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Letters & Notices



Christmas Greetings to all our friends in and around Fenstanton. It's been most interesting to edit this double issue of *Spectrum* after a break of just over 3 years. Whilst we have seen issues during our occasional visits to Fenstanton there's nothing like editing an edition to learn about what's going on.

It's been great to see all the activities and groups contributing to the local scene. We now live in a retirement complex which was created from one of the earliest TB Sanatoria in England, hidden away in the centre Bournemouth with beautiful grounds, very convenient for the buses, shops and walks - 7mils of promenade if we feel strong! It is like one long holiday! But we still keep very busy as we used to in Fenstanton. Our Best Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year go to everyone in Fenstanton and Hilton.

John & Margaret



Dear Girls and Boys,

I will be visiting **FENSTANTON Clock Tower** on the evening of **Friday 6th of December** when I will look forward to seeing some of my old friends again. If you would like to write to me I will have my special posting box with me but don't forget to add your full name and address if you would like me to reply to you. I can't wait to see the Christmas lights switched on and listen to the beautiful singing of the school children and I'm really looking forward to having a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. Be good and don't forget to be kind to your friends and family. Love to you all from

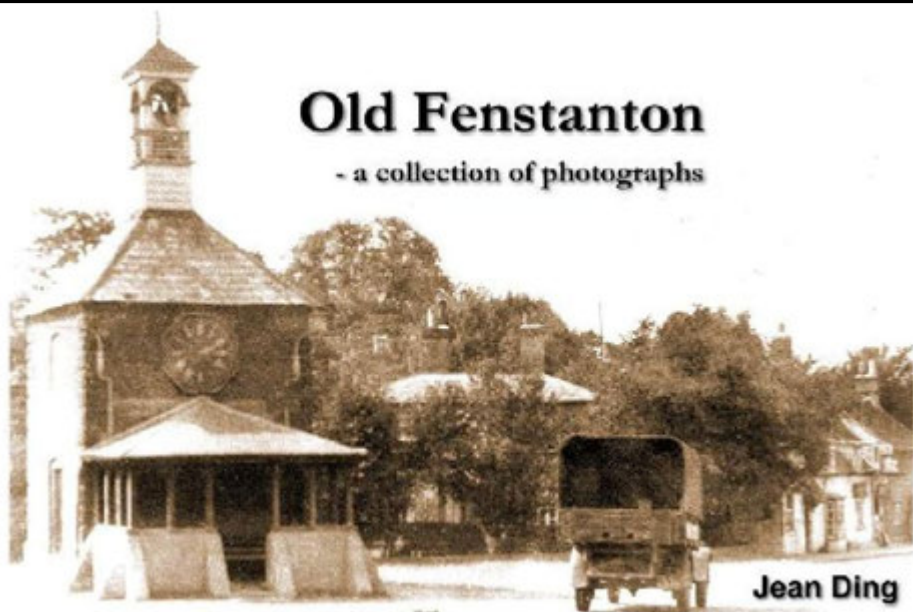
Santa

Hilton Parish Church needs your help!

We desperately need volunteers to join our cleaning and flower arranging rotas. Neither is an onerous task and if you could help, even if it's just once or twice a year, we would love to hear from you. Our volunteers have dwindled over the past few years (sadly through "natural causes") and there are now only a few people left to keep our church looking clean and beautifully decorated. You don't need to be a church-goer to join the cleaning or flower arranging rotas and you would really be making a difference. If you think you can help Do please get in touch with **Beverley Tack on 830571** . Thanks!

Old Fenstanton

- a collection of photographs



If you have not already got a copy, this book of 'Old Fenstanton' pictures of as it was years ago, has been re-printed and is not to be missed. It is on sale, for £5 at:
RON'S FARM SHOP or THE POST OFFICE,
or 28 BELL LANE.



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.

We meet every Thursday evening 7.30-9.30pm - the first Thursday of the month we meet in our homes, the rest of the month in The Bertha Pitfield Room at the Church Centre.

If you enjoy singing in good company why not come along; we'd love to see you? You are also very welcome to just come along and listen to us.

Available for bookings: We specialise in entertaining clubs, societies, small groups and parties.

For details call Ray and Niki on 01480 370973 or email raywhitby45@gmail.com or visit **Fen Shanty Folk** on **Facebook**.

CAROL SINGING

AROUND HILTON VILLAGE



COME AND JOIN US ON

TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER

MEET AT THE LYCH GATE (HILTON PARISH CHURCH)

6PM SHARP

WE NEED BOTH SINGERS & COLLECTORS

EVERYONE WELCOME

COLLECTION IN AID OF SAVE THE CHILDREN

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE 6PM THEN JOIN US ON THE WAY ROUND.
THE ROUTE IS....

SPARROW WAY, MILL HILL END, RUTLAND GREEN, SMEEFIELD, POTTON ROAD
(INCL PUB), CHAPEL CLOSE, KIDMANS CLOSE, COLLEGE COURT, WESTBROOK
AREA, TITHE CLOSE, SCOTT'S CLOSE & CRESCENT.

Hilton Methodist Church December/January

Church Services

1st Dec	10.00am	Rev Clifford Owen
8th Dec	11.15am	United service with Mr Tony Sainsbury and Rev David Busk

This service is a GIFT SERVICE when gifts of toys, money or gift vouchers can be given to a representative from Action For Children . These gifts will go to help disadvantaged children in the local area.

15th Dec	5.00pm	Candlelit Carol Service. All welcome
22nd Dec	10.00am	Rev Pam Siddall. Holy Communion
29th Dec	10.00am	Local Arrangement

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5th Jan	10.00am.	Mr Don Moorman
12th Jan	11.15am	United Covenant Service with Rev Nick Witham and Rev David Busk
19th Jan	10.00am.	Mr Daniel Harris
26th Jan	10.00am.	Local Arrangement

HILTON METHODIST CHURCH FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING



Saturday, Dec 7th & Saturday, Jan 4th
10.00am - 12.00 noon.

in the Church Hall

We will have all the usual gifts, crafts and groceries for sale from the FAIRTRADE shop in St Ives plus some Christmas items in December.

Do join us for tea/coffee and biscuits and a chat. Money from refreshments goes to EACH (children's hospice)

ADVENT LUNCHEES in HILTON

4th December	Carole and Malcolm Lynn, 1 Grove End
11th December.	Julia Parkinson, The Grange , The Green
18th December.	Heather Woods, 7 Chequers Croft

Time: 12.30 to 2pm

Donations: £5 upwards for a simple lunch of bread /biscuits and cheese/ chutneys. Charity: **MAGPAS** Night Helicopter

Hilton Methodist Church December/January

WELL DONE HILTON - Action for Children collection

The total raised from the recent door-to-door collection amounted to £983.80 . This fantastic sum has been given to Woodland Lodge Respite Centre in Huntingdon which is run by the charity. A big thank you to everyone who collected and donated.

Jan Whatley and Heather Woods

CANDLE LIT CAROL SERVICE IN THE METHODIST CHURCH



*This ecumenical carol service will be on
Sunday 15th December at 5pm.*

*We are pleased that some members of the
SEDICI choir will be joining us for the
service. They will be singing two
choral pieces during this service.*

There will be a collection for charity.

