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email on andannred@hotmail.com.

FENSTANTON TOWN TRUST

Applications are invited for the appointment of Clerk to the Trust, due to retirement. An opportunity to support your local community and a remuneration is paid. For further information please contact the Chairman, Ivor Gorman on 07456550594 or email <u>gorman.ivor@gmail.com</u> by 31st May 2022

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Colour in the Easter bunny and send your pictures to spectrumparishnews@gmail.com or post them to Jo Brasher at 58 Crest Drive, Fenstanton, PE28 9BR with your name and age. Winner will be announced and featured in our next issue.



Hilton Parish Church - March 2022



SERVICES in HILTON CHURCH

8am Sunday – Holy Communion (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

11.15am Sunday – Holy Communion (2nd Sunday)

Services on the 2nd Sunday alternate between Parish church & Methodist church

11.15am Sunday – Coffee, Cake & Church (4th Sunday) Coffee, Cake & Church service is held in Hilton Village Hall

5.30pm Friday – Friday Feast (2nd Friday during term time)

ONLINE SERVICES*

Holy Communion - Wednesdays (2.30pm)

Bible study – Fridays (10am)

* Services delivered via Zoom Please contact Revd David Busk (01480 436400) or Rachel Wood (01480 830866) for details



Coffee, Cake & Church what's that all about?

You may have seen our posters about a new event that will take place in Hilton each month called 'Coffee, Cake and Church'? Beginning on April 24th, Coffee, Cake & Church will be held on the fourth Sunday of

the month at 11.15am in Hilton village hall - a perfect venue for those who may be interested in church but find the prospect of walking through the doors on a Sunday morning a bit daunting. It will do pretty much what it says in the title - we will offer good coffee (or tea or soft drinks), good cakes and bakes, crafts and activities for younger people, plenty of time to socialise and discuss, and informal worship with music, prayer and teaching.

It's church, but not as you know it ... so do join us if you can!



It's church, but not as you know it....

Sunday 24th April Sunday 22nd May Sunday 26th June and every 4th Sunday

11.15am HILTON VILLAGE HALL

A welcome for all, good coffee, delicious cakes, crafts & activities, time to talk, music and prayer

For more information, call Rev'd David Busk on 436400 or Rachel Wood on 830866

We'd love to see you there!

Join us for a (HILDREN'S ACTIVITY TRAI/

Good Friday - 15th April 2022

Drop in whenever you are free between 10 and 11:45am Fenstanton Parish Church

Come with your children (toddlers to 12 year olds) and through fun activities discover what we remember on Good Friday and what we celebrate on Easter Day Activities include: paint your feet, wooden egg decorating, making rocky road and lots more. Refreshments too.



For any further info email: ikhuck@virginmedia.com or phone Katie 01480 465211

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH

3rd April at 10am. Mr Colin Webber

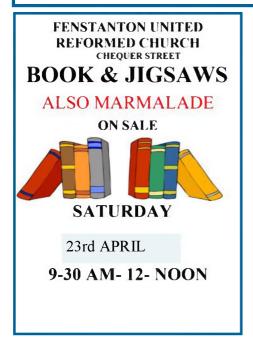
10th April at 11.15am. Palm Sunday. United service at Parish Church with Rev David Busk

17th April at 10am EASTER SUNDAY. Mrs Barbara Spencer

24th April at 10am. Local Arrangement. Please see noticeboard

CAN YOU PLAY AN ORGAN?

We would like to hear from anyone who can play the organ to help out occasionally at our services. We have 2 people who play regularly but sometimes they are not able to play or would like a break. If you are able to help out or would like more details about the organ or what playing at a service entails please contact one of the organists, Malcolm Lynn on 831629. Thank you.



FENSTANTON KNITTERS AND NATTERS

We meet every Tuesday at 10-00am -11-30am Venue Fenstanton United Reformed Church Chequer Street. We have sent off lots of knitted hats to Ukraine via the Parish Council. We have also given 50 knitted items to Arthur Rank Hospice for their shop. If you can knit please come and join us, if you can natter you will be made welcome.



www.urc.org.uk

Fenstanton United Reformed Church

Chequer Street, Fenstanton

We are pleased to welcome you to our friendly church

Sunday morning services are at 09.30. All are welcome. 2022 Services

April

3rd April - Led by Alison Jiggins

10th April - Holy Communion - Revd Dr Catherine Ball

17th April - Holy Communion - Revd Dr Catherine Ball

24th April - Revd Roy Muttram

May

- 1st May -
8th May -
15th May -Revd Peter Ball
Holy Communion Revd Dr Catherine Ball15th May -
rd May -
Revd Dr Catherine Ball
- 22nd May Revd Chris Baker
- 29th May Led by Christine Davis

June

5th June - Led by Keith Cakebread 12th June - Holy Communion - Revd Dr Catherine Ball 19th June - Revd Dr Catherine Ball 26th June - Led by Keith Cakebread

