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FENSTANTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

A wish that everyone may have the best Christmas possible and that the New Year will bring health and happiness. Looking forward to 2021 and resuming our meetings. Lets hope for better things.

Marie Newns 01480 350677



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Letters & Notices

A BIG THANKYOU TO ALL OUR CONTRIBUTORS AND ADVERTISERS AND DELIVERERS AND THE PRINTERS AND TREVOR OUR PROOF READER FOR YOUR HELP IN KEEPING SPECTRUM GOING IN THIS LAST YEAR. IT HAS BEEN A CHALLENGE. SO MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR AND KEEP SAFE.

Mickey Pallett and Spectrum team

Pauline (Cis) Gipson

Laurie and family wish to thank all friends and neighbours for the kind messages of condolence and all the cards received after the passing of Cisb due to her recent struggle with ill health.

Also the 'overwhelming' turnout in the street for her final journey. God bless you all in these very difficult time for us all, above all 'KEEP SAFE'.

Laurie
Potton Road
Hilton

With apologies from me, the editor for not publishing this earlier. I am afraid it got lost in the COVID19 confusion. Sorry Mickey Pallett

LOVE-IN-A-BOX 2020

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Love-in-a-box this year. I wondered for a long time if we would be doing the appeal this year with the covid virus and lockdown. I was very excited when the letter arrived from the organisation saying yes, we would but with a different precautions. This year we were responsible for checking every box, removing any money and sellotaping the boxes securely, as when they arrived at the warehouse helpers only had to sort in gender and age groups.

This year Fenstanton managed 127 filled boxes and 2 bags of extras, when joined with Fendrayton a total of 160 was collected from Alison's home along with £591 towards travel. This year with the virus it was decided not to have volunteers to drive lorries through the countries due to quarantine rules but have a large container to freight it over to Moldova where people who work for the charity will collect and then deliver to the orphanages and hospitals. The children will be waiting with anticipation to see what they have in their box.

I thank you all once again for helping me achieve the magnificent total of 160 for the organisation.

Many thanks

Jenny (Fenstanton) & Alison & Erica Fox (Fendrayton)

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Letters & Notices

A plea to all cyclists

With everyone being encouraged to keep themselves fit during these difficult times, could I ask all cyclists to take particular care when passing pedestrians (some of them elderly and possibly unsteady on their feet) on their walks. I'm sure most of us are aware but **please** give plenty of warning of your presence and slow down. An elderly friend of mine ended up in a ditch on the Low Road dual use path recently. The cyclist did use his bell (good) but not until he was right behind her, causing her to be startled and lose her footing. She was ok and he did stop to help which was great.

I am highlighting this particularly as the bridleway down the length of The Fen has now been completed. This has always been used by walkers, but we are expecting an increased use by cyclists and horse riders (whose mounts maybe skittish) and trust that **everyone** will be mindful of other users.

Take care everyone and many thanks

Julia , a regular cyclist

John Carter sends seasons greetings and a very healthy 2021 to all the persons who sent the 93 cards wishing get well soon for a speedy recovery from the accident twelve months ago.. The friendship within our village blew me away. Thank you all. John.

FENSTANTON VILLAGE SPORTS

We hope to be able to hold a Fenstanton Village Sports event on 3rd July 2021.

Further details will be published in the February Spectrum and on Facebook.

We are aware that there are a lot of 2019 Trophies in homes around the village. If you would like to return your trophy please drop it off at Ron's Farm Shop. Having the trophies back well in advance of next year's event will give us an opportunity to sort out and clean some of the older trophies.

Thanks for your support for Sports Day over the years and let's hope we can meet for a great event in 2021. If any of the village groups would like to run a stall to help raise much needed funds for their organisation please get in touch (jan.way26@gmail.com).

Best wishes from all of the Fenstanton Village Sports Committee.



**A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO OUR TWO VIRTUAL LONDON
MARATHON 2020 RUNNERS WHO RASIED
A MUCH NEEDED £1984.30 FOR OUR LITTLE CLUB**



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT OUR CLUB
PLEASE EMAIL**

fenstantonfootball@outlook.com for details

Hilton Methodist Church Gift Service For Children



Once again this year changes are being made with one of our village Churches annual united event. The Christmas Gift Service for Action For Children will be held via zoom on the 8th December at 7.30pm. These are some words from the charity 'For most of us, the festive season is a happy time. But there are children all over the UK who face a Christmas without food, warmth and love. We're working hard to change this – and we need your help. Could you be a secret Santa for a vulnerable child?' Normally at this service gifts and cash are received for this worthy cause. This year donation envelopes can be posted through your door by Heather Woods 830686 just phone and request one. Or a donation may be placed in any envelope and returned to 7 Chequers Croft by the 14th December. Jan Whatley has enquired what gifts the children are in need of --- the age group of both girls and boys from 9 to 18 years. Girls between 15 – 18 are typical teenagers enjoying Jewellery, Cosmetics, Bags, Colouring and music to name a few. Ideas for boys, Building Blocks, Books, Puzzles, Music, Action Toys, Action Heroes, Cosmetics for men. Anyone willing to be a secret Santa may deliver gifts to Jan Whatley, Atticus, Church End, 830407 by the 14th December. If Jan is not in gifts may be left in the carport. All gifts will be taken locally to Woodland Lodge. Please help us support these children who need so much ---- but ask for nothing! With grateful thanks on behalf of the Methodist and Parish Churches in Hilton. Heather & Jan.



Hilton Methodist Church December/January

All our Sunday services are being held virtually via zoom at 9.45am. The zoom link can be obtained from me on 830273 or sandy.monk@btinternet.com There are also services from St Ives Methodist Church live on Facebook at 10.30am. Further details can be found of other services on Huntingdon Methodist Church website.

On Tuesday 8th December at 7.30pm we are hosting our Ecumenical Gift Service in aid of Action for Children led by Rev Nick Witham. Please see the separate paragraph above explaining about this charity, donating gifts and where the gifts go.

There will be an online Circuit Carol Service on 20th December, time to be confirmed. Please check the Huntingdon Methodist Church website for details or on our church noticeboard.

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Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Parish Churches

Christingle (like us)

is looking different this year!

All masked up!

Sunday 6th December 2020
at 5pm on Zoom

We are celebrating Christingle this year...but from the comfort of home! Join in and make yours at home.

Orange, tape, glow stick and sweets.

Everything you need is available in our free pack
(fresh orange etc or alternative card craft pack available).
We've even put a drink and snack in too to enjoy at the end.

Order your pack to be delivered at: fenchurchbooking.org.uk
Zoom meeting ID and Passcode will then be emailed to you.

Help us to support the work of The Children's Society
Please do give if you can at: <https://thyg.uk/CUS045877>

Or scan the QR code below:

www.childrenssociety.org.uk

Christingle image reproduced with permission Jonnie Parkin



Hilton Methodist Church December/January

Christmas Eve Midnight Holy Communion

There will be two in presence communion services held this year in two different churches. The details can be found on the Huntingdon Methodist church website and also on our church noticeboard nearer the time.