*Afterwards you are all warmly invited to join us in
the church hall for mince pies and a hot drink.*

ROVING SUPPER - advance notice

there will be a Roving Supper on Saturday 4th April 2020
This is always a popular event in the village and it raises funds
for the two churches in Hilton. Heather Woods (830686) and
Peter Blake (830317) will be in contact in the New Year but if
you want to let them know you wish to join in the Supper just
give them a phone call.

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

Hilton Parish Church - December/January

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.

December 2019		
Sunday 1st	Advent 1	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Wednesday 4th		
Hilton	12.30pm	Advent lunch – see poster for details
Sunday 8th	Advent 2	
Hilton	11.15am	United Gift Service at MC with children's activities in church
Tuesday 10th		
Hilton	6.00pm	Carols around the village – starting at Parish Church. See posters for route.
Wednesday 11th		
Hilton	12.30pm	Advent lunch – see poster for details
Sunday 15th	Advent 3	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Hilton	5.00pm	Carol service at Methodist church
Wednesday 18th		
Hilton	12.30pm	Advent lunch – see poster for details
Sunday 22nd	Advent 4	
Hilton	11.15am	Family communion
Tuesday 24th	Christmas Eve	
Hilton	4.00pm	Crib Service
Hilton	11.30pm	Midnight Communion at MC
Wednesday 25th	Christmas Day	
Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion
Sunday 29th	Christmas 1	
Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion

Hilton Parish Church - December/January

January 2019		
Sunday 5th	Christmas 2	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Hilton	10.00am	Children's Church
Sunday 12th	Epiphany 1 (Baptism of Christ)	
Hilton	11.15am	United Covenant Service at MC with Sunday Club in Methodist school room
Friday 17th		
Hilton	5.30pm	FRIDAY FEAST, all age gathering in church with crafts & light supper.
Sunday 19th	Epiphany 2	
Hilton	8.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th	Epiphany 3	
Hilton	11.15am	Family Communion

JOIN US
FOR
**FRIDAY
FEAST**

NEW DATES BELOW
 5.30pm – 7pm
 Parish Church
 Hilton



BRING A BOTTLE!

Free All Age event
 Get creative
 Food & Fun
 Informal gathering
 Churches of Hilton together
 For all faiths, and none



Jan 17th, Feb 21st & Mar 20th
 To find out more, call Rachel on 830866

Fenstanton Parish Church - December/January

Fenstanton Parish Church - Advent and Christmas 2019

We have lots of special activities and services in the coming weeks especially for children and families but **EVERYONE** is welcome to join us.

Sunday 1st December 9.30am. Parish Communion with Sunday Club. Come to church and bring any Crib Sets you have at home to be blessed during the service. We will also bless our travelling Crib (details below) as this is the start of advent, before it begins its journey around the village. Open to everyone and refreshments served after the service.

Make sure you have signed the sheet to have our little knitted "Mary and Joseph" figures to stay overnight this Advent. Keep a sheep from the box and bring it to Crib Service, December 24th at 4pm



Christingle Service and Tea is on Sunday 1st December at 5pm. Please come along with family, friends, grandparents etc to this afternoon service and tea in aid of The Children's Society. This all-age service is partly candle-lit and all the children will receive a "Christingle" orange. Everyone is invited to stay for tea afterwards. Lots of information about the important work of The Children's Society at www.christingle.org.uk



Come and join us for our annual Toy Service on Sunday 8th December at 10.30am. Please do consider buying and donating a gift for an older child (age 13+) eg card games, wallet, beanie hat, portable charger, pen sets, teenage books, torches, older colouring books, model kits, board games, make up bag. This year we have been asked to leave our donated toys unwrapped. Gift bags can be used. Thank you.



Our Toy service is followed by our Christmas Lunch from 12.30pm in the Church Centre. A traditional roast turkey dinner followed by trifle or chocolate log. Includes a glass of wine for adults and fruit juice for children. Come and join us, whether as a family or on your own for a delicious meal. Tickets £10 adults £4 child 3-16yrs (Under 3's free.) Ring Katie on 465211 for tickets.



Friday 20th December Christmas Crunch 11am-2pm. Come and help us decorate the BIG Church Christmas Tree in church and then move to the Church Centre for crafts, activities and lunch together. Parents welcome to join us for a simple lunch from 1:15pm.

At our Crib service at 4pm on Christmas Eve we will hear The Christmas Story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, sing well known carols and place the figures in the Crib. Children are welcome to dress up in nativity costumes.



On Christmas morning, do join us in celebrating Jesus's birth together at our 10.30am informal Family Communion Service. All excited children (and grown-ups) welcome on this very special morning.

Everyone is most welcome at all or any of our special events and services

Fenstanton Parish Church - December/January

Hello! How are you doing?

As the Spectrum magazine hits the doormat, I am guessing many of you will be on a bit of a frenetic countdown to Christmas? Maybe not? We all lead different lives and have different things we need to do. How we manage all that might depend on what sort of person we are. Are you someone who is already wondering if it is too early to put the brussel sprouts on or perhaps you finished your Christmas shopping last January?

No matter what we are like as people, where we get our enthusiasm and energy from, the turn of a new year can bring us to a point where we reflect on the last year and wonder what the next year might bring.

Do you know the poem "The Gate of the Year"?

'I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year –

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".'

It was written by Minnie Louise Haskins in 1908 and privately published in 1912 as part of a collection called "The Desert". It is thought to have caught public attention when King George VI quoted it in his Christmas broadcast in 1939.

A New Year offers each of us the opportunity of a new beginning, with God as our travelling companion. God has committed himself to us and we are given the opportunity to commit ourselves to him, by putting him first, putting your hand into the hand of God for the year ahead. It's about living within the loving relationship that God has already offered to us. I'm excited about what God has planned for the future and I hope you are too. No matter how old or young we are, the good news is that he invites everyone to join in. As we put our hands into the hands of God may he draw our hearts to him, guide our minds, fill our imaginations and so control our wills that we might be wholly his, committed to him and used for his glory.

Minnie's poem continues, "So I went forth, and finding the hand of God, trod gladly into the night."

God bless, Rev Rosie



Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Churches **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE & TEA**

on Sunday 1st December at 5pm
at Fenstanton Parish Church

Everyone very welcome to this short partly
candle-lit service supporting the work of
THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

*We will hold a collection for the charity and
each child will help to make a Christingle orange
before enjoying tea together afterwards.*

An event suitable for all ages, 0-99!

www.childrenssociety.org.uk

Fenstanton Parish Church - December/January

Sunday 1 st	First Sunday of Advent	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club and blessing of
	5.00 pm	Christingle Service followed by tea
Thursday 5 th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
	3.20pm	Jaffa Club
Sunday 8 th	Second Sunday of Advent	
	10.30 am	Worship for All Toy Service (see separate poster for
Thursday 12 th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Friday 13 th	7.30 pm	Teenage Christians (TC) at the Church Centre
Sunday 15 th	Third Sunday of Advent	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club
	6.00 pm	Sung Evensong
Thursday 19 th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Friday 20 th	11 am – 2	Christmas Crunch (see separate poster for details)
Sunday 22 nd	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
	10.30 am	Family Communion
	5.00 pm	Carol Service
Tuesday 24 th	Christmas Eve	
	4.00 pm	Crib Service the Christmas Story for all the family
	11.30 pm	Parish Midnight Communion
Wednesday	Christmas Day	
	10.30 am	Family Communion
Sunday 29 th	First of Christmas	
	9.30 am	Parish Holy Communion
January 2020		
Thursday 2 nd	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Sunday 5 th	Epiphany	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club