Meditation – Led by the Free Church St. Ives

Tuesday 5 th April	- 2.30-4pm
Tuesday 3 rd May	- 2.30-4pm
Tuesday 7 th June	- 2.30-4pm

Geoff Hawkins Fenstanton URC Secretary



Parish of Fen Drayton with Fenstanton News and Services for April 2022



The Rector writes:

Hello, how are you doing? April brings a time to remember why we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. The last two weeks of Lent are called Passiontide. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on 10th April, and as we

journey through the following days, we hear again the accounts of those events that took place leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Please see the service calendar for details. We look forward to seeing you at any of these special services for Easter as we remember that Jesus died and



rose again. Hallelujah! I said I would mention this month about baptisms – last month I wrote about weddings so if you missed that, do have a look in the March issue. So ...baptism information – anyone who lives in the parish (Fenstanton or Fen Drayton) can ask to have their

child baptised in either church. Baptism is the same as

christening, just like we refer to a marriage and a wedding, meaning the same thing. If you do not live in the parish then you (the parents) must be church members on our Church Electoral Roll*, which shows you are a member of the church because you have attended services for a minimum of six months. This might seem daunting when you first read it, but it just means attending a Sunday morning service once a month as a minimum, although we would love to see you more, of course. You can attend services as often as you like!

*The Church Electoral Roll is not the same as the Register of Electors which lists the names and addresses of everyone who is registered to vote ie government elections. The Church Electoral Roll is about being part of the church family.

Sometimes we are asked to baptise a child, a young person or an adult who is old enough to make the baptismal promises for themselves. At the baptism of a baby or young child, there are godparents who make the baptismal promises on behalf of the child. An older child, teenager or adult would have sponsors instead of godparents. In time, it is hoped and expected that all those who are baptised will be confirmed. There are no fees payable for a baptism no matter how young or old you are.

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Most funny moment for a baptism goes to the little baby who had just learned to blow raspberries and did so to perfection. Most frequently asked question probably is – can you baptise my child on insert particular date and time of the parents choosing. We will always talk to families about available dates but they will be Sundays (not other days of the week), as and when we have availability. Most awkward moment for parents – just when you get to the part of the service where you actually baptise the baby, and baby decides now is a good time to want feeding or a change of nappy. Please be assured we are good at being flexible in those moments. You are welcome to join us for any services in person, no booking required, or via the live-stream using Zoom. You will need the access codes for Zoom. Please note that the church is now open for visitors during the week, or for quiet prayer and reflection. Hope to see you soon.

God bless, from Rev Rosie

Do get in touch for up-to-date information, or look on the website <u>www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk</u> the facebook page "Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Parish Churches", a church near you <u>www.achurchnearyou.com</u>, or email: <u>rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com</u> <u>ikhuck@virginmedia.com</u>

Contact details for our parish are: Rector: Rev Rosie Tallowin: 01480 467393 email: rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com

Churchwardens: Philip Blunt 01480 461751 and Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211

Please note that all enquiries for weddings (including Banns of Marriage) and baptisms should be made in the first instance to our Rector Revd Rosie Tallowin, 01480 467393.

Community Fund, or to make an application for financial help, please note we have a dedicated email address for the fund <u>fdfscommunityfund@gmail.com</u> The Community Fund was set up to offer help to anyone with a strong association with Fenstanton or Fen Drayton, whether a church member or not. Especially in these difficult times we would like to reach out to you if you are in need of financial help and are seeking a modest one-off donation of money for a specific purpose. All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence and a member of our small committee will be in touch with you with an application form and further information.

April 2022 –	Services at St Mar	y's, Fen Drayton and St Peter & St Pau	I, Fenstanton
	Service time	Parish Services are usually held in St Peter & St Paul's Church, Fenstanton Live stream details via <u>https://</u> www.fenchurchbooking.org.uk	For Morning Prayer and Night Prayer Zoom details please contact Rev Rosie
Mondays, weekly	8pm		8pm Compline on Zoom (No Compline on bank holidays)
Thursdays, weekly	8.30am		8.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 3 rd Lent 5 Passiontid e begins	10am	10am Parish Service, Holy Communion with baptism Live stream may be available via Zoom, please request details	
Sunday 10 th <i>Palm</i>	9:15am service at St Mary's	9.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's Fen Drayton	
Sunday	10am service at Fenstanton	10am Worship For All Service beginning with a procession from Ron's Farm Shop Live stream may be available for in church via Zoom	
Thursday 14 th <i>Maundy</i> Thursday	7.30pm	Parish Service, Holy Communion	
Friday 15 ^m Good Friday	10am to 11.45am	Children's activity morning in Parish Church – see separate advert	
	12noon to 12.15pm at St Mary's 2.45pm to 3pm At Fenstanton	The Cross – reflection part one The Cross – reflection part two	
Holy Saturday	8pm at St Mary's	Service of Light	
Easter Sunday	9.15am service at St Mary's	9.15am Easter Day Communion at St Mary's, Fen Drayton	
	10.15am at Fenstanton	10.15am Easter Day Communion with baptism at Fenstanton Live stream may be available via Zoom	
Sunday 24 th <i>Easter</i> 2	9.15am service at St Mary's	Morning Praise, St Mary's, Fen Drayton	
	10am at Fenstanton	10am Family Communion at Fenstanton Live stream may be available via Zoom	

Fenstanton Community Café



"face2face" Monthly Community Café

All welcome to our monthly face2face Community Cafe.