SERVICES FOR JANUARY

Unless the situation changes our Sunday services will continue to be on zoom at 9.45am.

On Tuesday 12th January at 7.30pm there will be an ecumenical United Covenant service on zoom. This will be led by Rev Nick Witham and Rev David Busk will be preaching. This is an important annual service where the covenant between the two churches in Hilton is renewed.

Hilton Parish Church - December/January



SERVICES in HILTON CHURCH

8am Sundays – Holy Communion

ONLINE SERVICES*

Holy communion – Thursdays (9.45am) & Sundays (11.15am)

Compline – Daily (6.30pm)

Bible study – Wednesdays (10.30am)

Friday Feast / Messy Church – monthly





Ecumenical Worship - monthly

*** Services delivered via Zoom**

Please contact Revd David Busk (01480 436400) or

Rachel Wood (01480 830866) for details

JOIN US ONLINE FRIDAY FEAST

 ONLINE SERVICE
 3rd Friday of month
 6pm
 Via Zoom*



ENJOY A DRINK AT HOME!

-  Free All Age event
-  Get creative
-  Food & Fun
-  Craft goodies provided*
-  Churches of Hilton together
-  For all faiths, and none



*To request a craft pack and/or Zoom access details, please contact Rachel on 830866

Jigsaw Exchange – Still running in Hilton!

Coronavirus restrictions mean that we cannot currently store the jigsaws in the church, but they are still available to borrow and/or exchange from Rachel & Phil's house in Hilton. So how does it work now? Just call on 830866 and make a request – we can't let you just browse the jigsaws but, if you tell us what you want (size & subject matter), we will select a few from which you can then chose not perfect but better than not having a jigsaw to keep you entertained through the winter months! Any jigsaws that you don't take (or which are returned to the exchange) will go into quarantine before being offered to someone else. Strict social distancing in place at all times.

For more information, please contact Rachel Wood (830866)



Fenstanton Parish Church - December/January

Have you got your Advent calendar ready? Put up your Christmas Tree? Done your Christmas shopping? Written your Christmas cards?

It is understandable that lots of people are approaching Advent and Christmas a little differently this year, due to the pandemic and second lockdown. Did you know that this year the church's season of Advent begins on Sunday 29th November, and not the 1st December as the advent calendars would have you believe? But they do start with door one and count down (or is that up?) to 24, which takes us to Christmas Eve and the 'are we nearly there yet' waiting becomes a reality. The Christian time of Advent is all about waiting. Then Christmas Day arrives with all its emotions, festive fun and whatever you have planned. But for some people it is just another day. No matter if you celebrate Christmas or not, this year would you spare a thought for those who will be approaching this day with their own thoughts and views? For those who have to work and for those who are seeking work. For those who care for others and for those who have no one to care for them. For those who have the gift of family and friends and for those who no one to give gifts to, or to receive from. We don't have to be religious to be kind to others, everyone can do that.

For those who would like to join us this Advent and Christmas, either virtually and/or physically, then do look at the services offered in the table list. As you know, at the time of writing this, our churches are currently closed. We do not know what we might be able to do or not do, so we have created a variety of things to appeal to different ages and households for December. We will update that list by social media etc as soon as we know for sure what we can offer. You can always phone us to check

December 2020

Please note that this pattern of services, days and times, is for DECEMBER only and may be subject to change.

	Service Times	Service in Church: prebooking preferred at fenchurchbook- ing.org.uk	<i>Via ZOOM Please ask Rev Ro- sie for details. 01480 467393</i>
Sun 29 th	10am on zoom Advent 1	Church closed due to second lockdown	<i>10am service on zoom Advent 1 – Windows of Hope Advent packs avail- able</i>
Mon 30 th	8pm on zoom		<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Thur 3 rd	8.30am on zoom		<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sun 6 th	10am service, if church open for worship, arrivals from 9.30am onwards. Advent 2	10am service of Holy Communion for Advent 2 Theme: Peace	<i>Or 10am on zoom, if church closed</i>

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Fenstanton Parish Church - December/January

Sun 6 th	5pm on zoom Christingle		<i>Zoom Christingle Service at 5pm. You will need a Christingle pack</i>
Mon 7 th	8pm on zoom		<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Thur 10 th	8.30am on zoom		<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sun 13 th	10am service, if church open for worship, arrivals from 9.30am onwards Advent 3 "Giving a Gift"	10am "Giving a Gift" Service (no Holy Communion) for Advent 3. Theme: Joy Gifts welcomed for children & young people.	<i>Or 10am on zoom, if church closed</i> <i>Gifts can be dropped off at The Vicarage if church closed</i>
Mon 14 th	8pm on zoom		<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Thur 17 th	8.30am on zoom		<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i>
Sun 20 th	10am service in church, arrivals from 9.30am onwards Advent 4	10am Service of Holy Communion for Advent 4. Theme: Love	<i>Or 10am on zoom, if church closed</i>
Sun 20 th	5pm on zoom Christmas music & readings		<i>5pm Christmas music & readings</i>
Mon 21 st	8pm on zoom		<i>8pm Night Prayer (Compline)</i>
Christmas Eve	8.30am on zoom 5pm on zoom Crib Service 11.30pm in church, arrivals from 11.10pm onwards	Midnight Communion Prebooking preferred fenchurchbooking.org.uk	<i>8.30am Morning Prayer</i> <i>5pm Crib Service, with optional nativity costumes</i>
Christmas Day	10am service in church, arrivals from 9.45am onwards	Family Communion Prebooking preferred fenchurchbooking.org.uk	
Sunday 27 th	10am on zoom	Informal service for anyone who wishes to join us on zoom	<i>10am on zoom</i>

ADVENT PACKS – to receive a pack for Advent, which will endeavour to include something for everyone, not just children, please use fenchurchbooking.org.uk even though the service is on zoom. Or phone 01480 465211

ZOOM CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – Please note that children must have an adult present at all times. To receive a Christingle pack please go to fenchurchbooking.org.uk your contact details. (phone 01480 465211) It will be possible to choose between a real orange pack or a craft pack (subject to availability). See separate advert.

“GIVING A GIFT” SERVICE – this year we are not sure if we can hold our usual Toy Service in the parish church or if we will need to hold a service on zoom. We are planning for either! We are also calling this popular annual service “Giving a Gift” rather than a toy service just because we are now receiving requests to provide gifts for older children and teenagers.

ZOOM CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND READINGS – in place of our usual Christmas Carol Service, this year we are providing something to enjoy from the comfort of your own home, with your favourite beverage and nibbles. Traditional readings, poems and music.

ZOOM CRIB SERVICE with optional dress up – worried about how to manage your energetic little people? Get them to dress up in their nativity costume or favourite dressing up clothes and join us for 30 minutes of fun as we try to tell the Christmas story with the characters we can see on zoom!

NOT ON ZOOM? Can't get to church? Worship at home booklet available for anyone who would like one. Just get in touch with us.