Fenstanton Parish Church - December/January

Thursday 9 th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Friday 10 th	7.30 pm	Teenage Christians (TC) at the Church Centre
Saturday 11 th	2.00 pm	Wedding
Sunday 12 th	First of Epiphany	
	10.30 am	Worship for All
Thursday 16 th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
	3.20pm	Jaffa Club
Sunday 19 th	Second of Epiphany	
	9.30 am	Joint Service with the United Reformed Church at the URC
	6.00 pm	Sung Evensong
Thursday 23 rd	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Friday 24 th	7.30 pm	Teenage Christians (TC) at the Church Centre
Sunday 26 th	Third of Epiphany	
	10.30 am	Family Communion
Thursday 30 th	8.30 am	Morning Prayer (short said service)
Sunday Feb 2 nd	Candlemas	
	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club

Contact information:

For **Fen Drayton with Fenstanton**: We look forward to welcoming you at any of our services. All enquiries regarding baptisms (christenings), weddings (including Banns of Marriage) and funerals should be made in the first instance to our new Vicar Revd Rosie Tallowin, 01480 467393. For general church matters please contact the Churchwardens Philip Blunt 01480 461751 or Ian Hucklesby 01480 465211. For pastoral conversations please contact the Vicar or either of our Licensed Lay Ministers - Niki Whitby on 07841 599492 or Harvey Marshall on 01480 533301. For more information about our Community Fund please email FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com Why not visit our website <http://www.fenstantonparishchurch.org.uk/>, or find us on Facebook - Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Parish Churches

Fenstanton Parish Church



Sunday 8th December
at 10.30am



TOY SERVICE



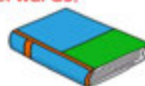
Everyone is very welcome to our informal service at which gifts will be accepted for local needy children this Christmas. This year, our local Social Services team have asked that we please consider buying for an older child (age 13 and up) and to leave the gifts unwrapped, thank you. Refreshments served afterwards.



Children's
activities



ALL AGES VERY WELCOME



Fen Band

Advent

“Waiting for Christmas Together”

Our Fenstanton Churches Together group will be exploring the theme of waiting – using music, pictures and readings as well as conversation. You are warmly invited to join us.

All faiths and no faith – All are welcome!

Tuesday 9th December, 7.30-9.30pm, at the URC Church

What are you waiting for!?

For more details please contact:

Rev Rosie Tallwin 01480 467393 or Rev Dr Catherine Ball 01480 352058

FENSTANTON PARISH CHURCH PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS CRUNCH

CHILDREN'S CRAFTS & LUNCH, INCLUDING DECORATION OF THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE

FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER 11AM – 2PM

Parents and carers warmly invited to join us for a simple hot meal at 1:15pm

at FENSTANTON CHURCH CENTRE

PLEASE CONTACT KATIE ON 01480 465211 or email kthuck@virginmedia.com TO BOOK A FREE PLACE

ALL AGES WELCOME – Children under 5 with a carer please

Fenstanton United Reformed Church - December/January

Part of the St Ives Group of Churches. Contact: Rev Dr Catherine Ball
(01480 352058) or the Free Church St Ives (01480 468535)
Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.

PREACHING PLAN

Dec 1 st	9-30am	Rev Derek Newton
Dec 8 th	9-30am	Rev Dr Catherine Ball Holy Communion
Dec 15 th	9-30am	Rev Dr Catherine Ball
Dec 22 nd	9-30am	Mr Keith Cakebread
Dec 25 th	9-30am	Rev Dr Catherine Ball
Dec 29 th	9-30am	Rev Chris Baker

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Jan 5 th	9-30am	Rev Derek Newton
Jan 12 th	9-30am	Rev Dr Catherine Ball Holy Communion
Jan 19 th	9-30am	Rev Dr Catherine Ball
Jan 26 th	9-30am	Mrs Pauline Zahner

Fenstanton United Reformed Church Events

Fenstanton Knitters and Natters

**December 3rd, 17th, 31st & January 2020 14th, 28th,
10.00am - 12 noon.** If you can knit and natter please come along.

New members will be made welcome.



Tuesday Lunch

Dec 10th & Jan 7th 2020, 12 noon for 12-30 pm

Coffee Morning

**December 24th & Jan 2020 21st,
10.00am - 11.30am**



ALL ARE WELCOME

For more information of these events please ring Jean 01480 498221

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHEQUER STREET



BOOK SALE 9.30am - 12 noon

SATURDAY December 14th & January 18th

ALSO JIGSAWS ON SALE

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



A big thank you, in anticipation, to the Organizations, Clubs, Shops and Businesses who said they will be entering a Christmas tree in our Festival,

6th - 8th December:

Friday, 1.00pm - 4.00pm;

Saturday, 10.00am - 4.00pm;

Sunday, 11.00am - 4.00pm.

There will be refreshments on sale.

Donations at the door will go to
Arthur Rank Hospice
and the Church.

Please come and support this event.

This tree is made up of 800 knitted squares

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

CHEQUER STREET

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

CONCERT

WITH

BURY AND RAMSEY BAND

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14th – 7.00pm

Refreshments served afterwards

FENSTANTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

SUNDAY DEC 22nd - 3.00PM

A CAROL SERVICE WITH A DIFFERENCE

DONATIONS TO EACH (East Anglia's Children's Hospice)

**MAY YOUR DAYS BE FILLED
WITH JOY AND TRANQUILITY
THAT ONLY JESUS,
THE REASON FOR THE SEASON,
BRINGS YOU.**



JOIN US ON SUNDAY 10AM:

DECEMBER 22 FOR OUR NATIVITY/CAROLS SERVICE,

DECEMBER 29 FOR THE LAST SUNDAY SERVICE IN 2019

**& TUESDAY DECEMBER 31 NIGHT 10PM FOR OUR VIGIL INTO
2020 AS WE DECLARE JESUS IS LORD OVER**

THE NEW YEAR AND BEYOND.



THE INTERNATIONAL PRAYER PALACE CHURCH.

ALCONBURY HALL SCHOOL LANE, ALCONBURY, PE28 4EQ.

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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)

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 **Women'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 **Women'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

Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

Parish Office move to Fenstanton

In early January 2020, your Parish Council will open its new office in (number 6) the High Street.

In addition to the Parish Council Clerk the new St Ives and Fenstanton Timebank will be based here and in due course, a Community Warden scheme.

Once we are up and running we will publish times when residents can come along for parish surgeries for help and information on parish council matters and wider wellbeing and community support.

Happy Christmas from Fenstanton Parish Council





St Ives & Fenstanton TIME BANK

The new Fenstanton Time Bank is now open. We are keen to hear from residents who are able to volunteer their time to help others and from those who need support.

To find out more go to:
stivesfenstantontimebank.com

or contact Zo on 07887 894100 or
stives.fenstanton.timebank@gmail.com

Improving outdoor facilities

Play Areas

Following requests from parishioners the play areas at Pitfield Close and Chequer Street have both received upgrades:

Chequer Street

Fencing has now been installed to separate the play area from the car park.

Two new swings have been added for older children.

Pitfield Close

A new smaller slide with climbing net has now been added for younger children.

Hopefully, both play areas will now bring further enjoyment to the children of the village.

Picnic Benches

These are ready to be put in place when conditions permit.