We meet on the first Tuesday afternoon of each month, 2-3pm, at the Church Centre, near St Peter & St Paul's Church, Church Street/Lane, Fenstanton.

We are very fortunate to have donations of lovely homemade cakes each month and a very big thank you to all those who bake them!

Dog-walkers - if you would like to sit outside the Church Centre with your dogs (we have had several requests) then do let us know and we will bring refreshments to you. Everything is $\pounds 1$ to keep it simple.

The next "face2face" café's will be on Tuesday afternoons, 2-3pm, Church Centre. 5 April; 3 May; 7 June; 5 July; 2 August; 6 September;



4 October; 1 November; 6 December. Weekly Virtual Community Café

Can't come along to the face2face cafe? Then why not try our virtual community cafe?

Become a regular member of the virtual cafe and you will receive a free mug!!

The virtual café meets weekly on Wednesday afternoons, on Zoom, from 2-3.30pm. Do get in touch for the Zoom details. You are welcome to join in or to listen or both.

Our conversation is varied, hilarious, and surprising. We chat about anything and everything. So do you think there are more

doors or wheels in the world?

We have two rules we have agreed on. 1) We respect each others views – we might not agree with another person but we respect them as a person who has their own view. 2) We don't share photos or phone numbers unless we have permission from that person.

We have a Facebook page "Fenstanton Community Café", a WhatsApp group and Instagram page.

For more information about Fenstanton Community Café, please contact: Rev Rosie. 01480 467393 email: <u>rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com</u>

FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH - OPEN GARDENS Weekend 25th and 26th June 2022

Spring has arrived and lots of us are thinking about our gardens and beginning to enjoy the outside again.

We are having an **OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND** 25th and 26th June 2022. We would like to offer gardens of all shapes, styles and sizes, new or established.

Now that we have a little more freedom, if you feel you could open your garden for an actual visit by members of the public, please contact **Deborah 07914 115467** or **Julia on 07703 582694** leaving your name and contact number so that we can contact you back to take further details.

As well as gardens, we are planning to offer refreshments, church tower tours, a book stall and a plant stall (donations welcome). More details to follow.



We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you, from the Open Gardens Planning Team.



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The Sunday service is at 10.30am in our lovely church building at No,2, Burrel Road, St Ives, PE27 6RR: Come 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 plus a men and a women's breakfast fellowship. There is a youth group for 11 to 18 year-olds which meet on Friday nights in term-time between 7 and 9 pm.



The Babies and Toddlers group meets at 9.30am on Tuesdays in term-time. A Craft Club meets at 2pm on alternate Thursday afternoons. A women's weekly Bible study group meets on Tuesday morning at 10am. We also have the Bridge Drop-In on a Friday morning from 10.30, specifically designed for people on their own. We would love to welcome you to any of these events. For further details of times and places please see the website or ring the Church Office.

Now the Children's Church at the Bridge! It's 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 "magazine" style, relevant to the culture in which our children are growing up. Why not encourage your children to come along from 10:30 am on a Sunday morning?

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH St Ives
Church of the Sacred Heart,
19 Needingworth Rd.Parish Priest: Rev Thomas J Walton
Tel 01480 462192,The
Servewww.sacredheart-stives.orgServe
Mass Times: Saturday 17.00,
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00ar
BPapworth Everard, at the Parish
Church,
Saturday Mass 18.00ar
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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)

The John Deeks Article.

Recently it was suggested to me, that after ten years of writing for Spectrum, I should let people see what I look like! So, here I am.



John Deeks

More Ghost Stories By John Deeks

The Phantom that is said to haunt Hall Green Lane:

As told by Mrs J Allen in April 1922

"Yes, I will tell you just where it is to be seen. It has the appearance of a man muttering to himself and appears between where the house once stood, and goes along to where the old well that is now covered up in the green and then disappears up the garden.

It's always about money and he can't rest till it shows where it is. It rap, rap, rap and then beckoning you to follow him, it worries him, the secret won't let him rest".

The Ghost of a Man That Hanged Himself:

Story by Mrs Hopkins and Mrs Hodge, in 1922.



Ivy Cottage, Talls Lane, Fenstanton

"Situated in Talls Lane we see today a cool (sic) looking thatched barn lately turned into a motor garage by the present owners Mr Childley, a nurseryman.

