phone on 101 (or 999 in an emergency or if there is immediate risk to life and limb), or via the online reporting tool : <https://www.cambs.police.uk/report/Report>

Bus Services

Just to let you know that the responsibility for bus services has moved back from the Combined Authority to Peterborough which has responsibility for transport services, but it has delegated this back to CCC for a further year (April 19 to March 20), whilst it continues to undertake its transport review.

Speeding on Huntingdon Road/Low Road and the village slip road (A14)

Your Parish Council will be investigating reports of dangerous speeding with the intention of identifying methods to make the junction safer and ensure compliance with the 30 mph speed limit.

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting.

Finance and Constitution – Thurs 28 March

Full Council – Thurs 11 April

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<http://parishcouncil.fenstanton.org/> – you can see all your Councillors here.

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/Fenstanton-Parish-Council-115282349163866/>

Views on the NHS please



Share your views and help make local NHS services better

what
would you do?
It's your NHS. Have your say.

What would you do to improve health services in Cambridgeshire?

The NHS is developing a local plan and needs your help.

How would you make it easier for people to look after their own health and wellbeing?

Fill in this survey from Healthwatch and have your say on local services. In particular, Healthwatch wants to hear your ideas about

- Making it easier for people to access support closer to home and via technology.
 - Doing more to help people stay well.
 - Providing better support for people with cancer, mental health conditions, heart and lung diseases, and other long-term conditions.
- Providing better support for people as they get older and experience conditions such as dementia.

Share your ideas

Your local NHS needs to hear from you about what it should do to make care better for your community.

Feedback online at <https://www.healthwatch.co.uk/what-would-you-do>

Call your local Healthwatch on 0330 355 1285, text 0752 0635 176

Or visit www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk

Jamboree Tea

Afternoon tea with information about
the 24th World Scout Jamboree, USA

Sandwiches, Savoury snacks & Homemade cakes

Saturday 6th April, 4pm

Fenstanton Church Centre

Tickets:

Adults - £5

Children (under 16s) - £2.50

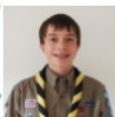
To buy tickets email

owenwsj@outlook.com or phone

01480 465211/01954 231433 or

from Ron's Farm Shop

Come and support the two of us with our fundraising to
allow ourselves and others attend the
24th World Scout Jamboree in North
America this Summer



FENSTANTON & HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
still "Passionate about learning"

In Penguins class (Year 4) we are thoroughly enjoying learning about the Anglo-Saxons. The topic had a geography focus in the first half term and the children spent time using ordnance survey maps to find evidence of the origins of settlements. If you were to ask them they would be able to tell you that Fenstanton and Hilton are both Anglo-Saxon settlements because the village names end in 'ton' which meant farmstead in Anglo-Saxon times. The history part of the topic kicked off in spectacular style on our return to school after the half-term holiday, with a visit to West Stow on a lovely, sunny, warm day. West Stow is a reconstructed Anglo-Saxon village built on the site of the original village. The children were delighted to be able to investigate Anglo-Saxon life through original objects and use archaeological clues to find out about the first English as West Stow. They were also able to explore the experimental reconstruction of buildings and excitedly ask many questions of the farmer who showed them around his home and how to make candles.

HILTON FEAST WEEK ARTS AND CRAFTS (HCAS)

Hilton Feast Week Arts & Crafts Show is now run by independent committee which is self-funded but operates under the umbrella of Feast Week. This offshoot of Feast Week seeks to promote all manner of arts & crafts including photography, by ALL age groups. This group, Hilton Crafts & Arts Show will also be referred to as HCAS in short. To date HCAS has been actively seeking funds to purchase safe & suitable equipment on which to mount exhibits. A fund raising event was held in the PoW pre-Christmas & donations included:
£280 from Simon Perry Landlord PoW
£16 from Hilton Cricket Club
£20 from Hilton Women's Institute
£107 from 'Guess How Many' sweets in a jar in the PoW.
Other donations were made in HCAS collection buckets during the evening so some £592 was raised thanks to the generosity of some lovely people. Special thanks go to regular patrons 'The Princes of Les' who provided some great festive music - and for FREE! Looking forward, HCAS will be operating a stand for children to decorate Easter eggs on Saturday 20 April 2019. co-inciding with the Feast Week 'Easter Egg Hunt'.
No entry fee but donations will be welcome.