These will be situated at:

- 2 at Pitfield Close play area
- 2 at Headlands play area
- 1 at the outdoor gym area
- 1 at Chequer Street play area

No doubt these will get plenty of use in less inclement weather.

Pathway to outdoor gym

This is waiting to be laid.

Unfortunately, since its purchase the ground was initially too hard to lay it and now is too wet (the tiles have to be rolled into the ground once laid).

As soon as conditions permit, it will be laid from the car park to the gym area.

Children's Xmas Disco

VISIT FROM
SANTA

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL PRESENTS:

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DISCO

15th December 3pm - 5pm

FENSTANTON AND HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

DISCO, CHRISTMAS CRAFTS, LETTER BOX FOR FATHER
CHRISTMAS. REFRESHMENTS ON SALE

£4 PER CHILD*, INCLUDES A GIFT FROM SANTA

* FAMILY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER SCHOOL FROM
WED 20TH NOVEMBER TO WED 11TH
DECEMBER



Parish Grants for Fenstanton Community Groups

Your Parish Council is please to confirm grants have been awarded to the following

- Fenstanton Football Club
- Fenstanton Friendship Group
- 2nd Fenstanton Rainbows, Brownies and Guiding Group
- Fenstanton Village Sports Committee
- Fenstanton Bowls Club
- Fenstanton Church Centre
- Fenstanton and Hilton 1st Scout Group

In addition, where appropriate we will continue to work with these, and other community organisations, to support applications for additional external funding and grants.

An apology from Highways England

On behalf of all residents, your Parish Council has received a detailed apology and an outline of steps taken to ensure there is no repeat of the problems caused over the weekend of 31 August from the Project Director for the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme

"Cambridgeshire County Council and Highways England apologise for this road space booking error which didn't come to light until Thursday 29 August. As soon as the A14 team became aware they got in touch with Cadent Gas to find the most appropriate solution, which consisted in amending the Low Road diversion.

As we recently advised Councillor Ian Bates, this was genuinely a human error by someone outside of both the A14 and Cambridgeshire Highways teams and they are truly sorry for their error.

In the past we had a member of the Cambridgeshire County Council highways team who, for one day a week, sat within the A14 office to cross-check all county closures with those of the A14. This has been reinstated as we move into a more complex period of the project, but we hope will also have the added benefit of ensuring the situation which occurred in August is not repeated." (extract)

To contact your Parish Council Clerk
Telephone: 01480 465 300
Email: clerk@fenstantonparishcouncil.org.uk

Fenstanton in WW2:

Part 5,

Christmas 1939 and the King's Radio Broadcast



At 3pm on Christmas Day 1939, King George VI broadcast a Christmas message to the peoples of the Empire. It was this broadcast that firmly established the Royal Christmas message as a British tradition.

Dressed in the uniform of the Admiral of the Fleet, sitting in front of two microphones on a table at Sandringham, King George VI spoke live to offer a message of reassurance to his people. It was to be a landmark speech and was to have an important effect on the people of Fenstanton and the rest of the country, as they were plunged into the uncertainty of World War 2:

We can only imagine the thoughts of the people of the village that Christmas Day, as they sat around their radios, wondering what the coming year had in store for them. For the past three months the village had been filling with evacuee children, their mothers, carers and teachers. Every house was overflowing with people and the school was bursting at the seams. Many families were enduring their first Christmas Day separated from their loved ones. Very few people were having a 'normal' Christmas. For some evacuees however, who had been billeted in homes far better off than their own, Christmas 1939 was a pleasant surprise.

There were a few extra restrictions, which affected some aspects of the seasonal festivities, but these were minimal. Blackout regulations, for example, killed off the traditional sight of lit-up Christmas trees in people's front windows, and shop displays were obscured by anti-blast tape on the windows. For many families, however, absence of loved ones marred the traditional family get-together.

Further-flung family members would also have found their journeys home difficult as travel restrictions were beginning to bite. In September petrol rationing had been introduced, and rail travel was discouraged. To make matters worse, most of Britain was snowbound during December; it made travel an unappealing prospect.

For most people, however, Christmas Day was a happy day and people spent freely on presents. For adults, topical gifts included steel or Bakelite helmets and gas mask cases in Rexene or leather. Food was not yet rationed, although in November 1939 the Minister of Food announced that butter and bacon were going to be rationed, starting in January.

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In households around Britain, the war briefly seemed a long way away as people danced to songs that would soon become war-time favourites: Run Rabbit, Run; We're Going to hang out the Washing on the Siegfried Line; I like a Nice Cup of Tea in the Morning; and Kiss Me Goodnight Sergeant Major

Carol singers willing to brave the snow were ordered to keep their lights pointed downwards so as not to break the blackout restrictions. Church services were held as normal, but bells were not rung in case they were taken as an air-raid warning.

Some of the older men of the village would have been remembering the horrors that they witnessed in the trenches of WW1. The young men were fearful of the call-up letter that would arrive on their doormat early in the New Year. Grandmothers were recalling the fears of WW1, that every knock on the front door may be the telegram boy with some terrible news. But for a few hours that day families came first. Mind you, some people had to work even on Christmas Day. All over the Christmas period the Postmaster Mr Hobbs had telegrams to deliver on his bike despite the snow.

The school head teacher, Bernard Darlow and his assistant teacher William Frank must have worked wonders to accommodate so many children in what was then a very small school building. Mind you the local churches would have seen an increase in their congregations and offerings on Christmas morning. This would no doubt have pleased the vicar, Rev Douglas Gentry and the Congregational minister, Mr. S Smith.

In his Christmas Day broadcast the King said; *"A new year is at hand. We cannot tell what it will bring. If it brings peace, how thankful we shall all be. If it brings us continued struggle we shall remain undaunted."* He went on to quote from Minnie Haskins' poem "The Gate of the Year" (1908). The Gate of the Year" is the popular name given to the poem by [Minnie Louise Haskins](#). The title given to it by the author was "God Knows.

"The Gate of the Year"

[Minnie Louise Haskins](#)

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL:

john.deeks@ntlworld.com

Fenstanton Friendship Club

October 23rd: Two representatives from Age UK came and talked to us about all they can offer in the way of help in all areas. Very important for those of us that live alone without family close by. If Age UK cannot help with some problems they can direct to agents that can help so are a starting point to resolve any issues.

November 6th: 23 members had a most enjoyable Carvery at the Hartford Mill, the food was very good , the company even better.

On 25th November a small group of us are going to Eastbourne for a "Turkey and Tinsel" holiday with "Sunrise Holidays".
We are sure of a good time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 4th: Christmas tea. Carols, good food and company to help us into the Christmas Season.

January 15th : A talk from the East Anglia medical helicopter service.

January 29th: Lunch out. Probably the Marina.

February 12th: Who would a Pilgrim be?

February 26th: A day in the life if a prison officer.

March 11th : AGM and quiz

March 25th: 'Are we sorted yet?' A talk by Sue Stephens

We meet every other Wednesday in the building of the United Reformed Church in Chequer Street. Our club is growing, new members are very welcome. Come along and bring new ideas and discover what we have in store for the New Year. ***Enquiries to Marie Newns, 01480 350677***

FENSTANTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friday 6th December

6.30pm - 8.00pm at the Clock Tower

Santa switches the Christmas Lights on at 7.00pm



**Meet
Father
Christmas**

Christmas Market, Carols
and Scouts' Stall and Games with
Refreshments including
Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and
Christmas Biscuits.