VISITORS AT CHRISTMAS – all are welcome to join us for any services on zoom or in church. If it is by zoom, then please note any children will need to have an adult present with them. If in church, please note it helps us if you can pre book your seats so we can print enough orders of service and place on seats beforehand. **Please do pre-book if you can** <https://www.fenchurchbooking.org.uk>

The January 2021 service plan is assuming we might be able to physically gather every Sunday and virtually gather for all other services. Contact us for zoom meeting ID and passcode.

Sundays @ 10am – in church, if possible

Mondays @ 8pm – zoom Night Prayer

Thursdays @ 8.30am – zoom Morning Prayer

Please do not attend any services if you are showing signs/symptoms of covid19 or any other virus or infection that could be transmitted to others. If you are in any doubt, think twice and think of others.

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) should be made in the first instance to our Rector Revd Rosie Tallowin, 01480 467393.

For more information about our Community Fund, or to make an application for financial help, please email FenstantonCommunityFund@gmail.com

Why not visit our Facebook page - Fen Drayton with Fenstanton Parish Churches.

Fenstanton United Reformed Church - December/January

Given the uncertainty over the lockdown, and any further Covid-19 measures, it is difficult to say that any of our Sunday services will take place at the United Reformed Church in Fenstanton.

We have provisionally planned the following:

Sunday 6th December at 09.30 - led by Derek Newton. This will be his last Sunday service

Sunday 13th December at 09.30 - Holy Communion led by the Reverend Catherine Ball

Friday 25th December at 09.30 - Christmas morning service led by the Reverend Catherine Ball

Sunday 27th December at .0930 - A service led by the URC Elders

Sunday 3rd January 2021 at 09.30 - led by the Reverend Roy Muttram

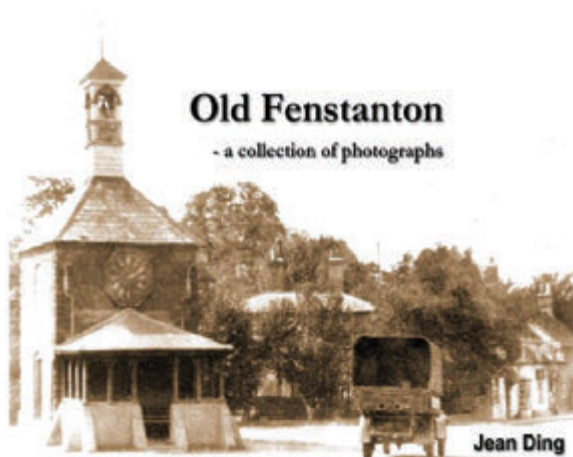
Sunday 10th January 2021 at 09.30 - Holy Communion led by the Reverend Catherine Ball

Come and join us. A warm welcome awaits you.

Fenstanton United Reformed Church is part of the St Ives Group of Churches. Contact Rev Dr Catherine Ball on 01480 352058 or the Free Church St Ives on 01480 468535

Old Fenstanton

**It is on sale
At the Post
Office
Ron's Farm
Shop
28 Bell Lane
£5**





Fenstanton Community Café and beyond.....

Season's greetings and Happy New Year to all our virtual café friends. Our real café remains on hold, but our virtual café continues to meet weekly, on Wednesday afternoons. The café opens from 2m up to 3.30pm each week.

Please feel free to come and go, you don't have to stay for the whole time. You do need the meeting ID and password to join us. You do not have to live in Fenstanton though and our virtual café continues to welcome people no matter where you live. We also have a Café WhatsApp group. It's easy to add you to the group – just let Rev Rosie have your number and you can be added – it's that easy.

If you are feeling isolated because you don't know anyone, or at home because you are unable to go out, for example, then do please join us at the café or the WhatsApp group. We also have a facebook page. Please don't feel alone, we are a friendly bunch!

For more information please contact Rev Rosie: 01480 467393 email rosie.tallowin@btinternet.com

**Love so
Amazing**

*With their ears, the shepherds heard the glorious proclamation
that the Savior was born...*

*With their eyes, they looked upon the Word who became flesh
and dwelt among them...*

With thier hearts, they rejoiced in the gift of God's amazing love.

*Merry
Christmas*
Et A Happy New Year

from the
**International Prayer
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Join us

@ 10:30AM ON 200M ID 711-410-3384
DEC. 20TH NATIVITY CAROL SERVICE
DEC. 27TH CHRISTMAS SUNDAY CELEBRATION SERVICE
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"WE ARE CROSSING OVER TO TAKE OVER"
(Psalm 2:6)

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The Bridge Church

Serving St Ives and the surrounding communities.

The church is currently closed but live virtual Sunday service are held each week

These can be found on UTube at The Bridge Church St Ives/Live It is also available on Zoom, details on joining can be found on the church website

www.thebridgechurch.co.uk

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



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

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

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

For further details of the above and other events please see the website or ring the Church Office on 01480 498801. www.thebridgechurch.co.uk

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH St Ives

Church of the Sacred Heart,
19 Needingworth Rd.

Parish Priest: Rev Thomas J Walton
Tel 01480 462192,

www.sacredheart-stives.org

Mass Times: Saturday 17.00,
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

Papworth Everard, at the Parish

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 Bi-
ble, believe in Particular Redemption

Fenstanton WI

There's not been much to sing about this year, but during more "normal" times we start our meetings off with a rousing rendition of "Jerusalem". But why?

The poem written by William Blake was published in 1808 during another period of uncertainty – the Industrial Revolution when "England's green & pleasant land" was being destroyed by massive urbanisation. Blake disapproved of this because it led to the creation of over-crowded slums which were the breeding grounds for endemic diseases.

The words were subsequently set to music by Hubert Parry in 1916 and it was adopted by the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies to whom the copyright was assigned. When the NUWSS was wound up, the copyright was reassigned to the Women's Institute.



Fenstanton WI Choir - Newspaper cutting from 1939

Seasons Greetings to all our Members and let's hope we can raise our voices again in 2021.

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

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

Fenstanton, When the River Great Ouse Flowed Backwards:

Something a little more modern this month although to an old boy like me it seems like only yesterday! The summer of 1976 was long and very hot with little in the way of rain. This followed a hot summer in 1975 together with a mild and dry winter. Outdoor water use restrictions including hosepipe bans were in force in large parts of the country, critical regional water shortages and failures of supply remained limited mainly to rural areas where in some cases emergency supply had to be supplied by trucks and in some extreme cases even by helicopters.

Among the reported environmental impacts of the drought and heat wave in 1976 were impacts on freshwater ecosystems, i.e. the temporary deterioration of surface water quality algal blooms, extreme water temperatures, depletion of dissolved oxygen to critical levels, massive proportions of sewage effluent, saline incursions, fish kill events, drying up of stream sections with effects on aquatic species and especially migratory fish

The considerable fall of groundwater levels had a particular impact on the low lying areas such as Fenstanton. Crops died in the parched fields and there was a national shortage of root crops, especially affected was the potato crop. Devastating wildfires were widespread in the summer of 1976, with up to 40 times the number of fires than in 1974. Fortunately for all the winter of 1976/77 was very wet and water supplies soon returned to normal.