It was not cowardice, but discretion that compelled Beldam Holes to flee out of this barn and rush home. What could he do otherwise, when he saw the ghost of a man hanging from a beam in this barn; yes, he cared not if the ghost finished filling the coal hole or his master had to, one of them might now do it, he simply could not".

A Headless Woman on a Donkey: Mrs Richards April 1922

The phantom of a headless woman and a donkey (some say a white donkey), are to be met along the top end of Talls Lane and Church Street as far as the corner. Some villagers conclude that this spectre of a headless woman points to some dreadful murder or tragedy that took place between these two points probably many years ago. Still this certainly is accepted as a true fact, though as far as is known it is just a tale of the past.



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This tale has been verbally handed down to those living in Fenstanton".

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Gertrude Peet

"The ghost of a woolly dog, or curly dog and some say of a man also. The dog can be met haunting the foot paths or walking between the old cottages. The dog does not attack or bark, but it traverses the streets and disappears up the passages behind the houses. The phantom dog can be found frequenting the church yards and can be seen around midnight".

iohn.deeks@ntlworld.com



The clocks have changed to give us more daylight hours to spend doing things we love....and we love bowling! April sees the opening of the club in preparation for social roll-ups on a Thursday, league games, open days and competitions.....talking of which, Fenstanton Bowls Club are the current holders of the County Ladies Pairs Championship title and will be attempting the double this year!

With something for everyone, why not come and try your arm at bowling? We're a friendly club and we'd be delighted to welcome you. Bowling really is an activity for all ages so bring the children, bring the grandparents....bring the whole family! We have bowls you can borrow so all you need are smooth soled shoes and a smile....and clothes, clothes are a must!

We are also appealing for people to help us with various jobs around the club, cutting the grass, maintenance bits and bobs etc....if you're handy with a hammer or marvellous with a mower, and have a couple of hours or so to help out, we'd love to hear from you too.

Look out in May's edition of Spectrum for more information about our open day and other events.For more information, call Barry on 07541 968125 or Patricia on 07801 946729 who will be delighted to hear from you.



THE FEN SHANTY FOLK Are back singing again!!!

We are currently meeting every 1st & 3rd Thursday night 7pm-9pm.

We are a mixed group of all ages singing shanties, folk and popular songs for pleasure.

If you enjoy singing in good company why not come along? We would love to see you. If you just want to come along and listen you are also most welcome. Contact us for venue details.

Available for bookings

We specialise in entertaining clubs, societies, small groups and parties.

For details: call 07971 622128: email <u>raywhitby45@gmail.com</u> or visit **Fen Shanty Folk on Facebook**

Fenstanton Village Sports Day & Produce Show

Saturday 2nd July 2022

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School field from 2pm





FENSTANTON FOOTBALL CLUB

We are an FA Chartered Standard club providing safe and inclusive football in a fun environment for players in the youth teams, 6-18 years and men's team.

> We are looking for Players for U7 team, School year 2 U12, School year 7 U13 School year 8 If you are interested or know someone who might be please contact the club

> > Email fenstantonfootball@outlook.com

WE URGENTLY NEED SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP US TO APPLY AND ACCESS FUNDING AND GRANTS TO HELP US TO CONTIUE DEVELOPING AND GROWING OUR CLUB.

If you are interested or know someone who might be and would like more information, please contact the club

Email fenstantonfootball@outlook.com



Tel. 01480 375055 fenstantonpreschool@fenstanton.cambs.sch.uk School Lane, Fenstanton, PE28 9JR Rebecca Reynolds - Administrator www.fenstantonandhiltonschool.com/web/pre-school

Fenstanton Pre-School is located in the Early Years Unit at Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School. The children benefit from all that a busy, thriving primary school has to offer whilst also preparing them for their journey into the reception class.

With a qualified and experienced team, the children spend their days learning in the best possible way - through play. Every day is filled with messy play, building, role play, forest school, dressing up, mark making, crafting, singing, making friends and so much more.

If you would like to find out more, we are hosting an **Open Afternoon** on **Tuesday 10th May** from 4.30pm-5.30pm. Please email us to register your interest.

We accept children from 3 years old and you can reserve your child's place from 2 years old.

We look forward to showing you around!







FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

2nd March

We had a wonderful afternoon of music from Tom Kennedy. It was uplifting and joyful, we joined in where we could and thoroughly enjoyed the music and banter.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

13th April Richard Taylor will speak to us about his work with the RSPB.

27th April

Peter Day will entertain us with his music, hope to have a lively afternoon.

11th May

"Dashing away with the Smoothing Iron', a talk given by Helen Green on the history of laundry!!

New members will be welcomed anytime. We meet fortnightly in the United Reformed Church building in Chequer Street PE28 9JQ at 2.00 pm. Please contact me for more information. Marie Newns 01480 350677

Fenstanton Literary Institute – Update on Closure

Following our appeal the Trustees are pleased to report that funds from the sale of Fenstanton Literary Institute have now been distributed to several successful applicants.