Christmas Draw at 7.15pm

1st Prize £250 cash

2nd Prize £200 John Lewis vouchers

3rd Prize Luxury Christmas Hamper

And many other locally-sourced prizes

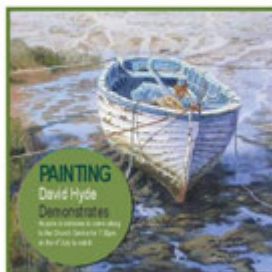
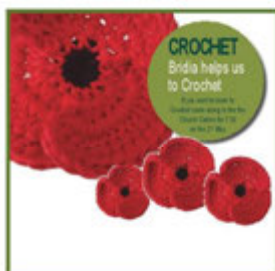
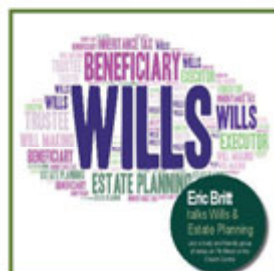
Raffle tickets available from
Ron's Farm Shop and
the Post Office

FENSTANTON VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Fenstanton WI

Join us once a month 1st Thursday at Fenstanton Church Centre

But why join the WI A snap shot of our past year



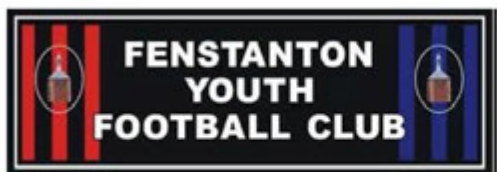
FIRST MEETING OF 2020

Thursday 6th February 2020 from 7.30pm

Frank Boddy "Chefs Secrets" - cooking demo

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

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INSPIRING WOMEN



PROUDLY PRESENTS

RACE NIGHT 2020

Saturday 1 February 2020

7.00 – 11:30pm

Ivy Leaf Club St Ives

Early bird offer £5 per person

Or £7 on the night

Be a Race Horse owner for the night (prices to be confirmed)

To book your tickets please email

fenstantonfootball@outlook.co.uk

Or ask any committee member or team coach

PLUS WIN A WHEELBARROW FULL OF BOOZE £2 per ticket

(Wheelbarrow not included)

RAFFLE WITH GREAT PRIZES 50P EACH OR £2 A STRIP



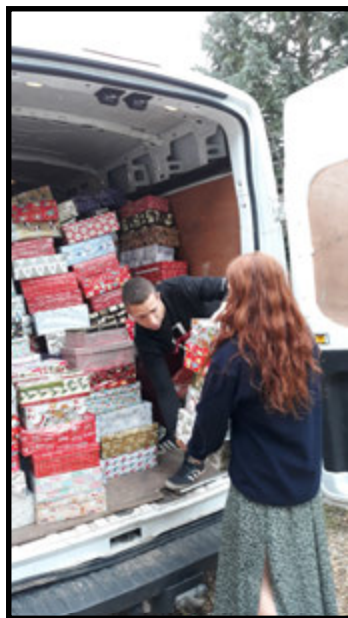
LOVE-IN-A-BOX

I would like to say thank you to everyone who contributed to this years appeal. A lot of people filled their own boxes, many people brought bags full of items and thank you to those who put money through the letter box, I never had a chance to thank them.

201 boxes were taken to join with the Fen Drayton collection, all together 254 boxes were packed into a van and taken to Eastbourne where they will be checked, sorted into age groups put into cages ready for the long journey to Moldova which will begin in December.

May I say thank you for all the wrapping paper I never had to buy any this year, also I had problems finding marbles, Jean Ding put out a wanted advert and enough arrived for me to put them in a lot of the boxes.

This has been our best year to date and I'm so grateful to each and everyone of you who helped me achieve this total. Thank you all once again,



Jenny Stimpson

Hilton Parish Council

Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 4th November 2019

Playground

The installation of the playground is now complete, and it has passed its safety inspection. The playground working group are planning a grand opening event so keep an eye on the Parish Council website and Facebook page.

NMU

The final report is available to read on the Parish Council website (www.hiltonparishcouncil.com). The Council has resolved that their preferred recommendation is route 2 (via the Hilton Road to Fenstanton). They welcome the opportunity to add ideas and preferences in the detailed design phase to consider the means by which they can reduce traffic speeds, minimising impact on land, cost and disruption. An open meeting is planned for Monday 18th November to discuss the final report and the Parish Council's recommendation and to hear the parishioners' views on these.

Budget and Precept

The Council discussed the budget proposals for the next year and the precept recommendation of £30,600 (a 7% increase). The final decision will be made at the meeting in December in time to submit the precept request to Huntingdonshire District Council.

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Hilton Parish Council

Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 4th November 2019

Policy Group

The Policy working group presented several documents to the Council for approval. These included Terms of Reference for all Committees and Officers and a Disciplinary & Grievance Policy. The Council resolved to appoint an Open Spaces Officer to manage the Green Open Spaces and elected Cllr Ian Stott to this position. Copies of the documents are available on the Council website (www.hiltonparishcouncil.com) under Documents and Policy.

Maintenance Person

The Council approved the job description for this role and has begun the recruitment process.

Tree Report

The Council discussed the tree report and the relevant quotes from three contractors. They resolved to apportion the work in accordance with the recommendation of Cllr Ian Stott.

Street Lighting Energy

The process of handing over the responsibility for the energy supply for the Parish Council owned streetlights from Cambridgeshire County Council to Hilton Parish Council is on-going. The Clerk has obtained MPANs (Meter Point Administration Number) from UK Power Networks and a selection of quotes from a variety of energy providers. The Council resolved to enter into a 4-year fixed price contract with Opus Energy which afforded the best value for money but is still a significant increase on the current annual invoice.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams Partnership (CAPASP)

Hilton Parish Council has resolved to become a supporter of CAPASP. This means that they will receive scam alerts which will be communicated to parishioners via the website and Facebook page. There are also a variety of resources available on the CAPASP website: www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/capasp/

Bank Account

The Council have successfully completed the transfer of their accounts to Unity Trust Bank and will now be able to make payments by BACS.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 2nd December 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.

Public to have say on Cambridgeshire and Peterborough radical bus reform

The plan for delivering improvements to the bus network will build on the recommendations and proposals of both the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough draft [Local Transport Plan](#) and the [Strategic Bus Review](#) published earlier this year.

The survey is from Monday 4th November until Sunday 15th December 2019.

It can be accessed via this link – www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/FutureBus/

We are looking for responses from people who use the bus and those that do not

Surveys can also be completed over the phone by contacting ITP on 07377001512. (9am – 5pm Monday to Friday).

The survey is being carried out by ITP on behalf of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

A summary of the survey results will be shared on the CPCA website in early 2020.

Everyone who completes the survey will have the choice to enter a prize draw to win £100 of high street shopping vouchers.

Respondents can indicate a willingness to be considered to attend a follow-up group discussion session. Any personal information collected through the survey will only be used to facilitate the selection of discussion group participants (name, email / telephone number) will be securely stored in accordance with GDPR and will not be shared with any third parties outside of our project delivery team, which consists of ITP and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

HILTON & FENSTANTON SINGLETONS

Please contact:- Jenny on 01480 831581 for more information

We had another very successful lunch at the George and Dragon on November 8th.

Our next lunch will be a Christmas lunch on December 6th at 12 o'clock.