Compared to the major urban areas of the country the people of Fenstanton village were not unduly affected by the water shortage. Unfortunately, most of the local farmers lost a significant part of their crops. Fenstanton then as now received its water supply from the water pumping station on the Low Road. Some of the surrounding counties were impacted to a greater degree. The then Drought Minister, Mr. Denis Howell, announced government approval for 'Operation Rodeo', a plan to reverse the flow of the River Great Ouse in St Ives. This move by the Anglian Water Authority was planned so as to avoid the need for water standpipes to be used in Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire. These counties received their water from the reservoir at Grafham Water.

During the long dry summer of 1976, these large diesel pumps were used to pump the water from the river Great Ouse back to the Grafham Water. The river flowed backwards for about a month.



This picture was taken below St Ives Lock Fenstanton. The mirror effect will never be seen again, because the water normally flows through at least one sluice gate and agitates the surface.

For a short while it must have been a fisherman's paradise!

John Deeks 2020



An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

Looking back

As we approach the end of the year, it's a good time to look back over the past months of a year unlike any we've had before.

2020 started with flooding. Water levels across the reserve were very high throughout January and into February, submerging many trails and joining the different lakes into more or less one single waterbody. All this water meant that we had high numbers of ducks, gulls and other water-birds. As the flooding went down and the land started to re-emerge, a spectacular flock of over 1500 black-tailed godwits descended onto the site, likely displaced from their usual feeding grounds still flooded further downstream. Many of these birds had been colour-ringed, allowing individuals to be identified with binoculars. One individual was at least 25 years old.

As we headed into spring and what would usually be a busy time as we prepared for the breeding season, we entered what was to be a year like no other. Over the next few months, Fen Drayton Lakes served as a perfect way for people to escape the confinement of their homes to enjoy a walk in the countryside for a little while. The car park was regularly full as visitors walked, cycled, bird watched, dog walked or simply sat and enjoyed the weather.

Sadly, we were unable to carry out any formal breeding bird surveys this year. However, from our own site visits and reports from the increased number of visitors, we can be somewhat confident that it was a good year for many species. At least one bittern was again present and could be heard 'booming' from the Holywell Lake area in March and April. After just a couple of sporadic sightings last year, there were

apparently three turtle doves on site, regularly heard purring from different locations in June and July. Although the tern rafts never made it into position, common terns nested on two of the Moore Lake islands with around 35 nests. There was a good number of black headed gull nests too, at around 200. Other species of note included at least 35 singing garden warblers across the reserve and lapwings nesting on Ferry Mere. Dragonflies also had a good year with two reserve firsts: lesser emperor and southern migrant hawk - both colonising species from mainland Europe that are making their way north through the UK.

Heading into autumn we were able to tentatively begin our annual habitat management jobs around the reserve. This is the vital work that ensures habitats remain suitable for the species we aim to attract. Despite the working restrictions, we made good progress and will continue with these jobs throughout the winter to prepare for what will hopefully be another good breeding year in 2021.

Events

Under current circumstances, we are not running any events at present.

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk

Phone: 01954 233260

Visit rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity:
England and Wales no. 207076, Scotland no. SC037654



Fenstanton Pre-School November 2020

It has been a busy and exciting time at Fenstanton Pre-School as we have been settling into, and exploring, our new surroundings within Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School.

We have been looking at the changes to our environment now that Autumn is here; talking about what we can see, the weather and which animals hibernate. The children enjoyed making edible conkers, exploring pumpkins and extracting spiders from jelly!!



The children have worked incredibly hard painting paper plate Poppies, which have been displayed in the porch of our Parish Church, and creating their very own Christmas cards that will raise money for the school's PTA.



Spaces are filling up fast this term so if you have a child that is approaching Pre-School age, please get in touch. We accept children from 2 years 9 months and offer the full 15 or 30 hours government funding. Please contact us for further details.

fenstantonpreschool@fenstanton.cambs.sch.uk
01480 375055 (select option 4)

Best wishes
The Pre-school Team

FENSTANTON VILLAGE SPORTS

We hope to be able to hold a Fenstanton Village Sports event on 3rd July 2021. Further details will be published in the February Spectrum and on Facebook.

We are aware that there are a lot of 2019 Trophies in homes around the village. If you would like to return your trophy please drop it off at Ron's Farm Shop. Having the trophies back well in advance of next year's event will give us an opportunity to sort out and clean some of the older trophies.

Thanks for your support for Sports Day over the years and let's hope we can meet for a great event in 2021. If any of the village groups would like to run a stall to help raise much needed funds for their organisation please get in touch (jan.way26@gmail.com).

Best wishes from all of the Fenstanton Village Sports Committee.

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School

Fancy winning £25,000 in 2021? Then, join our School Lottery!

The PTA at Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School is the school's main fundraising body. At a time when school budgets are getting ever smaller, it falls to PTAs like ours to help plug the gap between a school's budget and their aspirations for essential equipment and nice-to-have extras that benefit all of the children in school.

This year, we are fundraising for equipment the children can play with inside of their class 'bubbles' – both outside in the playground and inside on those wet weather days.

We do this mainly by organizing fundraising events that the children love... and now through our new lottery, which we're sure that families and friends will love!

For just **£1 per week**, you are in with a chance of winning the **School Lottery jackpot of £25,000!**

In addition, there is one guaranteed winner from the school every week. Plus, once you're signed up for tickets, you are automatically entered into all other of the fantastic prize draws offered by the School Lottery – such as the Nintendo Switch mega bundle prize draw, which is running now.

Our first draw will be held on **Saturday, 9th January**, to give you lots of time to sign up and tell all your friends and family.

You don't have to live in Fenstanton or Hilton to play and show your support for our amazing school. Just make sure you have our school's details entered or join via the link below.

Wouldn't winning £25,000 be a great way to start 2021?

With all good wishes for the festive season and the new year, and thank you for your support, School PTA

To learn more about the School Lottery and get your tickets, visit:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/fenstanton-and-hilton-primary-school> or see page 37

HILTON AND FENSTANTON REMEMBERS

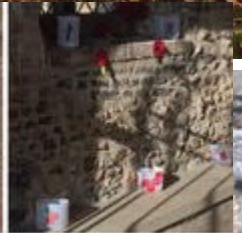


Thank you to everyone who saw the advert last month and created and made poppies to help commemorate Remembrance this year. The photo montage shows just how varied and clever the crafts were and contributors ranged from the little people at the preschool right up to 80 years plus. We had poppies on stone, on wood, out of paper plates, in wool and fabric, pressed as well as some lovely recycled bottle poppies and lanterns. Thank you everyone,

Katie Hucklesby.



Photo of Ben and The Standard Bearer



Thanks to Churches and
Hilton British Legion for
the photos.