Under Charity Commission rules we were able to distribute funds to Fenstanton based organisations with similar purposes to those of the Literary Institute in keeping with the spirit of the original Trust.

The Trustees are now closing the charity and have notified the Charity Commission accordingly.

The Trustees wish to thank, in particular, Roger Keyworth who has been a Trustee since 1996 and indeed advised the previous Trustees for many years prior. We also wish to thank Jenny Downing who has been Clerk to the Trustees since 1996. Their input has been invaluable and we could not have operated for all these years without them. We also thank all those others who have served as Trustees over the years.

TREE PLANTING IN FENSTANTON

Many thanks to the residents who attended our last zoom meeting on 16th March.

A great deal of background research into resources, suppliers and funding has been done, especially by Roy and Kevin.

Many thanks to our Tree Seed Sowers which should start to germinate with the warmer weather. We still have a few packets of tree seeds and pots available. Please contact Ray.

We have completed counting the trees in the village. Trees with a 10cm diameter trunk at 1.3m height or are 3.5m tall have been counted. We have rounded up the 42,600 figure to give a planting target of 45,000 trees.

We are working on two planting proposals at present. 1. CAMBRIDGE ROAD - as part of the Queens Jubilee Avenue Scheme 2. HAMPTON POCKET PARK – with addition facilities for leisure and dog play

We are actively looking for tree planting opportunities in the Parish. If you are a landowner and willing to consider planting trees, we would be delight to hear from you. We are looking to plant an area of about 20 acres.

To get involved you can - plant a tree, sow a pack of tree seeds or join our next meeting.

raypuddefoot@gmail.com message 07501 684935 roy.mcgee@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk message 07949 453767

Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

Village Pond—update

Work on the Village Pond is almost complete.

The lining is now complete, an additional 20 tonnes of blue clay was required as the Pond was leaking. The planting of coir rolls against the Nicospan wall took place last year and we should see these flower this season as they become more established.

The are still some fish in the Pond but it has been recommended that your Parish Council does not re-stock until next Winter, as the clay is fresh and we need to let the pond naturalise first to get a good water body established and then when more organic material is present more fish can be introduced.

The damaged railing will be repaired or replaced and the railings will be tightened. The area to the left of the Pond will be re-established with top soil and grass seed.

Traffic and Parking

Your Parish Council would like to remind drivers to consider others when parking in the Village. The Village is becoming busier, especially the High Street and it can be frustrating if cars are held up because of illegally or inconsiderately parked cars.

The Annual Parish Meeting— 21st April 2022

This meeting is for the electors of Fenstanton. It is an opportunity to hear what your Parish Council has been up to over the last 12 months and an opportunity to speak on any matter of local interest. Your Parish Council will also be inviting local organisations/groups to speak. The meeting will start at 7.00pm and be held at the Church Centre. Your Parish Council looks forward to seeing you there!

To contact your Parish Council Clerk Telephone: 01480 465 300 Web: www.fenstantonpc.org Email: <u>clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk</u>

The Queens Platinum Jubilee and the Queens Green Canopy

There is still time to get involved. If you are a group or an individual that is interested in organising an event or have an idea for the Queens Platinum Jubilee on the 2nd— 5th June please contact your Parish Council.

Your Parish Council can put you in touch with others that are wanting to organise an event.

Your Parish Council is hoping to get involved with the Queen's Green Canopy and planting Trees

Dog Fouling

Despite your Parish Council's recent campaign to highlight the dangers of Dog fouling, unfortunately we are still receiving reports of Dog mess that is not being picked up. This has been reported along Cranesbrook, but is also happening around the Village, please pick up after your Dog. There have also been reports of poo bags being left in the Hedge along Eric Mott way. Please remember to collect your Dogs poo bags and dispose of them responsibly.

PICK IT UP! BAG IT! BIN IT RESPONSIBLY!

MUGA— Organise Sports Activities

Your Parish Council in conjunction with the Healthy Lifestyles Team at Huntingdonshire District Council, would still like to hear from any groups or individuals in the Village that would be interested in organised sports activities. These would be supervised sessions, to teach or demonstrate how to use outdoor equipment and could include Football, Netball, Rugby, Basketball and Cricket.

These could also include organised activities for young people during the School Holidays. If this is something that may be of interest, please contact your Clerk.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Volunteers Keeping our Village Clean







Alice Fewtrell

Grace Jablonska

Evie McCullock & Freya Payne

Four young ladies from our village have decided to litter pick as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award Programme. The girls, all pupils of Swavesey Village College, are setting out to achieve the DofE bronze award, which will involve, volunteering, physical activity, skills

improvement and finally, an expedition that involves map/route planning, pitching their own tent and food preparation.

The girls have all chosen litter picking (we're delighted to say) for the volunteering element of the award, Evie and Freya have chosen football (they both play for Swavesey Spartans) for their physical activity, whilst Alice and Grace have chosen cycling. Evie is doing cookery for the skills improvement section; Freya is practising piano and Grace and Alice are doing theatre performance.