In January our New Years lunch will be on January 3rd 2020 at 12 o'clock.

Please contact me if you wish to attend.

More people are welcome to join us.

Contact Jenny on 01480 831581.

A Pantomime of Errors **By the Hiltonian Players**

2020 A modern day Cinderella
At Hilton Village Hall

Friday January 17th at 7pm
Saturday January 18th at 2 pm

Saturday January 18th at 7 p.m

Tickets available from November

From Helen Attwood 010480830690

Margaret Shadlow 01480 831186

Pam Bowker 01480534084 Pauline Reynolds 01480830216

Doreen Bates 01480830250 Jan Whatley 01480 830407

Our Hilton pantomime of errors rehearsals have started in October and are going very well

We have a brilliant cast, so a huge thank you to all the volunteers It's going to be absolutely fabulous



Proceeds in aid of Hilton Village Hall funds

The Royal British Legion, Hilton

As throughout the United Kingdom and many countries of the world , Remembrance Sunday was commemorated at the Lych Gate Memorial in Hilton followed by Morning Service in the Parish Church, both conducted by Don Moorman. According to long tradition and on behalf of the village , Graham Barradell, Chairman of the Parish Council and Roland Randall of Monach farm placed wreaths and read the names of the Hilton men who had fallen in the two world wars. Three Guiding wreaths were also placed by a guide, a brownie and a rainbow .

In 2018 the final national Appeal raised an amount close to the £1 million a week it needs for the variety of ways in which it supports its service families .Hilton's part in this raised £1719.16 ,a most significant amount by a relatively small village of around 400 houses with only three participating businesses. Clearly we will indicate your total for this Remembrancetide in the February edition.

Therefore, on behalf of the Royal British Legion we say very grateful thanks to every volunteer collector, business and of course you, the donors .Included in these thanks is the one lady who created many woollen poppies in aid of this year's appeal and a local mahjong group for choosing it as their charity this time with a very generous donation .

Lastly, the code of practice for Poppy Appeal Organisers reminds and requires all who fundraise to be 'legal, honest, respectful and accountable to the public'. This your two Joint PAOs aim to do at all times and want to thank everyone very, very much for your constant support.

Margaret (831186) and Julie (830580)

An Important Date For Your New Diary

Saturday 21st March 2020

The RAF Wyton Area Voluntary Band, Bandmaster: Graham Sheldon

Will be performing a Charity Concert, in the Burgess Hall, One Leisure, Westwood Road, St Ives. Doors Open at 6.30pm Concert to start at 7.30pm

Tickets are £10.00 and will be available from:

Choe's Jewellers, 14 Crown Street, St Ives and
Julie Briggs, Hilton, 07734 696 120

Any funds raised will be equally divided between:

RAFA Wings Appeal, St Ives and RBL, St Ives Poppy Appeal.

Further details to follow in February's Spectrum.

Any enquiries please contact Julie Briggs.

HILTON FLOWER CLUB,

DECEMBER 2nd is our Christmas party and Christmas draw. HILTON VILLAGE HALL 2pm --4pm
Entrance £5.00 (includes tea / biscuits), Raffle £1.00
Look forward to seeing you all **Beverley**

Hilton Art Club

The session 'After the Rain: capturing mood, atmosphere and light' showed once again a real range of styles and techniques in a variety of mediums. There were rainbows, rain on water effects, scenes of rain-wet streets and a waterfall to name some. It was also brilliant to see the sketchbooks from our Sketchbook Challenge.

13th December, 1.00pm at The Duchess Restaurant, Fenstanton (members only).

17th January, 9.30am - 12.30pm. Magical Mystery Tour: Step into a world of imagination. Please bring your own pictures/props.

Hilton Village Hall

We are all looking forward to the PANTO which is in full rehearsal-mode and hope you will be able to come along to support this valuable fund-raising event. This is a 'first' in the Village Hall, however, gone are the 'good old days' when organisers could cram as many villagers into the Hall as could be squeezed. TICKETS for this will be strictly limited over the 3 performances (see ad for full info). The Village Hall Management Committee wish Helen and her Team a very successful and happy occasion - we know it has been fun but very hard work for you all. SEE YOU THERE!

The Village Hall **COFFEE STOP** has been a valuable addition to the Hall's activities. It was begun earlier in the year, once a month, on the 2nd Thursday, to coincide with the visit from the MOBILE LIBRARY (they are very pleased with the increased foot-fall). The Committee have not been doing this as a fund-raiser but purely as a social event for our neighbours and friends. However, as we are such a small Committee with some of our Members still in full-time work, it is down to a few of us to run this amenity and **WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP** in any way eg. setting up, clearing, serving, cake making (expenses paid), please contact Doreen 830250 or Lesley 831195. Please note slightly revised TIMINGS : **2nd Thursday each month, 2 - 3.30 pm.**

Due to the up-coming GENERAL ELECTION in December, there will be NO Coffee Stop. Finally **HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL continuing into a HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2020!**
Doreen Bates

Hilton WI

Our October meeting was her first as President' for Sue Clark who is following in the footsteps of Donna Holdaway's very successful tenure and who thankfully remains on the committee.

For the rest of the evening we were entertained - and were we entertained! - by the Upwood Ukuleles, led by Doug McLeod .

Doug told us that ukulele is the Hawaiian word for 'Jumping Flea ' but that the instrument had originated in Madeira ,created by cabinet makers and that there is an historic much earlier connection in England and we were also shown the several different sizes of ukulele.

The Upwood Ukulele group , all talented amateur musicians, nickname themselves the 'Up Ues' and performs in aid of Magpas , their total since their formation about five years ago so far standing at an amazing £39.000 !

The group treated us to a wonderful range of songs and instrumental music from George Formby to Tom Jones by way of Hank Marvin's Foot Tappers and Sweet Georgia Brown , ending with , yes of course , Delilah .There was SO much laughter amongst this too . We were almost dancing in the aisles and even had some ladies playing bizarre instruments , Hilton had a Kazoo Quartet for one night only !

The fantastic entertainment ended with our thanks to the players by Monica Thompson who reminded us of the wonderful work of Magpas for whose help any of us could well be grateful .

We are pleased to say that together with donations and CD sales the evening raised a superb £230 towards Magpas funds .Altogether a very successful evening !

GOLDEN GAMERS. *Contact Jenny on 01480 831581*

We will be meeting again on **Tuesday December 10th**.

In JANUARY 2020 we will be meeting on Tuesday January 7th
and Tuesday January 21st.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Jenny.

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

**Fenstanton & Hilton Primary
PTA and Friends**



invite you to their

**Christmas
Fayre**

Meet Father Christmas in his grotto

Carols from the school choir

Licensed bar and BBQ
(contactless payments accepted)

Lots of fun games and stalls for all the family



**Saturday, 7th December
2.00–4.00 pm
Fenstanton and Hilton
Primary School**





What a fabulous turn out to Hilton Fireworks despite the horrible weather. Thanks to everyone who came and supported our stall and special thanks to those wonderful volunteers who helped to set up, serve and take down. We really do appreciate the help.

Saturday 14th December

Family Christmas party at Hilton Village Hall
from 5-7pm

**** TICKETS SELLING FAST ****



£4 per child which includes party games and food. Suitable for children up to 10 years old.

Buy your tickets at www.feastweek.co.uk

All children must bring along an adult who can join in the fun free of charge and enjoy a drink from our licensed bar.