Latest news from Fenstanton Parish Council

Welcome to your new Parish Clerk

I have lived in the neighbouring Village of Hilton with my Husband Justo for 30+ years. We have two grown up children Matilda and Felix, both of which attended Fenstanton Primary School.

We enjoy walks with our two pampered pooches, Archie and Ralph (Cocker Spaniels). I love to travel with my family and look forward to being able to do that again soon, hopefully.

I previously worked as Parish Clerk for Hilton Parish Council for five years, so I hope I can bring some of my knowledge to my new role as Fenstanton Parish Clerk.



**Jo Perez joins your
Parish Council as the
new Parish Clerk.**



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

The Fen Cycleway and Bridleway

The Fen upgrade is complete. It is great to see it being used immediately by wheelchair users, as well as a variety of walkers, riders and cyclists... opening up access to the Busway, Fen Drayton Lakes and St Ives.

Bollards are in place to stop unauthorised cars and vans accessing it.

The vast majority of the money and technical expertise came from Cambs County Council, with the Parish Council responsible for its future upkeep.

A great asset for Fenstanton.



Well done to Cllr Ian Bates from Cambs County Council and Cllr Paul Kent from Fenstanton Parish Council, along with the Fen Residents Group and everyone involved for all their work in making this happen.

High Street speed reduction

Your Parish Council has applied for a speed restriction to 20 MPH for the High Street.

A Public Notice asking for feedback will be published by CCC shortly. You will be invited to submit your views.

This is the first of a number of traffic management and highway improvement initiatives within Fenstanton being undertaken over the coming months

Pond and Clock Tower

Work will commence on the installation of new bollards around the Clock Tower during the week ending 27th November, before moving onto the pond clearing and subsequent new fencing in early December.

The roads will remain open throughout the duration, but there will be minor disruption to parking around the Clock Tower and Pond side roads on a rolling basis.

Additional work to repaint and repair the Clock Tower will be undertaken in the New Year.

Parish Grants

Your Parish Council is pleased to announce the award of grants to the following Community Groups:

Fenstanton Community Café

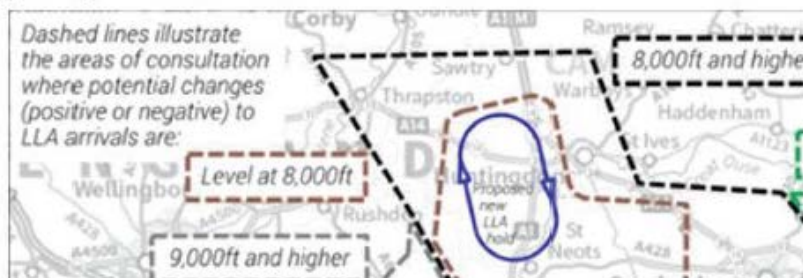
Fenstanton Glebe Allotments

Fenstanton Football Club

Fenstanton Friendship Club

United Reformed Church

New Luton Airport flight stacking proposals



A public consultation on new arrival flightpaths into London Luton Airport has been launched this month. You are invited you to a virtual meeting with London Luton Airport and NATS representatives to find out more about what this might mean for you..

Sessions will be held on the following dates –

3rd December, 10-11am

5th January, 11am-12pm

Submissions can be made on an individual basis, via the NATS website, via HDC or Jonathan Djanogly' MP's office. In addition, your Parish Council has been invited to submit a response on behalf of Fenstanton.

Please send any comments to the Parish Clerk for inclusion in the Parish Council submission.

Community Warden



COMING SOON
A NEW Community Warden Scheme
for
Fen Drayton, Lolworth & Fenstanton

Are you aged 60 or over?
Would you like help to continue to live independently in your own home?

The Community Warden is able to offer assistance by providing a daily phone call (Mon-Fri) and support such as:

- Making drinks and a light meal
- A home visit
- Collecting prescriptions
- Small items of shopping
- A listening ear
- Help with paperwork and making appointments
- Signposting to other services where appropriate

If you are interested in this service and would like more information, please call **07445151635** or email **wardens@ageukcap.org.uk**

There is a **FREE** 2 week trial and then a small weekly fee afterwards if you wish to remain on the scheme.

Following a successful grant application to CCC's Cultivate and Innovate Fund, your Parish Council is working with Age UK to introduce a Community Warden scheme, helping older members of the Fenstanton community to retain their independent lifestyle

If you a family member or anyone you know requires further information please contact:

Gill Bifield Community Warden
Team Leader on 07445 151635 or
email wardens@ageukcap.org.uk

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Our thanks go to Cllr Jackie Turner for her significant contribution as a Parish Councillor, who has unfortunately had to stand down for work related reasons.

We are looking for members of the Fenstanton Parish who have an interest in building our community and would be keen on representing the wide ranging views and interests of parishioners, at what is a very exciting time in the development of the village.



If you are interested in joining us, please contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

Local walks: A 9 mile Circular Walk or cycle ride using the new Bridleway in Fenstanton.

Leave Hilton on the Hilton Road, towards the Chicken Farm and the Strawberry Farm. Use the new cycle path to cross over the new A14 and continue straight past Pear Tree Close with Connington Road on your right. At the end of the road, a stone step enables riders to dismount from their horses. Just to the right is the "secret underpass" under the A1307 leading to Fenstanton -by the post office and the chip shop. Head to the mini roundabout and take Chequer Street.



At Ron's Farm Shop the road name changes to Honey Hill. Continue until you reach School Lane. At this junction, go along The Fen. Part way along, there is a sign indicating no motor vehicles can proceed, Fenstanton Parish Council and Cambridgeshire County Council have been instrumental in turning this path into a very pleasant bridle way on which it is very easy to cycle. Continue to the very end noting the lake on your right which is part of the RSPB reserve. On meeting the Guided Bus Way turn left, crossing the River Ouse (picture 1) and follow the cycle path into St Ives. Use the pedestrian crossing to cross Harrison Way, (A1096) and enjoy a cake in St Ives!

Leave St Ives by Bridge Street, (picture 2) crossing the River Ouse onto London Road. At the crossroads turn right into Hemmingford Grey. There is a pavement on the right-hand side, but the cycle path on the left stops after a short distance. Continue on the Hemmingford Road and turn left onto Pound Road. As the road turns to the right, take Long Lane straight ahead (picture 3). The road turns into a track, (picture 4) passing Liquid Skillz, Lake Ashmore. Turn right following the marked footpath and this meets Gore



Tree Road. Turn left and just before the A1307, take the road on the right, up a steep slope (picture 5) and over the A1307. Descend carefully as there can be a gate across the road. There is a path round the side of the gate. Turn right on a paved route towards Topfield Farm.