Thank you for all your hard work so far, you are a credit to our village, and good luck with the rest of the programme.

MUGA— New Booking System

Your Parish Council has a new booking system in place. It is still easy to use and will send you the access code to the MUGA by email on completion of your booking.

Please use the QR code below or contact the Clerk.

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Job Advertisement

Responsible Finance Officer – Experienced Book keeper/Accountant Working hours – approximately 5-7 hours per week.

Your Parish Council is looking to appoint a Responsible Financial Officer reporting to the Chairman of the Finance and Constitution Committee and working with the Clerk to ensure the effective administration of the Parish Council finances.

Working from home or from the Parish Council office in Fenstanton.

Some evening work will be required, this will be to attend the Finance and Constitution committee meetings, which are held ad hoc approximately 3-4 times per year and where possible the monthly Parish Council meetings, which are held once a month.

The ideal candidate will be computer literate with good communication skills, as well as being able to plan and manage the workload in order of priority using their own initiative to meet deadlines. They will need to be proactive and motivated and able to demonstrate an ability to work constructively and accurately with a wide variety of stakeholders.

Experience of working in the public sector, and at Parish Council level is an advantage but not essential. Experience in bookkeeping is essential and experience of 'Scribe' financial software would be an advantage, but training can be given.

The salary for the R.F.O. will be in accordance with the NJC scales: between point 12 (£11.73 per hour) and point 24 (£15.16) but will depend on experience and qualifications. Holiday entitlement 22 days (pro rata). The Council supports attendance at training courses.

The closing date for applications is 30th April 2022. Interviews will be held at a convenient date thereafter and the successful candidate will be expected to commence duties as soon as is possible.

A full job description is available on the Fenstanton Parish Council website or from the Clerk. If interested please contact the Clerk,

Hilton Parish Council

Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 7th March

The Ware

ULTO

The agreed works to improve the bank of the Ware have been completed and the Clerk is meeting with National Highways to resolve any issues prior to these works being presented to the Council to sign off. The Parish Council authorised expenditure of up to £1,000 for the works required to cut back the excessive growth on the far bank of the Ware.

Maintenance Contract

The Council has resolved to split the maintenance contract into two parts which will be an annual cost of £8,800.

2021/22 LHI bid for a 24hr HGV ban on the B1040

The decision meeting has been held and the CCC Officer has authorised the ban as presented. The Chairman thanked those residents who wrote in support of the ban, County ClIr Doug Dew, HAT and all of those involved in achieving this HGV ban. Local Projects has advised that they hope to install the signs in mid-May, however the Clerk has been advised by the Highways department that this deadline is unrealistic.



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2022/23 LHI bid for a 30mph limit across the Green

Cllr Sarah Suckling and Cllr Peter Balicki attended the Zoom meeting with the LHI Panel. Peter read the agreed 500-word document and there were a couple of questions regarding the location of the road. The next stage is for the scoring matrix to be published by CCC and presented to their Highways and Transport Committee.



Football Goal Nets

Hilton Parish Council has resolved to purchase new nets for the football goals at a cost of £60.

Easter Cross

The Parish Council has granted permission for the Easter cross to be erected on the Green from Friday 16th April to Tuesday 20th April.



CAPALC

Hilton Parish Council has resolved to renew their membership of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils at a cost of £392.70.

Jubilee Events

Hilton Parish Council granted permission to the Hilton Community Garden Committee for the use of the Green for their Jubilee event.

Facebook

The Council considered whether to allow comments to be published on their Facebook page and resolved to continue to manage the Facebook page in its current form.

Great British Spring Clean

The Council resolved not to organise an event as there is not enough litter within the 30mph limits. They thanked those diligent parishioners that already collect litter and asked them to continue to do so.

NALC Salary Scales

Hilton Parish Council noted the revised salary scales for 2021/22 and authorised the payment of the backdated payroll of £165.50.

LGA Model Code of Conduct

The Parish Council resolved to adopt the new Local Government Association Code of Conduct.

Parish Council Elections

Elections are due for both District and Parish Councillors and will be held on Thursday 5th May 2022. The deadline for nomination forms is 4pm on Tuesday 5th April. If you would like further information about becoming a Parish Councillor, or about the election process, please contact the Clerk – <u>clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com</u> or 830605.



The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 4th April 2022 in Hilton Village Hall. Agendas will be issued in advance on the village notice boards and the Council's website <u>www.hiltonparishcouncil.com</u>. Parishioners are welcome to speak at council meetings on agenda items.

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HILTON PARISH COUNCIL JOINS NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO MAKE A CHANGE AND BECOME A COUNCILLOR

Hilton Parish Council is taking part in a national campaign to encourage residents in England to stand in the 2022 local elections.

The aim of the Make A Change campaign is to call on people – especially those undiscovered community heroes – who are passionate about our local area to put themselves forward to be elected to sit on a local parish council as a councillor.