Saturday 8th February 2020

Murder Mystery Evening at Hilton Village Hall
7.30pm



Come along to the village hall for an evening of fun and intrigue. Can you solve the murder most foul in a proper Who Dunit???

Tickets on sale now at www.feastweek.co.uk
£12.50 including supper.
Licensed bar

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT - FEAST WEEK 2020 DATES CONFIRMED!!!!

Sunday 19th July to Saturday 25th July 2020

Put it in your diary now to be sure not to miss out on the fun in store.

As always if you would like to get involved and join our band of volunteers, please email us at committee@feastweek.co.uk so we can ensure you are added to the group.



www.feastweek.co.uk



Hilton Feast Week



committee@feastweek.co.uk



@hiltonfeastweek



@hiltonweekfeast

Reedbed Management

Long ago, rivers were free to meander around, flood and change their course. Marshes and reedbeds would form around them and in their flood plains, only to dry out and turn into grassland or woodland as the river's course moved. This wasn't a problem, as new reedbed and marsh would form on the new route allowing the cycle to continue. Nowadays, rivers are locked into the artificial channels and embankments we have made for them and there isn't much value in reed any more. This means that reedbed doesn't really exist outside of nature reserves and the specialist species that rely on them, such as bittern, bearded tit, and marsh harrier, have suffered for it. These species are now all recovering thanks to the work being carried out here and on other reserves around the country. For our part, we work hard to ensure that our reedbed remains a reedbed by doing what we can to prevent the natural succession to woodland from occurring.

Willow trees are rather remarkable in that they are able to grow and spread very quickly in wet areas. Around our developed and developing reedbeds of Holywell and Elney Lake respectively, patches and individual trees (mainly white willow with the odd goat willow) have taken root within the reed and are encroaching in from the edges. If left, these will keep spreading and eventually take over, drying out the ground resulting in an end to the reedbed. To prevent this from happening, we do extensive work with our regular volunteers, as well as groups of corporate volunteers, to go in and clear out the trees from target areas every year as guided by our reserve management plan.

Entering a reedbed can be tricky. Common reed grows densely and upwards of 6 feet so you can lose all sense of direction, or sink and get stuck in the water and mud underfoot. We therefore prepare in advance and tread routes into the work areas. On the flip side, working in a reedbed offers wildlife sightings you wouldn't usually get. Highlights this year have been small flocks of bearded tit moving adjacent to our work area, water rail calling from just a stone's throw away, and hobby flying directly overhead catching dragonflies back in the autumn.

Once at a tree, loppers and bowsaws are the tools of choice for felling. Some of the willow is new growth with a diameter of only a centimetre or less, other trees are well established and a lot larger. Whilst some people cut the willow, others drag the material to pile it up. After being cut, we treat each stump with herbicide to prevent the tree from regenerating (something they would all do if cut and left; willow really is amazingly resilient). After removing all the trees from within an area of reed or island, the piles are burnt on location.

We have made good progress with this work in recent years, opening up a wooded area around the back of Holywell and going onto several islands on the east side of Elney Lake to remove all the willow scrub. Reed will quickly recolonise these areas, providing more habitat for some fantastic species.



Bearded tit - Dave Ward

Get involved...

Wednesday Wander

Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Informal volunteer-led guided walks take place on the second Wednesday of every month.

There's no need to book and it only costs £3 for members and £4 for others.

Walkers meet at the main car park, leaving at 10:15am.

Volunteering

It's always nice to be met with a friendly face when arriving at the reserve and be offered information and family-friendly activities, such as pond dipping and minibeast hunting. If you'd like to find out about our visitor engagement work and other volunteering opportunities, please get in touch.

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk

Phone: 01954 233260

Visit rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

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LOCAL WEATHER WATCH

Picking up from where my last article ended in early August, the month was largely dominated by westerly winds. The trend towards drier than average conditions continued, the total rainfall for the month being 1.4 inches (35mm.) The last week of August produced the warmest conditions of the month with 5 hot days with temperatures reaching 30C (86F) or above between 23rd and 27th. Looking at the summer as a whole, although not reaching the heat of summer 2018, temperatures overall for summer 2019 were about 1C (2F) higher than average.

With meteorological autumn starting on 1st September, anyone simply looking at the figures which show a rainfall total of nearly 3.00 inches (76mm.) might assume it was a rather disappointing month. The bald figures however, give a misleading picture. In fact, the first three weeks were fine with very little rain. Indeed apart from one day there was no measurable rain between the 7th and the 21st. Temperatures rose significantly on the 11th and 12th as warm south westerly winds of tropical origin courtesy of the remnants of hurricanes Dorian and Gabrielle travelled northwards to the west of the UK. A week of sunny summery conditions followed peaking with a very warm day on the 21st under a cloudless sky. However a breakdown in the fine weather started the following day with thundery showers and these heralded a wet and unsettled conclusion to September.

So used have we become to month after month of drier than average conditions that the frequent rains throughout October and the first ten days of November accompanied by increasingly chilly conditions have come as a shock. In our part of East Anglia we have been spared the worst of the almost biblical deluges, floods and gales which have afflicted other parts of the UK, notably the Midlands, Wales and especially the north of England, with several communities very badly hit by floods. Here, total rainfall in October was 2.96" (76mm.)

Sadly, there was no "Indian Summer" this year and so far in November daytime temperatures of 7C to 9C (45-48F) would not look out of place in winter. The changeable conditions have, however, kept frost away apart from a few nights with a slight ground frost. One air frost occurred on 9th November when the temperature fell to 0C (32F).

Elsewhere in the world, hot and dry conditions have produced devastating forest and bush fires in south east Australia and in California with many peoples homes destroyed. In the Pacific, some of the strongest typhoons ever recorded have occurred, one hitting Japan during the Rugby World Cup causing matches to be cancelled and postponed.

And now for a couple of curios.

Firstly, with the Festive Season approaching why not try the following cocktails:

... "Hoarfrost," which comprises of gin, white curaao, light rum, grenadine and lemon juice.

... "Northern Light" comprising gin, cassis, triple sec, lemon juice, a maraschino cherry and a dash of Frothee.

Secondly, one may dream of a white Christmas but imagine experiencing the greatest single snowfall recorded. This occurred at Mount Shast Ski Bowl in California between 13 and 19 February 1959 when 169 inches (429 cm.) was recorded!

Happy Christmas everyone, Patrick Landucci



**Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire**

**Huntingdonshire
Local Group**

Fascinating Fungi – An Introduction to Mycology

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust invites you to this illustrated talk, which will be given by Peter Walker on Wednesday 9th January 2020.

Peter has a wealth of knowledge on this subject and he will present an absorbing talk about these diverse organisms that often appear only transiently, maybe for as little as a few days, before disappearing again to spend most of their lives hidden underground.

Peter will tell us about the identification, habitat, biology and uses of fungi. This should be a fascinating talk that will be of interest to many.

Meetings are held at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB starting at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome, booking not necessary.

For more information please contact Alistair Grant (alistairgrant@hotmail.com or 07775365507).

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Comberton Ramblers

If you like walking and enjoy the countryside we are the walking group for you. Comberton Ramblers walk an average of 5-6 miles every fortnight on a Sunday.

To view our walk programme + photographs please go to our web-page. <https://www.combertonramblers.org.uk>

So why not give us a try, you'll have the benefit of an exhilarating walk plus the companionship of a group of like-minded people .