Pass Topfield Farm along Mere Way. A new gate allows bikes and horses through, whilst preventing vehicles from using the road (picture 5). Proceed over the A14 again, past a sign indicating the Bridle Path to The Offords. Further on, the track is signposted showing a left turn at the bend, (don't go into Lattenbury Farm).- Walk along the track, through a copse and then turn left. Turn right at a small concrete bridge and follow the path to Graveley Way in Hilton. *Heather Chambers*





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SCHOOL
LOTTERY



WE'VE LAUNCHED A LOTTERY

Buy your tickets now to
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- All profits go to our school
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- Chance to win the £25,000 jackpot!
- Drawn every Saturday at 8pm

To start supporting, visit:

yourschoollottery.co.uk

and search for: **Fenstanton & Hilton**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

Hilton Parish Council

Report from the Meeting of the Council dated Monday 2nd November 2020

External Audit

The External Audit has been completed and the report received which shows no matters raised by the auditor. A copy of the Annual Governance and Accountability Review (AGAR) including the External Audit report can be found on the Council's website – www.hiltonparishcouncil.com

Ford Signs

Cambridgeshire County Council have advised that the warning signs for cyclists should be installed in November. (Post-meeting note: These signs have now been installed.)

Budget

Hilton Parish Council have agreed their budget for the financial year 2021/22. A copy of the budget can be found on the Council's website.

Precept

Due to the financial pressure to parishioners caused by COVID-19, Hilton Parish Council have resolved not to increase their precept for the year 2021/22. The precept will remain the same at £30,600.

Christmas Lights

A parishioner has volunteered to source and install Christmas lights on the pavilion within the Council's budget of £200. The Parish Council have gratefully accepted this offer.

Bus Stop Library

The Council's insurers have confirmed that there is no issue with the Council installing a library cupboard in the village bus stop. The Council are looking for a donation of a suitable cupboard with shelves and doors that could be installed in the bus stop. If you have a cupboard that you would like to donate please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council – clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com

Hemingford Grey Quarry

The quarry at Hemingford Grey is reopening and Hilton Parish Council are looking into the effects that this may have on HGV traffic through Hilton. The Clerk is going to investigate and provide the Council with further information.

Hilton Parish Council

London Luton Arrival Routes – NATS Consultation

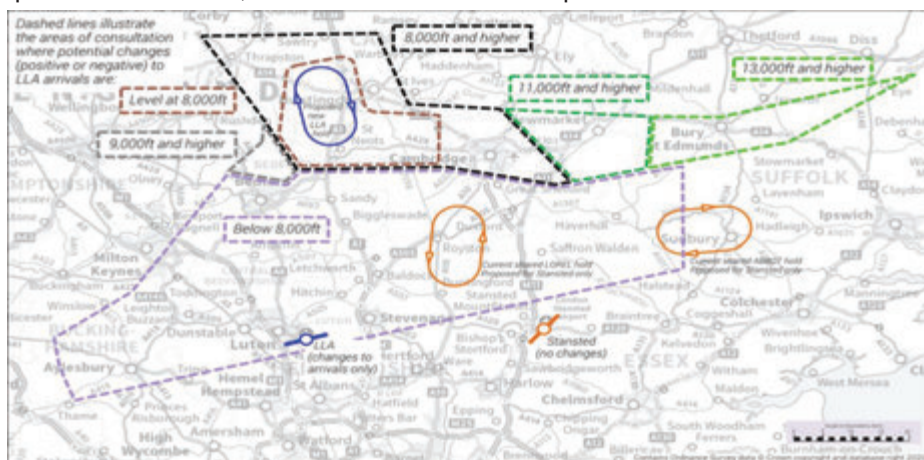
A public consultation has been launched as part of a proposal to change the arrival routes into London Luton Airport. This proposal is jointly sponsored by London Luton Airport and NATS (Air Traffic Control).

Currently, Stansted and Luton airports share arrival holds and routes. It is unique for two major airports of this size to share arrival routes, and the two airports are now handling much more traffic than the airspace was designed for.

The 'AD6 arrivals change' proposal will separate the arrival flows for the two airports and establish a new hold for Luton traffic. Both Stansted and Luton currently suffer from knock-on delays where any delay at one airport, either in the air or on the ground, impacts the other and can cause further delay, noise, and emissions. Separating the routes will maintain a safe and predictable path into each airport and reduce these knock-on delays.

Despite the current crisis this airspace is some of the busiest and most congested in Europe, and the proposed change will ensure Luton airspace operates effectively and efficiently into the future. This consultation is an opportunity for residents to help shape that proposal.

As the proposed flight paths are to the south, there is likely to be little impact in Huntingdonshire. However, the plans also include a new holding pattern for the airport which is intended to be over the south-western corner of Huntingdonshire (broadly circling round the line of the A1 from St Neots to Alconbury). The intention is that aircraft in the holding zone will be flying at a height of over 8,000 feet and the consultation document sets out a position that this will not present a nuisance, either in terms of noise or pollution.



NATS stakeholder mapping indicates that Hilton may be affected by this proposal.

This consultation will run until 5th February 2021. The formal consultation website can be accessed at https://consultations.airspacechange.co.uk/london-luton-airport/ad6_luton_arrivals/

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Further information can be found within the Virtual Exhibition, in which there are videos, banners, downloadable materials, and a postcode look up tool. Individuals can also sign up to live webinars through the virtual exhibition.

Cllr Peter Balicki of Hilton Parish Council will be attending a NATS consultation meeting and will provide a report to the December meeting of Hilton Parish Council to allow the Council to formulate their response to this consultation.

Rotary Club Santa

Hilton Parish Council have approved a request from the Rotary Club of St Ives for their Santa Sleigh to visit Hilton, lockdown permitting. The Council have thanked the Rotary Club for their hard work in formulating their COVID-secure plans.

Royal British Legion

Regretfully, the Chair of the Parish Council was unable to lay the customary wreath at the Remembrance Service this year, but the Parish Council have donated £60 to the Royal British Legion.

Policies

Hilton Parish Council have adopted a Training and Development Policy and a Lone Working Policy. Copies of the up to date policies can be found on the Parish Council website.

Green Open Spaces

Hilton Parish Council have accepted the offer from the current Maintenance Contractor to extend his contract for one year. The Council have approved the principle of establishing a small copse of trees north of Wraggs Row at the entrance to the Wilderness. The Green Open Spaces Working Group have been looking into the repairs required to the village hall car park and hope to present quotes to the next meeting. The Council have agreed to purchase 10 lavender plants to rejuvenate the village garden.

Hilton Summer Ball

Hilton Parish Council have granted permission to the Hilton Ball Committee to hold the Hilton Summer Ball on the Green on 23rd July 2021.

Bonfire Service

Unfortunately, due to the lockdown regulations Hilton Parish Council have had to postpone their bonfire service to parishioners until such time as the regulations allow them to proceed.

Website Domain

The website domain transfer is now complete, and the domain is now owned by Hilton Parish Council.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 7th December 2020 via Zoom. 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.

Hilton Parish Council

Village news from Hilton Parish Council

Coronavirus: The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who volunteered to do shopping, collect prescriptions, and generally help out their neighbours during both periods of lockdown.