Today, there are 10,000 local councils in England, with 100,000 councillors. They are the heroes of their communities and give residents a voice on the decisions the council makes. With this campaign, we want to let prospective councillors know that through the work of a councillor, they can make a real difference in our community.

The work our council does is both exciting and rewarding. An integral part of this work is the job councillors do: engaging with local people, groups and businesses to find out their needs; making decisions on the services and projects the council should take forward; and getting involved to ensure services are meeting the community's needs.

We are now asking people who want to improve the quality of life for their fellow residents to see Hilton Parish Council as a tool to make that change and stand for election.

MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A COUNCILLOR

Hilton and Fenstanton Royal British Legion

Several Royal British Legion members, including the Branch Standard Bearer, Mike Robinson and the Women's Section Standard Bearer Julie Briggs, 4 members and their Bandmaster Graham Sheldon of RAF Wyton Area Voluntary Band and Royal Engineer Warrant Officer Brian Durber visited Reginald Millns's home in St Ives. We joined WWII veteran Reginald and his family, friends and carers to celebrate Reginald's 100th Birthday, on 4th May 2021. Staff Sergeant Reginald had had a very active wartime service - even fighting in El Alamein. There were photographs printed in the Hunts Post dated 12 May 2021 to commemorate this glorious occasion.



Sadly, Reginald passed away peacefully on 23rd January this year. His life was celebrated at Huntingdon Crematorium on 4th March. Four members of St Ives Royal British Legion, including the Branch Standard Bearer: Mike Robinson, Alan Scott: Membership and Welfare Officer, Barry Patterson and Julie Briggs: both retired standard Bearers were welcomed to the service by Reginald's family.

St Ives Royal British Legion Women's Section are arranging a monthly Coffee Morning on the second Monday of each month in the Ivy Leaf club, Broadway, St Ives. At this month's meeting we also had a fun quiz with teams of 4 or 6. The next Coffee Morning will be on Monday 11th April, at 11am. There is a $\pounds 2.00$ entry fee to include a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits, and a raffle. You do not have to be a member of the Royal British Legion, nor the Armed Forces, so why not come along and join us for a cuppa and a chat?

If you have any queries please contact: Margaret 831 186 and Julie 830 580

Old Fenstanton Book Copies of my book, **HILTON 1939** HILTON 1939 are still ON SALE **RON'S FARM SHOP** available 67 pages, A VILLAGE IN HUNTINGDONSHIRE AT THE OUTBREAK OF WAR with illustrations POST OFFICE, 28 BELL LANE Only £7 to cover £5 printing costs. This may be just what you are looking for as **Old Fenstanton** Gillian M. Sheail a small Christmas gift, a collection of photographs or for yourself if you are a newcomer to the village. Please contact me at 3, Mill Hill End, or phone 07484 650209, and if required I will deliver within the village Also Jack Dady's Beyond Yesterday Gillian Sheail Book £10



Quiz Night is back.

Come along to the Village Hall on Saturday 26th March for a night of Quiz fun. Will it be your team that takes the honours this time?? Starts at 7.30 pm, tickets are £5 per person and teams are up to a maximum of 8 people. Licensed bar and snacks. Get your tickets from feastweek.co.uk

Also remember the **Family Easter Egg Hunt** will be taking place around the village on Saturday 16th April.

Any questions or comments please contact us on committee@feastweek.co.uk

Programme Cover Picture Competition

We are launching an exciting competition for children to design the front cover picture on the Hilton Feast Week 2022 programme.

We need amazing animal themed works of art; whether it be tigers, frogs, llamas, we want to see all kinds of creatures big and small. The winner will see their picture on the front of the programme which is delivered to every house in the village and for all to see on the website. Download your entry form from our website feastweek.co.uk or drop us an email to committee@feastweek.co.uk and we will deliver one to you. Then draw or paint your picture and get it back to us by **Friday 22 April 2022**. Not only will the winner have their artwork on the front of the programme but they will also win a prize



HILTON FLOWER CLUB

March meeting Tim Meekin was our flower demonstrator, we had a wonderful afternoon, Tim did 6 arrangements,

The colours of the flowers and the arrangements were stunning, 6 lucky ladies won an arrangement to take home.

APRIL 4TH Stephanie Laing will be our demonstrator, we haven't met Stephanie before so we are looking forward to meeting her. MAY 9th is our workshop so we need your names and money at the APRIL meeting.

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY 27th -- 29th

We are holding a FLOWER FESTIVAL again in Hilton church. More details about this will be in next months spectrum.