Alistair Stewart

HILTON VILLAGE HALL

Hilton's First Community Coffee Shop

On and VERY blustery 14th March, Members of Hilton Village Hall Management C'tee opened the doors to the first-ever Community Cafe with the aim of getting ALL Villagers of ALL ages to come along for a pleasant couple of hours just for a natter, have a drink and perhaps a slice of cake, read (provided papers/magazines) On this first day, there was a good turn-out of young and old, with the adults heading for the drinks and cake and the children quickly heading for the drawing and book tables, FREE squash for them! Very early days yet but, if well received, we would hope to expand with providing, say, jigsaws/games etc.



We very much look forward to welcoming you: always the 2nd Thursday of each month (6 month trial) and this timing was made because it coincides with regular visit from the Mobile Library Van:

11th April; 9th May; 13th June; 11th July and 8th August from 2 - 4. Entry is free and there are reasonably priced refreshment

HILTON BRITISH LEGION

New friendships were made when local churches hosted Every Man Remembered Services from 2014 to 2018. Now, at least for 2019, members of the Royal British Legion in St Ives will be revisiting these new friends at the same nine churches.

So - on Sunday April 28th Legion members will be joining in Morning Service at Hilton Parish Church starting at 11.15. They will also be at Fenstanton on Sunday June 23rd at 9.30.

All are welcome to join in continuing with these new and hopefully long associations !

Margaret 831186 and Julie 830580

Report from Hilton Parish Council meeting dated 4th March 2019

Clerk

Hilton Parish Council was pleased to welcome Nicola Webster as the new Clerk to the Parish Council.

Cycle Path

The design of the feasibility study has been approved and the first draft of the report should be available in July, with the final study available in November.

Green Open Spaces

The tree work has commenced and is ongoing. The volunteer group has continued their work around the village and has saved the Parish Council over £1000, for which the Parish Council would like to thank them.

The maintenance contract was renewed for a further two years.

Playground

Funding applications for the playground are still ongoing.

Easter Cross

The Easter Cross will be erected on the Green from 18th April to 23rd April.

Hilton Action on Traffic (HAT)

HAT has received a large number of responses to their leaflet drop regarding the impact of HGVs in the village. Concerns were raised regarding noise and pollution and were not localised to Potton Road. HAT has been writing to local hauliers to ask them to follow the covenant endorsed by CCC to adhere to the strategic trade routes which would bypass the village. The Clerk will write to Mick George to thank him for voluntarily reducing the speed of his vehicles to 20mph and also for the loan of his data logger.

Fallen Tree on Graveley Way

The Parish Council would like to thank the parishioners who voluntarily cleared the fallen tree from Graveley Way for their help.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on 1st April 2019 in the Village Hall. Agendas will be issued in advance on the village notice boards and the Council's website www.hiltonparishcouncil.com. Parishioners are welcome to speak at council meetings on agenda items.



Emperor Ch'ien Ling wrote condescendingly to George 111 in 1793 that he would allow a limited amount of trading through the port of Canton "since our tea, rhubarb and silk seem to be necessary to the very existence of the barbarous Western people".

Ha! What a claim indeed! Actually, he was the barbarous one in inflicting the acidic fruit on scores of schoolchildren at the lunch table. Nothing, I thought, as I gazed for the first time at (tinned) stewed rhubarb and custard could be quite as disgusting as this.... except of course for: cold plums and custard, dead man's leg (jam roly-poly), frogspawn (tapioca), muck-muck (chocolate Angel Whip).

Interestingly, the fine blue and white Chinese porcelain which became so fashionable in the 19thC was a mere extra on-board cargo boats. Crates of porcelain were used simply as ballast to the prized items in the Emperor's list. What a reversal! Tea is still a "necessity" but an inexpensive one, silk can be synthetically produced and rhubarb is no longer a vital dietary ingredient. Georgians and Victorians consumed rhubarb in fresh or powdered form to assist digestion. Surprising that a plant which grows so well in our temperate climate needed to be imported.

At this point I should confess to a late conversion to the fruit/vegetable which so repulsed me as a child. I am now a keen grower and consumer of rhubarb. It is currently unfurling in the garden with the striking bright green leaf of spring and the glaucous red of the emerging stem promising rhubarb desserts and jam for months ahead.