New Web Site

The Parish Council has a new website which is now compliant with all legislation and is very easy to navigate. Do visit www.hiltonparishcouncil.com to explore the content. Links to agendas and minutes as well as the latest news can all be found here.



To contact the clerk please email clerk@hiltonparishcouncil.com

Christmas



The Parish Council will be illuminating the cricket pavilion and we would like to encourage all villagers to consider putting lights up outside their properties in December, there will be an illuminated Christmas tree outside the Village Hall. We would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas with hopes that 2021 is a better year for many.

Campaigns

The Parish Council have been advised of a proposed change to the flight paths in Luton and Stansted which could mean that flights will be passing over Hilton at 8000 feet. A Parish Councillor will be attending an on-line consultation being held on 3 December 2020 and will report back to the Parish Council at our next meeting on Monday 7 December 2020.

More information on the proposals and an opportunity for you to register your concerns can be found at

https://consultations.airspacechange.co.uk/london-luton-airport/ad6_luton_arrivals/ The consultation ends on 5 February 2021.

A Library in the Village bus stop

Some villages use disused phone boxes to offer a library facility in the village. We do not have a phone box, but we do have a bus stop! We are proposing to put a weatherproof cupboard in the bus stop so that people can leave books for others to read.

Do you have a cupboard? Would you be able to join a group who keep an eye on the books and keep it tidy? Email

heather.chambers@hiltonparishcouncil.com for more information.

Local Highways Initiatives

In 2020/21, Cambridgeshire County Council approved a feasibility study to remove the B1040 from the Advisory Freight Map. However, since then, Cambridgeshire County Council is reviewing whether they should keep the Advisory Freight Map, and so work on this project continues. The Parish Council has access to the money for the study but is waiting for the outcome of the decision on the Freight map.

The Parish Council has submitted a further application for Local Highways Bid money for 2021/22 to apply for a 24 hour ban on Heavy Good Vehicles on the B1040. The bid is initially assessed in February and if it passes the initial review it is submitted to the Highways and Transport Committee at Cambridgeshire County Council later in the year.

The Ford

The road had become very slippery and cyclists were falling off their bikes when they cycled through the water. The Parish Council put some temporary signs up and we are advised that new, permanent signs are arriving and will be erected by CCC shortly.



Hilton Baby & Toddler Group

We are a friendly group with babies and toddlers of all ages.

We have a great range of toys and a well stocked biscuit tin so feel free to come along and have a chat while the little ones burn off some energy!

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

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

Find Us on Facebook

Hilton British Legion

The pandemic difficulties are affecting every charity, including of course the Poppy Appeal. We are incredibly grateful for the huge efforts by the businesses and all who donated generously in spite of their having to make the time and effort to do so. Added to this we had been informed by the Poppy Appeal organisers that our volunteer collectors were not allowed to knock on our doors as usual and the boxes and tins were only allowed out for the one week. All in all it has been an amazing effort.

The total donated so far, and with more still to come, amounts to £754, which is absolutely remarkable in the circumstances and we say a truly heartfelt thank you to everyone. When we have a fuller total we will publish it in February's Spectrum and on the various notice boards.

Margaret and Julie always have permanent Poppy tins available and we hope that Sunil in the shop and Simon of the Prince of Wales will retain theirs for any loose change which does mount up over time ! Fundraising continues - does anyone fancy a spot of sponsored lunacy?

In a simple way Remembrance Sunday was commemorated to ensure that the men named on our Lychgate Memorials were not forgotten. Pam Bowker and Margaret Shardlow, as members of the Legion Women's Section, placed the wreaths, read aloud the names and added the customary Exhortation and Kohima. Julie Briggs, another member, added further dignity to the morning as our Fenstanton and Hilton Standard Bearer. The two minute's Silence was of course observed.

The ceremony could not be advertised but was made more touching by the unexpected presence of just a few suitably spaced people standing in the Green nearby. Alongside his parents Ben Payne added extra presence in his Cub Scout uniform whilst his sister Charlotte was participating with her fellow Sea Scouts in their separate ceremony.

Those few minutes with so few at the Lychgate were an echo of similar poignant Remembrances throughout the country.

Hilton Art Club

Although it has not been possible to meet as usual at the village hall, our Hilton Art Club Facebook page has continued to give us art news (including art based TV programmes and gallery/museum highlights) and is a point of contact for our members. It is an 'open community page', so anyone can access it and see the artwork we have completed over the last months and read the posts. It is also nice to have the positive feedback from each other.

Joanne has continued to give us the art challenges regularly, including 'Focus on Faces', 'Dotty Pictures', 'Poetry Challenge' (illustrating a favourite poem) and 'Colours of Autumn'. Andrea collected and posted the pictures for 'Inktober', which was a separate challenge to use inks to depict set titles throughout October and we had some fabulous inky artwork.

On behalf of the club, although the festive season will be different this year, I hope you all have a happy, safe Christmas and New Year.

Hilton Flower Club

Dear Flower Club ladies,

It is with sadness that we will not be having our flower club meeting at the beginning of the new year as we had planned. We are still not sure what the situation is going to be after the winter months with the corona virus.

So June and myself have taken the difficult decision not to resume our meetings until SEPTEMBER 6th. We miss you all very much and hope by September we have turned the corner, missing all our chats, especially the laughter we have. Look forward to seeing you all back with us again. (can't wait).

We will keep you posted with any more news.

We do hope you all have a good Christmas and a HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

Keep smiling and keep safe.

Love and best wishes to you all.

Beverley and June

Beverley 01480 830571

June 01480 830306

With Lockdown continuing, our November meeting was again by zoom with 26 members joining in.

Our demonstrator, a long - time member and filming from her kitchen, was Noreen Plows who runs courses on floristry and creates displays for special events such as weddings or parties. Noreen created a beautiful oasis Christmas wreath to hang at the front door using a vast variety of foliage which she had picked from her garden or foraged from around her village whilst not buying anything at all. She showed us that any type of greenery can be used - fir cones, teasels, dried chilli or apple slices (in a very low oven !), even a pheasant feather, and gave us a strict reminder to keep spraying the oasis when the display is hanging. Noreen even had a wreath from last year that she had decorated with hydrangea heads and which had faded to soft greys and lilacs. After all, why waste such long lasting beauty? Noreen also decorated a metal wreath wrapped first in wet sphagnum moss for which she emphasised that it is illegal to forage so should be legally obtained. Similar wreath hoops can be made with clematis or grapevine strands.

Until our December meeting we will be keeping in touch with our usual activities by zoom. We are also keeping gloom at bay by supporting the United Services gift scheme, knitting sheep and lambs for the village visiting Nativity scene and beginning a weekly Tea Time chat.

Our December meeting will be a Christmas Party, no doubt by zoom once more, with the usual surprises. Resourcefulness is the new buzz word !

Weather Watch

When I wrote my last article in early August we were experiencing the warmest weather of summer 2020.