For more information please contact the Secretary, Stella., Tel. 01954 210049
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FEN DRAYTON BOWLS CLUB

In February we are having a visit from a member of the BBC Springwatch Team who will be giving a presentation in Fen Drayton Village Hall. Steve is the nest finder for the programme, along with his 4-legged helper, 'Buster'. His goal was to find and climb into the nests of Harpy, Crowned and Philippine - 3 of the largest forest eagles in the world - has he achieved his goal?

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Spring
watch

**BBC SPRINGWATCH NEST FINDER
IS GIVING A PRESENTATION**

***"A BIRD NESTING
ADVENTURE"***

**AT FEN DRAYTON VILLAGE HALL
ON**

FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7:30p.m.

From School Teacher to Nest Finder



Steve has extensive knowledge about birds from all over the world. He has written articles for major magazines & papers and is well respected in the birding world. He is an excellent speaker and regularly travels around the country to give talks about his passion. The main topic of his presentation will be about the Harpy, Crowned and Philippine eagles.

*"You don't have to be a twitcher
to enjoy this bird nesting
adventure with Steve"*

For Tickets / Information

£12.00 adults, £10.00 concessions, £8.00 child
(including refreshments)

Michael (Fen Drayton)	01954 232 346
Janet (Swavesey)	01954 270 426
John (St. Ives)	01480 357 586
Dave (Hilton)	01480 830 988
Michael (Godmanchester)	01480 385 297

Seasonal Fruit: Oranges.

A bowl of oranges are glowingly displayed against a dark background in a painting by Louise Moillon (1634). The oranges with their curious whippy tails are curacao, imports from the island of that name indicative of the exotic allure of fruit brought back to Europe from importers such as the Dutch East India Company. Although the painting shows the inviting flesh of a cut fruit, they are very bitter to eat and have been made for centuries into the liquor of that name.



Oranges come originally from China and were first imported into Europe by the Romans. Sweet dessert oranges came to England much later, in the 16th century and only available to the wealthy. The thick outer skin helps preserve them which was important in the days before cold storage. Orange trees are said to be the most cultivated tree in the world, producing their fruit late in the year in our hemisphere, hence their association with Christmas. Some people may remember the tradition of having an orange in the toe of a Christmas stocking.

In the reign of Charles II “orange women” were licensed to sell the fruit and other confections on the London streets. Nell Gwynn, famously the monarch’s mistress, was herself an “Orange Lady”, gaining contacts in the theatre from her job and later becoming a popular and successful actress. Charles II kept a figure painting of Nell behind a curtain, sharing the immodest nude with his special guests.

Growing oranges in England was the sport of the gentry. In our darker and damper conditions climate, the tree needs special protection. Special rooms known as orangeries were built either attached to a south wall of a house or constructed separately in the grounds. There are many such edifices extant mostly dating back to the eighteenth century as glass making improved and the product became more affordable. The citrus fruit would be grown in pots rather than planted in soil. Happily the fruit and flowers develop on the tree at the same time, giving a delightful mixture of colour and scent.

Small orange trees (eg calamondin) are often on display in garden centres and make attractive presents for horticulturalists. Although appealing to look at, the little fruits are too sour to enjoy and maintenance can become tiresome. The trees are particularly susceptible to scale insects which leave a sticky sap around the pot and they absolutely hate central heating.

Marmalade has been a popular preserve for many years. The name is linked to the thick quince paste favoured in Portugal and known as marmalada. However the spreadable type is attributed to a Mrs. Keiller, the thrifty wife of a Scottish trader. A cargo ship was wrecked in a storm and driven into the harbour at Dundee. Appalled by the heaps of pulped oranges which would otherwise go to waste, she used the fruit, skin and all, making a family business out of a catastrophe.

Of all the different varieties, Seville oranges, available for a short time in January and February, are reckoned to produce the best marmalade. In Hilton at the Produce Show in July, we always have a good selection of lovely amber jars of Seville marmalade, proving the keeping qualities of fruit boiled with sugar and sealed for store. *Lakeland* sell large tins of orange pulp which avoids messy preparation. Our expert judges cannot tell the difference between home-cut oranges and commercial preparations as one of our competitors can attest. It even says on the tin that marmalade made with this pulp does not disqualify entry in jam-making competitions. The Hilton Produce Show committee heartily endorse this practice.

HILTON SPEEDWATCH TEAM



The Hilton Speedwatch team are a friendly group of volunteers working together to help to bring 'speed awareness' to the motorists who use our roads. We have observed a reduction in the number of speeding vehicles in the six

months we have been operational. We are making a difference.

If you can spare some time, as little as an hour a month, to join us, you will be made most welcome.

Please contact Nicola Webster

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CHRISTMAS FIRE SAFETY TIPS

The time of year when we're enjoying a tipple with friends, cooking up festive feasts for the family and entertaining loved ones. With all the fun to be had it is easy to be distracted when cooking in the kitchen.

50% of all fires in the home start in the kitchen and more than half of those are as a result of distraction whilst cooking. We want to help ensure your festive cheer doesn't go up in smoke this Christmas by sharing our tips below for safe cooking over the festive season:

1. Never leave cooking unattended.
2. Do not cook when tired or under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medication that makes you drowsy.
3. Regularly clean the grill pan and oven. Built up fat can easily catch fire.
4. Never leave anything cooking if you leave the house
5. Do not leave anything flammable on or near the hob – tea towels, oven gloves and even washing baskets can catch fire
6. Take care when using microwaves. Fires can start when people put food in too long.
7. Oven chips or temperature control deep fat fryers are safer than using a chip pan. If you do use a chip pan, do not fill it more than one third with fat and turn the heat down if the oil starts smoking
8. Fire can break out in household appliances so you should regularly maintain dishwashers, washing machines and driers, never leave them on if you go out or go to bed and register your appliances online to ensure you are made aware of any faults or recalls
9. Have a working smoke alarm on each floor of your home. If it keeps going off when you are cooking it is probably in the wrong location or you may have the wrong type of smoke alarm. Never take the batteries out of your smoke alarm.

If you do have a fire in the house, get out, stay out and dial 999

For more information log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk, follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

CHRISTMAS *at* KINGSGATE

COME AND CELEBRATE THE FESTIVE SEASON

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER

9:30AM & 11AM (ALL OTHER SUNDAYS AT 10:30AM)

WEST ROAD CONCERT HALL



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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'

- 1st Feb** First 2020 Meeting Fenstanton WI (37)
- 1st Feb** Fenstanton Youth Football Race Night (p11)
- 1st Feb** Fenstanton Football Race Night (p38)
- 6th Feb** Fenstanton WI, first meeting for 2020 (p37)
- 8th Feb** Murder Mystery Evening (p53)
- 7th Feb** 'SPRINGWATCH' at Fen Drayton (p59)
- 21st Mar** RAF Voluntary Band, in the Burgess Hall (p45)
- 4th Apr** Hilton Roving Supper (p13)
- 9th May** Fenstanton VE Sports & Tug of War
- 4th July** Fenstanton Village Sports
- 19th - 25th July** Hilton Feast Week

For Church services etc.
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Regular Weekly Meetings:

Hilton Baby & Toddler (p49)
Shanty Folk (p10)

Regular Fortnightly Meetings:

Knitters & Natters, Coffee & chat, (p22)
Golden Gamers (p49)
Friendship Club (p34)