What past producers of school dinners, as they were known, did not realise is the difference that a few "tweaks" make to cooked rhubarb. Brown sugar gives a significant improvement, orange zest and juice help to balance the sourness, ginger in a crumble or added to jam, also lift the flavour. My favourite recipe is from Christopher Lloyd the famous owner and gardener of Great Dixter. Rhubarb is cooked very gently in the oven, having been sprinkled with brown sugar, orange juice and zest. After approximately 45 minutes at a temperature of about 140C the rhubarb should be tender. Leave to cool. Then, surprise, surprise, before serving and eating, slice 1 or 2 bananas into the dish and stir in a tablespoon of rum. It is delicious on a hot day served well chilled with cream or yoghurt or on its own.

The schedule for this year's **Produce Show** will be coming out in the May edition of Spectrum and rhubarb will feature again. There are always excellent exhibits as it seems immune to pests and has a long productive season. Yorkshire growers "force" the fruit by growing it indoors in the dark. This seems as unnatural as the production of veal was. Both become/became a wonderful colour as a result of their confined upbringing. However, the colour and tenderness are produced at quite a price for the growers and consumers.

Is there a connection between rhubarb and the ridiculous? In amateur dramatics "rhubarb" was what actors were supposed to say over and over again if mimed speech was required by those on stage without specific dialogue. In the Monty Python song, in which Descartes famous mantra is changed to "I think therefore I am a rhubarb tart", the latter was the philosophers' definition of eternal happiness! (But only with orange and brown sugar!)

HILTON WI

Our March meeting certainly gave us food for thought! Frank Boddy showed off his skill and sense of style when he came to show us how to make colourful and tasty canapés.

He brought all the necessary ingredients and equipment and proceeded to produce these simple to make but very attractive and tasty canapés. We found that not only did they look good when he made them we actually got to eat them!

One of them was called a courgette candle made by filling a strip of courgette with a mixture of cream cheese, artichoke, tomato and lemon juice. When it was standing on its end he added a tiny piece of red pepper to make a wick. It was very cute and also easy to pick up and eat.

He made another one with tuna cooking it and adding radish, pieces of ginger, adding wasabi paste and threading these onto a small stick. He also made one with pear slices and prosciutto shavings which he rolled onto rocket leaves and fastened with a cocktail stick. The lamb mixture was like a kebab and was spread on a tortilla which had mango chutney and chopped mint on it, he rolled the tortilla up and cut it into three pieces then cut them diagonally so that when he stood them they had a flat base, so simple but very effective.

Not only did they all look very professional they were very tasty and the recipes were taken away by a lot of our members to try at home.

Frank told us that he has catered for private parties, weddings, university functions and also has classes in his home in Colne which would be quite easy to go to for more ideas.

Our next meeting will be a return visit by Frances Benton with her passion for pearls, once again showing us more of her beautiful pearls from all over the world.

Be at the Village Hall at 7 30pm wearing if you would like to your favourite pearl necklace or earrings to show her how much we appreciate them.

Kath Charter.

Golden Gamers

Dates for April

Tuesday April 2nd. 2pm to 4pm

Tuesday April 16th. 2pm to 4pm.

Contact Jenny on---Tel. 01480 831581

HILTON CHURCHES' ROVING SUPPER. SATURDAY 13TH APRIL.

A really great, fun evening. Good food, amazing company – meet new villagers.

This 3-course meal is followed by coffee and a raffle.

All proceeds divided between the Methodist and Parish Church.

For tickets please contact -

Peter Blake 830137 or Heather Woods 830686

HILTON FLOWER CLUB,

March 4th. We had a wonderful afternoon with Simon, From Beales Roses Norfolk, Simon gave us a talk and slide show on gardens around East Anglia, there was about 20 gardens, some we hadn't heard of before, every garden was different, beautiful gardens in every season, it gave us a lot of ideas for our own gardens and places to visit. An enjoyable afternoon.

APRIL 1st WOOKSHOP HAS BEEN CANCELLED

ANN PURT has kindly stepped in to do a flower demonstration, we look forward to seeing her again.

All the ladies who have paid for the workshop your APRIL 1st entrance will be free.

If you have a problem please ring Beverley, 01480 830571

Because it is bank Holiday our May meeting will be **MAY 13th**. Joe Poulter will be our demonstrator, we haven't seen Joe before so looking forward to meeting her.