The heatwave had started suddenly on 31st July and continued up to 12th August growing increasingly hot and humid with night-time minima 16C (61F) or above. A thunderstorm on the 13th brought a drop in temperature of 11.6C (19F) from 32.8C (91F) on the 12th but the pattern of warm humid conditions continued up to the 15th despite gales on 21st/22nd courtesy of Storm Ellen which brought tropical air from a former hurricane. On the 25th Storm Francis brought gales and rain, heralding a cool conclusion to August with a further northerly gale on the 28th and 29th, an early reminder of autumn to come. August was a wet month with just over 75mm (3 inches) of rain bringing the total for June, July and August to 216mm (8.5 inches)

The first 3 weeks of September were generally fine with a spell of 14 days of almost unbroken sunshine and including a "Spanish plume" which brought a surge of hot air between the 13th and 15th. A change to autumnal conditions occurred on the 23rd, marking the end of summery days. The last week of the month was decidedly chilly when, during a northerly gale the temperature fell to 6C (42.8F). Overall September was drier than normal.

October was a wet, chilly and often dull month with frequent rain and almost half the days of the month virtually sunless. Whilst the days were cooler than normal, persistent cloud kept night-time temperatures from falling too far averaging around 8C (46.6F). As a consequence there were no frosts. Somewhat perversely the warmest day of the month was the 30th when 17.8C (64F) was recorded despite it being a cloudy day. Storm Aidan brought gales on the 31st, reinforced over the next 2 days by a storm containing the remnants of hurricane Zeta. Thereafter, high pressure brought calmer days and the first ground frost occurred on the 4th. As I finish this article, southerly winds are bringing mild conditions.

According to the Met. office, the UK as a totality experienced the wettest day since records began in 1846 for any month on 3rd October. The heaviest of the rain largely missed East Anglia although it was a wet day here as well.

During the course of this year, La Nina (which is the cold side of the El Nino - Southern Oscillation) has developed. So why am I mentioning this? Two reasons. Firstly it is believed to facilitate the formation of hurricanes and so far this season the USA have named 26, which equals the highest ever. Because they only use 21 letters of our alphabet (due to 5 letters generating too few names) they are using the Greek alphabet and have currently got to Eta. The second reason is that while it lasts, it produces a trend towards stormier and colder winters in the Northern Hemisphere, so looking ahead are we in for a colder than normal winter in 2020/2021?

A couple of things to conclude with: First whilst in the UK we consider 35C (95F) to be exceptional, on 16th August 2020, the temperature reached 54.4C (130F) at the aptly named Furnace Creek in Death Valley, California, USA, a new provisional record global surface temperature. The previous record also at the same location is noted as 56.7C on 10 July 1913 but the accuracy of this historical record has since been called into question. Second on a lighter note what about trying the following cocktails over Christmas:

White Snow :Galliano, passion fruit juice, light cream, white creme de cacao, ground cinnamon and star fruit
Moonlight Cup :Apple juice, Calvados, sugar, ginger ale and a slice of lemon

Patrick Landucci

HILTON PRODUCE SHOW

Will it be a bumper year for festive displays with even more lights, shiny baubles and wreaths on our doors than usual? Let's hope so!



Perhaps some of us will even try to make our own? I find it hard to believe that anyone would pay the £85 asked for an admittedly striking 'berry and eco-friendly moss wreath', advertised in the paper today, when it takes only a few ingredients to make one with eg : a wire circle (an old coat hanger re-shaped will do) twine, moss, greenery(**bay leaves**, small branches from any coniferous tree, holly, euonymus or other) ribbon, baubles or cones. Cinnamon sticks and dried oranges are good too. Pack the wire base with moss, then tuck in the greenery and finally add the colourful extras. There are lots of suggestions on the net and 'how to' videos on Utube.

Bay trees grow well in Hilton. Although we now use the leaves in the kitchen to add flavour to our cooking, they were used in the past to make wreaths to present to the victors in the first Olympic Games. Rulers, too, are shown on early coins with a circlet of leaves (not crowns) to show their importance, so it's not surprising that the Latin name for a bay tree is Laurel **nobilis**.



This beautiful painting by Antonio Pollaiuolo is in the National Gallery and shows Apollo desperately hanging on to his beloved as she becomes a bay tree to escape him

Apollo, God of music, poetry, love and war taunted Cupid over his use of arrows. Cupid was so angry he made two arrows one of gold, the other of lead. He shot Apollo with the first and the nymph, Daphne, with the second. The consequences were punishing for both. Apollo was smitten with love for Daphne, but she was made to dislike Apollo so much that she tried desperately to find a hiding place, beseeching her father to save her. The earth was opened for her and her body was turned into a tree with her hair as the foliage and her arms as the branches. Apollo did not stop loving her and with his powers conferred immortality on the tree...thus it is evergreen (true) and the leaves do not decay (well they take a long time!) Happy Christmas! (Claire Sarkies)



December already????

We are saddened not to be able to host our Children's Christmas party this year and would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a peaceful and relaxing Christmas and a happy, healthy 2021.

We are really missing our fundraising activities and once again ask that you consider joining Feast Week 200 Club to support the future of Feast Week.



Fancy the chance of winning some cash while supporting Feast Week at the same time?
Of course you do, so sign up now to **the 200 Club** to be in with a chance.

Now, more than ever, **the 200 Club** needs your support. This is our only source of income for the time being and for those of you who missed Feast Week this year and want to see it back next year, please, please, please sign up. £5 for a month or £60 for the year for each number you purchase, monthly draws and guaranteed winners of cash prizes. The more numbers in the draw, the greater the prize fund. So what are you waiting for???

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SIGNED UP SO FAR

For further details, rules of play and to buy tickets please see feastweek.co.uk/200-club

Small Lotteries Registration No. 8521776

Alternatively perhaps you'd like to make a one off donation. If you're working from home and can spare what you may have normally spent on your commute, please do consider donating to Feast Week. Every single penny goes towards funding Feast Week and the more we raise the bigger we can go.

Please speak to any committee member or email committee@feastweek.co.uk

WE MUST ALSO APOLOGISE FOR AN OMISSION IN LAST MONTHS SPECTRUM. A PROMINENT COMMITTEE MEMBER WAS LEFT OFF THE LIST..... PHIL WOOD!

Chair: Nicola Webster (Ozzie) **Treasurer:** Sarah Conn **Secretary:** Lisa Boddy (Benson)

Committee: Joe Holmes, Deb Capes, Stuart Moseley, Katherine Grant, Phil Wood (Ruby), Sara Partridge, Mark Stanton

Between us we can mostly be found at the school bus stop on Scott's Crescent or dog walking – dog's names in brackets!



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Yesterday, I ate
a clock. It
was very time
consuming.

Especially
when I went
back for
seconds.



Dad Jokes Hall of Shame

howtobeadad.com 

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'

I apologise for not keeping this section up to date but, as I am sure you understand, events cannot be made certain until the CORONA virus situation is given the all clear.

Keep up to date with the Churches and Clubs notices.

Please keep well and let us get back to normal ASAP.

Spectrum Team