HILTON VILLAGE HALL 2pm-4pm ENTRANCE £5.00 (includes tea /biscuits)

No Membership, just pay on the door

Look forward to seeing you all. Beverley & June

HILTON ART CLUB

February's tutor led workshop: Watercolour on Canvas with Mo Childs. Many thanks to Mo who gave us lots of advice and tips, demonstrations, materials, brought examples for us to see, and was just generally a great tutor and a lovely lady! We really enjoyed ourselves. Some really interesting techniques for creating textures and patterns with watercolour as well as a brilliant new way of mounting artwork that I'm sure we'll all be doing again at home! Time to have fun and experiment! These techniques can cover any size of artwork and I'm sure gave us all lots of ideas for art in the future. Our creative juices will be flowing! Thanks to Kathy and Janet for the delicious cake and shortbread, to Andrea for bringing the milk, and to everyone for helping with setting up and clearing away.

1st April Online Challenge: Interpretation of a photo – see our Facebook page.

22nd April 9.30am – 12.30pm Come Rain, Come Shine: atmospheric rainy days. *Bring your own pictures/props.*

Advance Notice

6th May 10am – 4pm Pastels And Inks. Tutor led full day Workshop with Jane Fellows. Booking essential - for members.



tickets@hilton-village.com - dedicated email address for enquiries and ticket sales (cash or BACS payment); www.illvria.co.uk - direct through Illyria's website (by credit card - but you will be charged a 5% administration fee); www.hilton-village.com - updates and further details available on our village website along with a link to our direct email address for ticket enquiries and sales. Adult: £14, Child (4-14 years) £8, up to 4 - Free, Concession (65x) £12, Family (2A+2C) £40 "Peter Pan" is presented by armagement with Great Ormand Street Hospital Children's Charity and Concord Theatricals Ltd on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

Much more information will be available on our village website – <u>www.hilton-village.com</u> as events are finalised and more details become available.

Snow White and the Seven A14 Workers

In February the Hilton Players performed Helen's latest offbeat pantomime to three full houses.

We made it,

Oh, yes we did!

Weekly rehearsals had begun at the beginning of October. That's plenty of time we thought but fate, mainly in the form of covid, had other ideas for members of the cast, their families or work colleagues. In November our writer/producer was out of action, but we plodded on.

Oh, yes we did!

In January the struggle continued so we wondered if we were jinxed so should we carry on or postpone? However, the vote was to continue with the rehearsals, learning lines, preparing costumes, lighting, scenery etc, etc.

Goodness, how time flew when we were having fun as well.

Bearing in mind that for safety reasons we were reducing the seating by one third from that of Cinderella two years ago, we were humbled to find that that our future audiences were showing such faith in us by quickly seeking tickets we saw early on that we would be performing to full houses.

That first performance arrived with a worrying gale yet was a red-letter day by being the first time the entire cast had been able to come together at one time.

Oh, yes it was!

It had been hard work but well worth the enormous fun throughout, new friendships were made, and people were already clamouring for a part next time'

Oh, yes, they were'!

To cap it all the profits amounted to £1,230 which will help to refresh the Village Hall Garden. So, watch that space.

Oh, yes you can!

Thank you to the Hilton Town Trustees for their generous sponsorship, to the very long list of everyone who had worked so hard to get the pantomime on the stage, to our audiences who booed and cheered in all

the right places, (mostly)

Oh, yes, they did!

But very especially a huge thank you to our diamond Helen for her determined inspiration.

HILTON WI

Here we are again, very shortly after our March meeting when we welcomed new members and several 'trying us out', so we very much hope that we made the right impression.

To begin, we held few moments of reflection on the painful situation in Ukraine

We discussed possible outings without expensive coaches and easy journeys throughout the summer and of course more on our Jubilee ideas. We heard of the continuing activities of our clubs because optimism is once more in the air in Hilton.

Also in the evening we were offered an interesting talk by Tas Jennings from TeaVerytea. Tas first showed us a short film on the origins of the tea plant from 6,000 years ago and spoke of its ongoing history. She had studied the various types of tea and reminded us the peppermint and fruit drinks that we are consuming are actually infusions, not tea.

There are basically 1.500 types covering black, white, green , yellow, dark, all produced according to the differing oxidisations used. People in Ireland head the highest tea drinkers per capita and we are second consuming 165.000 cups PER DAY ! Contrary to some opinions the contents of teabags are not the sweepings from the floor but leaves that are put through machinery which chops them more finely. That's a relief then !

Once again, new members are welcome . Contact Sue Clark :hiltonwisecretary@gmail.com

HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

TIME TO SOW.....

.....for the Hilton Produce Show!



Yes! We're coming back: When: Saturday 30th July from 8.00 am Where: The marquee on The Green Theme: Go Wild!

We're hoping for lots of choice exhibits of : home grown fruit and vegetables; beautiful flower arrangements; home-made jams and mouthwatering cakes; children's imaginative displays; your favourite house-plant and specimen flowers from your garden; your crop of potatoes weighed on site...

The revised schedule will be printed first in next month's Spectrum and then in the Feast Week Programme.

With produce from our **Community Garden** to add to the display, 2022 should be a bumper year. Please share your produce, visit the marquee and join us for the afternoon's prize-giving.