Hilton Village Hall 2pm-----4pm

Entrance £5.00 (includes (tea/ biscuits)

Raffle £1.00

Look forward to seeing you all.

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 Abi Halstead - abigailhalstead@hotmail.com / 07749 682229 for further information.

Find Us on Facebook

HILTON ART CLUB

The all-day workshop with Tim Fisher on mixed media – line, wash and pastel was highly enjoyable, giving us a new way to paint a landscape with pastel. He sketched the outline with black ink applied with a spent matchstick, then applied diluted acrylic ink wash as a base, finishing with pastel over part of the picture. Joanne made detailed notes about materials he used and has put it on our Facebook page. It was nice to have time to actually finish a picture, or even two during the session, with Tim's advice when we needed it.



26th April, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm In The Material World: fabrics, textures and materials. Please bring your own pictures/props.

If you are interested in coming along as a visitor to a session or joining our group, please contact Joanne on 392968 for information.

Hilton Feast Week 2019

Hilton Feast Week

Firstly, a massive thanks to everyone who came and partied the night away at our Disco night in March. Thanks to **Dean and Eclipse Disco** for the amazing tunes. Certainly plenty of dancing and no doubt sore feet the next day to match some sore heads!



Saturday 20th April 2019 - 10.30 am to 1pm

Starting from the village hall in Hilton, follow the trail around the village to spot the eggs. All entrants will receive an egg and the person who finds all the hidden eggs will receive an extra little treat. There may even be some Bonus Bunny's on the way. Tickets are **£2** per egg hunter, accompanying adults are free.... but they don't get an egg! There will also be some crafts and games to take part in along with refreshments. Come along for some Easter Fun. **For tickets: please visit our website www.feastweek.co.uk or send an email to: feastweekcommittee@gmail.com or speak to any committee member.** Tickets will also be available to purchase on the day.

We would also welcome donations of Easter Eggs of all types and sizes for our tombola – please get in touch if you can help.



Saturday 11th May 2019

Bingo night with fish and chip supper, licensed bar, raffle and prizes. What more could you want for a fun night out whilst raising funds for your Feast Week?! More details to be released nearer the time, please visit our website for the most up-to-date news www.feastweek.co.uk

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 20th April 2019 – Family Easter Egg hunt

Saturday 11th May 2019 – Bingo night

Friday 26th July 2109 – Bavarian Night

FEAST WEEK 2019

SUNDAY 28TH JULY 2019 TO SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST 2019

Offers of help at any of our events will always be gratefully received, please feel free to get in touch with us at any time.



www.feastweek.co.uk



Hilton Feast Week



feastweekcommittee@gmail.com

WHAT'S on in April

1st	Hilton Flower Club	Hilton Village Hall	2:00 pm	P47
1st	Hilton Parish Council	Hilton Village Hall	7:30 pm	P39
1st	Fenstanton WI	Church Centre	7:30 pm	P26
6th	Scouts Jamboree Tea	Church Centre	4:00pm	P34
6th	Hilton Fair Trade Coffee Morning	Hilton Methodist Church Hall	10:00 am	P10
8th	Hilton WI	Hilton Village Hall	7:30 pm	P45
11th	Fenstanton Parish Council	Primary School	7:30 pm	P31
10th 24th	Fenstanton Friendship Club	Fenstanton URC	2:00 pm	P30
13th	Hilton Churches Roving Supper			P45
13th	Book Sale	Fenstanton URC	9:30 am	P 21
20th	Hilton Feast week Family Easter Egg hunt	Starts at Hilton Village Hall	10:30 am	P49 P36
26th	Hilton Art Club	Hilton Village Hall	9:30 am	P47

Dates of future events:

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'

11th May - Hilton Feast Week Bingo night at Hilton Village Hall P49

12th May - Five Pub Challenge

6th July - Fenstanton Village sports Day P24

26th July - Hilton Feast Week Bavarian Night in the marquee on Hilton village green P49

28th July to 3rd Aug – Hilton Feast Week P49

Regular Weekly Meetings:

Hilton Baby & Toddler (p47)

Shanty Folk (p30)

Golden Gamers (p45)

Regular Fortnightly Meetings:

Knitters & Natters,

Coffee & chat,

Tuesday Lunch (21)

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